

Quail
Crossing

Summer 2017

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QCHOA Summer 2017 Yard of Distinction



QC Summer 2017 Yard of Distinction was awarded to the home of Guy & Tammy Clarkson, 1407 W. Quail Crossing Ct. Congratulations.

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FAMILY FUN PICNIC AND FISHING DAY

by

Mark Egger



Please mark your calendars for Quail Crossings 6th Annual Family Fun Picnic and Fishing Day on **September 23, 2017**. The Quail Crossing park and lake will be the sites for the day's events.

The day's events will start at 11:30 with a family picnic where everyone brings their own picnic baskets filled with their favorite out door snacks, foods and drinks. Feel free to bring your favorite out door games and footballs, baseballs, Frisbees to play catch with. From 12:00 to 1:00 P.M., there will be sign ups at the park for the children's scavenger hunt and fishing tournament.

At 1:00 P.M. the scavenger hunt will begin for children ages 4 to 12. At approximately 1:30 P.M. the water balloon events will take place. There will be balloon cannons, a water balloon toss contests and of course the all-out community water wars.

Following the park events, there will be the fishing tournament at the lake. This will take place from 3:30 to 5:00 P.M. This is a parent/child event. Please plan to enjoy the afternoon with your 3-16 year old children in this American family sporting event. There will be experienced fishermen there to assist children in the catch and release process if needed. Prizes will be distributed to the children at the end of the Fishing Tournament.



Board Meeting Highlights

June Board Meeting: The board continued to review proposed new by-laws and covenants. By-laws have been finalized with attorney changes. The next regular Board meeting is in September so a special meeting will be held before the regular Board meeting that evening to vote on these changes. By August 15th, Amber will make sure the by-laws, covenant change, proxy form, and special meeting agenda are mailed to all residents.

Mark Egger announced that this years Family Fun Day will be held September 23rd to avoid the extreme heat of summer and fall after the state fair.

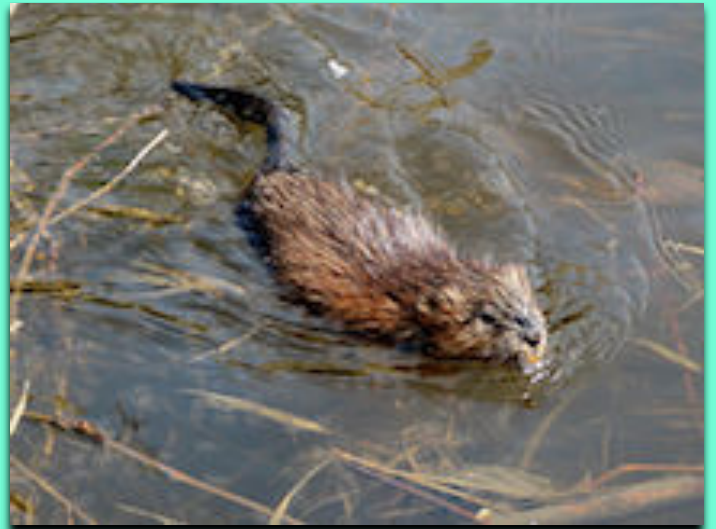
July Finance Committee Meeting: The committee reviewed all the financial reports and have determined with the increase in HOA dues, voted in this year, the increase in assessments generates an additional \$8K per year. This is a great start to getting our much needed playground equipment and also the other maintenance projects that need attention. Also discussed, we will continue to get three bids on landscaping (our largest expense) with plans to start that process this fall with a recommendation for the Board in November. The committee will meet again in August.

QCHOA Board meetings are held at 7pm the second Thursday of each month at the Peace Lutheran Church, 405 W 21st St in Andover, except for July & August.

A New Quail Crossing Lake Resident

Well, it seems we here at Quail Crossing have a new resident. He may have been around for longer than we think since muskrats are nocturnal but this morning was the first time I saw the little guy. At first I thought maybe a beaver, but then my son-in-law said most likely a muskrat.

