

# Tan-Tar-A Estates Quarterly Newsletter



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## Note from the Trustees and Staff

Now that summer is behind us, we are beginning preparations for the fall season. We hope that each of you had an enjoyable summer and found time to make new memories here at Tan-Tar-A Estates. If you see anything that needs our attention, please contact the office and let us know.

## Pool Closing Schedule

The Estates Pool and the Cedar Glen Pool are closed for the season. We hope everyone took advantage of the new BBQ grill provided by Matt Duenke. It was located at the Estates Pool, and will remain there for the 2007 season. The pools will open in May, 2007. We hope you took time to enjoy one of the pools and cool off this summer.



Cedar Glen Pool



Estates Pool

## Tan-Tar-A Boat Slip Rentals

Cove 4 has a few boat slip spaces still available for rent. These spaces can be rented by the week, for six months or one year. Contact Tina Carr in the Duenke Enterprises Office (573) 348-1758 to obtain additional information about these boat slips.

## Building Permit Requirements

Now that the busy season is behind us, many of you will be making repairs and improvements to your homes here in the Estates. Please remember that any change to the exterior appearance of your property requires prior approval. A building permit must be posted before work can begin.



## E-911 Change around the corner

Tan-Tar-A Estates will soon feel the affects of an enhanced 911 address system change. We are currently working with Camden County 911, Osage Beach 911, and the Osage Beach Fire Protection District. Camden County started planning and implementing this complicated change in 1999. Tan-Tar-A Estates area has been asked to comply with the new address system by August 2007. Following is our list of action items:

- Determine Numbering Standard (in progress)
- Determine New House Number (The room numbers will remain the same, and one additional 911 number will be added. Camden County to complete.)
- Define New Streets (Completed)
- Determine New Street Names. Street names that have been used elsewhere in the County will have to be renamed. (in progress)
- Develop Sign Standards (in progress)
- Develop Sign Locations (in progress)
- Develop Installation Plan (in progress)
- Determine Project Cost (in progress)
- Notify Homeowners (in progress)

## Committee Changes & Updates

As always, a big thank you to all committees!! They are hard at work and their input is incredibly important to the trustees and the Estates.



### 2006 All Committee Meeting Schedule:

☼ November 11<sup>th</sup>

The Tan-Tar-A Estates Homeowner Committees have changed! We hope these modifications will work to better serve the Estate Homeowners.

1. **Architectural and Renovation Committee** – reviews, approves, and issues permits in writing for any exterior changes in the appearance of structures and the lots on which they are situated. Changes in landscape elements that involve additions, removal, or material changes in the appearance of trees, shrubs, fences, or hard surfaces and materials shall require written approval from this committee and the Trustees of Tan-Tar-A Estates. ***Please remember that a permit must be posted on your property before the work can begin.***

**Chair:** Ed Daves  
**Facilitator:** Matt Duenke  
[mduenke@duenke.biz](mailto:mduenke@duenke.biz)

2. **Restrictive Agreement Compliance Committee (RACC)** – the RACC is an additional set(s) of “eyes and ears” to assist the Trustees of Tan-Tar-A Estates with homeowner compliance in regards to the Restrictive Agreement for Tan-Tar-A Estates. The job of this committee is to be “watchful” and observe and report non-compliance issues that occur in the Estates. The information will then be passed on to the Estates Management Office for follow-up.

**Chair:** Tom O’Keefe  
**Facilitator:** Jackie Luttrell  
[jluttrell@duenke.biz](mailto:jluttrell@duenke.biz)

3. **Tan-Tar-A Estates Planning and Development Committee** – (Formerly the Tan-Tar-A Estates Environmental Committee). The TTEPDC assists in the development of strategic planning for Tan-Tar-A Estates.

**Chair:** Linda Roell  
**Facilitator:** Deb Stemme  
[dstemme@duenke.biz](mailto:dstemme@duenke.biz)

4. **Tan-Tar-A Estates Assessment Budget Committee \*\*** - reviews the yearly assessment budget for Tan-Tar-A Estates.

