



APARTMENT COUNCIL OF TOPEKA

October 2011

Dear Members,

At last month's luncheon we saw a strong turnout of apartment and vendors both. Annually at the September meeting we recognize and say "Thank You" to all of our Vendors for their services and products they provide to us.

It was also great to see all in attendance participating in one of the best benefits of belonging to the Apartment Council with its networking and sharing information with each other. In these discussions we may find that we are not the only property or business dealing with an unusual challenge or issue. And sometimes we might just get the answer or solution to the situation from one of our competitors that have or may be dealing with the same experience.

Attending the monthly luncheon's-meetings is a great way to stay in touch with what may be happening in the industry and making those contacts with others that can be beneficial for us in so many ways.

Again I would like to Thank our Vendors for their support of our organization and encourage the membership to utilize their services whenever possible.

Please make plans to attend the upcoming meeting this month. We have a good program planned and you never know what you may learn from the all the others that will be there. Thank You

Dave Hibbert CAM, ACT President

Spotlights

We offer a free spotlight to one vendor and one apartment community in our newsletter each month. Would you enjoy free advertising? Send Megan Rieman a one column article about your property. We can even include pictures. Send articles to MeganPines@aol.com. This is a first come first serve basis, so the sooner you get your article in the sooner it will be in the newsletter. The August spot is still open!

New Members

Welcome to all our New Members for 2011! Know some in the apartment business on either property or vendor side? Tell them about the ACT! We are currently accepting new members!

Vendor Spotlight



Custom Tree Care, Inc., owned by Greg Gathers, was established in 1999 and serves most of the northeast Kansas area. They provide tree pruning, tree removal, and stump grinding services to commercial and residential clients. Custom Tree Care sets itself apart from the competition by having the most extensive fleet of equipment to do the job safely, quickly, and efficiently. They also boast as the only company in the Topeka and Lawrence area that employs 4 certified arborists. The company is also known for their ability to complete large and complex projects as well as small detail oriented jobs. Custom Tree Care, Inc. was honored in 2009 by Inc. magazine as making the Inc. 500 list of the fastest growing private companies in the United States and also as the Kansas Small Business



Development Center's 2009 Existing Business of the Year. Proper tree maintenance can increase property values and limit liability. Trees are living things and require routine care. Custom Tree Care is proud to be a member of the Apartment Council of Topeka and encourages any and all members to contact us to schedule a property walkthrough to assess any tree needs that you may have. Call us at 785.478.9805 or visit us at www.customtreecare.org

Property Spotlight - The Pines Apartments

The Pines Apartments was built in 1979 and contains 180 apartments ranging from Junior One bedrooms up to Two-bedroom units. We have a staff of five; Megan Rieman, District Manager, Alexandria Riveria, Assistant Manager, Cassandra Hummell, Leasing Consultant, Douglas Fox, Maintenance Supervisor, and Dave McLaughlin, Maintenance Technician. We love to spend time with our residents through community events, such as safety socials, BBQ, breakfasts and other fun events. Our apartments all have Washer/Dryer connections which is a huge selling point for our residents. We provide lots of perks for our residents including free stamps, free DVD rental, copier and computer access, breakfast and snacks throughout the day and many other perks. We also love our pets!! We recently replaced our front sign, shown in the picture (done by one of our ACT Vendors..FastSigns). Our parking lot was replaced last year and we are in the process of installing a new playground for the kids. Thank you to all of our members that make the ACT such a great organization! We appreciate you all!



E-mailed Copy of Newsletters

We are working on making the newsletters available through e-mail as well as the hard copy you receive each month. There is no set date for this to begin yet but it will be coming in the next few months. If you are interested in receiving your newsletter by e-mail please contact Megan Rieman at MeganPines@aol.com.

Up-Coming Events

Mark your calendars now for these upcoming events.

