

# News

*The latest information and happenings in our community*

**A Quarterly Newsletter**

**Summer 2007**

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**Summer Tips**

*It's summer and many of us have lots to do outdoors. Here are some things to remember when working outside!*

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**Annual Dues**

*Arbor Hills Association Dues, the second half payment is due August 1st, 2007. If you paid the full amount at the beginning of the year, you can disregard this due date. If you missed this date, please pay as soon as possible as there are monthly late fees. Thanks!*

**Landscape Committee**



*Committee report on the rework of the front entrance islands.*

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**Community Maintenance**

*Our streets need a little maintenance. Pavement crack sealing is happening soon! Be on the lookout for work crews, barricades and construction. Also, light poles and mailbox stands to be painted.*

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**Fall Board Elections**

*The neighborhood Board of Directors needs candidates for the upcoming fall elections at the Annual Arbor Hills Meeting.*

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## Neighborhood Annual Picnic

**Saturday August 25th at 4:00 p.m. Kilburn Park**

It's time for the Annual Picnic! This year's event will be held on Saturday, August 25th at 4:00 p.m. at Kilburn Park. Please come and join your neighbors for a relaxing and fun-filled afternoon in the park. There will be raffle prizes for those who attend (presence required) and also a large air-filled bouncing gym for the kids. Neighbors attending should bring a dish to pass, as follows:

Street	Dish
Aldwych	Casseroles
Ashburnum	Casseroles
Bayswater	Casseroles
Buckhorn	Salads
Cromwell	Casseroles
Dunwoodie	Salads
Earlmore	Desserts
Elsinore	Salads
Kilburn Park Circle	Desserts
Strand	Salads

## Landscape Committee Report

The Arbor Hills landscaping committee is hard at work with preparing plans to upgrade the entry way center islands. The committee is getting some quotes to enhance the first island to look like the second island. I'm sure you have noticed how great the second island Pear trees look and the current plan is to replace the Crab Apple trees in the first island with Pear trees. The canopy provided by these trees make such a great impression when you first drive into the neighborhood. Also, the plan is to upgrade the appearance of the area around the entry Arbor Hills sign, not to mention getting a new coat of paint on the sign. The flower beds at the entry have developed nicely with their second year growth of the plants and there are no plans to change anything there besides maintenance and mulching. Stay tuned and watch out for the new look center islands in our neighborhood!

## Summer Tips

*Summer is the best time to spruce up your property, which in turn will make the entire neighborhood more appealing!*

Lawn mowing should be done between 8:00am and 9:00pm. Earlier or later tends to disturb your neighbors with noise, often awakening children during quiet times.

The optimal length of grass is between 3 and 6 inches. Too short will stress the plant and in the summer heat cause it to brown; too long and the entire lawn becomes unsightly and is against neighborhood guidelines.

Be sure to trim the edges of the lawn around the house, flower beds and tree rings. It makes the entire yard look much neater and well kept.

Wear sunscreen and insect repellent! It seems like every year the sun gets more harsh. Fair skinned people will burn quickly without protection. And the chigger population seems to have exploded in various areas around Arbor Hills in the last year or two. Lying in wait

among the grasses, they hitch a ride as you brush past them, instinctively climbing upwards, and often leave a few to many itchy welts without being detected (they are usually smaller than a pinhead.) A good repellent with DEET should inhibit them.

It's a good idea to clean your AC unit outside your house. Clear the ventilation slats on all four sides of the unit of leaves and other dead vegetation. Keep the tall grasses and weeds trimmed. Built up debris blocking the ventilation over time can cause the internals to prematurely rust and fail.

If you are fertilizing your lawn, remember to use only phosphorous-free fertilizer. In January the city enacted an ordinance banning the use of phosphorous fertilizers except by permit for specific uses only. Phosphorous runs off into the wetlands and causes excessive algae growth, choking off native plants and wildlife.



## Community Maintenance

To preserve our community, we have some upcoming maintenance that needs to be completed this summer. The first item is crack sealing for our streets. In order to extend the life of our roads before they must be completely resurfaced and replaced, a contractor will be coming to remove debris from large cracks in the road and then seal them with a tar substance. You may have noticed yellow paint marks on the streets in various areas, those are the cracks and problems that will be repaired. So please be courteous and watch out for construction crews and temporary street detours during these maintenance periods.

Also, the mailbox stands are in need of painting. Select Management is currently soliciting bids for the painting project. It is expected that the painting will be completed before the end of the summer.

*This is the perfect opportunity for each of us to take a hard look at our own mailboxes and replace them if they are looking shabby. The required mailbox color is black.*



Finally, some of the storm drainage areas are in need of silt removal. The outflows on Aldwych and others will be cleared once contractor bids are received and decided upon, and arrangements are made. Watch for this upcoming work.

## Looking for Neighborhood Board Candidates

Our neighborhood Board of Directors is looking for people interested in providing input to help manage our community. This year in October at the Annual Meeting, three board positions are up for election. If you are interested in becoming an election candidate for the Arbor Hills Board of Directors, please fill out a candidate information form from the website, <http://www.arbor-hills.com/meetings/ah-nomination.pdf> and mail or fax it to Select Community Management.

Another way to help with the management of Arbor Hills is to volunteer to serve on one of the neighborhood committees: the Landscaping, Social, Newsletter, or Welcoming Committee.

## Neighborhood Inspection Completed

The annual neighborhood walkaround inspection was completed recently. Neighbors found in violation of the Arbor Hills Bylaws and Policies will be notified shortly. Please take the time to rectify any issues and contact Select Management with any questions you may have about compliance. Non-compliance may result in violation fines being assessed.

*Thank you to those of you who have taken the time and effort to remain in compliance with the policies.*

It is important to remember that for any summer construction you may wish to do, or any exterior modifications to your property, submission of a Alteration/Modification form to Select Management and the approval of the request is required prior to starting any work.

## Maintenance Issues

Is a street light out? Do you know of any problems in the common areas, or are you aware of any maintenance issues such as areas not being mowed or similar? These are all issues that should be reported to our management company, Select Community Management. On the Arbor Hills website, you can find links to the forms for reporting such things: <http://www.arbor-hills.com/management.php> or via telephone at (734) 663-1900.

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