

TALLGRASS EAST (TGE)

Home Owner's Association (HOA) Newsletter

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Vandalism in TGE



Our neighborhood has been victimized by many acts of vandalism in recent months: Car windows knocked out while in their driveways & street, cars and houses "egged" & shot with paintballs, street signs torn down, drain hole covers removed, ATV damage to & soap in the waterfall entrance, to name a few. We also had four clubhouse windows broken, picnic tables vandalized and commons area signs kicked out.

In an effort to better secure the clubhouse area and curb the vandalism, the Board voted unanimously to add security cameras and additional lighting around the clubhouse area.

As Homeowners, we must partner to keep crime out of our neighborhood. If you witness any suspicious or criminal activity, call 911 and report it immediately. If you see anyone in the commons areas, clubhouse parking lot or playground after dark, please call the police. Provide the case number to the Board members and we can send an e-mail message to all residents.

Parents, talk with your teens about NOT "hanging out" at the clubhouse or park after dark. This is considered loitering and the police will be called.

If you are interested in spearheading a neighborhood watch, please contact the Board.

Calendar of Events		
Pool Opening	May 27	Pool Hours 7am-9:30 pm. See info in the article below.
TGE Garage Sale	June 8, 9, 10 7 am-4:30 pm	One Man's Trash is another Man's Treasure...This is your chance to sell, sell, sell! The HOA pays for the Newspaper Ad. You buy the Permit at any Dillons stores, the Wichita Eagle or Penny Power. Good Luck!
Adult Pool Party	June 17 7pm-????	Join your over 21 neighbors for food, fun & fellowship!
4 th of July Parade	July 4 10am	Kids! Decorate your bikes & come to the Clubhouse at 10 am for the annual bike parade! Afterward, enjoy some ice cold watermelon and lemonade. Historically, this event draws more than 100 patriotic bikes!
Adult Pool Party	July 8 7pm-????	See above
Adult Pool Party	August 12 7pm????	See above
Fall Festival	September 23 AM-PM	Our biggest neighborhood blast! Blow-ups, carriage rides, athletic events, food & more! This shindig has something for everyone!!!!
Pool Closing	September 25	The pool will close the Monday after Fall Fest.
Annual HOA Meeting	November	This is an annual review and forecast for our neighborhood. Vote for 3 new Board members at this meeting.

Pool Opened May 27!

The TGE neighborhood pool opened Memorial weekend, Saturday, May 27.

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 pool rules. Rules are located online at under the covenants section at www.tallgrasseast.com.

IMPORTANT: Children 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.

In the event of lightning, vacate the pool for your safety.

Please be courteous of your neighbors and respect and

observe the guest rules of the pool.

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

HOA Dues

Our HOA dues go to capitol improvements and maintenance of our beautiful common areas, pool, clubhouse, and park area (tennis, volleyball, soccer, and softball), insurance, and social events such as our annual Fall Fest and Adult Swim nights. As a friendly reminder, dues are \$420 per year. For your convenience, they may be split into 2 payments of \$210

each due in January and July. Keep your dues current. Contact TGE accountant, Bob Mullen @ 634-0314 for payment of your dues. At the Jan 06 meeting, the HOA Board voted unanimously to keep whatever portion of the clubhouse usage security deposit is required to bring a homeowner's dues current if their dues are more than 90 days old.

Board of Directors: Please direct inquiries to the HOA Board by using the website "contact us" link. It sends a message to all board members. HOA Board meetings are normally the 2nd Tuesday each month @ 7pm in the Clubhouse. Check the webpage for changes in dates or call a board member. Resident input is always welcome. Please contact the board to have an item placed on the agenda.

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Covenant Reminders



Please keep our neighborhood desirable and our property values up. This is a "covenant

community"...review the covenants if you have any questions or need clarification. We do not want to look like a "worn down" neighborhood.

We have been receiving many appearance complaints from neighbors. Please evaluate your property so you do not receive notice from the Board on violations not in accordance with the covenants. Some common issues include:

Fencing – Keep in good repair. Repair or replace missing fence as needed.

Parking – Please remember cars parked in the street on culdesac areas or near the entrance to an area can block vision for drivers and can be a safety hazard. Please ask your guests children to try and be courteous and aware of the hazards. Try to first park in your driveway.

Speeding – Often drivers speed thru the neighborhood causing a potential hazard for children playing.

