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TOWNE PARK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello all.

This last month has been very busy here in Towne Park. Did you happen to see our maintenance guy Joe Hernandez in the east park one morning swinging his hands and gloves around like a crazy person?

Well, there was a huge nest of wasps in a bush on the northwest corner of the park and Joe was there spraying multiple cans of Raid on them while trying not to get stung. Dozens and dozens of dead wasps on the ground but still hundreds more in the bush and apparently underground too! Joe gave it his best shot (of Raid) but we had to call in the professionals to remove them. They came in one evening around 8:30 pm so that all of the wasps were home and tucked in for the night. Then they somehow gathered them all up and took them far far away. Unfortunately, we did have a couple of residents stung before we knew of the wasps. If you happen to think that there would be a nest of wasps or bees in Towne Park, please let Jim know right away so that he can investigate.

The city of Albuquerque was supposed to do their scheduled water test here but the city's valve ended up being corroded so badly that couldn't shut it off to accomplish the test. So they postponed the testing so they could replace the valve which should have been done last month on the 23rd. This work is all being done and paid for by the city since it's their equipment.

Then came winter during the summer??? Crazy!!

The wind took it's toll on many Towne Park houses. There were multiple houses with shingles missing by the end of the two day "winter" storm. If you haven't checked out your roof since then, now would be a good time to do that before the real winter storms get here. We had two huge trees in the west park that just could not withstand all of that wind any longer. So sad to see them fall to the ground. We were planning on planting some new trees in the Spring anyway but it looks like we need to add a couple more now. The cold weather also made some of our garden plants and flowers shiver as well. I guess we're not getting many more veggies out of the garden now. Maybe the flowers will hang on a little longer now that it's back to normal temps. Jim and Joe will be covering up the pools for the winter and wrapping up some of maintenance projects Jim has on his list as well.

One last thing, if you're having your roof replaced, please make sure to fill out the ACC form that's found in the clubhouse prior to the work being done. Jim can help you with any questions you may have about it.

Tim Walker

President

MANAGER'S CORNER



Hello Towne Park Homeowners,

I hope that everyone is enjoying the cooler weather. Leaves will start to fall soon and the landscapers will be picking them up as they fall.

Please remember that if you plan to do home improvements a ACC request form must be submitted and approved before work is started. ACC request forms are available on the Towne Park website and in the clubhouse lobby.

Everyone continue to stay safe and healthy.

Cherish Jaramillo
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Arthur Joseph Dreistadt

Art died unexpectedly September 9th at the age of 86. He moved from Pittsburgh, Pa. many years ago to Towne Park. He was a great artist and graduated from the "Art Institute of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania". He loved to paint horses, landscapes, and pin-up girl art. He was crazy about western movies and old cars. He collected old movies. He loved to help people and enjoyed going to New Covenant Church for the last five years where he was accepted with open arms and ended up with a great church family. He was loved and will be greatly missed.

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY
August 31, 2020

TOWNE PARK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

ASSETS		
Cash in Bank - Operating	$	14,226.20
Cash in Bank - Reserve	$	384,249.29
Cash in Bank - Land Lease	$	26,618.64
TOTAL CASH	**$**	**425,094.13**
Accounts Receivable	$	50,948.24

	Current Period	Year to Date	YTD Budget	Variance
Income	$ 129,869.42	$ 897,310.58	$ 874,436.97	$ 22,873.61
Expenses	$ (128,463.17)	$ (645,104.08)	$ (575,665.14)	$ (69,438.94)
Reserve Transfers	$ (35,556.44)	$ (314,667.47)	$ (308,124.00)	$ (6,543.47)
Net Profit/Loss	**$ (34,150.19)**	**$ (62,460.97)**	**$ (9,352.17)**	**$ (53,108.80)**

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Another month without meeting! Wish it were a different agenda but looks like we're locked into this for now. Hope everyone is doing well. Of all things, don't forget our commitment to our community. We are keeping close to our homes and not concentrating on things around us. We've had a car broken into and just yesterday, in broad daylight, I saw a young man go leaping over the south wall at the La Grange parking lot. Who was he? Who did he visit? What business did he have in here? Those are questions that probably could be answered by someone in the park. Please be responsible. Yes, I know we are safer than out in the general city but we can't let our guard down. You'd be surprised at how quickly word gets around that we're an easy target. And, it's just as easily known that we watch out for our own. Pay close attention to your immediate neighborhood.

There was a good suggestion brought up about late evening or early morning walkers. Seems there is a small red light that you can clip to your shoulder to make yourself more easily seen. There are also reflecting tapes for your shoes that are effective. You might consider these options because it's starting to get dark earlier and stay dark later in the mornings. Enjoy your walk but use caution, we'd like you all to be safe. Residents, if possible, leave your front lights on at night. They are very helpful too.

Same reminder as each month. Keep your garage doors closed and IF YOU SEE SOMETHING---

SAY SOMETHING!!! Call 242-COPS or 911 if you need help.

Helen Martin
271-4847

Social Committee September Update

Every season has its special beauty and fall/autumn is no exception. Watching the trees turn from a uniform green to all varieties of gold, yellow and red is a spectacular experience. One can almost be blinded by the fiery brilliance. With all this beauty there is a certain sadness in knowing that the changing colors foreshadow the arrival of a long cold winter.

