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Spring Cleanup TRASH DUMPSTERS

(No yard waste!)

Saturday, June 19th 8AM – Noon
 44th Terrace off Belleview

Snow Update

Snow removal remains our largest budget item and the largest actual expense as you will note in the 2010 Budget below and compared to the 2009 and 2008 actual costs. Dues were raised in 2009 to \$110 per year to make up for the short fall in 2009, as well as in preparation for expected cost increases and maintaining reserves for the next major winter of snow/sleet/ice events.

The Board set standard plowing procedures for Miller's Landscaping to follow for each snow event; however, the Christmas Blizzard of 2009 and ensuing days of sub-freezing temperatures caught us both off guard. The neighborhood was plowed on the 25th, 26th, and 27th with concentration on the steep cul-de-sacs. By the time the plowing was started, there was already a layer of packed ice and snow, which Miller's was not able to remove. The sand and salt mix was not very effective in the extreme cold temperatures. Further plowings only kept the additional snows from piling up, and did little to remove the snow and ice mix already on the roads.

We have hill people and flatlanders on the Board, so we are reasonably cognizant of the needs of our neighbors. Our first goal is to make sure everyone can get in and out of the neighborhood to work, school, doctor's appointments, church, and other activities. We have a wide range of opinions on this subject, and are striving to meet the needs as best we can.

When we have an approaching snow or ice storm, you can help by parking all cars and vehicles in your garages and driveways so the snow plow can do the best job possible.

Richard Reed, Board President.

Coming Events

Event	Details
A.B.O.P.T.	Saturday, June 5 Antioch Center
Garage Sale	Saturday, June 12
Spring Cleanup Dumpster	Saturday, June 19 (609 NW 44 th Terrace - trash/bulky items only)
Kids' 4 th of July Parade	Sunday, July 4 @ noon
Annual Meeting	Sunday, September 19 Time TBA
Fall Cleanup Dumpsters	8AM – NOON Saturday, October 23 Saturday, October 30

Be Good Neighbors:

- Keep the sidewalk and street free of trash and debris
- Trim street trees so walkers and trucks can pass easily
- Avoid parking in the street
- Limit party size and sound appropriately
- Keep dogs leashed and pick up their waste!
- Introduce yourself to a neighbor you've never met before

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About Your Home Association

The Claymont North Developments joint venture made a declaration on October 28, 1977 to form the Claymont North Homes Association, which was recorded and incorporated into the deeds to our properties on November 4, 1977. The primary purpose of the Homes Association is to provide for a neighborhood with consistent rules and guidelines to maintain the value of our properties and quality of life. Because it is a part of our deed, membership is automatic and obligatory.

The initial Declaration creates and defines the Homes Association; the Bylaws spell out the policies and procedures in support of that charter. Every one of the 189 homeowners in Claymont North should have a copy of the Claymont North Homes Association Bylaws and they are posted on our website at www.claymontnorth.org as well.

The volunteer Association Board is empowered to develop programs to maintain and improve the neighborhood and foster a healthy community atmosphere. The Association is required to assess annual dues per household to support these programs, and to place liens against properties which fail to pay. In practice, we try to avoid placing liens and rely primarily on voluntary compliance. Changes to the Bylaws and annual dues require approval of a majority of homeowners in attendance at the Annual Meeting each Fall.

Some of our key programs are snow removal, mosquito control, an Architectural Control Committee to review and approve planned changes to homes and landscaping, seasonal cleanup dumpsters and other activities. We fill in when the services provided by the public sources in our neighborhood are not adequate to meet the neighborhood needs.

2009 Financial Roundup

Category	2009 Actual	2010 Budget
Annual Meeting	\$ 1,339.77	\$ 1,500.00
Administration* (Billing & insurance)	1,441.24	1,375.00
Newsletters	532.00	900.00
Mosquito Control	3,288.00	3,300.00
Neighborhood Cleanup	165.00	200.00
Snow Removal	8,643.12	12,000.00
Activities & Social* (Garage Sale ads)	44.35	180.00
Contingency*		1,125.00
Total	\$ 15,438.48	\$ 20,730.00

New CNHA Directory

An updated CHNA directory will be published in April, 2010. If you haven't provided current family names, email addresses or phone numbers, please send them to treasurer@claymontnorth.org immediately.

