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Mezzaluna opens in AH

By Sadie Johnson

Armour Hills only restaurant, Mezzaluna European Cuisine at the corner of Gregory and Rockhill Road, opened this fall to a fanfare of customers.

The restaurant is owned by Romanian emigrants Florin Mihailescu and Christian Dudulenu.

Italian for “half moon”, the mezzaluna is a curved blade often used to chop herbs or cut pizza. An artistic sculpture in front of the restaurant includes a mezzaluna.

Wood-fired pizza is on the menu along with veal romana to linguini vongole verace and wood-fired pizzas to ravioli firenze. The names may be fancy, but the prices are reasonable. Entrees range from \$13 to \$18, making Mezzaluna an affordable place to have a nice dinner for a special occasion or any day of the week.

Mihailescu and Dudulenu own the original Mezzaluna location in Lenexa and decided to expand to Armour Hills because they said they felt it would suit the neighborhood's residents.



Armour Hills' only restaurant is open at Gregory Boulevard and Rockhill Road. The restaurant is adorned with an unusual art sculpture of a mezzaluna or “half moon.”

Great turnout for Ice Cream Social

The ice cream social of 2009 is over and it was a good one thanks to the planning of Mary Yzon who had some help from husband Bing and a few volunteers. Mary had some fun new ideas for this year and they were successful. We had animals, which the children really enjoyed, and free pizza from Waldo Pizza. As usual, free hotdogs and condiments were courtesy of Price Chopper, ice cream from Schwan's and water courtesy of your homes association.

Many thanks to volunteers Jennifer Beaven and Joyce Egan who did the cooking, Margaret Taylor who did her usual fine job of handing out the ice cream. Rita Conger and Nik Krewet policed the park and it's conclusion and Pete Egan directed people to the water and Mary Hutchison who took pictures.

All in all it was a good show and everyone had a great time thanks to Mary and the Armour Hills Homes Association.

P.S., if anyone helped and their name was omitted, our apologies.



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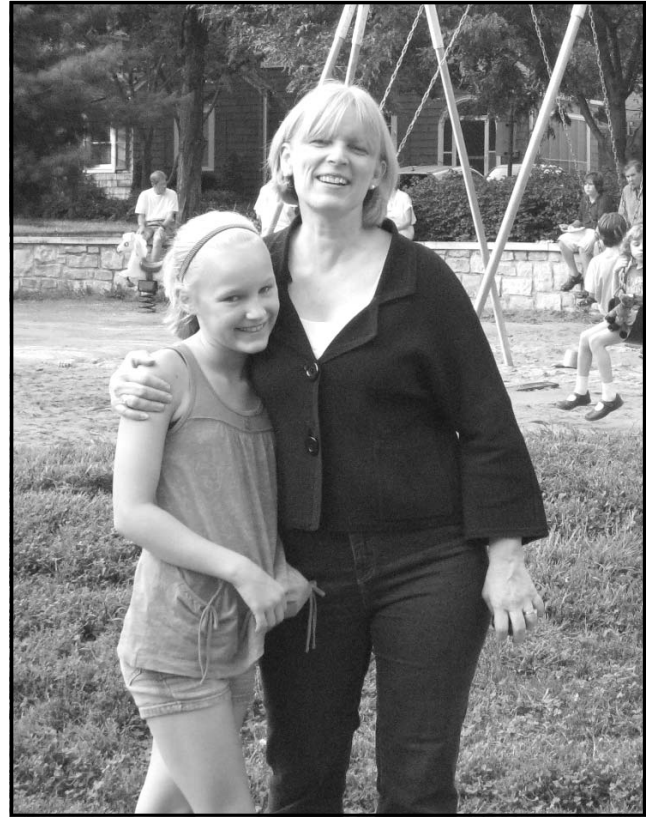
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Miscellaneous numbers

