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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By the time you're reading this it's just 3 more weeks till Autumn. This summer has just flown by for me with all of the projects I've been working on. Jim and Joe have been very busy as well so I thought I would give you an update as to what they've been up to.

The summer months always keep them busy with repairing leaks in the irrigation systems and this year was no different. We had Monkey's Tree service out trimming the higher branches that lawn guys cannot take care of. The east and west gates were painted and since he did such a nice job we're also planning on having the pool fences painted as well. It's been quite a few years since the last time they were painted and they're starting to show it.

You may have noticed the red trash cans are gone from the parks (good riddance) and replaced with some new ones. There will be some new picnic tables near the playground as well so go ahead and start planning for that fall picnic.

If you haven't been to the fitness room lately then you need to go see the remodel that Jim has done. There's some new equipment in there to try out as well. Hope you all enjoy it and the physical benefits as well. Just make sure to wipe it down after you use it so it's clean for the next person.

A big thank you goes out to Jim for pressing the Post Office to put in new mailboxes. Hopefully they aren't quite as easy to break into as the old ones were. We also had two 30 yard dumpsters last month that were filled to capacity by the end of the weekend. Wow, that was a lot of junk here in TP!

The next event on the calendar is the fall yard sale that would normally be scheduled for September 19th. However, at the time of this writing we're not sure if we will be allowed to have it. We'll put a message on the electronic signs at the gates one way or the other. It sure would be nice to get back to some normal activities.

Tim Walker
President

MANAGER'S CORNER

Hello Towne Park,

Due to the recent mailbox break-in's, the USPS is replacing all metal mailboxes in the community. Although this will be inconvenient for a little while it will be nice to have all of the updated boxes. Thanks to all of you for your patience while this transition happens.

No decisions have been made on the September garage sale and a decision will be based on the restrictions placed by the governor. As soon as we have more information we will share it with all of you.

There is still a lot of dog waste that is not being taken care of. If you are walking your pet **PLEASE PICK UP AFTER THEM**. Animal Waste is being left in front lawns, streets and in the parks so please be a responsible pet owner and pick up after them!

Every one stay safe and hopefully things will return to normal sooner than later.

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY
July 31, 2020

TOWNE PARK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

ASSETS		
Cash in Bank - Operating	$	22,119.11
Cash in Bank - Reserve	$	379,977.84
Cash in Bank - Land Lease	$	26,618.64
TOTAL CASH	$	428,715.59
Accounts Receivable	$	44,166.24

	Current Period	Year to Date	YTD Budget	Variance
Income	$ 117,572.71	$ 767,441.16	$ 756,395.21	$ 11,045.95
Expenses	$ (54,179.54)	$ (516,640.91)	$ (509,586.12)	$ (7,054.79)
Reserve Transfers	$ (35,556.44)	$ (279,111.03)	$ (269,608.50)	$ (9,502.53)
Net Profit/Loss	$ 27,836.73	$ (28,310.78)	$ (22,799.41)	$ (5,511.37)

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Another month in isolation, neighbors. Hope you are all doing well and keeping yourselves safe during this difficult time. Governor's orders are not to gather in groups so I will continue to insert these messages to you in the Towne Crier until it is possible to meet.

We have had so much vandalism in the community, mainly to our mail-boxes. I know we're keeping indoors but we must also keep watch in our immediate neighborhood. Surely, some one has either seen or heard commotion around the mailboxes. Please report any thing you think is not right. We have got to catch these vandals or suffer their continuing to do as they please. Keep your eyes and ears open.

The entry gates are again in the spotlight. Here are a couple of suggestions to help keep cars moving. Don't pull up directly behind someone going in the gate in case they have to back up because no one is home to let them in. If you are too close, they can't back up and out of the way and the cars line up to Chico. DO NOT let anyone in that you do not know! Even to get them out of way. YOU are responsible for anyone you let in the gate. Please, just be careful.

The usual things still apply. Keep your garage doors closed. You can bet that the vandals to the mailboxes are also looking for other opportunities. Don't give them an excuse.

If you see something, say something! If you need help, call 242-COPS or 911 if urgent.

Stay healthy, EVERYONE!

Helen Martin
271-4847

Social Committee September Update

According to "The Farmer's Almanac" Fall starts on September 22, 2020…...a little bit different Fall then what we have had, but none the less Fall!! We start thinking of falling leaves, cooler temps and maybe a light blanket to keep us warm. Here in Towne Park we think of events that will bring joy to our families and visits with our neighbors. This Covid pandemic has stopped all that but hints have given way that "maybe" we as good Americans and New Mexicans wearing masks and social distancing will see some lifting of restrictions soon. With that being said the postponed National Night Out event and rescheduled for the evening October 6th may still be a no show but we look forward to other events for later in the Fall.

