

As we publicized in our eNeighbors system, a general meeting of the Glad Acres Home Owner's Association (HOA) was held at 7 PM on Thursday evening 1/24/13 at the Johnson County Library near 151st and Quivera. We had a very nice representation of the members in attendance.

The treasure reported that our only major expense this year was for the pig roast party, and new security signs informing the public that we have cameras in the neighborhood. We have about \$4,731 still left in the treasury, well above the minimum amount that would trigger another round of HOA dues. Therefore, again this year, there will be NO dues collected from the property owners.

Our President Michael Reno reported that we have had very good participation in the eNeighbors system, with 74 out of our 101 property owners being represented, with 99 individuals signed up for the system.

We have two new homes under construction: the Burkhalters are building a new home on the SE corner of 177th & Bond, and hope to be moving in June. The Johnson family is building a new home on the NE corner of Bond and 179th Street and hope to be moving in May.

The Johnson family paid to have natural gas brought across 179th Street to the corner of their property, so for the first time ever, natural gas is now available in our subdivision. It is possible to have natural gas piped to your own home from the corner of 179th and Bond for a reported cost of \$1.32 a foot. Please do some investigation before relying on that figure.

There was a very long discussion of the problem the subdivision has with Pine Tree Bark Beetles. These insects lay their eggs in pine trees and the larva destroy the tree. Once they have laid their eggs the tree is doomed, nothing can save it. The insects come out of hibernation usually sometime in April, fly to a new tree, lay their eggs, and continue the life cycle. If you can cut down and burn or haul off the dead or infected trees before April, you can stop the spread of the disease. The beetles don't like to fly far, so the devastation tends to follow tree-to-tree. If one tree is infected, the one next to it will probably be infected the next spring. Trees are expensive and beautiful; no property owner is going to be happy if their neighbor has an infected tree and they allow it to stay standing and allow the beetles to move on into the next tree on the property owner's lot. There was discussion of having an arborist come to give us a "volume discount" price to remove dead or infected trees this spring. We also discussed the idea of creating a new HOA fine for any property owner who allowed dead or infected trees to remain standing. However we also discussed the fact that the North American Pine was the beetles favorite food, and that cedar and some other species of trees are not susceptible, but some evergreen type trees have life cycles that could cause them to LOOK dead, or even die, but not from the beetles. The general decision was to investigate further and get some professional opinions before doing anything further.

The next topic we discussed was the general maintenance and looks of the properties in our subdivision. It was pointed out that most of the RVs and boats have been removed from in front of the homes, as is required by our by-laws. Those by-laws require that no boat, trailer, RV or non-operational truck or automobile be left outside a home for more than a total of 30 days in a calendar year. Everyone there was very appreciative of the board that brought those rules to the attention of offending property owners, and to the property owners themselves for complying with the rules. We all feel that we have a

large investment in our homes and property here, and the general appearance of the subdivision is very important to maintain our high property values. Along those same lines, a few instances of fences or outbuilding being in poor repair were mentioned. The board explained that we are not able to inspect the entire neighborhood, and that we MUST rely on the property owners to bring such problems to our attention so that the proper notices can be given to offending property owners.

We talked at length about the continued burglaries in our area. On Christmas day someone broke into the house under construction at 179th & Bond and stole tools and cabinets. There have been other burglaries, and every resident needs to remain vigilant. We have installed signs near the entrances to the subdivision warning that video surveillance cameras are in use in our area, various homeowners have installed cameras and DVRs to try and catch strangers for later identification. Every resident needs to keep their eyes open and report to the police any unusual or suspicious activity. We would rather have a few false alarms rather than one successful burglary.

The next topic was a very large coyote that has been observed roaming our neighborhood, mostly in the area of 177th to 179th Street and Bond to Blue Jacket. Neighbors in this area should be aware and watch out for pets, this coyote is large enough to kill most dogs. It seems to be feeding on the wild geese that are in the area. Overland Park animal control will NOT respond or do anything for a wild animal unless it is obviously diseased (rabid mostly) or dead.

It was observed that the Johnson County Sheriff's Department is watching for speeders on 179th Street, and that they often speed through the area when they are trying to catch up with a speeder they have tagged. Neighbors report that they really fly sometimes. Watch out when pulling out onto 179th so that you don't get involved in a traffic accident with a Sheriff's car going WAY over the speed limit to catch up with a speeder.

The two east-bound exits from Blue Valley Southwest High School onto Quivira are marked with signs that only right turns and left turns onto Quivira are allowed. Pulling out of the school driveway and going straight across Quivira to enter our subdivision is not allowed, but a few people are doing so anyway. One of our board members reported that the Overland Park police are going to start ticketing people who ignore the signs and pull across Quivira. It was also reported that if WE are willing to document cars breaking this law, and report the license plate numbers to the school resource officer, that the problem will be addressed. Note that this law only applied to EAST bound traffic OUT of the school; it is perfectly OK to drive west from the subdivision ONTO the school driveways.

With no further business being brought forward, the meeting was adjourned.