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Kirkwood News

The new summer season brings a few major changes in the operation and security of our swimming pool. Starting this year we will be self managed, in that volunteers will run the operation with the help of new monitoring equipment installed in the pool pump room and a self propelled pool cleaner. The first year of operational cost should be a break-even year, in that the cost of the equipment is approximately the same cost as the servicing company we have been using. We expect to see a major saving in the following years through self-managing.

A group of volunteers headed by Paul Hammer have been planning and working towards the tearing down and the building of a new fence around the pool. Paul has assured one and all, this project will be completed on time so the pool will be opened on time.

In addition to everything else, a new pool access lock will be installed. In order to enter the pool area, each homeowner must purchase (\$5.00) a key that cannot be duplicated by any key maker other than the locksmith contracted to make the keys. Only one key will be made available to each town home and each key will be engraved with an identification number and a record kept of the homeowner and the key assigned to them. If a key is lost, the homeowner must contact the Board member responsible for reproducing the keys. The homeowner will be charged a \$50 replacement fee, in order to receive a new key. So it behooves each homeowner to keep track of the key assigned to them.

All homeowners that wish to make use of the pool must make a check payable to Kirkwood Homeowners Association. Please make sure your address is noted on your check. Remember only one key per household. Please place your check in an envelope addressed to Jim Van Spankeren or just Jim and place it in the red mailbox. Since we plan on opening the pool Memorial Day weekend and will need at least two weeks to have the keys made, please make sure you have your checks in A.S.A.P.

**The next Board Meeting is May 15th at 7 PM.
All Homeowners are welcome— your involvement is
important to this board**

Kirkwood Pool Information

It's almost time for the Kirkwood Pool to open for the season on Saturday, May 27th, weather permitting. Pool hours will be 10:00AM to 10:00PM week nights and on weekends.

Please check the Kirkwood Rules and Regulations for other Pool items, although further information on pool tags, keys and locks, new pool rules and regulations, etc. are under Board review and you should receive new information before the pool opens.

Here are a few reminders from past pool rules and newsletters:

The washrooms will be open during pool hours, and we would appreciate that they will be kept clean.

Donated books and magazines are available for anyone wanting reading material by the pool or at home.

Donations can be made and put on the table inside the washroom area.

Please do not handle any of the pool equipment, unless for emergency purposes only.

Please follow these rules and reminders:

- Sign in on the Sign-in Sheet provided
- Please wear your pool tags or keep them handy if someone asks for it.
- Please keep your pool toys and flotation mats to a minimum on weekends. During the week, when traffic is less, it is more acceptable.
- Please return all chairs being used to the position and area in which they were found.
- Please keep all food out of the pool area. Drinks are allowed in plastic containers or cans. Dispose of properly in the garbage cans provided.
- Smoking is not permitted inside the pool area (OK by the patio tables)
- Radio and Boom boxes are not permitted.
- Running and loud noises are not permitted.
- Please keep water games to a minimum on weekends and discouraged if the pool is heavily populated.
- Babies/toddlers must wear swim diapers.
- Children and teenagers under the age of 17 are not allowed in the pool area without an adult.
- Proper bathing suit attire is a must. No cut-offs please and no wet bathing suits are allowed in the clubhouse.
- Lost and Found items will be taken into the washroom area.

As in the past, please remember to sign in your name and address and the number of people on the sign in register. Residents may have a maximum of four invited pool guests and the resident must be present. Please do not be offended; this is for your and Kirkwood's safety and security.

If you are planning activities using the clubhouse, the pool is not included.

See a Kirkwood Board member for more pool information or Sharie Pederson about clubhouse rentals.

Kirkwood Insurance Coverage

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STATE FARM INSURANCE IS VERY PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE NOW HANDLE THE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR KIRK WOOD TOWN HOME ASSOCIATION. WE LOOK FORWARD TO PROTECTING YOUR BUILDINGS FROM THE RISKS OF EVERYDAY LIFE.

IF WE CAN BE OF ASSISTANCE IN PROVIDING INDIVIDUAL UNIT OWNERS WITH LIABILITY AND PERSONAL PROPERTY COVERAGE, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT US. THANK YOU.