Wear a Mask, Save a Life!!

Jeanne Breck

Social Committee Co-Chair





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As of Aug. 21st, 20 Homes have Sold This Year in Towne Park, 4 other Homes are Currently Pending Closing and 1 home is Available For Sale.

Now is a Good Time To Sell ! Contact me if you want a Market Analysis of Your Home.

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UNDERSTANDING STRESS & CONQUERING IT
Part II of II by Sharon Carr

So much handling of stress involves our perspective and reaction. A positive person says, "I can handle this". A negative person says, "This can't be done". Little things that get to us the most are called stressors, like waiting for a slow elevator, losing car keys or standing in lines. Then, there are current conditions like economic hardship, changes in technology, mass shootings and Covid isolation that keep our anxiety high. Even the 2020 presidential election is already causing more strain than the last election.

It is interesting to learn the Chinese word for CRISIS is composed of two picture characters. One picture means danger and the other means opportunity. Striving for the latter will change your life. Manage stress by using the **4 *natural* tranquilizers.** The best part is (a) they don't cost a thing, (b) they do not need a prescription and (c) they have no unhealthy side effects:

MUSIC. Listening to relaxing music that lifts us up instead of the depressing news makes a huge difference in how the day begins. Finding soothing music in the car will help keep you calm too. Pick your favorite music. Use music to build a bridge from work to home or home to work where problems melt like lemon drops while listening. Don't listen to news before bedtime so you can sleep better.

EXERCISE. A study done by Purdue University discovered that people who exercise are more emotionally stable and less tense. Notice how much more creative you are during or after walking/running, doing tai chi, bicycling or performing yoga?

LAUGHTER. Try keeping an emergency laughter kit that includes cartoons, silly songs or jokes. See the lighter side of life which includes having fun. Do things for the sheer enjoyment of it. Each day plan to do something JUST for YOU! Go somewhere new or eat where you've never eaten before. Have a picnic when it's cold. Wrestle with the dog. Try making a list of *Fun Things You do Now Just for YOU*. Do not include eating or sleeping. Then, add to it *Fun Things You Would like to Be Doing Now*. This could be quite a revelation to you. Keep laughing; besides it uses fewer muscles than frowning.

TOUCH. Nowadays, it is hard to touch anyone with the Covid threat upon us, but simply bumping elbows makes you feel someone cares. When you can, use hugs to lessen tension and anxiety. Even hand-holding is a means of connecting. Also, it has been proven that pets calm us and lower our stress.

Other anxiety-relieving tips include:

TIME MANAGEMENT. A huge impact on stress is time management. If there is disorganization in one's life, you can bet there will be stress! Get organized. Be sure to breakdown tasks into 20 minute segments by setting a timer. Don't make yourself do things "marathon" style, like paperwork, cleaning, a project at work or mowing the lawn. The Alcoholics Anonymous creed: *God, grant me the serenity to accept things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can and wisdom to know the difference* helps us through any situation.

NO CAFFEINE. Drink caffeine free cokes and coffee, cut back on chocolate because all of these INCREASE stress. When you need a break, the normal reaction is to sit down, relax and have a cup of coffee. Well, believe it or not, it's like you are drinking stress - unless it's decaf.

TALK TO YOUR KIDS. They get stressed about current events too. Let them tell you their feelings!

Matthew 11:28-30 "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.
Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart and you
will find rest for your souls. My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

For over 30 years, Sharon Carr has been a professional writer. She is a published author on TIME, STRESS, CUSTOMER and DOMESTIC MANAGEMENT. If there are topics you would like addressed in this newsletter, e-mail her: sharon@onthewritepath.biz.

Your ACC committee needs your help. We are encountering an increasing number of people undertaking home-improvement projects without first submitting an ACC Change Request Form. If the ACC committee has a chance to meet with you prior to you doing any work, we often can save you time and expense. One reason Towne Park is such a nice place to live is because everyone does a good job of keeping their home looking well-kept. We do have restrictions on what homeowners can do to their property, and your ACC committee is very good at resolving concerns or conflicts so that you're happy and the rules are followed. PLEASE… If you are planning any changes or updates to the exterior of your home or walls you need to complete a Change Request Form first…Any change requires a Change Request Form.



Towne Park Calendar of Events

September 2020

The Clubhouse, Library and Gym are open during regular weekday business hours.

All Other Events Canceled until further notice...

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Contact HOAMCO: 844-744-4316

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TOWNE PARK WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK GROUP

Check out the Towne Park Homeowners Association Website at www.towneparkabq.com.

If you are a Facebook user, check out the link to our Facebook Group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/towneparkabq/

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To: Jim Smith at Jimsmith@towne-park.com

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