

Auburn Hills Summer 2003 Newsletter

Routine Maintenance: In the spirit of maintaining our homes in a manner that preserves the beauty of our neighborhood, here are a few pointers on routine maintenance and on maintaining good relations with adjoining property neighbors.



Fences: Fences should be given a fresh coating of stain or weatherproofing as needed, typically every year or two. Using a string-trimmer to control the growth of grass and weeds along a fence line is a must, on both sides of the fence (unless your fence adjoins a neighbors fenced yard, in which case the responsibility is shared). From time to time the fence should be inspected to ensure that boards and pickets remain firmly affixed and don't become a safety hazard.

Mowing: Grass needs to be mowed regularly so that it does not reach unsightly lengths. During the summer this will generally require mowing approximately once a week. Weeds should be pulled or sprayed as soon as possible after they are noticed, both for appearances sake as well as to prevent them from spreading.

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Painting: In the event that the paint or siding on your home begins to chip, fade, flake, peel or otherwise become unattractive, please make arrangements to have a fresh coat of paint applied or to have siding installed or repaired as needed.



Summer Safety: While you're out maintaining your yard or just goofing off, remember to take care of yourself! Sunscreen is a must, and don't forget to drink plenty of fluids. Taking frequent breaks is important if you are working hard (hey, a siesta never hurt anyone!), and if you begin to feel dizzy or ill, stop what you are doing and get out of the sun right away.

Grilling: Please be especially careful when grilling on a wooden deck, and remember to

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keep kids away from the grill. It would be a shame to have an injury or a fire this summer!



Calling all Volunteers!

The detention pond (the fenced area at the intersection of 107th St. and N. Holmes St.) has (once again) been taken over by tall weeds, trees that grow faster than Jack's beanstalk, and unfortunately, trash! We are asking for assistance from anyone who can lend a hand in the effort to clean and clear the detention pond this year. If we can make a team effort out of this it shouldn't take more than a few hours. This will save the neighborhood's money (we had to pay someone to clear the pond last year) and it should be a good opportunity to "meet the neighbors"! If you have a brush mower, weed eater, tree chipper, bowsaw, chainsaw, pickup truck, or just a strong back that you'd like to bring along, everyone involved would be very appreciative! Plan to join us Saturday, September 21, 2003 at 8:00 AM.



Pool Update : While enjoying a dip in the neighborhood pool, you may have noticed some improvements. Overall, around fifteen improvements have been made. Here's a list:



- New bench and tables
- Expanded deck area
- Trash receptacle and surrounding fence
- Security enhancements
- Soap dispensers in the bathrooms
- New door handle on men's room
- New chlorinators for the pool
- Pool filters cleaned
- Corrected electrical line for pool light
- Ran electrical to shed
- New computer to control pool passes
- Updated pool rules
- New signs
- Auctioning pool stand, umbrella, and riding lawn mower

All the feedback we are receiving about the pool improvements is positive. The Auburn Hills Board will pursue

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more projects that beautify and enhance the common area and pool. Suggestions are taken seriously so don't hesitate to write.

Pool Updated Continued...:

Just a reminder - Pool pass cards are \$25 dollars, non-refundable; to replace in the event yours is lost or stolen. If you move out of the neighborhood, please be sure to leave your card for the new residents, as the pass belongs with the house. Adult night at the pool is every Wednesday between 6:00 PM and 10:00 PM, so please make sure to leave the kids at home. Only immediate family can use pool passes. The board would like to thank those that abide by the rules and make the pool and surroundings a much safer place.



Auburn Hills residents are very fortunate to have pool at which 97% of the patrons follow the rules and clean-up after themselves. Approximately 3% of the remaining residents combined with non-residents living in nearby neighborhoods have caused some serious damage to

the pool and the board would like you to know what was damaged:

- Men's restroom door handle was broken off
- PVC pipe fitting for Handicapped chair was broken from pool deck
- Garden hose end bent up
- Broken window on shed
- Swimming pool rope torn up once, and unraveled twice after being replaced with new rope
- 15 fence caps broken from fence due to people climbing
- Blue spinal injury board found in pool numerous times
- Blue spinal injury board cracked due to horseplay
- Mounting hook for spinal board ripped out of wall
- New toilet paper roll submerged in men's toilet
- Teenage girl observed scratching vinyl liner with sharp object
- People caught in pool well after closing time at least ten times.

Due to vandalism and repeated violations of the pool hours, the

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Board has recently voted on two measures designed to prevent further problems. First, trespassing will be prosecuted. This means that the board will contact the KC Police to deal with trespassers. Second, pool passes will be suspended for a minimum of two weeks for anyone caught at the pool after-hours. Anyone caught a second time or more will have their pass suspended for the remainder of the pool season.



With your help and everyone's understand of the rules, we all can make the pool a better, safer place to enjoy.

Neighborhood Block Party:
Come to the 2003 Auburn Hills neighborhood block party.

Date: Sept 27, 2003

Time: 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Where: Auburn Hills Pool Area



Bring a side dish and a dessert and the association will sponsor everything else. This year we are going to have various sports available like volleyball

and horseshoes. For the kids, there will be a Air Castle to jump on. This is a great opportunity to meet the board members and your neighbors. Bring the family and the dog. Hope to see you there!

Website Update:

Our website, www.ahha-kc.org, has experienced an increase in traffic over the past year since we were added to the major Internet search engines. Now, we are much easier to find. The board would like to increase the use of the website as a communication mechanism, which will allow us to save time and money. By the end of this year, the website will have new functionality that will allow residents to login and view



"Association-Only" information. This new, secure area will allow all residents to view meeting minutes and eventually, update personal information and select email as standard communication.

See you at the **neighborhood block party** on **Saturday, September 28, 2003!**