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A Newsletter For and About the People of Kirkwood

KIRKWOOD HOMEOWNERS MEETING

March 18, 2013

The Kirkwood Homeowners meeting began at 6:40 pm at the clubhouse. There was at first, a possibility that there were not enough board members for a quorum. However four Board members were present and five homeowners attended. The minutes from the January meeting were approved.

Homeowners Forum:

One homeowner had questions about landscaping and what is the homeowner's responsibility. Also another homeowner mentioned that trees were falling in the back of their units and by the bike path, there might have been a coyote.

Reports:

Financial: The balance is \$133,576. There were questions on operating expenses and minimum reserve number.

Pool: Aqua Joy will be out early in May to open the pool, add a new strainer and rework some plumbing issues so it will be easier to do work on the pool.

Maintenance: There were several roofs repaired or replaced for leaks, and chimney caps replaced: 1529, 1546, 1558 and 1543.

Siding Proposal: Two siding proposals were given for 1584 for two sides to be replaced with LP Smart Board. The front of 1586 is already done with Smart Board. Chimneys were also discussed.

Landscape: There were 24 homeowners at the March 13th meeting. There will be another meeting April 10th at the clubhouse. A spring mulch proposal was given out and discussed.

Old Business:

Mailboxes-haven't heard from the Post Office yet.
Gutters, downspouts, siding are ongoing projects.

New Business:

The Accurate Edge landscape contract was approved with changes.
1566 Window color sample submitted.

Sidewalks and railroad ties will be looked at during the next spring walk around as there are several that need to be repaired.

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**The next
Kirkwood Homeowners
Meeting is April 15th
6:30 pm
at the Clubhouse.**



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Snow removal issues: There was a discussion on the height level of the snow removal, to lower it and/or depending on how heavy the snow is. There was a suggestion to have a list of volunteers on call to shovel out those who can't.

Care of Trees: Landscape committee to review the contract and decide what to do with the trees, spraying, wire trees that are split, and drought effects?

All the Book Club books are listed on the web site.

There will be an April newsletter.

Adjourned at 8:30 for the executive session.

Kirkwood Landscape Meeting April 10, 2013

The March meeting for the **Landscape Committee** search had a great turn out.

The next landscape committee meeting is April 10th at the clubhouse, 6:30 pm. We will have a guest speaker. Christa Thurman has arranged for a gentleman to come and speak to us about plantings for Kirkwood. I believe this will be very informative and helpful in our planning for the direction we would like to take for Kirkwood.

Also, we will be splitting up into sub committees. There are 3 sub-committees to choose from. Look over the choices and let me know your interest/preference. We will spend the bulk of our committee time with our subcommittee and then come together as a whole.

I realize some are not able to attend the meetings but have knowledge in certain areas. Please don't give up on being involved. We still need your input and direction.

Sub committees:

Landscape Maintenance-Handle issues that arise with lawn care/trees/bushes/ground cover. Communication with homeowners, Accurate Edge and Care of Trees.

Enhancement (Beautification): Research trees, shrubs, perennials and plantings that will survive in Kirkwood & submit a master list. Re-work the front entrance and the common area

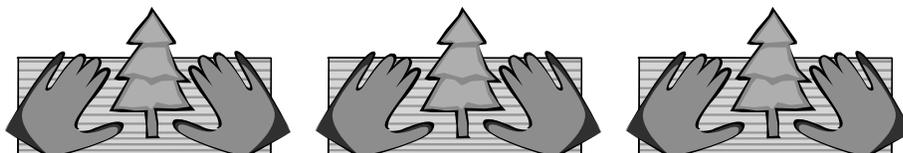
islands. Review individual landscape plans and update landscape on unit fronts.

Special Projects Spring & Fall clean up. Put dates and activities together for spring and fall clean up. Organize workers. Maintain the Pool and clubhouse area with annual plantings, flower pots, hanging baskets, etc. Make sure all are watered and cared for. Coordinate a mulch project (mulch plan to be discussed at April meeting). Work with the Enhancement subcommittee on plantings for areas that have been altered due to sidewalk or retaining wall replacement.

My only function with the committee will be to work on vendor contracts, organize, communicate with the homeowners and the Board, and keep things moving. I have been involved with almost every phase of landscape and will be willing to help or answer questions, but you are the expert. Any suggestions are greatly appreciated. We are off to a wonderful start and I appreciate all the input that has been extended. Please let me know if you have any questions and what subcommittee you would like to be connected with.