BRIAN E. BALDWIN - STATE FARM AGENT - (630) 654-0333

Radon Exhaust Vents by Jim VanSpankeren

A recent walk inspection has brought to light a growing trend in the real estate industry concerning radon gas emission in basements. Usually when the home is inspected prior to selling or buying, testing for radon gas is the norm. If gas is detected, the home seller is required to install a radon exhaust system consisting of a 3 to 4 inch in diameter PVC pipe running from the basement up the rear of the home to the roofline. Since the PVC pipe is white and does not conform to Kirkwood's Rules and Regulations, either the home seller or the homebuyer is required to prep and paint the pipe to match the siding.

All homeowners that are not in compliance with the above will be notified via mail or a visit from a Board member. If you have any questions please feel free to call Jim Van Spankeren 232 -0003

Gerald Sivertsen Memorial Bench

Your Kirkwood Association has been receiving donations to purchase a park type bench in memory of our past Kirkwood President Jerry Sivertsen . We do not normally seek donations for such items but we feel he was a very special person in that he devoted most of his own time trying to improve Kirkwood and helping his neighbors. Jerry changed the direction of the siding issue and brought it to completion, saving us homeowners a substantial amount of money. Even towards the end when he was confined to his home, Jerry felt obliged to share his thoughts on a number of Kirkwood issues and how we should care for them. He was a very special person indeed.

Approximate cost for a weatherproof park bench, plaque and material to keep it from swimming in the pool or going for a walk is about \$350. Labor of course, will be donated by volunteers already lined up.

Location will probably be in the area of the tennis courts.

Checks should be made out to "Kirkwood Memorial Fund" and mailed to 1545 Kirkwood Drive or given to any Board member by May 31st or sooner.

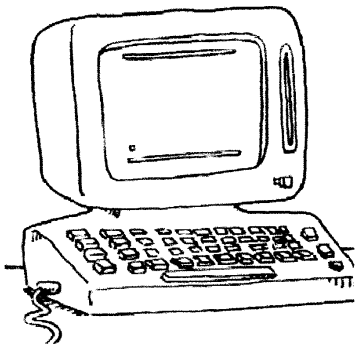
Thank you for your contributions to date.

Jim VanSpankeren

Landscaping News by Dave Wechter

The tentative Work day is scheduled for the first Saturday in June. Anyone interested in helping should meet at the Clubhouse at 9:00 A.M. The thought is to concentrate on cleaning up along Kirk Road, both trash and dead brush. Also working on a few areas at the front entrance, pruning, and possibly planting. Also an idea of lowering the height of the Kirkwood sign (to hide the electrical boxes) and there is a lot of mulch behind the clubhouse that can be distributed as well. Hope to see a lot of volunteers there!

Watch the Mailbox Bulletin Boards for further information.



Check out Kirkwood's New Website:

www.kirkwoodhomes.org

To access the Homeowner Secure Area links,
please use the following:

USER NAME: Khomeowner

PASSWORD: I500geneva

These codes are intended for use by Kirkwood Homeowners only.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 7:00 Meeting	16	17	18	19 Kirkwood Garage Sale	20 8AM -3PM
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Pool Opens
28	29	30	31	<i>Notes:</i>		

*OK — is everybody busy with the Spring Cleaning purge?!!
Don't store all that wonderful "junque" back in your cupboards, closets, or basement to be shuffled around another year.*

**TAKE IT TO YOUR GARAGE - AND JOIN US IN THE FUN
KIRKWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE
ON MAY 19-20.**

If you don't think you have enough to do it alone — partner up with one of your neighbors.
(Use your money to buy more junque!!!)

We'll be advertising in the local papers, will supply the usual balloons and maps, post signs, etc. We have about 10 families signed up — I know we have more neighbors moving that stuff around again — come on and join the fun!

Price is \$10.00 each to get you in — neighborhood walk-around social the night before if weather permits and if participants are in favor. If you lost your sign-up sheet, no worry —just call one of us and we'll get you included in the ad.

Call Denise (845-9935) or Karen (208-9712)

An Important Notice about Paint

If you are going to be painting your deck this summer, please go to the Sherwin-Williams paint store on Rt. 38 in West Chicago for your gallon of deck stain. They have the information on the Kirkwood colors.

Neighborhood News Briefs:

Do you have an upcoming event, or special occasion that you would like us to post? Just drop it in the Red Mailbox.