Architectural Control Guidelines

Following are guidelines for improvements to your properties. Information on all of these items should be submitted to the Architectural Control Committee for approval prior to any changes. The submission form can be found online at <http://www.claymontnorth.org/ArchControl/ArchApp.php>

Please submit details including blueprints, drawings, pictures, photos, paint samples, material samples, etc. Homeowners, contractors, sub-Contractors, et al, are responsible for any required permits, inspections, zoning regulations, variances, etc.

Exterior changes or additions: Room addition, deck, patio, porch, driveway, gazebo, hot tub, etc. (Not permitted: storage sheds)

Exterior wall materials: brick, stone, stucco, wood shingles, wood siding, wood paneling, plate glass, masonite, vinyl siding, or a combination thereof is acceptable.

Roofing materials permitted: composition roofs constructed of architectural laminated shingles, wood shingles, wood shakes, tile, slate, architectural slate, and concrete. (Not permitted: 3-tab composition shingles)

Exterior Color: earth tones in gray, brown, tan, beige, rust, green, blue, cream, white. (Please submit color choices prior to purchasing paint.)

Erection of Fence, Wall, or Retraining Wall: Fences must be consistent in height when adjoining with neighbors fencing. Maximum fence height allowed is 6 feet. (Not Permitted: Chain fencing.)

Shrubs and Hedges, pertains to planting outside of the typical 3-4 foot landscape perimeter around the home, or when planting shrubs or hedges as a fence, or along property lines.

Erection of Play Equipment, Basketball Goal, Trampoline, etc.

Neighborhood Safety

If you notice suspicious activity, contact the Kansas City and/or Gladstone police and notify one of your CNHA Board members with as much detail as possible, so we can send an email alert. To receive email alerts, please send your email address to Stacy Miller, David Lash, or any of our other Board members.

From the Bylaws:

The developer of the Claymont North addition provided a set of bylaws as guidance and rules for the neighborhood. These rules provide for architectural consistency in the neighborhood, which should maintain the appearance of the neighborhood and uphold our home values.

The Architectural Control Committee would like to remind you of the following items in our *Declaration of Restrictions* for Claymont North.

Section XVII: Billboards Prohibited No signs, advertisements, billboards, or advertising structures of any kind may be erected or maintained without consent in writing of the ACC.

Section XI: Outbuildings Prohibited No building or other detached structures may be erected/placed on the lots without consent in writing of the ACC.

Section XII: Fences, Walls, and Shrubs Please provide what will be erected, constructed, planted, or removed, and a description of material, design, shape, location, species, and height to the ACC for approval.

Section XIII: Above Ground Swimming Pools are Prohibited

Section XIV: Oil Tanks are Prohibited, without the consent in writing of the ACC.

Section XV: Outside Antennas Prohibited No radio or TV antennas may be kept or maintained, except within the confines of a dwelling. (See Section XXIX below for Satellite dish equipment.)

Section XXIX: Addendum Regarding Satellite Dish Equipment Dish shall measure no more than 39" in diameter, not visible from street, may be required to be painted to blend in, and location plans shall be submitted to the ACC.

The 2010 Architectural Control Committee

(ACC) members are Gordon and Peggy Hayes, George Schluter and Maggie Moran. Please feel free to contact any of these Board members with any architectural questions.

Historic Briarcliff Cookbook

A Briarcliff area resident, Teresa Quintero, in conjunction with the Briarcliff Community Alliance has compiled a cookbook featuring recipes from local restaurants, businesses and residents. The hardcover book with tabs includes a history of the area and photos of years gone by. The cookbooks, available mid-March, are \$20 and \$18 for each additional. To order, please contact Teresa Quintero at tquintero@kc.rr.com or mail your information and payment to her at 3709 NW Briarcliff Road, Kansas City, MO 64116. Please make checks payable to Briarcliff Community Alliance.