Covid couldn't stop fall/autumn from arriving on September 22nd and in past years we have looked forward to our October events that brought information and joy to our residents but as everyone has been saying "This Year Is Different"!! Our state officials have not given any indication that large gatherings will be permitted any time soon so our annual Kids Fall Carnival will be a no show this year BUT we felt that it is important for those residents that have Medicare and want to know the new updates for 2021 or any resident who's eligible to receive Medicare and wants to know the different plans available get this information. Ginger Rodgers from Rodgers Insurance Company will once again share her knowledge. Weather permitting we will set up a table outside in front of clubhouse and you can come by and pickup a packet of information with a wrapped goodie. **Date of event will be October 17th from 10:00am to 11:30am.** If you want to setup an appointment with her, she can do that too at that time. Remember Medicare enrollment is from October 15 to December 7.

Jeanne Breck

Social Committee Co-Chair



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GAIN CONTROL OVER CLUTTER

Are you bored being home in these challenging times and need something productive to do? Are you looking for more effective ways to stop the clutter? There are many methods you can use to make the job go smoother. Here are general rules to follow and actual cleaning methods to get more done faster and limit exhaustion:

DRESS FOR THE JOB: Just as going to the office in your blue jeans would be inappropriate, it is also inappropriate to wear dressy clothes when cleaning. In other words, you won't feel like getting much done in high heels or a business suit.

WORK IN PEAK ENERGY TIMES: Morning people, do tough jobs in the a.m. Afternoon people, do major cleaning later.

PRIORITIZE: Take a moment and decide what things need to be done first, second and so on. If you don't prioritize and stick with your plan, time will pass you by and you'll only have done the smaller, easier jobs and not the deep cleaning jobs.

REWARD YOURSELF: To feel more like doing the tough jobs first, decide what your reward will be while you are working. Tell yourself, "When I get finished with this project, I am going to read a book for half-an-hour, have a quiet cup of tea or call a friend".

STORE CLEANING SUPPLIES FOR EFFICIENCY: Keep all your supplies in the room where they are used. Each bathroom should have its own supplies: rags, glass cleaner, disinfectant, toilet brush, etc. To save time when cleaning, wear a handy carpenter apron. The pockets are wonderful for carrying W-D 40 for a squeaky door, furniture polish, brass polish, or Q-tips for tiny crevices. In the laundry room save steps by storing detergents, soap, etc., above or next to the washer/dryer for convenience.

DELEGATE AND TRADE OFF DUTIES: Don't try to do it all by yourself and suffer in silence. Have a family meeting to discuss and negotiate duties. Rotate jobs. If possible, let the kids choose the jobs they LIKE. Trading duties eliminates boredom and no one feels resentful. Involve every family member. Make a list of all the duties each person in the family is responsible for. Example:

HIS: handling finances, household repairs, yardwork, garbage HERS: laundry, shopping, cooking, cleaning
CHILD: setting the table, loading the dishwasher, dusting

..... NOW, LET'S CLEAN .....

Always clean only ONE ROOM at a time until it is completely finished. Then, move on to the next room. If the family is helping, DO NOT pick (nag) at the way they do a task. Give them the assignment, show them how, then leave them to be creative. They may even figure out better ways.

MOTIVATE CHILDREN TO KEEP THEIR ROOMS CLEAN:
If you use a quilt or coverlet, children can make their own beds.
Let children choose paint colors/curtains, etc. for their own room. This way, they will have more desire to keep it nice.
For toddlers to put their toys away, color code each toy with a dot of the same color of the shelf or cube the toy goes into. They can learn colors while picking up.

DESIGNATE "PICK UP" TIME FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY.
Set a timer for 15 minutes every evening at the same time. TIP: Turn off the TV and phones.
If you have an upstairs, put items for those rooms at the foot of the stairs as you pick up the downstairs. Stair baskets are great for this. Each time someone goes upstairs they take some of the items with them to put away. Stop running up and down.

BATHROOM CLEANING:
Let disinfectant work in the toilet bowl while cleaning the sink, etc.
Mirrors should be cleaned BEFORE sinks so glass cleaner doesn't spot faucets or counters.
Hang a sign on the inside of the door (so occupant sees it before leaving). On the sign write down things to keep the bathroom clean, like: Straighten towels - Rinse sink - Replace soap if needed.

KITCHEN HELPS:
Clean up and rinse bowls, measuring spoons and pans as you cook.
Use waiting time when browning meat or boiling water to straighten up counters or put used ingredients away.
Load dishwasher with BOTH hands. Empty clean dishes by picking up all the plates together, bowls together, etc.
Bus the table so you only make one trip from the table to the kitchen sink.
Wipe counters off using both hands. (One hand holds a rough sponge for dried food, the other holds a soft dish rag.)

YAY! - YOU ARE ON YOUR WAY TO CONTROLLING CLUTTER!

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. Sharon also attends the Towne Park Bible Fellowship group on Mondays where everyone is welcome.



Towne Park Calendar of Events

October 2020

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

All Other Events Canceled until further notice...

Water Authority customers are reminded that time-of-day watering restrictions are in effect April 1 - Oct. 31. No sprinkler irrigation is allowed between the hours of 11 a.m. and 7

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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/

For suggestions and comments, please contact:
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