Neighborhood Assistance Center (311)	513-3200
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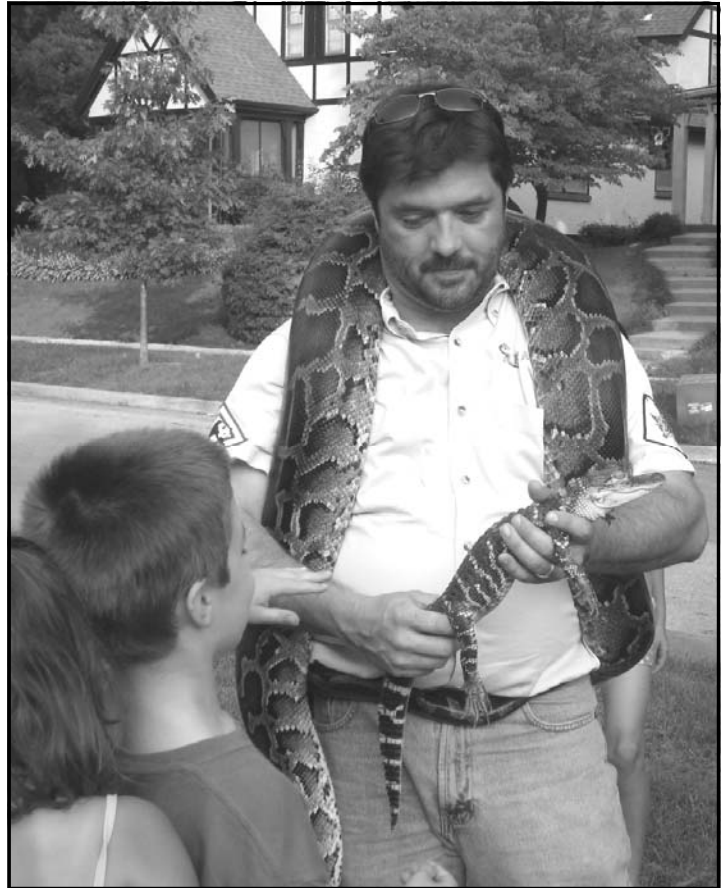
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Additional Ice Cream Social photos...





CALENDAR

DECEMBER

- **No monthly board meeting.**

JANUARY

- **Monthly board meeting, January 19.***

FEBRUARY

- **Monthly board meeting, February 16.***

***Monthly board meet-**

Who's New

65th Terrace

James Spencer & Jonathan Phelan, 36 West

66th Street

Gregory Binning, 11 East

66th Terrace

Ross & Lauren Short, 4 West

67th Street

Marcus Scott, 217 West
Michael & Shannon Magherio, 11 West

68th Street

Mark & Jennifer Landes, 220 West

69th Terrace

Erica Haake, 23 East

70th Street

Tamiko Bullock, 108 East
Curtis Moxley & Jennifer Douglas, 7 East

70th Terrace

Derek & Jennifer MacKay, 326 East

William Potts, 212 West
Matt & Molly Haase, 32 West

Linden

Robert Gumbel, 6516

Winthrope

David & Jennifer Benner, 316 East
Nathan Vavroch & Sara Hammer, 15 West

A winter warning for crimes of opportunity

It's that time of year. Time to warn about auto thefts caused by leaving cars unattended while warming them up.

You may think a locked car or one at the back of the drive-way won't get stolen. Not true. Sgt. Pearce of the Metro Police says it takes about five seconds to break a window and this can be done without making a noise. He also said on cold mornings, starting at about 7 a.m., criminals cruise neighborhoods looking for cars to steal, possibly to use in other crimes. Those cars are then often later abandoned.

Armour Hills has shown a decrease in more serious crimes (robbery, burglary and auto theft) and up in stealings (theft of unsecured property from cars, yards and garages). Most stealings involve auto parts or items left in cars (think GPS systems) and, of course, are preventable. Take control and prevent being a victim by following the simple advice from police. This really is much easier than filing police reports and insurance claims.

Crime Report

In September and October, there were two dangerous assaults in Waldo.

Both were in the middle of the night and both involved women home alone.

Crime Statistics		
	2009	2008
	(thru Sept.)	
Robberies	0	1
Burglaries	10	19
Stealings	35	8
Auto	1	6
Total	46	34

According to a report from KCTV5, police believe the same man is responsible for the two incidents.

Police said there was no forced entry in either case, and both victims were in their 20s and 30s. They seemed to be randomly chosen.

In both rapes the victims were not able to provide a description, police said.

