

North Brighton Townhouses, Inc.
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The Brightoneer

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*"The secret of Happiness is Freedom, and the secret of
Freedom, Courage."*

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What is Memorial Day?

Memorial Day, legal holiday observed annually on the last Monday in May in the United States, in honor of the nation's armed services personnel killed in wartime. The holiday was originally called Decoration Day because it is a time for decorating graves with flowers and flags. Over time, the designation Memorial Day became far more common.

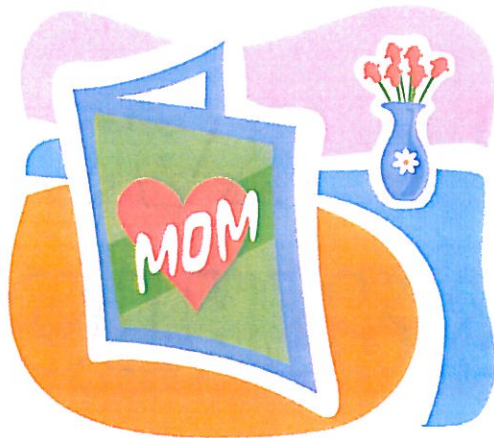
In the United States, local observances to honor the war dead became widespread following the American Civil War (1861-1865), which had taken more than 600,000 lives. These local observances inspired General John Alexander Logan, the leader of a Union veterans' group called the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), to issue a general's order in 1868 designating May 30 as a day for "strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land."

A number of towns in the United States claim to have originated the custom of decorating graves in memorial of the Civil War dead, including Columbus, Mississippi; Macon, Georgia; Richmond, Virginia; Boalsburg, Pennsylvania; and Carbondale, Illinois. However, in 1966 President Lyndon B. Johnson signed a proclamation that declared Waterloo, New York, the birthplace of Memorial Day. Townspeople there had begun decorating graves of soldiers, flying flags at half-mast, and organizing parades of veterans 100 years earlier, in May 1866. Waterloo has continued this tradition every year.

Mother's Day

The majority of countries that celebrate Mother's Day do so on the second Sunday of May. On this day, it is common for Mothers to be lavished with presents and special attention from their families, friends and loved ones. But it hasn't always been this way.

Only recently dubbed "Mother's Day," the highly traditional practice of honoring of Motherhood is rooted in antiquity, and past rites typically had strong symbolic and spiritual overtones; societies tended to celebrate Goddesses and symbols rather than actual Mothers. In fact, the personal, human touch to Mother's Day is a relatively new phenomenon. The maternal objects of adoration ranged from mythological female deities to the Christian Church itself. Only in the past few centuries did celebrations of Motherhood develop a decidedly human focus.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



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FYI- Important Information

The New Procedure for Tagging Members Whose Yards Need Cleaning Up From Dog Waste:

- 1) Maintenance will tag first and the member will be given 48 hours to clean up the dog waste. If this doesn't happen:
- 2) A second notice will be given for another 48 hours to have the dog waste cleaned up.
- 3) A grievance will be called.



If a Member is Given Three Notices in a Year, A Grievance will be scheduled to consider revoking the pet permit.

The board discussed fenced yards that need mowing and voted to raise the fee \$35. If a member with a fenced yard is cited for grass height, the member will be given seven days to comply. If the yard has not been mowed by the deadline, North Brighton will mow the yard and the member will be assessed \$35. The notice about grass height will inform members that if they are unable to mow the yard themselves, they can call the office for a list of those who can help them at a reasonable cost.



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Board Meeting

April 14, 2009

NEWSLETTER MINUTES

The board convened at 5:30 p.m. Present were Sheila Johnson, president; Ann Halsey, first vice president; Mike Crippen, second vice president; Betty Maltbia, treasurer; Selma Irely, secretary; Elizabeth Tharp, office manager; Les Dudrey, maintenance superintendent; Lisa Gamble, controller with Linville Management Services, Inc.; and Dudley Leonard, cooperative attorney.

Open Session

Twelve people signed in for the open session. Sheila called the meeting to order and thanked them for attending.

Minutes of February 10 and March 8 meetings were approved as written.

Selma reported that 21 installation/alteration permits were approved.

Betty reported that she reviewed the receipts for February and March and all were in order.

Elizabeth gave the office report. For March and April, 77 recertification notices were mailed out; 57 units were exterminated. There are 25 families on the wait list. Nine intents to vacate have been submitted, six memberships have been purchased and there are three units for sale.

