

NEWSLETTER

May 2007

Prairie Village Homes Association

ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

When: June 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

Where: Your Garage, Driveway and/or Yard.

It's that time of year again. It's time to sell off your excess items in our annual PVHA garage sale. As usual, this 3 day event will run the same Friday, Saturday and Sunday as the Prairie Village Art Fair. We hope to take advantage of the extra traffic that the art fair, at the Village Shopping Center, draws though our neighborhood.

Banners, announcing our sale, will be placed at 3 prominent intersections. The rest is up to you. Good luck!

Island Beautification:

This year our island beautification committee has reached an impressive benchmark. In 1993, we were spending around \$11,000.00 annually for a professional landscaper. Over the years, as the number of volunteers has steadily increased, the need for the paid professional has decreased. **This will be the first year that our islands will be beautified by an all volunteer team.** If not for our hard working volunteers, imagine what hiring out the job would be costing us in today's dollars.

Of course, this has been no accident. This accomplishment is due, in great part, to the dedication of one man. That would be our island coordinator of many years, **Dick Haun**. Dick became involved as an island volunteer back in 1993. At that time 2 women were planting 3 islands. Dick, with his love of gardening offered to take on 2 islands himself. The rest is history. Dick took on the job of island coordinator and built that original team of 3 up to what we have today.

Dick was born on a farm in Nebraska. He settled in Prairie Village, raised 5 children and went on to build the Haun Potato Company. Now retired, Dick continues to enjoy growing things. His work on the islands has been a labor of love. It has combined his favorite things, gardening and people. In fact, the only thing he loves more is his beautiful bride of 58 years, Eleanor. He'll tell you, she's the best person he's ever known. And that is saying something considering all of people Dick knows.

Dick had planned to make this his last year as island coordinator. Due to a recent back injury, Dick has asked to pass the job along sooner than expected. He has asked **Ashley Weaver** to take over as of May 1, 2007. He asks all island volunteers to turn their receipts into Ashley for reimbursement. Dick will still be around in an advisory role to insure a smooth transition.

Thank you Dick for all you've done. We wish you a full and rapid recovery.

Public works has advised us a new traffic island procedure. If we wish to change the boundaries of our flower beds and/or plant shrubs or other potentially tall plants, we must obtain a right of way permit from their office. The usual fee will be waived. Public works is open to these changes. They just need to be kept in the loop.

Join us in welcoming Ashley as our new island coordinator. She may still be able to find you an island this season as some people have taken on more than one. You may contact Ashley @ 403-0154.

Welcome New Neighbor:

January

Timothy & Diane McGowan 4634 W 70 St
Betsy Loomer 4201 W 73 St
Stacey Lehmann 4600 W 70 St
Logan & Tiffany Trustor 7045 Cedar

February

Chad Reeves 7446 Village
Davy Arnaud 4210 W 68 St
Ryan Ford 5010 W 69 Ter
Matthew & Angela Eastlack 4611 W 72 Ter
Joshua & Catherine McGaig 4516 W 69 Ter
Jared Buchbaum 5010 W 70 Ter

March

Carolyn Collier 6815 Fontana
Patricia Illman 5116 W 72 St
Martha Truman 4515 W 72 Ter
William Venable 5103 W 72 Ter
Samuel & Lisa Lind 4912 W 73 St
Mark Kapfer & Connie Wonnemberg 7312 Roe
Allison Sigler 4506 W 70 St
John & Megan Ziegelmeyer III 4119 W 74 Ter
Jack & Rebecca Beal 6748 Granada Rd
Myers 7200 Village
Blake Smith 7140 Mission Rd
Matt & Lucy McLain 4641 W 72 Ter
Rd Ron Reck & Johyne Hamra 6727 Granada

April

Kyle Lew 7150 Village
Aaron Pennington & Emily Dix 7407 Roe
Matthew Cunningham 4620 W 70 Ter
Lisa Wood 6751 El Monte
Jennifer Waring 7424 El Monte
Phillip Walter & Megan Schalansky 7058 Granada Ln
Kelley Smith 4600 W 70 Ter
Matthew & Rachel Israel 5017 W 73 St
Lyvel & Lesley Johnson 4318 W 74 Ter

Board News:

The PVHA annual business meeting was held February 7, 2007. The 5 board positions up for election or re-election were filled. **Susan Forrest** and **Brent Muecke** will continue for another term. **Bill Chinnery** will return to the board after a brief absence. **Susan Britton** and **Susan Spencer** join as new board members

Thank you to all who attended. February is not the easiest month for people to come to a meeting. We appreciate your effort. Congratulations to our door prize winners; **Paul Abney, Lucile Jewett and Lindsay Sierens.**

Committees:

Please contact the following committee chair people for more information and to become involved. When calling, leave your name & number first. Some past calls were not returned due to cut off messages.

