

# TORREY PINES

## April 2010 Newsletter

**Greetings Neighbors!** Wow, what a winter we had. As we transition to spring it is evident that the winter took a toll in many ways.

Our vice president has taken the lead to address the snowplow damage to various street signs with the City of Omaha. These have been surveyed by the Streets Dept. and repairs should be underway soon.

**Garage sale dates are June 24, 25 & 26.**

The Torrey Pines Homeowners Association will be running ads in various publications, both printed and on the web, so take advantage of this opportunity.

**Annual Meeting**

The 2010 annual meeting will be held at St. Andrews Church on Monday, May 10th at 7:00 PM in room LL2.

The Election of new officers to fill open positions on the board will occur at that time.

Other topics will be up for discussion at this time as well. These topics will include increases in dues, cost containment measures, ongoing services as well as open discussion of any concerns you may bring to the floor.

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

[www.torreypinesomaha.com](http://www.torreypinesomaha.com)

**Spring Clean-up**

Spring Clean-up is scheduled for April 23rd thru the 25th. We will have four dumpsters this spring. Two will be located at 152nd and Sprague and two more will be located at 152nd and Boyd.

As always, Appliances, Tires, Paint and other hazardous materials cannot be disposed of in these dumpsters. Your compliance will assure the continuation of this service.

For green-friendly disposal solutions including the items prohibited in the dumpsters, check out the following web sites:

[www.underthesink.org](http://www.underthesink.org) (household, lawn, garden and automotive chemicals)  
<http://www.keepomahabeautiful.org/knowning/recycling.shtml>

**Torrey Pines Directory**

The Torrey Pines directory is currently at the printers for the calendar year 2010.

Please watch your mailbox for your copy . If you have not been

included in the directory you can let us know either via eMail or by filling out the annual dues form and including it with your payment.



We now have a database of all homeowners to help facilitate this publication on an ongoing basis.

### **Covenant Reminder**

Every year your homeowners association receives a number of complaints. The majority of the received complaints over the past few years can be categorized into several specific covenant areas. As a courtesy to your neighbors please keep the following covenants in mind:

#### **Article 1.8**

No boat, camper, trailer, auto-drawn or mounted trailer of any kind, mobile home truck, aircraft, camper truck or similar chattel shall be maintained or stored on any part of Lot (other than in an enclosed structure) for more than twenty (20) days within a calendar year.

#### **Article 1.9**

No garbage or trash can or container shall be permitted outside, except for pickup purposes. Please stow your trash receptacles as soon as reasonably possible.

#### **Article 1.12**

No swimming pool may extend more than one foot above ground level.

### **Landscape Tips**

Last year I mentioned the invasion of Bagworm we were experiencing in the Torrey Pines landscape. This is still an ongoing issue and we will be spraying again this year to further control the pests.

On another note, I discovered another pest that Birch owners should take note of. The Bronze Birch Borer is active in our area and claimed my River Birch as a victim last season.

The symptoms I witnessed would consist of a massive outbreak of leaves turning yellow and then falling from the tree during the month of June. After extensive watering, the tree would recover only to repeat the pattern the following year.

### **(Landscape Tips Cont.)**

After several cycles of this over a course of 6 years, the tree finally succumbed and died.



In spite of several queries to various nurseries, the problem was never properly identified.

While this pest is known to attack all species of Birch, the River Birch

species is regarded as being less susceptible when compared to the White Birch.

### **Keep Kids Alive—Drive 25**

For those of us who have been residents of Torrey Pines for a few years, you may remember seeing the 'Keep Kids Alive' signs displayed periodically around the neighborhood.

In the recent past all of these signs disappeared and after some investigation it was revealed that the city removed them when we were annexed.

No notification was communicated by the city and efforts to at least recover the signs for resale have proved to be fruitless.

### **Mayor's Hotline**

Don't forget, now that we are part of the city, we can realize many of the benefits associated with our tax dollars.

The Mayor's Hotline. If you have issues involving city services, such as snow removal, overgrown lots, bike path mowing, trailer storage and vehicles in dead storage (to name a few), take action and call the Mayor's Hotline at 444-5555. <http://www.cityofomaha.org/mayor/mayors-hotline>

<b>Torrey Pines Income Statement</b>		
<b>Reporting Period: 6/1/2009 - 4/15/2010</b>		
		Balance
<b>Opening Balance</b>		<b>\$6,355.28</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
Homeowner's Dues		9480.00
	2006	120.00
	2007	180.00
	2008	180.00
	2009	8,940.00
	2010	60.00
Interest on Delinquent Dues		238.94
Lien Fees		110.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$9,828.94</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Garage Sale - Print Ads, Metal Signs		(470.45)
Lien Fees (including Releases)		(93.50)
Bank Charges - New Checks, Fees		(18.34)
Christmas Decorations/Install		(1670.19)
Postage		(219.25)
Rent - Annual Mtg Room		(35.00)
Electric (Island Electrical, Sprinkler System)		(811.31)
Dumpsters		(1019.60)
Landscaping (Islands - Mowing, Bed Maintenance)		(6430.00)
P.O. Box - Annual Fee		(56.00)
Website Hosting - Annual Fee		(126.19)
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>(\$10,949.83)</b>
<b>CURRENT BALANCE</b>		<b>\$5,234.39</b>