The office is compiling a list of vehicles with their corresponding units and members to help identify those vehicles that don't belong on cooperative property, are abandoned or have expired tags.

Les gave the maintenance report. In February, 243 work orders were completed; in March, 318; and from annual inspections, 116. Maintenance is working on three rehabs. All old stoves have been replaced for a total of 283. Maintenance replaced 21 water heaters and 35 hollow core entry doors since January 1; installed 50 ground-fault circuit interrupters; and replaced about 450 out-dated smoke alarms during annual inspections.

Les showed a 20-inch by 20-inch double-paned window that costs about \$40 and can be installed in back doors. The board voted unanimously to use the windows for members who want them.

The board voted to accept a bid of \$4,475 from Still Contractors to replace the clubhouse sign and a bid from Double M Construction for \$2,018 for recapping firewalls on Building #7.

Lisa announced that a membership meeting will be held at 2 p.m. on May 3 at Eastgate Middle School. Board members from other properties will discuss their experience with mortgage payoff.

Sheila opened the meeting to member concerns. Irene Anderson of 4927 N.E. 37th won the door prize -- a prepaid card to Quik Trip.

Sheila thanked members for attending and the open session ended at 7:30 p.m.

Closed Session

Les discussed countertop resurfacing.

Les showed photos of clutter in fenced backyards. Maintenance will start to tag yards on Monday. One of the problems is excessive dog waste. If a member is given three notices about dog waste in a year, a grievance will be scheduled to consider revoking the pet permit.

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Les said that he had attended two home shows and had found some siding and shingles for the board to consider. He would like to schedule another field trip for the board when he has samples and companies who can discuss costs.

Lisa asked the board about expectations for the May 3 meeting. The format agreed upon was a panel discussion with the North Brighton board, Linville Management representatives and board members from other cooperatives who have paid off their mortgages or who have refinanced.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Office NEWS



Thank You

We would like to extend a special thank you
to Tammy Gillispie and the Red Hat Society
for hosting the meeting regarding senior services!

Also thank you to all the members for the thank you cards!



18 in. Grasshog Weedeater for sale
Used only one summer—\$50.00
Call Betty Williams at (816) 452-4682
Will also do ironing!

Lawn Mowers

Philip Best — (816) 413-9643
Kathy & Paul—(816) 454-3026
Tom Trammel—(816) 298-6335
Ross Nastasi—(816) 454-7385
Sean Thompson—(816) 459-8440



Membership Meeting

**Eastgate Middle School
4700 NE Parvin Road
Kansas City, MO 64117**

**Sunday, May 3rd, 2009
2:00pm**

Topics to be discussed:

- * By-Laws changes**
- * Recertification Process after payoff**
- * Future tax implications**
- * The Wish List**
- * Financial status of the property**

Maintenance Reminders



Smoke Alarms

The maintenance department has replaced approximately 450 out-dated smoke alarms. In a recent discussion with the Kansas City Fire Marshall we have learned that a smoke alarm violation can be up to \$500 in fines. Please remember how important it is to help us keep your smoke alarms working properly

Outside Grounds

Please remember to pick up any trash including cigarette butts, cans, wrappers, pet waste, etc from yard to help keep North Brighton Clean!

This is per The Rules We Live By; Section 1.1 E—Housekeeping Standard that states Yards should be free of debris, trash and abandoned cars.

Thanks for your Cooperation!



Pet Reminder

Please remember that per **The Rules We Live By; Section 6.5** Regulations states: Of the Kansas City, Missouri laws, the **LEASHING** of ALL dogs outside of a fenced yard and the **DAILY** removal of animal feces anyplace in the cooperative will be strictly enforced with the help of Animal Control of Kansas City, Missouri; when needed. Feces to be considered **PROPERLY** removed must be placed in a sealed or tied container impervious to moisture and odor.



NBT Classifieds

ALL Landscaping & Gardening!

Honey-do list needs

Please call Tom at (816) 454-3639



Child Care

Available 7am—6pm

All Ages

\$150/week for 1 child

Leave message to set up appointment

(816) 420-8905 — Nikki



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Carrying Charges Due!	2
3 Membership Meeting Eastgate Middle School 2pm	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Mother's Day	11 Late Fees Applied	12 Board Meeting 7pm	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Attorney Referrals	22	23
24	25 Office Closed Memorial	26	27	28	29	30
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