

# TALLGRASS EAST NEWS

## May 2005

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## Swimming Pool Opens!



The TGE neighborhood pool will open for use starting Memorial weekend, Saturday, May 28. Although the pool may *appear* to be ready prior to opening, for your *safety*, please do not use the pool prior to the opening. The pool requires chemical treatment (shocking), which is accomplished prior to opening.

**IMPORTANT:** Children who are not accompanied by an adult must be 16 or older in accordance with the City of Wichita Ordinance for any city pool operating without a lifeguard on duty.

Pool hours are from 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Please read the pool rules with your children to ensure everyone in your family is familiar with and abides by the rules. (Rules are located on the last page of this newsletter, at the pool and online at [www.tallgrasseast.com](http://www.tallgrasseast.com))

We have completed all of the renovation projects to the pool itself, and the last of the new pool furniture is on order. Please be courteous and observe the guest rules of the pool.

Let's all work together to keep our neighborhood amenities nice, as the pool belongs to all of us. If you see someone misusing the pool or mistreating pool furniture, please ask him/her to stop and/or notify a board member immediately. Thanks for your assistance! Enjoy!

## WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

Welcome to all new TGE residents since our last newsletter. We hope you enjoy living in the TGE community, one of the best in Wichita! Visit us online at [www.tallgrasseast.com](http://www.tallgrasseast.com) and submit your e-mail address to receive information about our neighborhood area. Just click on the "contact us" button; it sends a message to every board member!

## Adult Swim Nights

TGE HOA (home owner's association) will host 3 adult swim nights at the pool this summer beginning at 7:00 p.m. and lasting until everyone goes home. We'll have lots of great music, tasty snacks, soft drinks and tasty adult beverages. No one under the age of 21 will be allowed in the pool area during these evenings. We hope to see many neighbors there! Mark your calendar for these Saturday evenings and plan to come out to meet and mingle with your neighbors! June 25, July 30, and August 20.

**Please keep your HOA dues current. Your dues are used to make capitol improvements and maintain our common grounds and HOA amenities.**

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## Swimming Lessons

Youth swimming lessons will be offered for residents only at the TGE pool.



Tiffany Goodvin, a TGE resident and past swim instructor for 10 years has been approved by the board to teach lessons.

Tiffany is a prior Water Safety Instructor and is CPR/First Aid certified.

Lessons are available from June-August. In order to teach your child the necessary skills and to see improvements in swimming confidence, Tiffany recommends 5-7 lessons (½ hr each) for your child.

RATES: Age 4 & under- \$12 pr ½ hr lesson.  
Children 5 & up - \$10 per ½ hr lesson.

Call Tiffany at 634-6130 for more info.

## TGE Garage Sale Weekend!

The annual TGE neighborhood garage sale will be June 9-11. The HOA will place an ad in the Eagle. If you plan to participate you must purchase a permit available for \$1.50 per day at Dillon's stores, the Wichita Eagle and Penny Power.

If you'd like to donate your sale remains, the DAV is scheduled to pick up in our area on June 14. However, you do need to contact the DAV at 262-7440 to provide your address. Any items that are donated can be used for your 2005 tax return. The DAV will provide a receipt for all items given.

Be aware that the DAV will not pick up the following items:

- Plastic or Paper Bags
- Metal Bed Springs
- Hot water Heaters
- Newspapers
- Toilets
- Venetian blinds
- Magazines
- Washers or dryers
- Dishwashers
- Cast iron sinks
- Console TV/stereo combo



- Console TV
- Car/truck tires
- Paint chemicals
- Hospital beds
- Gas stoves
- Loose hangers-must be bundled
- Carpet pads
- Water beds

GOOD LUCK!

## 4<sup>TH</sup> OF July Bike Parade

We'll celebrate Independence Day by again hosting the annual kids' Bike Parade on Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.



Decorate your bikes and meet at the clubhouse parking lot! We'll form up and parade the TGE neighborhood – most likely behind one of Wichita's finest fire engines! Afterwards, we'll have ice cold watermelon and lemonade! This is one of the most popular events in TGE – it usually draws nearly 100 superbly decorated bikes!

## Drivers: Watch your Speed



Drivers of all ages, please observe the speed that you are driving; especially around tight curves in our neighborhood. Parents of teens, be an example to your teen driver, model safe driving skills, mentor him/her and hold him/her accountable for proper, safe driving behavior. Especially watch for children playing, riding bicycles, chasing balls, etc. Please remember that sometimes 30 mph is too fast in the residential areas, so please exercise caution. Thank you!

Want to get involved in your neighborhood? Teens, need service hours? **Volunteer to help distribute the TGE HOA newsletter!** It's a small commitment – only about 4x per year. Interested? Use the "contact us" button on the HOA webpage.

