



# HAWTHORNE HAPPENINGS

Winter 2007

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

This time of year is busy for all of us and we hope that each of you will take time out of your busy lives to celebrate the season and spend time with your families and friends. All of us have so much to be thankful for - our families, friends, freedom, and neighborhood, just to mention a few.

Your Hawthorne Valley Board of Directors wants to say thank you to all our members for making our jobs this past year meaningful. We feel we have had a very successful year and we couldn't have done it without the help from all of you. We look forward to serving you in 2008 and it is our hope that you will put our Annual Meeting on your calendars and make

it a priority to attend. This annual meeting is our way of updating you on what is going on in our neighborhood and allows each of you an opportunity to meet other residents in your area. With your support and cooperation our neighborhood will continue to be the kind of neighborhood that we all desire. Let's all call a neighbor and invite them to join us at this meeting.

Please read your mailing regarding this important meeting and note you may be a winner of one of our Gift Certificates! See you there!

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EACH OF YOU!

Ruthie Jones, 327-3939



## ACTIVITY DIRECTOR NEEDED

The Hawthorne Valley Home Owners Association Board is currently seeking an Activity Director to coordinate neighborhood events such as the annual Fall Picnic, biennial Neighborhood Garage Sale, and Yards of the Month. If you are interested or know of any neighbors who might be interested, please contact Ruthie Jones at 327-3939 or [kjones1970@kc.rr.com](mailto:kjones1970@kc.rr.com).

## ANNUAL MEETING

Please join the Hawthorne Valley Home Owners Association Board for our Annual Meeting on January 8th, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at Overland Trail Elementary School (6225 W 133rd St — located on the South side of 133rd St between Nall and Lamar). This is your opportunity to bring any neighborhood-related questions or concerns that you might have before the board. It is also an excellent opportunity to meet your neighbors as you are updated on issues that affect us as homeowners. As an extra incentive to attend, we will be raffling off 2-\$50 gift certificates!

## Going Green

The National Association of Counties is sponsoring a campaign to encourage people to replace just one incandescent bulb with a compact fluorescent (CFL) bulb, which uses 1/3 the energy of an incandescent bulb, lasts 10 times longer, and prevents 450 lbs of greenhouse gas emissions over the life of the bulb.

If every household in Johnson County changed one light bulb, it would save 50

million kilowatts of energy, \$4.6 million in energy costs, and 71.5 million lbs of greenhouse gas.

Follow this link for a \$1 off coupon on any Sylvania Energy Star CFL product: <http://www.sylvania.com/ConsumerProducts/LightingForHome/CouponsAndRebates>.

You are probably already aware of OP's Curbside Recycling Program. The City of Overland Park also offers a curbside compostables collection program to allow residents to dispose of their grass

clippings, leaves and tree trimmings in an environmentally beneficial way.

Participants simply mark their bags of compostables with stickers and place them at the curb for collection. The materials are composted at a central site and program participants may pick up finished compost for their own use at no additional charge. The cost of this program is \$2.95 per month. To sign up for this program, visit the Overland Park website at <http://www.opkansas.org> and select "Trash/Recycling" from the drop down list.

# Hawthorne Valley Winter Calendar

December						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
			Hanukkah Begins		Pearl Harbor Day	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Bunco (Christine Ricci 226-0696)					
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
						Winter Begins
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	Christmas Day	Kwanzaa Begins			
	New Year's Eve					

January						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
		New Year's Day				
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		Hawthorne Valley Annual Meeting 7pm				
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Bunco (Christine Ricci 226-0696)					
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day					
27	28	29	30	31		

February						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1	2
						Groundhog Day
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
			Ash Wednesday			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Bunco (Christine Ricci 226-0696)			Valentine's Day		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	President's Day					
24	25	26	27	28	29	
				Leap Day		

March						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Daylight Savings Time Begins	Bunco (Christine Ricci 226-0696)					
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Palm Sunday	St. Patrick's Day			First Day of Spring	Good Friday	Purim
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Easter						

If there are any neighborhood events that you want listed on the HV Calendar, please email [hawthornevalley@yahoo.com](mailto:hawthornevalley@yahoo.com) with the details.

# POLICE ASK MOTORISTS TO “WALK IN” NON-INJURY ACCIDENTS

As the snow continues to fall, the Police Department is asking motorists to use caution while driving.

"It is important to slow down, drive defensively and allow for plenty of room for the vehicle in front of you," said Jim Weaver, police spokesman. "Don't be too over confident with four-wheel drive vehicles as they will slide as well."

If you are involved in a non-injury vehicle accident

where the cars can be driven and there is no indication of drug or alcohol impairment, please "walk in" your accident report within a week to the W. Jack Sanders Justice Center, 12400 Foster, or the lower level of the Myron E. Scafe Building, 8500 Antioch.

Drivers should be sure to exchange correct and valid information, names, addresses, driver license and license plate numbers and insurance information.

## Overland Park smoking ban begins January 2nd

Overland Park's ban on indoor smoking, one of the most restrictive in the metro area, goes into effect Jan. 2.

Smoking will be prohibited inside places of employment, restaurants, bars, hotel and motel sleeping rooms, meeting rooms, convention facilities and retail establishments, excluding those whose primary business is selling tobacco products.

The new smoking prohibition includes bars and private clubs, which some cities exclude.

Currently, Overland Park has three smoking classifications that apply to restaurants:

- Smoke free, smoking prohibited in the entire establishment;
- Smoking, smoking and non-smoking seating provided; and
- Smoke restricted, smoking areas are completely enclosed and served by a separate ventilation system from the non-smoking area.

Overland Park currently prohibits smoking in fast food restaurants.

Punishment for violating the new ordinance includes a \$100 fine for first offense; a \$200 for second violation within a year; and \$500 for each additional violation within one year.

Contact the Health and Environment Division at 913/895-6270 to notify the city of a complaint.

For more information about the smoking prohibition, see the city's Web site at [www.opkansas.org](http://www.opkansas.org).

**Don't forget to pick up your leaves!** The city does not provide leaf removal or pick up, nor does the city sweep up leaves that have accumulated in the street.

Residents who rake their leaves can bag them and leave them at the curb for their trash removal service to pick up, or, for a small fee, they can participate in the city's curbside composting collection program.

Another option is starting a free compost pile in your back yard.

When you rake or blow your leaves, do not deposit them in the street, in the curb or into a storm drainage culvert. Leaves on the street can become wet and slippery, leading to hazardous situations.

It is against city ordinance to dump, rake or blow your leaves into the storm drainage system or onto a city street.

Overland Park also prohibits the burning of leaves anywhere within the city. Anyone caught burning leaves is subject to a ticket and a subsequent fine.