Please continue to lock doors, windows and storm doors. Keep the exterior of your house well-lit and watch out for anything suspicious. The best deterrent is neighbors looking out for one another.

Suspicious Sales People

Recently, near 79th Terrace and Oak, suspicious parties were selling magazines door to door. Officers were dispatched. One individual was not cooperative and another was found to be wanted in South Carolina. Later, the guy in charge of the

operation showed up with a large van full of salespeople. Apparently they will work with troubled teens (for a price) and also sell magazines (one subscription being \$100).

The contact information they provided did not pan out and much of the documentation for their program appeared to be homemade. All of these people were from the East coast and in a van with Maryland plates.

Officers question the legitimacy of the "program" and would like residents to be cautious of door to door sales people, as always.



Keeping track of homeowners

If you plan to move but retain ownership of your property in Armour Hills, our office needs to have your new address on record. As long as an owner holds he title, they are responsible for homes association dues.

Please send updated addresses to: Homes Associations of Kansas City, 4200 Somerset, Suite 216, Prairie Village, Kan. 66208.

Armour Hills real estate news

Since January 1, there have been 44 homes sold in Armour Hills. The average sales price was \$227,388. Lowest sales price was \$110,000 and the highest was \$375,000. The average days on market for a home was 97 days. Currently, there are 24 homes listed for sale in Armour Hills, with an average price of \$239,872. Information on home prices is taken from the Heartland MLS service and is deemed reliable but not guaranteed.

Leaf and brush pickup is scheduled

The next leaf and brush pickup is December 10.

Sacks and bundles should be curbside by 7a.m.

No more than 20 sacks and/or bundles (weighing less than 40lbs each) per household.

Use only paper lawn debris sacks. NO plastic bags. You may seal with masking tape only; NO plastic or duct tape.

NO grass clippings. NO trash.

All branches must be 3 inches in diameter or smaller and bundled

with twine or jute rope (NO wire or plastic tape).

Bundles of branches must not be more than 2 feet in diameter and not more than 4 feet long.

If wet weather is forecast, cover sacks/bundles with clear plastic. If sacks and bundles are not collected on the scheduled day, residents must call the 3-1-1 Action Center within 24 hours.

If you can't wait or have more than 20 bags, you can drop leaves and brush yourself Saturdays at two locations

1815 N. Chouteau Trafficway
OR I-470 and Raytown Road

Other items (collected at 4707 Deramus)

Household hazardous waste -- Thursday through Saturday. Call 311 for an appointment.



Please start (or continue) saving your glass for recycle

Free, easy, and no need to sort colors!

Ripple Glass has set up shop in Kansas City with a recycling bin on the north side of Border Star School. They will provide convenient drop off locations for glass all over the city and process it locally.

Local companies will use it to make fiberglass insulation for more energy-efficient homes.

In addition to Borderstar, the large purple bins are located at Andre's parking lot at 50th and Main and Berbiglia's at 78th and Wornall.

Check rippleglasskc.com for more information.



Holiday lighting contest approaching

The judging deadline for the holiday lighting contest is December 20.

All Armour Hills residents are invited to participate in our Holiday lighting contest.

Decorations and lights must be in place by the evening of Saturday, Dec. 19.

The top 3 winners will be awarded Brookside merchant gift certificates.

Last years winners are not eligible for prizes. In an effort to include everyone, we will not award prizes to the same house two years in a row. Thanks for understanding.





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Get Involved!

What would you like in your neighborhood?

Who's doing work for your board?

Want reports from neighborhood committees?

Come to a meeting or send a suggestion.

You can always get involved in what's happening in our neighborhood. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Country Club Congregational Church, 205 W. 65th St.

Upcoming Board Meetings:

December (no meeting)

January 19

February 16

Tips for fighting the flu

Get a seasonal flu shot now and an H1N1 later. Always cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after use.



Wash your hands often with soap and water. If not available, use an alcohol-based hand product. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread easily this way.

Follow public health advice regarding school closures, avoiding crowds, and measures to keep our distance from each other to lessen the spread of flu. Avoid close contact with sick people

If you are sick with flu-like illness, stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone except to get medical care or for other necessities. (Your fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.)

While sick, limit contact with others as much as possible.