If you happen across a muskrat I would stay clear as they are known to carry a few different diseases including rabies. So tell your children not to mess around with them if they see them. Also watch your pets, if your dog chases one into the water, their home turf, it might get bitten. Then you are off to the vet to make sure it didn't get rabies.



There is probably a good chance that we have a pair living here that most likely had babies in the spring, so they will be very protective of their young.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Muskrat>

FYI - I did not take these photos he was too far away for my phone cam, they are stock photos.



Robrahn's Ramblings

by Christopher B. Robrahn
QCHOA President
Landscape & Design Committee Chair

"MAKE YOUR LAWN AND LANDSCAPING A STANDOUT NO MATTER THE SEASON"

Great lawns don't happen by chance. It usually comes about gradually, the result of a "master plan" by owners who are into landscaping and have at least a mental concept of what they want their yard to look like long term. A mature lawn with color, interest and variety comes about gradually, with diligent owners adding each season so as to keep it an asset no matter what time of year.

What? You mean lawns and landscaping change? Absolutely!! A beautiful spring lawn may be full of annuals that provide color during the months of March thru May in Kansas. One can also purchase spring "perennials" (those that regenerate and come back year after year). Flowers and interesting landscaping need not fade as temperatures increase. A little planning can provide "summer annuals" like Vinca, Lilies, Marigolds, Zinnias and other summer perennials. Cannas and Dahlias (among others) provide awesome color, but the landscaper may have to dig up the bulbs come fall.

Don't forget the blooming shrubs! Spring isn't just for flowers... Rose of Sharon shrubs and their cousins, the Althea also bloom almost all summer. Also Crepe Myrtle shrubs provide excellent summer color. Nice to allow your yard to "shift" from spring to summer... to fall with a change up in blooming flowers and shrubbery. They can give your yard interest and curb appeal.

I personally really enjoy the south side of my home on Beretta Ct. A mix of Cannas and Zinnias. While Zinnias are considered "seed annuals", they love the location and I don't ever have to reseed or replant and they look great from the end of June until October. So much you can consider to improve your yard with a huge amount of expense, if you are willing to do a little work to improve.

Making your yard a place of "changing interest" throughout the year will only add to the beauty of your home and make it more marketable when the time comes to sell.



Did you know Quail Crossing is on Facebook?

For the privacy & security of our residents, your address/residence in Quail Crossing must be verified before you can join the group.

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NuStar Pipeline Remediation Update

by

Jeanie Shackelford

To assess the reliability of NuStar's water contamination testing, the HOA engaged its environmental consultant to collect water samples using a more reliable method. The consultant tested six wells using a weighted bailer that grabbed samples deeper within wells than Apex/NuStar had routinely tested. The HOA samples were analyzed by Pace Analytical Services LLC, Lenexa, Kansas. Of the six wells tested, four showed no contamination which correlated to NuStar's reports. However, the HOA's test showed Benzene and other analytes in two wells at higher levels than reported by NuStar. Because the HOA test was limited to a few wells, disparities may exist among other wells not sampled. The report is posted on the Quail Crossing website for residents' review.

On March 10, 2017, the HOA submitted its test report to NuStar and KDHE and requested NuStar use weighted bailers in the future to more accurately test and report the groundwater contamination levels. During the March 2017 testing, KDHE was onsite and assured the HOA that NuStar was using a weighted bailer for that testing event. The KDHE representative indicated test results will be reviewed and made no commitment whether NuStar would be required to continue to use weighted bailers in the future. The HOA is awaiting the March 2017 test results and response from KDHE as to future testing methods. Residents can view NuStar's quarterly test reports and other documents at the following link: http://www.kdheks.gov/remedial/site_restoration/nustar_andover.html

Lastly, the HOA requested NuStar more accurately report the HOA's involvement in published reports. For example, NuStar has failed to report the HOA's strong opposition to the limited scope of the soil excavation in 2015. Further, NuStar has denied the HOA's previous requests for more reliable testing methods, additional testing and data collection prior to the excavation, and additional excavation photos to gauge effectiveness. Hence, the term "coordination" used by NuStar to describe the HOA's involvement is misleading. The HOA asked for more fair representation in the published reports.

