

April 11, 2011

TORREY PINES

Greetings Neighbors - Happy Springtime. It is time for spring cleanup. Fall/Spring—seems like they flow together anymore. **The dumpsters will be on just one lot @: 152nd & Boyd this time on April 29th - May 1st.** Remember “NO” appliances, tires, paint, oil, batteries or chemicals are allowed.

Speaking of clean-up! It is unbelievable how much accumulates over the winter but we want to commend “most” of our neighbors on a job well done last fall. Pride “in your neighborhood” is so important not only for home valuation but your self esteem and for your neighbors. Thanks—to most of you. We also want to commend Torrey Pines families for their wonderful Christmas decorations. Very nice. New deck looks great Joe. Watch for dead trees. We have contacted the city on new trees to replace the removed dead ones on the bike path.

Still have a couple fence sections to be fixed. Have contacted the commercial people on the west side of addition as they are responsible for the white fence. Please watch where you are dumping yard waste, cement. You are trespassing if not your land but still both covenant and city code violation to dump. Please watch the boats, trailers, RV's etc in driveways and on street. **Make sure of fence installation for pools and when water released it “can not” be into your yard and neighbors.** This is a city, covenant and **federal EPA violation.** These pools have not been set up with proper plumbing systems to the sewer system as they were suppose to be.

Thanks to Maverick Construction for the use of their lot for the dumpsters. Would be great if they could pick up trash &



concrete on S.E. corner? We still have **cars/ trucks/trailers** parked illegally including a stored auto covered with tarp. See covenants at website: www.torreypinesomaha.com.

TORREY PINES HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING!

Our annual meeting will be held Monday May 9, @ 7:00 at St. Andrew Methodist Church, 150th and Maple.

We will be reviewing dues, financials, email list for newsletter, directory, items addressed on the survey from last year and new officers. Annual dues will be due July 1, 2011 and will be based upon what is decided at this meeting. Dues at present are \$60.00. We still have some of your neighbors that have not paid their 2010 or other dues and thus liens have been placed on their homes for the accumulated costs. Paying is easier than liens.



Garage Sale Weekend: (always last weekend of June) will be **June 23-26th.** Arbor Oaks will have theirs at the same time and thus should be a big draw. We will put out signs and run the Map Adv in World Herald.

Financials!

Balance 1/1/2011	\$ 6,582.73
Dues Deposited	<u>120.00</u>
	\$ 6,702.73

Expenses: Xmas Decorations	\$1,035.18
Electric (OPPD)	98.33
Landscaping	1,455.00
HOA State Regis.	<u>20.00</u>
Total Expenses:	\$ 2,608.51

Current Balance: \$ 4,094.22

Yard Tips!



This is the time of year you want to make sure there is plenty of moisture in the ground to help your grass and plants get started for the growing season. This may include deep root watering of trees and bushes out to their root edges, aeration and a fertilization.



Do you know me? As you go about cleaning up after a long winter it becomes apparent that voles have been hard at work. Many areas of the lawn and various beds show evidence of the damage they have inflicted. **Moles and voles** can be difficult to deter but a simple solution is available at your corner store. Both of these creatures hate Castor Oil.

By mixing 2 oz. of Castor Oil, 2 oz. of water and 2 teaspoons of dish soap in a blender you will have the potion you need to render your

landscape inhospitable to these unwanted guests. Two tablespoons of the mixture to a gallon of water applied with a standard sprayer will send them packing in a hurry. An alternative would be a granular product containing Castor Oil.



The invasion is on! Last fall we were notified that the Japanese Beetle had arrived. This variety of beetle will destroy many landscapes plants, shrubs and make a meal of your lawn as well. There is a natural solution available: **Milky Spore**. Milky spore is a naturally occurring bacteria that attacks the larvae stage of both Japanese Beetles and June Bugs (white grubs) when they come in contact with it. A single treatment will last anywhere from 10-25 years and is harmless to children, pets and wildlife. Milky Spore is available through the Home Depot website. Check local garden centers also

Vets have also said ticks are out early this year so watch self and animals.

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).

Many of the City of Omaha ordinances overlap with our own covenants and city enforcement is available. If you are an affected property owner, your call gets the highest degree of consideration and they really do respond.

Email hotline: hotline@ci.omaha.ne.us

Officers! Association officers are:

- Barry Pedersen - President, 965-3409
- Mike Classen - Vice President, 706-9108
- Todd Cope - Secretary, 963-0467
- Rhonda Zebolsky - Treasurer, 493-0926
- Tom Mann - At Large, 391-6430