



APARTMENT COUNCIL OF TOPEKA

May 2011

Dear Members,

Our Spring is half over and Summer time is approaching quickly. I'm sure work loads for many of us has increased with the change of seasons and time of year. We have all those air conditioners to service, yards to mow, swimming pools to open, new apartments to be made ready, and all the other projects that have been on hold until the weather has allowed. Maybe all this is what I like most about our business. It is always something different, something changing, something new, it's never boring.

At last month's meeting our speaker Christine Lee pointed out some of the benefits that go with our membership with the National Apartment Association. Take the time to go on line to <http://www.naa.org/> and find information and resources that are available to us. We have just recently again updated our Membership Roster with NAA so if anyone has difficulty signing in to the website please let us know. Also everyone should be receiving the monthly issue of the Units magazine that is published by NAA. Units is another great source of information, updates and trends concerning our industry.

Please make plans to attend our coming luncheon on Thursday May 19th. Reservations can be made by contacting us at whisperingpines@bristol-properties.com or phoning to 785-273-1392 or fax 785-273-3319. Thank you and I hope to see you there.

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.

New Members

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

Vendor Spotlight

SOWARDS GLASS, INC.

Keith Sowards started the glass business back in 1992 working out of his garage servicing the residential and apartment communities in the Topeka area. The business has since grown and expanded to servicing commercial and contract businesses in NE Kansas and beyond.

In 2006, Sowards Glass moved to their new location at 2011 NW Topeka Boulevard; a new 7,000 square foot building. Currently, Sowards Glass employees 19 staff members.

Sowards Glass has been an active member of The Apartment Council of Topeka for over 10 years. Both Keith and Linda have served on the Board of Directors.

Some of the services Sowards Glass supplies to the apartment community are glass replacement (windows, doors and patio doors), screen repair and replacement, window and door hardware, as well as entry doors and door closures. Also available are mirrors, glass for shelving and table tops, and shower doors. The staff at Sowards Glass works to stay atop of any new and innovative products.

Quality is an essential component of the Sowards Glass philosophy, as reflected in the company's mission statement:

Sowards Glass employees are dedicated to our customers through excellent craftsmanship, hard work, and high standards. Our goal is to work hard to make your ideas and plans a reality.

Customer satisfaction is our priority!

Monthly Luncheon Summary

Were you caught off guard, too? That is just how testers do.

What are the seven protected classes:
Race, Color, National Origin, Religion, Sex, Handicapped and
Familiar Status.

Rodeo Clowns Never Really Should Have Families

What a great way to remember them!

Way to go McKenzie Schleichert from Screening Reports!

Fair Housing is so important. Just one incident can really
make or break a company.

Are you taking back from the class the information to your
employees?

FOOD for THOUGHT! The best fight is documentation. Are
you training your employees twice a year?

Being Prepared is not just for Boy or Girl Scouts.

Up-Coming Events

ACT Board Meeting
Thursday, May 12th, 2011 @ 11:30
Cedar Ridge Apartments

ACT Monthly Luncheon – Weather Preparedness
Thursday, May 19th, 2011 @ 11:30
Holiday Inn

ACT Board Meeting
Thursday, June 9th, 2011 @ 11:30
Cedar Ridge Apartments

ACT Monthly Luncheon - Marketing
Thursday, June 16th, 2011 @ 11:30
Holiday Inn

More 2011 Events:

July 15th – NAA Updates
August 19th – Maintenance and Resident Retention
September 16th - Vendor Appreciation Month
October 21st – Wellness Forum
November 18th – Safe Streets
December 2, 2011 – Holiday Party @ Holiday Inn



Property Spotlight Mount Vernon

Mount Vernon Apartments are conveniently located off 21st Street just south of Washburn University in which students can walk to class and we are also on the city bus route.

Mount Vernon Apartments were modeled after George Washington's home on the Potomac River in Virginia. The 13 buildings are named after the 13 original colonies. We have a beautifully landscaped courtyard which includes both mature trees and redbud trees. We maintain some of the original features such as hardwood floors, glass door knobs and original light fixtures. We also pride our community on good maintenance. This past fall, we put down a new asphalt driveway which adds to the integrity of the complex

Our current staff includes Norma Perry, manager; Dan Potter and Ron St Clair as full time maintenance; Francis Mulryan as part time cleaning in which he vacuums the entire complex hallways and steps each week; and Sandy Schroeder is our cleaning lady.

Gold Star Award

Congratulations to Dave Hibbert of Whispering Pines Apartments for winning this years Gold Star Award! Dave does an outstanding job as President. Dave is always willing to donate his time for the ACT. We really appreciate all you do Dave!

Advertising and Sponsorship Committee

ACT is starting up a new committee to work on advertising and sponsorship opportunities for the ACT. We will be meeting briefly after the May Luncheon. We welcome any members that are interested in inputting suggestions and helping with the committee. Contact Megan Rieman, with the Pines Apartments, with any questions or to sign up for the committee.

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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@ksfda.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	729 N. Route 83, Suite 321, Bensenville, IL 60106	816-217-8371	866-389-4043	mschleichardt@screeningreports.com	2011	
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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	investweb@wm.com	2010	
Westar Energy	Karen Smith	777 W. Central, Wichita, KS 67201	316-261-6570	316-261-6969	karen.m.smith@WestarEnergy.com	2011	
	Paula Carvell	818 S. Kansas Ave, Toeka, KS 66612	575-1975	n/a		2011	

May's Luncheon

Thursday, May 19th, 2011
Time: 11:30am-1:00pm
Location: Holiday Inn
Weather Preparedness

Luncheon Menu for May

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

Join ACT Now!

Join now and enjoy the many benefits of ACT membership, including monthly networking luncheons, annual trade show and convention, education programs, legislation updates, monthly newsletter, annual membership directory, membership in the National Apartment Association, Units magazine, an annual Holiday Party, and much more!

Keep up to date on all of the latest info!

Join ACTopeka now! It's easy! Fill out the online application or print it off and send it in with your payment.

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