## Neighborhood Safety & Community Info

By Officer John Forred, Patrol East Community Policing, 688-9300 e-mail: [jforred@wichita.gov](mailto:jforred@wichita.gov)  
 Beat 39 newsletter: <http://www.wichita.gov/cityoffices/police/fieldservices/east/39beat.htm>



### Helpful Numbers

SCAT: 267-SCAT

Crime Stoppers: 267-2111

Warrant Office: 268-4231

Citizen's Police Academy:

838-9611

Office of Central Inspection:

265-4477

Animal Control 268-8473

Health Department: 268-8351

Community Affairs: 268-4101

**District 2 Advisory Board:** Second Tues every month @ 5939 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street (Rockwell Library)

### **Traffic Advisory: 21<sup>st</sup> & Webb**

In 2005, Patrol East established a Bureau Goal of trying to reduce the number of traffic accidents at the higher accident locations by implementing a year-long Problem Oriented Policing (POP) Project. **The Beat 39 team chose the intersection of 21<sup>st</sup> street and Webb.** This location was chosen because of the increase in accidents at this intersection. In 1988 there were 4 accidents. Present day accounts for 23 accidents. The POP project will focus officers on the intersection for enforcement and education. After the pop project, we hope to see a decrease in the number of accidents at this location. *(Editor's note: In other words, there will be zero tolerance for traffic violators. This includes speed, improper turns, lane changes and rolling stops, etc.)*



### **Crime Trend Information:**

In the past several months numerous vehicles have been broken into or vandalized in our neighborhood. Most of these incidents occurred during the evening and overnight hours. However, it is not uncommon for this type of crime to occur during daylight hours. The most common way the unknown suspects are gaining entry into vehicles is by accessing unlocked car doors, or even worse by breaking out the windows into the vehicle. Not only is it costly to replace the items taken from inside the vehicle, but it will also cost you time to make repairs and insurance claims. The Police Dept. is concerned with the increase of larceny from vehicles and would like to provide you with a few crime prevention tips to help prevent you from becoming a victim.

1. Never leave valuable items visible from outside your vehicle. If possible, put your valuable items in your trunk (purses, wallets, electronic equipment)
2. Always lock your vehicle
3. Activate car alarm
4. Park in a garage if possible
5. Park in well lit areas, visible from a window.

Remember, steps can be taken to reduce your risk of being a victim. Do not keep valuables in your vehicle. If your car stereo has a detachable face, then remove it. If your car has an alarm system, then arm it. Don't leave cell phones or sun glasses where they can be seen. And last but not least, always lock your car and roll up windows.



**One of the most cost-effective crime deterrents is lighting.** Adequate lighting not only provides safety for your family but also provides safety for your neighbors. Hardware stores sell automatic dusk to dawn light switches and sensors for outdoor lighting. While away on vacation, advise your neighbors, set timers for indoor lighting, use sensors/switches for outdoor lighting, stop paper & mail. The WPD will also conduct vacation checks on your home when advised. Call for more info!

## POOL RULES

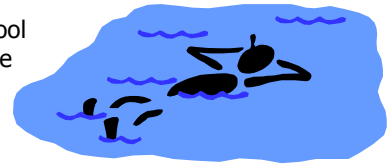
(From the TGE HOA covenants)

The rules and regulations which apply to the use of the swimming pool are as follows:

1. Pool hours are, at minimum, from 7:00 AM to 9:30 PM, seven days a week or as may be revised by the Board of Directors (BOD). The pool may be opened earlier or may close later at the discretion of the person in charge of opening/closing. The pool will be open from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The pool may be opened past Labor Day depending on the weather. Such decision will be at the discretion of the BOD without formal notice to members. When any pool maintenance personnel are present, the pool is to be yielded to them as necessary.

2. The pool's use is restricted to Tallgrass East (TGE) residents and their guests, with a limit of two guests per resident homeowner. The TGE resident is expected to accompany their guests. The TGE resident is responsible for any and all repairs of damages caused by their guest including legal fees including reasonable legal attorney fees required to enforce this issue.

3. There will be no lifeguard on duty; therefore, persons using the pool and pool area do so at their own risk, children under the age posted at the pool must be accompanied by an adult, (per city ordinance) and neither management nor the homeowner's association will be responsible for accidents, injury, or loss of personal items.



4. The following will not be permitted: disorderly conduct, including running and roughhousing; glass items or alcoholic beverages; Jeans or cut-offs; and abusive or profane language.

5. Use of the swimming pool and its surrounding area will not afford you access to the clubhouse except for its restrooms. You will be given a key which will enable you to unlock the entrance door of the iron fence which surrounds the pool, as well as the outside door to the restrooms. By accepting this key, you are signifying that you and your family members are familiar with, and will follow, the rules outlined above applying to the pool's use. Only one key will be issued per household and a \$50.00 charge will be made for lost key replacements. You should leave your key with the new owners if you sell your home.

If you observe anyone not complying with the rules for the use and/or behavior of your swimming pool, please notify anyone present or the BOD or the police. Your pool is a great asset to your neighborhood; please treat it and care for it as if it were your own.

What would you like to see in your newsletter or on the web page? Use the "contact us" button on the TGE webpage and let us know!



**Next Newsletter: September 2005. Watch for information on the annual TGE Fall Festival!**

