

# **Parkwood Hill Home Owners Association Newsletter August 2004 Edition**



From The Board:



**The Parkwood Hill annual meeting date has  
been set:**

**October 7, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.  
(Location to be announced)**

**A new board member will be chosen so please  
come out and make your vote count!**

# ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE NEWS

By Bryon Chesser

Where did summer go? It seems as if school was just let out, homeowners were starting their summer vacations, and applications for home improvement projects were revving up. Now, the kids are back in school and summer is on the downhill slope of being over.

This summer we saw a lot of applications for home improvement projects. Thank you to all of the homeowners that took the time to fill them out. Occasionally we get an application that is missing some documentation. Please remember that if you are applying for storage buildings, patio covers, and anything involving lying electrical lines in the yard such as for a water fountain, these applications require a plot plan of your property indicating the location of the improvement and a copy of your city permit. That short list is not inclusive of all items that require a plot plan and permit. If you have a question about your improvement project and what documentation would be required by the ACC, please call our call notes at (817) 605-1516 and leave a message. Lisa will be happy to call you back within 24 hours.

Also, we received a lot of applications this summer for basketball goals. It is good to see the neighborhood kids (and adults) outside playing ball. Please remember that it is against city code and the Texas Transportation Code to place basketball goals in easements, rights of way and roadways. This means that all basketball goals should be placed a minimum of 12 feet away from any curb. Those who violate the code could receive citations and, in some cases, police may impound the goals. For more information on this, please go to the City of Fort Worth's web site at the following link: <http://www.fortworthgov.org/cmo/pio/citytimes/citytimesjune04.pdf>

One question that came up a lot this summer from our homeowners is "who's the yard police?" I can assure you that the ACC is not the "yard police" and we do not handle the violation letters. The ACC's responsibility is to review applications for improvements and approve/deny them based on the Covenants and the Beautification Guidelines. Principal Management solely handles violations. If you receive a violation letter, please call Terrie Sims at Principal Management at (817) 451-7300 ext. 202 and she will be happy to discuss the letter with you.

Remember that when submitting an application, the sooner that all required documents are received by the ACC, the sooner we can get you an answer back. The ACC meets every-other week and any application received will get a prompt response after we meet. To make it easier on you to submit applications, we have a drop box located to the right of the clubhouse door that you can simply drop your application in or you can mail it directly to the clubhouse address, which is: 5573 Eastwedge Dr. Please **do not** mail your application to Principal Management. Mailing it to Principal will only slow the process down.

Thanks again for all of your hard work and for helping to keep our neighborhood a great place to live.

# **WE HAVE A WINNER!**

**Congratulations to Tina Kang of Seabury Drive. She is the winner of the Street ID Logo Contest!**

**Since her logo was chosen, she was awarded a \$50 gift certificate of her choice and the honor of saying “Hey, that was my idea!”**

**In the next few weeks you will see the signs go up on every street in the community!**



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# CITIZENS ON PATROL NEWS

By Lisa Burdick

Well, all the bragging our group has been doing about our “nice, safe neighborhood” changed last week. We had 2 burglaries of motor vehicles (BMV’s) and a garage break in within 10 days. Both vehicles were left unlocked so it made it easy for the bad guys to break in. One of the BMV’s was in an open garage. If a Code Blue member sees your garage open he or she will leave a door hanger on your front door letting you know that it was left open. If it is consistent then your address will be turned into the FWPD and given to our NPO. You could receive a phone call from him. I realize that you don’t necessarily like seeing the door hangers left on your front door early Sunday morning as you’re going out to get your Sunday paper but the truth is, we have a major problem with open garage doors in our community and this is simply a reminder to you. It was just a matter of time before our community was hit! Please remember to close your garage doors before going in for the night. It’s a scary thing seeing all of your belongings gone from your car and your garage.

Another problem I want to share with you is our community pool. It’s clearly posted that the closing time is 11:00 but we consistently see people using the pool after 11:00. Our pool was seriously vandalized early Saturday morning, August 7<sup>th</sup>. One of the coach lights was ripped off the wall and broken, there were beer bottles and glass thrown into the pool, broken glass around the pool, not to mention the pool furniture thrown in the pool. Because of this the pool had to be closed for the majority of the day. The pool company was called out to vacuum the pool and unfortunately that will cost the association. It is everyone’s responsibility to take care of our community pool, not just the pool committee, which consists of only 2 people right now. I have been instructed by the Fort Worth Police Department that if someone is at the pool after 11:00 and they refuse to leave when asked, even if they do have a pool card, they can be arrested for trespassing. I realize that this sounds very harsh but I value the fact that we have a community pool that I can take my kids to. I don’t want to lose that privilege. Please, if you are driving by the clubhouse after 11:00 and you do see activity at the pool, either stop and say something or call the non-emergency police number: 817-335-4222.

Stay safe!

## Newsletter Article September 2004

September is the startup time for planning some cool season activity. It is about time, right? We need to continue with all the things we have been doing to get through another summer; watering at 1 inch per week, good layers of mulch etc.

Now is a good time to raise tree canopies and thin them out. Dead limbs are obvious now, which will not be the case after leaf drop. Many property owners still have curb area trees with limbs prohibiting cars or trucks from parking in front of the home without paint damage to the roofs. These same trees often endanger passersby on the sidewalk from being poked in the eyes. They also usually have dead grass underneath caused by lack of sunlight to the turf area. Other trees on your properties can benefit from canopy raising and thinning. Wax myrtles and some other “shrubs” can be treed up so they have visible trunks and more resemble trees than shrubs, a totally different look.

Historically Septembers are still very hot. If you are wearing down, you can still hire a lawn service to get you through the season. Lawn Companies should be happy to take you on as new clients even this late in the season. If you desire to have an attractive and green lawn all winter, you can put down ryegrass seed late in the month or in October. Your property will stand out in the neighborhood as people drive by and see your green lawn amongst all the dormant grass lawns.

Buy your spring bulbs through catalogs or local nurseries. DO NOT plant them yet. You can get a better selection now. Hybrid tulips and hyacinth bulbs should be placed in the vegetable crisper section in your refrigerator for a necessary pre-chill period prior to planting them. Wait until October/November to plant any bulbs. You can however prepare the beds for the bulbs, add organic matter& turn over the soil.

You can cut back your roses early in the month, but do it sparingly. You will get a rose display this fall if you have maintained your roses well over the summer heat. You can actually plant a fall vegetable garden now. For a list of veggies recommended and their varieties for this area call the Texas Extension office at 817-884-1945 and ask for the free list. The Extension Office has a surprising quantity of free information available, so ask for answers to several questions. The volunteer Master Gardeners there will try hard to get you the right publications.

If we can help you, please give us a call. **May God Bless You and Yours.**

Ron Kerwin, Captain Ron's Lawns and Landscaping, Inc. 817-485-7890  
Member of Tarrant County Master Gardeners

# Advertisements and Notices in the Newsletter:

Beginning with the next edition of the Parkwood Hill Estates Homeowners Association Newsletter, we will start accepting advertisements and notices. The initial fee schedule will be as follows:

<b>Full-Page Advertisement:</b>	<b>\$150</b>
<b>Half-Page Advertisement:</b>	<b>\$75</b>
<b>Quarter-Page Advertisement:</b>	<b>\$40</b>
<b>Two-Line Announcement or Notice:</b>	<b>\$20</b>

All advertisements and notices will be printed in black and white. All submissions are subject to review and approval by the newsletter committee. Please send any inquiries to [ericbauer@texashealth.org](mailto:ericbauer@texashealth.org).

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