



Calumet Courier

GARAGE SALE

The Calumet Ranch Homeowner's Association 7th annual garage sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 14th from 7:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Pam Bauer repeats the third time as chair for this event. It has remained popular even when the days were very cold and rainy.

The cost will be \$5.00 per home. The fee will be collected the day of the sale from all residences conducting a garage sale. Checks should be made out to "CALUMET RANCH HOMEOWNERS ASSN." The fee will pay for printing maps, preparing the signs and advertising in the local newspapers.

In past years, the sales maps have proven very helpful to direct buyers to all our sales locations. Sellers, a supply of maps will be delivered to your porch the night before the sale. The deadline to register for the sales map is Friday, May 6th. You may list your garage sale items on the map. Email garagesale@calumetranch.org or send postal mail (2977 Highway K #139, Dardenne Prairie, MO 63368) with the following information:

Street Address
Items
Name
Contact Information (phone, email)

NOTE: Your name and contact information will not be published on the map; it is requested so the committee may contact you if questions or changes occur.

A charity organization will be scheduled to bring their truck through the subdivision in the afternoon on May 14th to pick up anything which you wish to donate. Neither the association nor the committee can be liable for items not picked up after the sale is over. The arrival of the truck is completely out of committee control.

Please contact Chair Pam Bauer if you have any questions or need any further information. Here's to another successful year!!!

Pam Bauer
Chair
(636) 443-9627
garagesale@calumetranch.org

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

The Directors of the Calumet Ranch Homeowners Association meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month. The meetings are open to the Calumet Ranch community. Please note that if the school closes on any date below, our meeting is cancelled also.

Time: 7:00 p.m.
Date: Tuesday, March 8, 2011
Tuesday, April 12, 2011
Tuesday, May 10, 2011
Place: Cafeteria
Fort Zumwalt South Middle School
300 Knaust Road

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Gary Duke, President
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Email: president@calumetranch.org
Term: Year 3 of 3

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Term: Year 2 of 3

Steven Blake, Treasurer
Day: (636) 272-8381
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Email: treasurer@calumetranch.org
Term: Year 1 of 3

Note: board@calumetranch.org will mail all.

ASSOCIATION POSTAL ADDRESS

The Board maintains a postal mailbox for written communications. Please send correspondence, forms, applications, etc. to:

Calumet Ranch Homeowners Association
2977 Highway K #139
Dardenne Prairie, MO 63368

4th of JULY PARADE COMMITTEE

Last year, rainy weather dampened our parade. For the second year, participation was low. This year, the Board has determined that if there are no volunteers for the committee, the parade will be discontinued.

The Association is looking for volunteers to form the committee. Residents interested in conducting the 12th annual Calumet Ranch Independence Day Parade should notify a member of the Board no later than Friday, May 6th, 2011.

Committee members will organize the route, monitor the participants and serve refreshments at the conclusion of the parade. Members of the Committee will advise the Board about their plan, publish details in the summer issue of the *Courier* and recap the event for the autumn issue.

WELCOME COMMITTEE

The Welcome Committee meets on a quarterly basis to review information and prepare baskets for delivery to our new neighbors.

If you are interested in joining, please contact Cathy Krestel via the telephone number or email address below.

Cathy Krestel

Chair
(636) 240-0736
welcomecommittee@calumetranch.org

WEB SITE COMMITTEE

Our web site address is:
www.calumetranch.org

Note that a financials spreadsheet is maintained on the web by the Treasurer. Monthly updates provide the latest details of where Association funds are received and allocated. Click the "information" tab at our website and look for the links under Treasurer's Reports.

Steven Blake

Chair / Webmaster
(636) 272-8381
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EDITORIAL

At noon on Sunday, March 4, 1849, the outgoing President James Polk left office as scheduled. But, the incoming President Zachary Taylor refused to break Sabbath so delayed his inauguration 1 day.

A few argue the next available official in the line of succession, Missouri Senator David Atchison, was thereby President for 24 hours. Later, when asked what he did on this day, Atchison commented "I went to bed. There had been two or three busy nights finishing up the work of the Senate, and I slept most of that Sunday."

Atchison was born in Frogtown, KY in 1807. He graduated from Transylvania University in Lexington with five classmates who would become Democrat U.S. Senators including Jefferson Davis. He moved to Clay County, MO in 1830 to farm and practice law. His early clients included Joseph Smith, Jr. and other Mormons. He also enlisted in the Liberty Blues volunteer militia. Four years later, as commander of the militia, he expelled most of the Mormons from Missouri.

He served two terms in the Missouri House of Representatives, as a Platte County Commissioner and as a circuit judge. When Senator Lewis Linn died in office in 1843, Atchison replaced him. For six of the next eleven years, he was selected as President Pro Tempore, the most powerful man in Senate. He championed annexation of Texas, the Mexican War and the transcontinental railroad. He also engineered the Kansas-Nebraska Act which repealed the Missouri Compromise.

Defeated for the Senate in 1854, he returned to Missouri to insure Kansas became a slave state. He founded the town Atchison as a pro-slavery settlement. He toured the south to entice slave holders to relocate. Atchison recruited "Border Ruffians" and led bloody raids against free-staters. When Kansas territory elections appeared to favor abolitionists, the Ruffians overtook polling places at gunpoint and cast fraudulent votes for pro-slavery candidates.

