

September, 2009

Dear Neighbor,

It is a new year for our Red Cedar Community Association, and we invite you to gather with your neighbors at the free ICE CREAM SOCIAL on Wednesday, Sept. 23rd from 6 to 7 p.m. This event is sponsored by the Community Relations Coalition and will take place on the parking lot along the north side of the Red Cedar School.

Come join us for a chance to get to know your Red Cedar neighbors better and to talk to your board members. We're here for you!

This year, we continue to dialogue with the city and the university on possible future changes to Cherry Lane apartments, the State Police post on Harrison Road, taking a fresh look at the potential for enhanced development along Trowbridge Road as well as on-going neighborhood concerns related to code enforcement, parking and rental licenses.

We also take great pride in our neighborhood Red Cedar School which will celebrate its new Peace Pole and School Sign on Friday, Sept. 18th at 3 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Visit our website for meeting dates and location as well as other neighborhood resources and information.

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#### **Reminders: Yard, property care (City Ordinances):**

##### **Sec. 14-36. Abandoned or inoperable motor vehicles.**

No person shall store on, or place in, or permit to be stored on, or remain on, any private premises within the city, an abandoned or inoperable motor vehicle, part, or parts of a motor vehicle, unless said motor vehicle, part, or parts of a motor vehicle shall be kept in a wholly enclosed garage or other structure meeting the requirements of the City Code for such use.

(Code 1994, ch. 63, § 6.108)

##### **Sec. 14-37. Owner and occupant to maintain premises free of litter; recovery of costs by owner when violation is caused by occupant.**

(a) The owner and occupant, as the case may be, shall at all times maintain the premises free of litter, including, but not limited to, the accumulation of any litter within yard areas, open accessory structures and along fence lines, provided, however, that this section shall not prohibit the storage of litter in authorized private receptacles for collection.

(b) The owner of a property who is found to be responsible for a violation of this article charged as a civil infraction has the right to recover in a civil action against the occupant who caused or allowed the violation, damages in the amount of any civil fine, costs or expenses assigned by the court. The owner of a premises may provide in a written agreement that the person who caused or allowed a violation of this article, when the violation is a civil infraction, shall indemnify the owner for any civil fine, costs and expenses imposed upon the owner for that civil infraction.

(Code 1994, ch. 63, § 6.109)

Trash means parts that have been torn off, broken off, or stripped from natural and human-made combustible and noncombustible matter, including, but not limited to, trees, shrubs, plants, motorized and non-motorized vehicles, building materials, buildings and structures.

(Code 1994, ch. 63, §§ 6.101, 6-102)

302.4 Weeds and plants. All exterior premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth in excess of six inches. All noxious weeds shall be prohibited. Weeds shall be defined as all grasses, annual plants and vegetation, other than trees or shrubs; provided, however, this term shall not include cultivated flowers and gardens. Trees and shrubs and other plantings shall be tended and trimmed to maintain sight lines, to prevent damage to structures, and to have at least a 7 foot clearance above a sidewalk.

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