The HOA Board will continue to monitor the gasoline contamination remediation and promote the best interests of the Quail Crossing neighborhood.

LET US KNOW IF YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS HAS CHANGED

Your email address is important, not only to us, but also you. Quail Crossing has a mass email alert system set up to notify residents of alerts. Anything from a lost pet to a break in can be sent out quickly via this system. It is also how we keep in contact with you concerning newsletters, a resident voting ballot and meeting notices. So, if your email has changed or you wish to add a family member to the list please send the information to Alan Brown - arbrown@butlercc.edu or Amber Bush - amber@homeownermgnt.com

Crime Watch

by Officer Robert Aguilar, APD QC Liaison



Last month Andover fell victim to a large amount of vehicle burglaries in the Green Valley area. Majority of the incidents were vehicles that were left unlocked. At this time, we have a suspect due to evidence found at multiple scenes.

In an effort to deter vehicle burglaries in our community it is important to cover some crime prevention tips specific to vehicle burglaries. As mentioned in the last newsletter it is important to do everything we can to make ourselves a “hard target”.

The following tips will assist in accomplishing that.

- Always lock your car doors and roll up your windows.
- Never leave your keys in the vehicle.
- Never leave valuables in plain sight.
- Never leave unoccupied vehicles running.
- Close garage doors.
- Increase lighting around property.
- Be familiar with your neighbors.
- Keep serial numbers of important items in a safe location.

With these tips in mind we must be vigilant and call in any suspicious behavior or individuals to the Andover Police Department at 316-733-5177 or 911. If you find your vehicle has been burglarized, please contact the police department as soon as it's discovered. Also, if possible, refrain from touching the vehicle, specifically door handles, glass, or the inside of the vehicle. This will assist officer's and investigators in possibly obtaining evidence that can lead to identifying the suspect. Once an officer is on scene be ready to assist the officer in determining if anything has been stolen and if so assist with make, model brand, and serial numbers if possible. Serial numbers increase the odds of identifying property and can also be submitted into the national database as stolen, as well as cross referenced with pawn shops. Remember these simple tips and together we can decrease vehicle burglaries and reduce crime in Andover.

Next page has a vehicle burglary prevention flyer from Chief Mike Keller, APD.



Reminder:

- Lock your doors
- Secure valuable items out of sight
- Never leave keys in vehicle when unattended



Burglary of Motor Vehicle REPORT CARD

☐ **PASS**

Congratulations!

- ✓ Your vehicle has passed a random inspection.
- ✓ Your actions help your Andover Police Department deter crime.

Officer: _____
 Badge#: _____
 Date: _____ Time: _____

☐ **FAIL**

- o Doors unlocked
- o Windows left opened
- o Packages or valuables in plain view
- o Keys left in vehicle
- o Other observations _____

Please make the necessary precautions to protect your property and yourself!



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Protecting Your Property; Helping to Prevent Vehicle Burglary

*Crime prevention tips for the
citizens of Andover*



*Public Service Excellence through
Compassion, Integrity & Commitment*

Message from the Chief



Auto Burglary is a "Crime of Opportunity." There is a theft from a motor vehicle in Kansas every 41 minutes; often times involving an unlocked vehicle and valuables in plain sight. Almost 80% (24 out of 31) of the Auto Burglaries occurring in Andover in 2014 involved an unlocked vehicle.

Increasingly, thieves are using personal and financial information stolen from the vehicles to commit identity theft and forgeries. A garage door opener taken from an unlocked vehicle gives a thief access to your home.

By following the preventive measures outlined in this brochure, you are taking steps to protect your automobile, home, personal possessions and your identity!