2011

November – December – FOOD DRIVE

November 10th – ACT Board Meeting 11:30am Cedar Ridge Apartments

November 18th – Lynn Smith with SafeStreets

December 2nd – Holiday Party @ Holiday Inn

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January 12th – ACT Board Meeting

January 19th – ACT Luncheon

February 9th – ACT Board Meeting

February 16th – ACT Luncheon - Elections

March 8th – ACT Board Meeting

March 16th – Annual Trade Show

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AF Florence Manufacturing Company	Stacy Kohlmeier	5935 Corporate Dr, Manhattan, KS 66503	323-4400		N/A	2006	
AT&T	Daniel Medina	500 E. 8th Street, KS, MO 64106	816-275-4301	866-944-5016	DM2738@att.com	2010	
Allied Paints	Leslie Noller	2818 Gage Blvd, Topeka 66614	272-5644	272-0058	AlliedPaintStore@yahoo.com	1999	
Apartment Finder	Tim Phenicie	4121 W. 83rd St., Ste, 110, Prairie Village, KS 66208	913-663-4545	913-663-3423	tphenicie@nci.com	2002	
Bath & Kitchen Showroom	Bill Knox	115 NW Laurent, Topeka, KS 66608	354-1800	232-2825	b.knox@b-ks.com	2009	
Blue Dot Services	Susan Flynn	3365 SW Gage Blvd, Topeka 66614	272-1633	273-8170	susan@bluedot.kscocmail.com	2006	
Bob's Janitorial	Dale Basel	5711 SW 21st, Topeka 66604	271-6600	271-6722	bjstopeka@aol.com	2001	
CIS-Rental Screening	Terry Breese	3601 SW 29th St, Suite 132, Topeka, KS 66614	232-1515	232-9170	cis2321515@aol.com	1999	
Cox Communications	Robert Fornander	519 Richmans Dr, 66502	785-223-1304	785-539-0285	Robert.Fornander@cox.com	1999	
Clean Cut Grounds Mgmt	Dustin Hawks	PO Box 67205, Topeka, KS 66667	785-925-3688		cleancut6m@yahoo.com	2011	
Collection Bureau of Kansas, Inc	Trenton Brown	3615 SW 29th Street, Topeka, KS 66614	785-228-6662	785-271-6211		2011	
Custom Tree Care, Inc.	Greg Gathers	3722 SW Spring Creek Ln., Topeka 66610	221-7550	478-4195	customtreecare@org	2007	
Cutting Edge Landscaping	Dan Podlena	3404 NW Humphrey Rd., Silver Lake, KS 66539	785-249-1545	785-582-4877	dpcuttingedge@centurylink.net		
Deffenbaugh Waste	Nathan Hunt	711 NE Highway 24, Topeka 66608	232-9168	234-2195	nhunt@deffenbaughinc.com	2003	
Factory Direct Appliance	Mary Merchen	1145 SW Wanamaker, Topeka, KS 66604	272-8800	272-4465	mmerchen@Ksfd.com	2008	
FASTSIGNS	Steve Gee	5999 22nd Park, Suite C, Topeka, KS 66614	271-8899	271-2324	Steve.Gee@fastsigns.com	2000	
For Rent Media Solutions	Dawn Kuhn	14843 W. 95th St, Lenexa, KS 66215	913-888-1200	913-888-1573	dawn.kuhn@forrent.com	2010	
Garner Supply	Walt Vannordstrand	117 SE 25th St, Topeka 66605	233-4102	233-5819	walt@garnerremodeling.com	2000	
Gold Medal Cleaning & Maintenance	Daryl Rokoski	6030 SW 40th Terr., Topeka, KS 66610	785-220-1009		deconrak@aol.com	2011	
Greentouch Lawn and Tree	Season Ross	7021 SE 29th St. Tecumseh, KS 66542	232-9800	379-9300	season@greentouchservice.com	2010	
Guardian Security	Frank Padilla	1310 SW Collins Ave, Topeka 66604	249-9109	235-0298	NA	2001	
Jens House & Commercial Cleaning	Jennifer Reed	1520 SW 41st St., Topeka, KS 66609	286-2463	NA	Jens_cleaning@hughes.net	2006	
Jetz Service Company	Steve Cowsert	901 NE River Road, Topeka 66616	354-7588	354-7069	steve@jetzservice.com	1999	
