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President's Letter

Mark Ellis

Hello neighbors,

Another fun summer/pool season is complete! Thanks to all the board members and other neighbors who have volunteered their time to make it a success! As we move into the fall, I encourage anyone who wants to get involved in the HOA to let us know. In particular, we are looking for a new Treasurer as Jennifer McHugh has decided to roll off the Board at year end. Nomination and election information is included later in this newsletter. Please join me in thanking Jennifer for her several years of fantastic service!

Throughout the summer, we've had a few neighbors share some safety concerns with the Board. The first related to golf carts and other recreational vehicles. We've seen a dramatic increase in these vehicles in the last couple of years, which has been exciting, but please keep safety in mind. If your children are driving around, please make sure they know the rules of the road and operate the vehicles safely.

The second relates to street parking. Vehicles parked on the street create obstacles for others driving through the neighborhood. They also create blind spots, especially when children are out playing. We understand street parking may be necessary at times, but please try to limit it and park in your driveway as much as possible. Keeping cars off of the street also provides for a more aesthetically pleasing neighborhood.

Finally, the Board is currently working through the 2020 budget and will publish it later this fall. At the annual meeting, multiple neighbors expressed a desire to refresh and/or improve landscaping throughout the common areas and around the monuments. While in 2019, we focused significant funds on improvements at the pool, we plan to shift that focus to landscaping. I know that Stephanie is looking forward to the challenge!

Again, if you would like to volunteer to help with this or any other area, please let us know!

Thanks and have a great fall!

Mark Ellis

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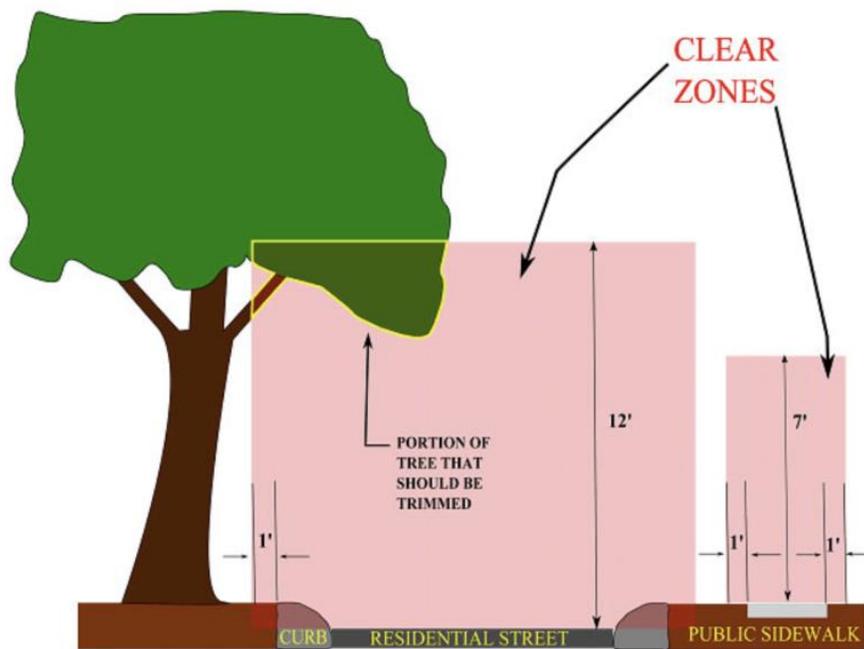
Vice President's ACC Update

Josh Welge

With fall just around the corner, we have many things to look forward to: back to school for the kids, trick or treating, even snow storms (well at least some folks look forward to them). With that in mind, it's a good time for all of us to remember it is each resident's responsibility to maintain the street and sidewalk clear zones. Should the ACC receive a complaint regarding sidewalk blockage, we will first attempt to reach the resident for resolution. If that doesn't work, we'll report the violation to Shawnee's Code Enforcement Office. The graphic below is a very informative and handy guide.

Tree Limbs Overhanging Streets and Sidewalks

Shawnee has a "clear zone" for the safe passage of vehicles along the streets, and for pedestrians on sidewalks. Adjacent property owners are responsible for keeping the trees that adjoin their property trimmed so that the clear zones are maintained. Property owners that have medians or landscape islands with trees that are adjacent to their properties have a shared responsibility with their neighbors for maintaining the clear zone.



The street "clear zone" is shown above as a rectangular area 12' tall above the residential street surface and the width of the street plus 1' behind the curb on either side. The clear zone height is 14' for busier non-residential streets (classified as arterial or collector streets). The sidewalk "clear zone" is 7' tall above the sidewalk and the width of the sidewalk plus 1' on either side.

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Vice President's ACC Update (continued)

Fall on the way also means folks will be winterizing boats, campers, etc. Please remember that these items are not to be stored in your driveway or in front of your residence for any prolonged period. We can all understand having one around for a few days but if it lingers on, you can expect someone to come asking about it.

Lastly, we've been getting some tall grass/weed complaints from a number of our residents. These are not generic mowing complaints but are more specific to folks not trimming around landscaping, under fences, or against foundations. Please be courteous and trim the grass along your yard's edges. The ACC will start reporting these violations to Shawnee's Code Enforcement Office and recommending the same to complainants.

Thanks to all of you who take the time and make the effort to keep our neighborhood looking great.

Wishing you all a fun and beautiful fall season,
Josh Welge

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Events and Reminders

2019 Pool Season Closing

The pool is closed as of Sunday September 8th @ 9pm. We had another great pool season!

Large Trash Pickup

The last large trash pickup for 2019 is November 13th, 2019.

HOA Dues Reminder

Please submit payment for 2020 dues of \$450 by January 1st, 2020.

Nomination for elections and call for volunteers

We are accepting interest from volunteers for all aspects of the HOA: Board positions, Welcome Committee, Social Committee, and ACC. Please submit your name and what area you'd like to be involved with, by Friday 11/8/19 to Mark Ellis at HighlandRidge-HOA@outlook.com or 913.461.6126 if you are interested. Again, volunteers for committees or board positions are what keep our expenses down!