***Remember we are all one committee and one community with the same goal
KIRKWOOD!!!!!!!***

Connie 630-673-7813



In Memoriam

Arsenio G. Sala, 78, passed away February 5, 2013 surrounded by his wife Christa Thurman Sala and friends. He was born May 24, 1934 in Pozzuoli, Italy.

Arsenio had a love for his country, the world and humanity. He received his education in Switzerland, London and Missouri and worked in various international world agencies. These endeavors were greatly aided by his fluency in French, Italian and Spanish.

In 1999, he moved to Illinois and in 2003, Geneva. He became an active supporter and volunteer at Garfield Farm Museum.

He is survived by his wife, Christa and from his first marriage, a son and daughter and their families residing in Canada.

Arsenio will be greatly missed by all those whose lives he touch.

A Memorial Celebration of Arsenio's life will take place on May 25, 2013 at Garfield Farm Museum.

Memorial Contributions can be made to:

Garfield Farm Museum
Box 403
La Fox, IL 60147



Pet Reminder:

Warm weather will soon be here and people are out and about and it seems there are some residents who are **not picking up** after their pets. Kirkwood pet owners are entirely responsible for the immediate removal of their pet's droppings. This applies to common areas, streets and driveways, and the owner's own property. Otherwise, you may be facing a fine.

Many urban and suburban areas require you to pick up after your pet. Pet owners should be equipped with materials for the removal of their pet's waste whenever the animals are walked. Animal waste must be disposed of in waste receptacles at its owner's home only. It's the law.

Even if there is no restriction, cleaning up after your pet is always the right thing to do. Please be a considerate neighbor and clean up after your pet. Your neighbors will appreciate your good manners as well as other dog walkers, residents and the landscape crew.

KIRKWOOD CLUBHOUSE

As you know, the Kirkwood Clubhouse is available to any resident in good standing for private use. The policy is to collect a \$150 security deposit of which \$50 is returned after the Clubhouse is cleaned and inspected. The \$100 rental fee is used to defray the cost of cleaning, minor upkeep and supplies and overhead.

The Clubhouse is not rented on holidays or holiday weekends from Memorial Day through Labor Day. If you are planning activities using the clubhouse, the pool is not included. Reservations cannot be confirmed until the deposit is received. Please check your Kirkwood Handbook for more information on the Clubhouse rental.

For reservations and the rental application form,
call Connie Porter at 232-7813.

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630-557-5200

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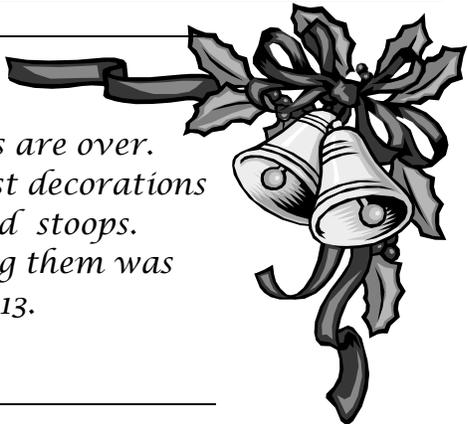
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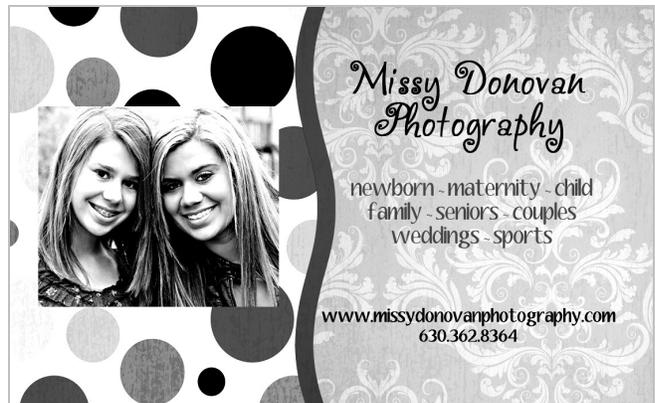
*Does the Board have your
 E-Mail address on file?
 Be informed faster about events/
 actions happening in Kirkwood.
 Contact a Board Member.*

*Do you have an upcoming event,
 or special occasion that you
 would like us to post? Just drop
 it in the Red Mailbox or e-mail
 to Denmark923@aol.com.*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Book Club 7 pm	9	10 Land. Mtg. 6:30 pm	11	12	13
14	15 KHA Meeting 6:30 pm	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	Notes:			

*It's SPRING!
 and the winter holidays are over.
 It's time to remove those last decorations
 off your front doors and stoops.
 The deadline for removing them was
 January 15th, 2013.*





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