Sincerely,

Michaela Keller

Chief Mike Keller
 Andover Police Department

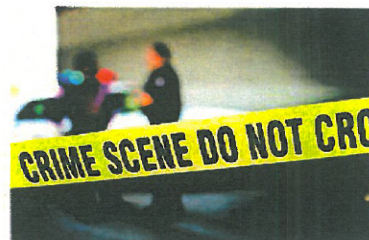
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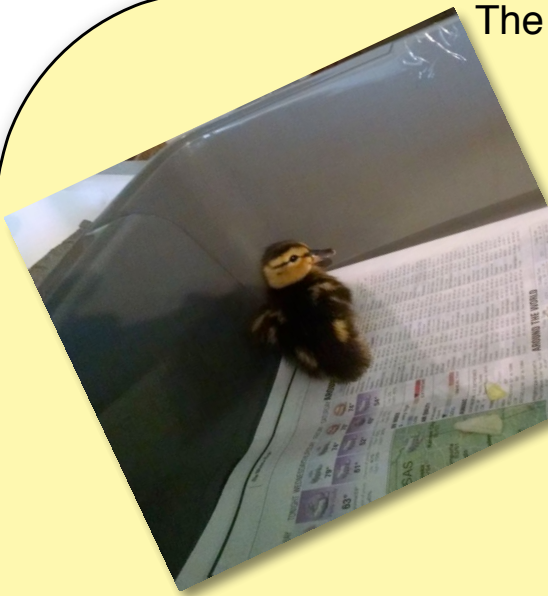
What happens if I become a victim of a vehicle burglary?

If your vehicle has been burglarized, contact the Andover Police Department at 316-733-5177 or 911. Stay with the vehicle until an officer arrives. Refrain, if possible, from touching the handles or the inside of the vehicle. To assist investigators in identifying and retrieving your property, make a list of items you know to be stolen. If possible detail serial numbers, descriptions, makes, models, sizes, colors, brands, and estimated value.



The Life and Times of Lucky Ducky

by
Carla Richardson



Lucky Ducky joined our household May 11th (I call her “she” as we still are unaware if she is a boy or girl.) She was frantically looking for her mother and the mothers were rejecting her. She was running thru the neighborhood crying for her Mom when she caught my attention. She was darting thru yards that had dogs and the mowers were starting to mow the common area when a neighbor Bob and his dog Kota helped us round her up. We took a dog crate and put chicken wire around it so she would not get out and hurt herself. We were able to keep her in the garage for about a week but we were heading out for vacation. Our neighbors Judy and Dewayne were kind enough to come over and clean her cage and feed her until we returned.

We felt she was ready to go to the outdoors then. We took her cage to the deck below where she was able to move around and we gave her a kiddie pool. She loved racing thru the water. Feeling she might get bored we added a colorful ball to her pool which she absolutely loved pushing around. At night we had a small cage area so no creatures could get to her.

We felt on June 25th (she was approximately 9 weeks old) it was time for her to venture out. We put her cage in the grass as the other ducks were about, she popped out and began intermingling with the others. She followed them out to the water and went crazy enjoying the water in the pond. She starting quacking that day. Other neighbors who fish there noticed her and said she was coming up to them and they had seen her fly.

She still comes to the yard regularly as she still likes the baby duck food. We really have enjoyed our time with Lucky Ducky.



QUAIL CROSSING COMMUNITY BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Here is a list of resident owned community businesses taking advantage of free advertising in the QC newsletter and letting 160+ homeowners know about their services and products. We are aware that a number of our community members own their own businesses and here is how to add your business' name to this no-cost listing. Submit your company info to mpcunningham75@gmail.com. Include: business name, address, phone number, email address, what services/goods you sell, contact person at the business and any discounts you are willing to offer fellow QC residents. Also, if you have a logo send as a jpg. Logo and info must fit into the space provided below. Listings represent an unpaid service to community members and not an endorsement by the Quail Crossing Homeowners Association or its Board.



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