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Kingswood HOA in St. Charles, Illinois

Tree Conservancy Area

Many homes in Kingswood, as well as in other developments in the city, have Tree Conservancy Areas as easements to their property. Recently, a neighbor asked a question of exactly what property owners could, and could not do in these areas. Rather than offer my opinion, I contacted the City and was provided with a copy of the specific ordinance dealing with this use.

Ordinance 8.30.080 has now been posted to our web site, should there be any future questions.

According to the ordinance, "the following activities and uses are specifically prohibited within Tree Conservation Areas:

1. Composting or dumping of lawn waste, *Christmas trees, potted* plants, or similar organic waste.

- 2. Stacking or firewood.
- 3. Dumping of any materials.
- 4. Mowing.
- 5. Fire pits and barbecues.
- 6. Tree swings.
- 7. Dog waste.
- 8. Vegetable or flower gardens.
- 9. Lawn irrigation systems.
- 10. Yard accessories.
- 11. Fences.
- 12. Any other similar uses determined by the city to

to be detrimental to the protection of the Tree Conservation Area.

Fines of \$500 per infringement can be applied.

See the KHOA web site for the complete ordinance. Specific questions should be directed to Rita Tungare, Director of Community Development at (630) 377-4443.

Do you have community news you'd like to share? Send your articles to president@khoa.org, and they may be included in the next issue of the KHOA Community Newslett

Web Site

The Board has found someone to maintain our web site at a very reasonable cost. Please check www.khoa.org for posting of board meeting times and locations, agendas and minutes. You will also find a copy of the Covenants and rules of your association and other items of interest. Please

Board Updates

other items of interest. Please send your ideas on ways to make the site more useful to <u>i n f o @ k h o a . o r g .</u>

We Still Need Your E-mail Address - NOW!

Thanks to those of you who have provided this already. Unfortunately, this is only

about half of the homeowners. Not being able to use e-mail makes communication much more difficult, and more expensive. Please provide your Name, Address, and e-mail address to info@khoa.org.

Note: This will be the <u>LAST</u> newsletter that we will distribute on paper!

City News



Brush pickup resumes April 19.

There will be no Spring Pick

Up this year, due to budget issues.



environmentally responsible the City is promoting other alternatives for disposal, recycling, reuse of items. These can be found on the City's web site at http://www.ci.st-charles.il.us/departments/publicworks/SeasonalServices/springcleanup.html3



Watering restrictions are in effect from May 1 through August 31. Even-numbered addresses may water on even-numbered days, from 12 midnight to 9 a.m., and 6 to 10 p.m. Odd-numbered addresses may water on odd-numbered days during the same times. Sprinkling is prohibited citywide 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

From Our Aldermen Betsy Penny & Cliff Carrignan

Oliver Hoffman Property (Foxfield): The agreement is proceeding with the subdivision of the property into 5 separate lots. At this time there is nothing on the table regarding any of the lots.

Charlestowne Mall: From what we understand, there is an offer on the table by some investors, not folks who have operated malls. They have asked for a 30 day extension. The city looks forward to

the possibility of working with the new owners if this does change hands. We are limited in our options until they come to us.

Wal-Mart: They are moving forward with their re-development of the current location. Elevations are available on the community web site. As development progresses, the whole Smith Rd, Kautz and Rt. 64 traffic issues will be improved.

City Budget: We are in the process of developing the 2010-2011 budget. Initial indications are that this will be revenue neutral using some city reserves to help balance the budget. The city policy is to always have 25% of the total budget in reserves which are currently in mid 30%. As we look at future budgets, all options are on the table. Of course we are hoping the economy does recover.

Rt.64: Widening of Rt. 64 from 59 to Powis and from Dunham to 7th Avenue is part of IDOT's capital plan however, state finances may push this back once again from the current 2012 schedule.

Next Planned KHOA Board Meeting 7:00 PM Tuesday, June 1, 2010 Den "A" (2nd Floor) City Hall Check www.khoa.org for updates to the schedule