At the start of the Civil War, Atchison campaigned for Missouri's secession from the Union. He joined the Confederate Army as a General and won the Battle of Liberty. When the Union Army secured control of Missouri in early 1862, Atchison left for Texas. He returned to Plattsburg, MO in 1867 merely as a farmer and died there in 1886. His grave marker reads "David Rice Atchison - President of the United States for One Day".

TREASURER'S REPORT

The final 2010 financial numbers are complete and posted on the last page of this issue in the usual location at the top.

For more detail on our Association expenditures, please visit our site. Excel spreadsheets are available now for complete year 2009 and 2010. The 2011 spreadsheet has our annual budget and the first month's expenses listed. To view the spreadsheets, you must have an Excel compatible viewer for your Internet browser connect to our Internet address at:

<http://www.calumetranch.org/info.htm>

The 2011 spreadsheet will be updated monthly by the treasurer. There are two sources for the entries on the spreadsheet. One is a report published after the first of each month by City and Village Tax Office, our collection and bookkeeping service. The other is a bank statement from Commerce Bank, where we have an interest bearing savings account. The update should occur on or around the tenth of each month, as the arrival of input sources allow.

Major expenditures occurred this past year due to the repair to the eastern detention area. Roughly \$30,000 was paid to the landscaping service to remove the extra soil we accumulated and to restore the earthen wall which was eroded during a winter overflow.

Another approximately \$10,000 was put into escrow via the City of O'Fallon as part of the permit requirements. We were refunded a portion of our escrow in December but a little over \$5,000 is still pending until a final approval is issued sometime this summer.

The Board has maintained an interest bearing account at Commerce Bank since 2003. As a result of this long standing relationship with the bank, a safety deposit box was rented from the bank in 2010. Many Association documents had been stored in various Board members' homes. Now, they are secured in a permanent fashion to insure future access as required.

Our biggest single expense year after year is common ground maintenance. The service has been awarded to Brauch's Outdoor Enterprises based in Wright City. Over the past years, Brauch's has performed reliably and has accommodated special requests from the Board as they arise.

BOARD MEETING NOTE

The Board meets monthly in public facilities to accommodate attendance of concerned residents. Nine months of the year, September through May, Fort Zumwalt South Middle School provides their cafeteria. During summer months, meetings are conducted at the Middendorf-Kredell Branch of the Saint Charles City-County Library District.

School policy may prevent the scheduled meeting from occurring as posted in the Courier. When the school is closed for inclement weather or other reason, access for other activities in the building is also canceled. The Board will update our association website with the latest info. Here is our Internet address:

<http://www.calumetranch.org/announce.htm>

The Board regrets if an unanticipated cancellation inconveniences any resident.

KNAUST PARK STORM DRAINS

The Board has just learned of a project to replace eroded swales caused from storm sewer lines. Funds were budgeted for design services to enclose drainage and construction is set to begin in 2011. Knaust Park borders our northwest boundary and work may impact our detention areas. An inquiry is underway to learn the extent of the improvements.

The Board is also inquiring into the assistance that the City will provide to repair the storm drain creek beds that have suffered severe erosion. An update will be provided next issue of the *Courier*.

O'FALLON EVENTS CALENDAR

The City of O'Fallon maintains an events calendar on their website. Events include Council and Committee meetings, activities and other occasions. Navigating the months is very much like flipping pages on your wall calendar.

No need to remember another web address. Our web site has a convenient link under the Announcements tab. Here is our Internet address:

<http://www.calumetranch.org/announce.htm>

2010 BUDGET (as of 12/31)			
INCOME	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>YTD Variance</u>
Assessments, fees, interest	\$70,971.52	\$34,500.00	\$36,471.52
EXPENSES			
Legal	\$3,291.37	\$4,225.00	\$(933.63)
Property	\$50,361.94	\$23,850.00	\$26,511.94
Communication	\$1,084.27	\$1,925.00	\$(840.73)
Administration	\$44,740.72	\$4,500.00	\$40,240.72
Total	\$99,478.30	\$34,500.00	\$64,978.30
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NET	\$(28,506.78)	\$0.00	\$(28,506.78)

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Our Indenture allows receptacles at the street from the evening before through to the evening of scheduled pickup days (shaded backgrounds on the calendar). At all other times, receptacles must be secured within the residence structure.

Memorial Day Monday shifts pickups for that week to Tuesday May 31 and Friday June 3.

March 2011						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		
April 2011						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Tax	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
May 2011						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Sale
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Mem	31				

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

The annual election for officer of the Newsletter Committee in January resulted in a one-year term for Steven Blake. There will be no further public meetings until January 2012. Please advise the editor if you wish to contribute articles or topics.

Steven Blake

Chair / Editor
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BABYSITTER DIRECTORY

Babysitters from our neighborhood may submit contact information for publication in the *Courier*. After four issues (one year), a babysitter must resubmit their name.

The "IR" column indicates the "issues remaining" for each listing. A zero means renewal of the listing is required to appear in the next issue.

Surname	Age	Phone Number	IR
Estrada	17	(636) 980-1269	1

Mission Statement for the Calumet Courier:

This newsletter will serve primarily as a vehicle for directors and committees of Calumet Ranch Homeowners Association to convey information of results after completion, tasks in progress and goals under consideration. It will also report about local government (e.g., O'Fallon City, Saint Charles County, Fort Zumwalt schools, sewer district, etc.) policies, projects and services that will impact our community.