

# Blackthorne Estates News

Summer 2010

## From the President June, 2010

The weather has broken and neighbors are out in full force. I hope to see many of you as possible through walks and visits to the pool. We have many new faces on committees. Several important issues were discussed at our Annual Meeting. Please review the meeting minutes and other important information on our community website. Communication to you will be our number one priority this year. We have heard you speak and we now have someone who stepped up to head the Communications Committee. The website is current and you can expect 3 – 4 newsletters this year.

Secondly, we conducted an Opinion Poll at the meeting. We requested input from meeting attendees on the issues that are most important to the neighborhood. Tabulated results are posted on the website. A topic of high interest was needed improvements to our neighborhood entrance. This is being addressed by the most cost effective means and we continue to gather input from every direction imaginable.

The Board has retained the services of HAKC, Homes Association of Kansas City. They are a not-for-profit organization and their services are provided at a very reasonable price. If you see their name on any mail, please do not throw it away.

I encourage you to visit the website. The "Contact Us" feature comes straight to the Board.

Have a Great Summer,

*Steve Holland*  
*Advisory Board President*

## ARC Information



The approach of summer brings outdoor projects. Remember that all changes to the exterior of your home or to your property must be reviewed and approved by the **Architecture Review Committee** PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION or INSTALLATION.

If you are considering any exterior home or property changes, please consult the Declaration of Restrictions. Copies can be downloaded from the Blackthorne Estates website (Click *Residential Documentation*) or reach out to an ARC member (the member list is posted on the website under *Advisory Board*). Visit the *ARC Center* page and select "Quick Reference Guide". You will find all of the information necessary for completing and submitting your ARC Change Request Form. Monitor the status of your request by viewing the Active ARC log.

The Blackthorne Estates ARC Chairman is Robert Urbanek. He can be contacted at [rurbanek@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rurbanek@sbcglobal.net).

### Tree Maintenance

In accordance with Overland Park Municipal Code (OPMC 7.16), the homeowner is responsible for proper maintenance of trees and shrubs located within the city right-of-way. **If your trees or shrubs have been marked with a pink ribbon**, they should be pruned. See the Blackthorne Estates home page for details.

# Summer Fun @ Blackthorne Estates

## *Our Community Pool...*

The pool is open! To ensure that we have another great season, we would like to remind everyone of some very important rules.

- Please do NOT let people into the pool are who do not have a key,
- Make sure the gate is closed COMPLETELY at all times,
- No children under the age of 12 are allowed at the pool without adult supervision,
- Please clean up all food and drinks,
- No smoking inside the fenced area or around the playground equipment, and
- No Pets are allowed in the Pool or on the Pool Deck.

Remember this is our neighborhood pool, it is up to all of us to make it a safe and enjoyable environment! Our Volunteer Pool Coordinator is Sabrina Grewe. She can be contacted at [sabgrewe@yahoo.com](mailto:sabgrewe@yahoo.com) or (913) 402-7556. New resident keys are free; replacement keys are \$10.

## *Social Activities...*

Thanks to Barbara Borsdorf, Mike Mason and our wonderful Social Committee, we will have plenty of activities to enjoy over the summer!

### *JUNE 19<sup>th</sup> – BBQ and POOL PARTY*

- Bounce House – *courtesy of the Nickelson Family*
- DJ – Dave Deppe
- BBQ Team – Dave Scott and Jeff Dillavou
- Face Painting – Social Committee

### *JULY 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 10 a.m.– 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade*

### *July 24<sup>th</sup> – Deck Crawl*

### *TBD – Neighborhood Movie Night*

### *Play Dates:*

- July 9<sup>th</sup> – To Be Announced
- August 6<sup>th</sup> – End of Summer Party @ the Pool
- August 20<sup>th</sup> – To Be Announced

Details will be added to our community website as they are available!

*Log onto [www.blackthorneestates.org](http://www.blackthorneestates.org) for the latest community information!*

**New Residents** –visit: <http://www.blackthorneestates.org/categories/new-residents/>

**Advisory Board** - members and titles <http://www.blackthorneestates.org/committees/>

**Residential Documentation** - <http://www.blackthorneestates.org/resident-information/>

**Coming soon!** - Look for a online survey regarding the front entrance fountains!