

## Apartment Council of Topeka

**Presidents Letter** 

Dear Members,

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! I appreciate all of you that were able to attend and participate in the 2012 ACT Trade Show! What a great event. I hope that everyone enjoyed it as much as I did. Thank you to all of our WONDERFUL sponsors that truly help make this event happen. We would love feedback from all of you to know what you really liked about this year and what we could do better. I hope everyone enjoyed Karen's presentations and took information that you can use in your own business and/or relationships.

Congratulations to Melissa Day from Milestone Management Service for winning the Gold Star Award for 2012! She definitely earned this through all her hard work and dedication to the ACT. We are all so proud of Melissa!

Congratulations also need to go out to Bob's Janitorial for the Best Vendor Booth! Bob's always goes the extra mile to fit their booth into the ACT theme. It was a difficult choice this year, as there were so many booths that went all out! Can't wait to see what happens next year...let the competition begin!

I also want to remind everyone that April's luncheon will be held at the TOP OF THE TOWER, located on the top floor of the Bank of America building downtown. Make sure to bring your parking ticket so it can be validated.

Sincerely, Megan Rieman ACT President

## **April Luncheon Menu**

April 2012

With the new venue, they are not able to give us the menu until the week of the event. We will post it on the Facebook page as soon as we know what we will be having. Thanks!

## Luncheon Venue Change

We are looking to change the venue to a new location for 2012. We will begin lunch meeting at Top of the Tower in April, 2012. The board visited the restaurant and tried out the food, service was wonderful and the food was delicious. Parking will be validated at the restaurant so don't forget to bring you parking pass for the parking garage. Please check our Facebook page for updates on the change in venue.

## **New Members**

#### Welcome to all our New Members for 2012!

Know some in the apartment business on either property or vendor side? Tell them about the ACT! We are currently accepting new members! If you are interested in sharing some information with others that may be interested we have new membership packets available.

## 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. *GET IT IN EARLY 2012 is completely available but will fill up fast!* 

#### **Property Spotlight - Fox Ridge Cooperative Townhouses**

Fox Ridge Cooperative Townhouses

Fox Ridge Cooperative Townhouses is a community where everyone is a shareholder in the cooperation. Therefore, they have a down payment of \$4300 to \$5600 to move in, which is membership & equity. We have 200 units, consisting of 1,2 and 3 bedroom units; of which 81 are on section 8 assistance (they still have to pay the membership & equity to buy in). Then, the monthly amount they pay is according to 30% of their gross income. Our townhouses are in the process of a major renovation. Our members are receiving all new windows, front doors, front storm doors, kitchen cabinets, furnaces, air conditioners, bathroom vanities, bathroom lights, counter tops, kitchen and bath, as well as light fixtures, refrigerators and stoves. Half the units received new roofs; the other half received new mansards. The membership is really happy with all the new products. In the Spring we will be resurfacing all of our streets and drives.

We have 9 employees and a 5 member board of directors. Our management company is Milestone Management Service, Gary and Julie Osborn. We will be 40 years old this October and Milestone has been our managing company since 1982. Of our 9 employees, 4 maintenance technicians; Randy Croucher (Assistant Maintenance Coordinator), Aaron Remfry and Bob Sumpter have been with us for 10 years or more; Jose Rivera, 5 years. Our maintenance/grounds technicians are Ruben Tinajero, over a year and Daniel Duvalier less than a year. In the office, we have Dovian Whittaker, part time Assistant Maintenance Coordinator, who has been with us for 23 years in August and as for me, Lee Anne Skinner, Site Manager, with Fox Ridge for 26 years in October. We are a HUD 236 project with Section 8 so, there is never a dull moment and HUD changes all the time. So, with that and a diversity of people, there is never a dull moment. We love our people, love the challenge and have been a member of Apartment Council of Topeka since before I start working here in 1985.

### Vendor Spotlight - Schendel

#### Do you know who's moving in?

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**Protect Your Tenants** While bed bugs are not known to carry disease, their bites can cause an itchy, painful rash that is proven to cause serious emotional distress in its victims. Experts estimate that at least less than half of the population will experience a physical reaction to bed bugs when bitten.

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## **Up-Coming Events**

Mark your calendars now for these upcoming 2012 events!

**April 12th 11:30:** ACT Board Meeting @ Cedar Ridge Apartments

**April 19th 11:30:** ACT Luncheon at new location – TOP OF THE TOWER – Topic: Fair Housing

**TO BE ANNOUNCED:** *Fair Housing Seminar* 

May 10th 11:30: ACT Board Meeting @ Cedar Ridge Apartments

May 17th 11:30: ACT Luncheon @ Top of the Tower

June 14th 11:30: ACT Committee Meeting @ Cedar Ridge Apartments

June 21st 11:30: ACT Luncheon @ Top of the Tower

June 28th – 30th: NAA Conference and Trade Show in Boston Massachusetts

July 12th 11:30: ACT Board Meeting @ Cedar Ridge Apartments

July 19th 11:30: ACT luncheon @ Top of the Tower. Updates from the NAA Conferences will be discussed.