Annual Meeting: Sharon Chinnery & Jori Nelson

Communication:

Block Captains: Susan Spencer
Newsletter: Susan Forrest
Website: Ashley Weaver

Deed Restrictions: Susan Forrest

Finance: Susan Britton & Michelle Nash

Liaisons:

City Council: Susan Spencer
HACCD: Michelle Nash
Planning Commission: Jori Nelson

Home of the Month: Susan Forrest

Island Beautification: Ashley Weaver

Social: Susan Spencer

Welcome Packets: Susan Britton & Susan Forrest

Some committees plan a single event and others involve monthly, weekly or seasonal activities. Your input is always welcome. Contact information for these committee chair people can be found on the back page of this newsletter under Board of Directors.

Calendar:

2007

May 16 Board Meeting 7pm Municipal Bldg.

June 1-3 Garage Sale

July 18 Board Meeting 7pm Municipal Bldg

Sept. 19 Board Meeting 7pm Municipal Bldg.

Nov. 14* Board Meeting 7pm Municipal Bldg.

** This has changed since the last newsletter*

2008.

Jan. 16 Board Meeting 7pm Municipal Bldg

Feb. Annual Meeting TBA.

Mar 19 Board Meeting 7pm Municipal Bldg

Board meetings are held in the large meeting room in the Municipal Building AKA City Hall.

Meetings begin with a public forum where any PVHA member in good standing is free to speak their mind. This board represents you. We need to know what you want from your association. What type of social event would you attend? Would you prefer our annual meeting to be a sit down meal or coffee and desert? Your feed back is important.

Block Captains:

A recent event on my street brought home the importance of having a block captain. Late one evening, my neighbor had a medical emergency. His wife knocked on my door for help. After the ambulance was summoned, I was able to call the couple's daughter. I knew how to reach her because she was listed as their emergency contact person on our street roster.

We decided to add emergency contacts to our roster last year. We wondered what if something happened to your home while you were away. Who would know how to reach you? We asked each homeowner to list the name and number of someone they kept tabs with and that they could rely on.

On this recent event, I was so relieved to know who to call. An emergency situation is no time to try to remember names and numbers. These neighbors had communicated their wishes to us ahead of time. It was such a gift to know just who they wanted and that that information was on a sheet in the front of my personal phone directory.

If your street does not have a block captain, please take on the job. The primary task is to compile, print and distribute a street roster. I urge you to include emergency contact information. I am so grateful that we did. Please contact our new block captain chair person, Susan Spencer @ 722-6313. She will maintain a list of captains and what addresses they each cover.

Gather Common Interests:

The following people have stepped forward to organize these activities.

- Bridge – Mary Lou Newton @ 722-2645
- Happy Hour in the Village – Susan Spencer @ 722-6313
- Play Groups for Children – Deborah Mower @ 677-0144
- Senior for Socializing and Building Support Systems – Jane Compton @ 831-691

Please contact them if your interests match theirs. To organize your own group, call our new social chair person, Susan Spencer @ 722-2645.

Deed Restrictions & By Laws:

Our Bylaws are available @ www.haccd.org or you may link to it through our website @ www.pvhomes.org. A retyped copy of our Declaration of Restrictions will be available on our website by the end of this month. Our copy of the actual document was too grainy to be legible when scanned. The original is on file with Johnson County. If you wish to have a copy of the original, you may obtain one there. To make a copy of a copy, contact a board member. The retyped document will be on line soon.

Home additions or remodeling projects that change the exterior of your home are addressed in our Declaration of Restrictions. Our homes are limited in height to 1 & ½ stories. The Cape Cod style that dominates our association is an example of a 1 & ½ story home. There are ways to add space and comply with our restrictions. Our association contains many good examples of this. Maintaining a consistent scale to our homes helps all of our property values.

McCrum Park / Cingular Update:

Good news! Cingular has withdrawn its petition to erect an antenna at McCrum. It's over.

Spotlight on Home of Month:

We spotlight our May Home of the Month. It is the home of **Craig & Beth Hartwell** at 4610 W 69 St. We chose it because we've received more positive comments about it than any other home in recent memory. Craig & Beth bought their home about 2 years ago. It was a cinderblock ranch made up of many small interior rooms. They remolded, without adding on, to change the 3 bedroom 1&1/2 bath into a 3 bedroom 3 bath with a 1st floor laundry room. Landscape and front porch improvements are in the works. The most noticeable change is the color. The formerly white house is now a deep brown. The rich, warm and traditional theme continues inside. The interior has an updated use of space with attention to details. They even had the new woodwork specially milled to match the original. Craig and Beth prove that with vision, a 1770 sq. ft. home can be beautiful, functional and spacious.

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Contact our administrator, HACCD @ (816) 523-2440
when selling your home or with questions about dues.

**If you no longer own a home in our association
Call (913) 262-6312 so we may correct our records**

Your Ad Here:

To advertise in the PVHA newsletter, call Susan
@ 262-6312. We publish 3 times annually to over
1775 homeowners.

Website:

Check www.pvhomes.org for updates, archives and
other information about our association. We also link
to information about our city and services it provides.

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