**Chair:** To be determined  
**Facilitator:** Tan-Tar-A Estates, Trustees

- \*\* New Committee for 2008.** Current Standing Committee Chairs (3) will serve on this committee for the review of the 2007 budget. Members for the 2008 assessment budget will be elected by the Estate Homeowners in 2007. Look for more information in the March, 2007 Newsletter.

Just a reminder, each of the committees has an e-mail address, which is posted on the “Contact” page of the web site. Those e-mail addresses are:

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## Estates Planning And Development Task Force Update

We have been very busy since our last update and are excited about the future planning for the Estates. All of the research and information gathering tasks (seven of them) have been completed by the Task Force in cooperation with Estates homeowners. Drawing upon the input and materials collected, DSI, an independent group, was engaged to review and assist in developing a strategic plan for Tan-Tar-A Estates. The document “Directions and Opportunities Toward A Strategic Plan”, which was the first phase of the project, was presented to the TEPDTF this month. The Task Force has met again to review and discuss the DSI findings and to decide on an appropriate direction for the next phase of the Strategic Plan for the Estates. After careful consideration a decision will be recommended by the Task Force to be taken forward to the Senior Board of Duenke Enterprises. Look for more information to come in the December, 2006 TTE Newsletter.

## STAYING ON TOP OF YOUR TREES

Homeowners can follow a few simple steps to help the trees on their property stay healthy and grow to their full potential.

Dennis Rhoades has been a Resource Forester for 27 years and works for the Missouri Department of Conservation. He offers some sage advice about tree management.

- **WATER**

"We have five years of drought going on now," says Rhoades. "We usually get 42 to 44 inches of rain each year and we're five to six inches below normal rainfall. That's a significant amount."

"Trees are under a great deal of stress because of this lack of moisture. If you have a sprinkler system, you're probably pretty good. If not, your trees are thirsty."

To offset this drought, allow a hose to drip slowly into the soil above the tree's root zone at about two-week intervals. It is also helpful to place about two to three inches of mulch around the base of the tree. It shouldn't touch the trunk, or be piled up like a volcano.

"Mulch, wood chips and even decorative rock can help preserve moisture and allow water to reach the tree and not the grass," says Rhoades. "Also, it keeps lawn mowers and weed eaters away from the base of the tree. The worst place to injure a tree is at the soil line. Weed eating is hard on trees, especially commercial equipment, so care must be taken."

- **INSECTS**

When trees are under stress, they have fewer resources to fight off predators and oak trees are tasty targets for several borer insects.

"The red oak borer will look for a nick down low on a tree where she can deposit her eggs in an open wound," explains Rhoades. "The larvae hatch and bore a few inches into the wood and that's where they spend the winter. The following spring, the larvae will bore a larger tunnel into the heart of the tree, creating a pupal chamber. The adult oak borer then hatches, exits the tree and the cycle continues. It's a complex two-year cycle with the adults emerging primarily in odd numbered years."

A healthy tree can bleed and push the insect larvae back out. If a tree is weakened, it doesn't have the moisture needed to protect itself. Borer tunnels that are not closed off by the tree invite a secondary assault by carpenter ants and termites that will eat the tree from the inside out.

"Insecticides can be used as a preventative for borers," says Rhoades, but these are hotter than most chemicals and please read and follow all directions on the labels. Spray just the main trunk of the tree going up about five feet, and a five-foot circle around the base. This takes care of carpenter ants, termites, millipedes, and centipedes too, but it also kills beneficial insects. Never spray the crown of the tree, as that will kill hummingbirds.

"Though it's part of what makes this area so desirable, you have to keep in mind that when you live near

a forest you have an endless supply of insects and fungus. You just can't spray everything."

- **FUNGUS**

Armillaria is a fungus that helps to decompose the woody debris that falls to the forest floor. Once again, if a tree is stressed or wounded, this fungus can become an aggressive parasite.