Labor Pros	Todd Holmes	1634 A SW Washburn, Topeka 66604	234-9555	234-9666	topeka1@laborpros.net	2002	
Lawn Brigade	Lance Essman	PO Box 8791, Topeka, KS 66608	221-8230	232-0485	lawnbrigade@cox.net	2000	
Midwest Coating	Larry Gerety	Shawn Myers (cell: 221-3421)	3830 NW 16th, Topeka 66618	232-4276	232-2856	shawn@midwestcoating.us	2000
Pat Bartlett Building Main/Paint	Pat Bartlett	2317 SW Edgewater Terr, Topeka, KS	271-6956	cell 220-1834	PatBartlett@sbcglobal.net	2007	
PDQ Construction, Inc.	Mike Pressgrove	531 NW Tyler Ct, Topeka, KS 66608	235-1511	235-1586	Mike@pdqconstruction.biz	2007	
Savage, Inc	Paul Savage	4700 E. Central, Wichita 67208	316-264-0800	316-264-6104	victory@gallery.kscocmail.com	1999	
Servpro of West Topeka	Jennifer Kimball	5620 SW Topeka Blvd Ste A, Topeka, KS 66609	862-0550	862-0570	Servpro9528@yahoo.com	2008	
Schendel Pest Services	Amber Dempewolf	1826 S. Kansas Ave, Topeka 66612	233-3332 ext125	232-4165	amber.dempewolf@pestzero.com	2010	
Screening Reports Inc	McKenzie Schleichardt	110 E 80th St., Kansas City, MO 64114	816-217-8371	866-389-4043	mschleichardt@screeningreports.com	2011	
ServiceMaster AAA	Kevin Nocktonick	4900 S Topeka Blvd, Topeka, KS 66619	785-862-9800	785-862-8680	YellowClean40@gmail.com (Patty) YellowClean13@gmail.com (Sarah)	2011	
Sherwin-Williams Co	Darrell Pfannenstiel/Jordan	3373 South Topeka Blvd., Topeka 66611	249-2278	267-1124	swrep6529@sherwin.com	1999	
Sowards Glass	Linda Sowards	2011 NW Topeka Blvd., Topeka 66608	233-4466	233-1230	lsowards@sowardsglassinc.com	1999	
The Computer Store	Jim Driggers, II	2001 SW Gage Blvd, Topeka, KS 66604	267-3223	272-1393	Jim@nettechks.com	2010	
Thompson-Crawley Furniture	Matt Mahoney	433 SW 32nd Terr, Topeka 66611	233-0519	233-0510	mahoney1964@sbcglobal.net	1999	
Waste Management	Mike Vestweber	3611 NW 16th St, Topeka, KS 66618	785-238-3293	785-238-4208	mvestweb@wm.com	2010	
Westar Energy	Karen Smith	P.O. Box 208, Wichita, KS 67201-2008	316-261-6570	316-261-6969	karen.m.smith@WestarEnergy.com	2011	

October's Luncheon

Thursday, October 20th 11:30-1:00

Caryl Lombard
The Wellness Forum
Holiday Inn Holidome

Luncheon Menu for October

Mexican Buffet
Burritos, Taco Meat and Fajita Chicken
Soft and Hard Taco Shells
Salsa, Sour Cream, Lettuce,
Diced Tomatoes, Shredded Cheese
Refried Beans, Spanish Rice
7 Layer Bean Dip, Tortilla Chips
Churros
Coffee and Iced Tea Service

Advertising and Sponsorship Committee

ACT is starting up a new committee to work on advertising and sponsorship opportunities for the ACT. We welcome any members that are interested in inputting suggestions and helping with the committee. **We would REALLY like some input from Vendors.** Contact Megan Rieman, with the Pines Apartments at 785-234-6060, with any questions or to sign up for the committee.

Holiday Committee

Hard to believe it is that time of year again! We are looking for help on the Holiday Committee. This committee plans the Holiday party. It does not take a lot of time and is a lot of fun. If you are interested in joining the committee please contact one of the board members.

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