Boats & Trailers, & RV's should only be parked in the street for loading/unloading.

The Clubhouse parking lot is not for RV's & trailers. The clubhouse parking lot is not for loitering. Many evenings this is a teenage

hangout; please advise your teens NOT to loiter here late at night. The police will be called. City code, Title 5, Chapter 5.52 defines a minor's curfew, (essentially, 11pm for age 15 & under; 12am for ages 16-17), chapter 5.48 defines loitering.

Trash Carts – Should **NOT** be visible. **They should be stored in the garage or covered if outside.** If you need to build a storage area for your trash cart, please contact the Board and we can help with the requirements.

Garage Door – should be closed unless you are loading/unloading/using your garage.

Painting – You **MUST** notify the Board before changing the exterior color of your home for color approval.

Roofing – You **MUST** notify the Board before replacing your roof. The roofing options available to you are listed in the Covenants on the Website.

Pets – Keep barking dogs inside & Pick up animal feces after your pet.

As a reminder, prior to making any changes to your home, you must receive approval from the HOA Board. This includes, but is not limited to: paint color of house exterior, new windows, siding, fences, etc. Storage sheds are authorized with board approval if they are identical to your home (siding, shingles, etc.) You can send your request via the webpage.

Need Swim Lessons?

For the second summer, this neighborhood service will be offered on a private fee basis for residents at the TGE pool. Tiffany Goodvin, a TGE resident, is a prior Water Safety Instructor, is

CPR/First Aid certified with 11 yrs experience. Lessons will be available on Mon., Tues., & Thurs. am starting in June for **adults and children.** To teach the necessary skills and to see improvements in swimming confidence, it is recommended 5-7 lessons or more (1/2 hour each) for your child. For adult info,

please call Tiffany (634-6130)

RATES: Age 5 & under - \$12 pr 1/2 hr lesson; Age 6 & up - \$10 pr 1/2 hr lesson

Call Tiffany at 634-6130 for more information and to reserve your lesson time.

Welcome New Residents



Welcome to all new residents and families to our community. We hope you all enjoy living in the TGE community, one of the best in Wichita! Visit us online at www.tallgrasseast.com and submit your e-mail address to receive information about our neighborhood. If you do not have a copy of the covenants, please let us know !

Moving? We are sorry to lose you. Be sure your realtor knows about the TGE website! Please leave your pool key and resident directory for the new homeowner and contact the HOA board to remove you from the e-mail list. Good luck!

Wichita PD Newsletter: <http://www.wichita.gov/CityOffices/Police/FieldServices/East/39beat.htm>

Helpful Phone Numbers:
SCAT: 267-SCAT

Crime Stoppers: 267-2111
Animal Control 268-8378

Community Policing Officer
- David Hinners - 688-9545

FREE Tuesday Crime Prevention Meetings To participate you must register by calling Officer Joe Sietz at 268-4101. You can also email him at Jseitz@wichita.gov. Please include your name, address, phone number, the number of people attending and the class you are interested in attending. A phone call or an email confirming your registration will come after you are successfully registered in the class.

TOPIC	DATE/TIME	LOCATION
Internet Safety	June 6 6:30pm – 8:30pm	Wichita Water Center 101 E.Pawnee
Residential Safety/Security	September 5 6:30pm – 8:30pm	Atwater Neighborhood City Hall 2755 E. 19th N.
Gang Awareness	October 3 6:30pm – 8:30pm	TBA
Identity Theft	November 7 6:30pm – 8:30pm	Wichita Water Center 101 E. Pawnee



Going on Vacation??? Be sure to deter thieves by taking some simple steps:

1) One of the most effective crime deterrents is lighting. Adequate lighting not only provides safety for your family, but also for your neighbors. Invest in "dusk to dawn" light sensors or install an automatic timer on your exterior lights. Set timers for indoor lights. 2) Stop your paper delivery or ask neighbors to pick up for you. 3) Stop your mail delivery or have neighbors pick up for you. 4) Set up a Vacation Check from the Wichita PD. 5) Make sure you've locked your doors! These are some very simple steps you can take to lower your chances of being victimized.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN THIS NEWSLETTER? Would you like to volunteer your time to help plan a project? Got some ideas & energy for teen activities? Let us know by sending it via our webpage and the "contact us" link!