"Fungus will try to get under the bark where it can find more moisture," Rhoades says. "As it grows, it will actually pop the bark right off the tree and at that stage, there is no cure. Fungus can be airborne, carried by borer insects or spread by rain splashing it to other trees. There are fungicide sprays that you use, but water washes them off. The best defense is the health of the tree itself."

- **PRUNING**

"It's best to wait until winter to prune," recommends Rhoades, "and don't 'top' your trees. Topping a tree is an over-application of pruning, sort of like a butch cut. It's the dramatic removal of larger branches in mature trees and it leaves large open wounds. The rule of thumb is to never cut a limb bigger than two inches in diameter, unless it's a nuisance, or a dangerous limb. When you top a tree you're actually making tons of wounds and weaker wood comes out at strange angles. This will cause problems later."

"Much research on pruning paints and sealers has shown them to be strictly of cosmetic value. They don't help the tree and some tars actually trap moisture behind the sealer, which then accelerates rot. When you prune, leave the cut alone and allow it to dry."

Rhoades points out that unless the weather is cold, insects are active and fungus can be prevalent. The wounds created by pruning are attractive to both of these parasites. It's safer to wait until December or January to prune, giving the tree time to heal while parasites are dormant.

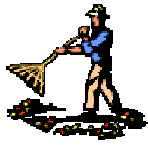
- **FERTILIZE**

"Mulch and wood chips not only hold moisture, but they can provide some fertilizer for the tree as they decay," says Rhoades. "You can also use a spreader type lawn fertilizer. What you put on the lawn goes to the trees too. Fertilizer stakes aren't very effective here. The soil in this area has so much clay that the stakes only leach out to fertilize about four inches."

"Awareness of a tree's condition is the first step," Rhoades concludes. "Homeowners should take a few minutes and a cup of coffee and go look at their trees. They need to check for bleeding or oozing spots. They want to look for nicks in the bark and ultra-fine sawdust in cracks, crevices and around the base of the tree. They should also look at the condition of the top of the tree. When they find a problem, they should make note of it on a calendar and remain watchful. My best advice is to mulch, water, spray if you must, and let nature do the rest."



## Fall Leaf Removal Schedule



The 2006 Leaf Removal Schedule is as follows:

October 23<sup>rd</sup> to November 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6000 to 6410  
November 4<sup>th</sup> to November 17<sup>th</sup> - 6500 to 7199  
November 18<sup>th</sup> to December 1<sup>st</sup> - 7200 to 7799

Just a friendly reminder, it is the responsibility of every homeowner, or their contractor to rake or blow their leaves to the curb for collection. Fire safety is of the utmost importance and this remains the main reason for leaf removal. Please remember, if your brush and leaves are not separated, we will not be able to pick them up. It is a very difficult job to remove branches from the leaf machines suction hose. If you have any questions regarding leaf pickup, or small brush removal, please contact the office.

## Dead Tree Removal Program

The dead tree removal program is still in progress. Evaluation of the trees in Tan-Tar-A Estates is an on going process. We are identifying dead trees and requiring that they be removed. Dead trees are dangerous and can fall causing personal and/or property damage. If you are concerned about the condition of any of the trees in Tan-Tar-A Estates, please call the office and we will send someone out to look at the trees in question.

## Snow Removal Let It Snow



Just a reminder when we start to plow all the hills and main roads will be done first. We tackle the secondary roads next. To help us out, please park off of the road when snow is being predicted. The plow truck will remain running until all roads are safe for travel. We would like to thank you in advance for your help and patience.

## High Speed Internet Service

Lake Cable has completed the installation process for the new high speed internet service they are offering to homeowners in Tan-Tar-A Estates. If you have not signed up for this new service and are interested, you can contact Lake Cable at 573-348-2511.



## Camden County Sheriffs Department

The Camden County Sheriff's department has completed their contracted weekend watch for the 2006 season. They will continue to patrol the Estates on an as needed basis. The additional security was well received and considered a positive addition by most Estate Homeowners. The 2007 security patrols are now being reviewed for next year. You should still call in any emergency situations to 911. Report unusual or suspicious activities to the Camden County Sheriffs general number at 573-346-2243.

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