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The Neighborhood Newsletter for Applewood Heights

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- Street Repair or Snow Removal: 444-4919
- Omaha Public Power District: 1-800-554-6773
(interruption of service or streetlights out)

From the President

Hello Applewood residents. It's finally that time when we can say goodbye to the rainy dreary cold temps of spring and hello to the warm summer months ahead. Now that June is here there are a few items of interest that are in need of discussion since our last newsletter.

On behalf of the board members, I would like to say thank you to all who attended the April Spring Fling that was held at Oak Hills Country Club. While this year's attendance was not overwhelming, those who did attend took part in a very fun evening of food, drink, and absolutely fabulous live music. We were provided with positive feedback and welcome suggestions from those in attendance regarding future Applewood events. As a reminder; if any resident is interested in doing their part, we always welcome suggestions and participation for event planning and coordinating. Some of the best ideas never come to fruition simply because the suggestion is never made. We always like to hear from you with good ideas that would be fun and beneficial for the neighborhood.

Now that summer is here and the kids are out of school, I would ask all residents to use caution when driving through the neighborhood no matter what the hour of the day. I've heard complaints from many residents that speeders are still the main safety concern, which I'm sure we can all agree on. Teen drivers seem to be the main culprits. However, we all need to be mindful of the residential 25 mph speed limit as well. I know how easy it can be to cruise along 102nd, 104th, Washington Street or any of the graded streets for that matter and before you know it – you're speeding. Reaction times diminish and stopping distances increase with vehicle speed, which our kids on bikes, skates, or on foot simply can't afford. Parents; please be very stern with your teens about obeying the speed limit and driving with due caution in our neighborhood. Lets all set a good example for them to follow. If you have on-going complaints regarding speeders, you can contact the Omaha Police Department's Traffic Unit at 444-5626. Be prepared to provide times of the day when speeding is most often occurring.



And on a more serious reminder; now that kids are out of school and the weather is warmer, let's remember to be vigilant with any suspicious activity that may occur during the day and especially during overnight hours. National crime statistics indicate that crimes such as thefts, vandalism and criminal mischief increase dramatically during the summer months so don't



be hesitant to report any suspicious activity to the police when you see it occurring. Be a good witness and don't give the "bad guys" opportunity to victimize you. Keep your garage doors closed, don't leave valuables in plain view in your car and keep your property well lit at night. I've had the police tell me in the past that they don't patrol our streets very often because we have little or no incidents of crime in our neighborhood. We all know that to be somewhat untrue and that mindset is "head in the sand" thinking. Please be proactive and let's look out for our neighbors. Don't be afraid to report something to the police even if you may think it's trivial. If crime goes unreported then in the eyes of law enforcement, it never happened. And you can always remain anonymous when calling or reporting.

Lastly, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Applewood board member Jim Kusek who has stepped down from his position as Member at Large. Jim has served on the Applewood board over the last two years and volunteered his time appropriately. On behalf of all current board members we would like to simply say thank you Jim for your time served. I would ask those residents who know Jim to extend their thanks as well. Having said that; I would like to now welcome to the HOA board Kathleen "Kat" Pugel, who will be filling Jim's position as Member at Large. Thank you Kathleen for stepping up to the plate and doing your part, you won't regret it.

Lets all have a safe and fun summer in Applewood Heights. Don't forget to utilize the Applewood website if you have a question concerning city ordinances or covenant issues.

Sincerely,
Mike Czarnick
Applewood Heights HOA President

Annual Picnic

The annual picnic will be on Saturday, September 20. We need volunteers to help us plan it. We like to increase the participation so if you have any



ideas to make it a better event, please let us know. The format this year will be a "block party" (street to be determined). If you would like to volunteer for this or

another event, please contact a board member. Feel free to contact a board member with suggestions for other events as well.

Upcoming Events!

July 4 – Independence Day Parade. Meet at 104th & Polk at 10:00 am. OFD Station 61 will be there (barring an emergency or personnel shortage). Kids, decorate your bikes, trikes, and wagons. Must be accompanied by an adult. The parade will proceed to the park at 108th & Washington where there will be treats.

Hope For Andrew Spaghetti Dinner

What: Fund raiser for Andrew Chlebinski
When: Sunday, June 22 from 11:30 am - 3:30 pm
Where: Petrow's Restaurant, 5914 Center Street
Suggested Donation: \$8/adult and \$5/child

Andrew and his family live in Applewood Heights. Andrew is 5 years old and has Aplastic Anemia, a rare blood disorder. Andrew needs a bone marrow transplant to fight this disease. Come and enjoy a great spaghetti dinner (carry out available), over 30 silent auction baskets, many large raffle items, entertainment, and more. A fund has been set-up at a First National Bank. Donations can be accepted for Andrew's Hope Fund at any FNB branch and mailed to:

First National Bank
1620 Dodge Street, SC1025
Omaha, NE, 68197

For questions, please contact Brian or Jenn at hopeforandrew@gmail.com

Applewood Handy Helpers

Name	Age	Telephone	Mow	Snow Rmvl	Yard Work	Pet Sit	Child Sit
Tyler Sedlacek	11	537-8625	X	X	X		
Nick Czarnick	11	597-6411	X	X	X		
John Plaza	13	896-9704	X	X	X	X	
Mary Beth Plaza	16	896-9704 or 515-3690				X	X
Ethan Pugel	11	597-5294		X		X	

If your son or daughter would like to be included on the list call or email Bryan at Secretary@ApplewoodHOA.com. The list will be kept private and names will only be provided to Applewood residents.

Missing Signs

Two of the neighborhood garage sale signs are missing. If you know the whereabouts of the signs that were placed at 102nd & Harrison and 107th & Washington, contact a board member.



Being A Better Neighbor

Applewood is a great neighborhood. We can all be better neighbors though. You can be a better neighbor by:

- Not speeding; remember, the speed limit is 25 mph.
- Not littering; even a discarded cigarette is littering.
- Lining your garbage cans with a plastic bag or covering the garbage can so that garbage doesn't blow all over the neighborhood.
- Not putting your garbage out too early the day before pickup.
- Keeping pets leashed when not confined, off of your neighbors' lawns, and

picking up any waste left by your pet.

- Not mowing your lawn too early in the morning or too late in the afternoon/evening.
- Tidying-up the area between your home and your neighbors' home. This isn't the place for garbage cans, yard tools, and unused building materials. If you must store these items on the side or rear of your home, install or build an approved screen according to the Applewood HOA covenant.



Note that many of these items are covered by city ordinances or Applewood Heights HOA covenants. Some are just plain neighborly. Please do your part to be a better neighbor so that we can all enjoy our neighborhood.

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