August 9th 11:30: ACT Board Meeting @ Cedar Ridge Apartments

August 16th 11:30: ACT Luncheon @ Top of the Tower

**September 13th 11:30:** *ACT Board Meeting @ Cedar Ridge Apartments* 

September 20th 11:30: ACT Luncheon. VENDOR APPRECIATION!

October 11th 11:30: ACT Board Meeting @ Cedar Ridge Apartments

October 18th 11:30: ACT Luncheon @ Top of the Tower

November 8th 11:30: ACT Board Meeting @ Cedar Ridge

November 15th 11:30: ACT Luncheon @ Top of the Tower

**December 7th:** Annual Holiday Party... Location to be announced

**December 13th 11:30:** ACT Board Meeting @ Cedar Ridge Apartments



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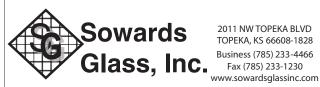
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AF Florence Manufacturing Company	Donna Dlogback	5935 Corporate Dr, Manhatten, KS 66503	232-4539		dlogback@auth-florence.com	2006
AT&T	Daniel Medina	500 E. 8th Street, KS, MO 64106	816-275-4301	866-944-5016	DM2738@att.com	2010
Allied Paints	Leslie Noller	2818 Gage Blvd, Topeka 66614	272-5644	272-0058	AlliedPaintStore@yahoo.com	1999
Apartment Finder	Tim Phenicie	9647 Lackman Lenexa, KS 66209	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.kscoxmail.com	2006
Bob's Janitorial	Dale Basel	725 NE US Hwy 24, Suite ATopeka, 66608	271-6600	271-6722	bjstopeka@aol.com	2001
Buck Roofing & Construction	Ross Dessert	407 Kansas Aveenue, Kansas City, KS 66105	913-534-4082	913-499-8728	Ross@rbuckroofing.com	2012
CIS-Rental Screening	Terry Breese	3601 SW 29th St, Suite 132, Topeka, KS 66614	232-1515	232-9170	cis2321515@aol.com	1999
Collection Bureau of Kansas, Inc	Trenton Brown	3615 SW 29th Street, Topeka, KS 66614	785-228-6662	785-271-6211	trent@cbofks.com	2011
Cox Communications	Robert Fornander	519 Richmans Dr, 66502	785-223-1304	785-539-0285	Robert.Fornander@cox.com	2011
Custom Tree Care, Inc.	Greg Gathers	PO Box 67593, Topeka, KS 66667	785-475-9805	785-478-4195	CustomTreeCare@hotmail.com	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	913-208-9480	234-2195	nhunt@deffenbaughinc.com	2003
Dr. Clean, LLC	Dave Severn/Randall Blackwell	2725 Inverness Ct, Lawrence, KS 66047	785-840-4266	785-841-1351	severn@doctor-clean.com	2012
Factory Direct Appliance	Mary Merchen	1145 SW Wanamaker, Topeka, KS 66604	272-8800	272-4465	mmerchen@Ksfda.com	2008
Faith roofing	Shannon English	2900 NW Button Rd., Topeka, KSn 66618	785-266-3030	785-266-3222	ShannonEnglish5@gmail.com	2012
FASTSIGNS	Steve Gee	5999 22nd Park, Suite C, Topeka, KS 66614	271-8899	271-2324	Steve.Gee@fastsigns.com	2000
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	Mark Ange	10641 Scripps Summit Court, San Diego, CA 92121			mark.ange@hdsupply.com	2012
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Jens House & Commercial Cleaning	Jennifer Reed	1520 SW 41st St., Topeka, KS 66609	913-712-5418	913-712-1395	Jens cleaning@hughes.net	2006
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## **Advertising Changes**

If you are interested in advertising but missed out with our earlier packages we are still offering a package to advertise in the newsletter only. This package will be prorated depending on the number of months left in the annual advertising schedule. Will and Meg from Riverside(272-9495) will continue to handle the advertising needs. Please feel free to call either of them or Megan Rieman at the Pines Apartments (234-6060). Remember, for next year to budget in our new packages. It is unlikely that we will have any increases for the 2013 year. We will also be starting the marketing for this at the end of 2012. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to make this program easier for you.

## E-mailed Copy of the Newsletters

We are working on making the newsletters available through e-mail rather than hard copy each month. Beginning in May we will be emailing the newsletter to everyone. This will cut costs for the ACT and provide a copy of the newsletter to you faster than through snail mail. If you prefer a hard copy mailed to you please contact Megan Rieman at MeganPines@aol.com.

## Facebook

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