

PRAIRIE VILLAGE HOMES ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

May 2009

ANNUAL PVHA GARAGE SALE

The dates of this year's sale are Friday May 29 through Sunday May 31.

It is time again for the annual homes association garage sale. As usual, it will be held on the same weekend as the Prairie Village Art Fair. The art fair, located in the parking lot of the Prairie Village Shopping Center, will help to draw people through our neighborhood. We hope that the increased traffic will result in increased sales for our members. So gather up your extra or no longer used items and set up shop in your garage, driveway or yard. Feel free to operate your sale during the hours and days that will work best for you. The annual garage sale offers us a good chance to clear out our clutter and make a few dollars in the process.

We will post banners announcing the sale at three prominent intersections within our association boundaries. Additionally, this year we will advertise the sale on the website Craigslist.com.

Island Beautification

Would all island volunteers please contact our Island Coordinator? She has had a computer malfunction and wants to be sure that she has everyone's current contact information. Please contact **Ashley Weaver** at info@pvhomes.org.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Prairie Village Homes Association was held on March 4, 2009 in the Council Chambers of the Prairie Village Municipal Building. President **Ian Bartalos** presided. Ian reported that the Board's two main accomplishments for the year were to complete the task of updating our Bylaws and to respond more quickly to our members via email. Our guest speaker, Assistant City Administrator **Dennis Enslinger**, presented information on two programs that provide financial assistance to homeowners planning a home maintenance or improvement project. They are the Exterior Grant Program and the First Suburbs Loan Program. Dennis also previewed the anticipated changes to the way our trash is collected. Treasurer **Ron Nelson** presented an oral financial report. Printed copies were also made available. Ian reported that our city has asked the PVHA to contribute \$36,000 toward the repair of the fountain located on the island at 69 St, Oxford and El Monte. The new Board will take up this question at the next Board Meeting. The tribute to **Dick Haun** was postponed as Dick was not present to receive his award. Four members were elected to fill the open seats on our Board of Directors. **Britt Bieri**, **Joel Hanish** and **Jori Nelson** were elected to full three year terms. **Andrea Ernst** was elected to fill the remaining year of the seat vacated by **Bill Chinnery**. Member **Honey Barnekoff** asked if the updated Bylaws would be posted on line. Member **Jenny Haake** inquired as to the status of the creation of a Historic District and/or Overlay District. **Ann Doyle** announced that Friends of Village Fest is seeking monetary donations. Ian thanked the members for attending and the meeting adjourned.

Thank You for Your Service

We would like to thank our two outgoing Directors for their years of service to our association. **Sharon Chinnery** chose not to seek reelection after completing two full terms. Five of those years she served as our Secretary. Effective at the adjournment of our final regular Board Meeting of the year, **Bill Chinnery** chose to resign his seat with one year remaining on his second term. Sharon and Bill leave with our best wishes and thanks for their years of service to our association.

Exterior Grant Program

The Exterior Grant Program provides financial assistance to homeowners maintaining or improving the exterior of their homes. This program is in its second year. The grant would equal 20% of the total cost of the project. The grant may not exceed \$2500. The minimum cost of the project must total \$5000 and applies to exterior projects only. In our association, only homes west of or fronting Roe and south of or fronting 71 St are eligible to apply. An application and more information are available at City Hall.

First Suburbs Loan Program

The First Suburbs Loan Program offers home equity loans at reduced rates through Community Federal Bank. Owners of homes built between 1920 and 1950 with a current value not to exceed \$250,000 are eligible to apply. All homes within our association boundaries that meet the before mentioned criteria are eligible. An application and more information are available at City Hall. This program may be combined with the Exterior Grant Program.

Trash Collection

Our trash collection is contracted through our city and paid for through our city taxes. Our current contract with Deffenbaugh will expire at the end of this year. For the past several years, there has been a cap in place over what we pay Deffenbaugh for trash collection. We should expect to pay an additional 4% to 6% beginning in 2010. Our city is currently negotiating with multiple trash collection companies to find the best fit for our needs. We should expect changes in how our trash is collected no matter which company our city chooses.

Changes to regular trash collection may include a limit on the number of bags collected each week or the use of roller carts. Roller carts come in 32 and 64 gallon sizes. They would be provided by the trash collection company. Trash in the roller carts would not need to be bagged. We would use one cart for regular trash and one for recycling. Roller carts are currently used in neighboring cities. The challenge for homeowners would be storing the roller carts, which are larger than traditional trash cans, when they are not at the curb.

Yard waste will, most likely, no longer be accepted in plastic bags. Unlimited yard waste in sturdy paper bags or bundled with twine would remain acceptable.

With our current landfills reaching capacity, we can look for a renewed push to recycle more. To encourage recycling, #1 through #7 plastics are now and will continue to be accepted. For the safety of the sanitation workers, glass is not and will not be accepted at the curb. We can expect a northeast community recycling center that will accept glass to open up soon. There is also the possibility of earning "thank you" points based on the amount that we recycle by weight.

Lastly, the day of the week that our trash is picked up may change. Trash problems should be reported to City Hall. We can expect to receive more information on trash collection as details are worked out.

Working Together to Recycle

As you may be aware, the northeast community recycling center off of Metcalf has closed. Currently, the nearest recycling center that will accept glass is located on Hardy St just south of 119 St. Hardy St is located half way between Metcalf and Antioch. This location may not be convenient for everyone and makes recycling glass a challenge. A PVHA member has shared with us how they have met this challenge and suggest that more people try their simple plan. They accept glass from neighbors and drop it off along with their own. They suggest that we just talk with our neighbors. There is a good chance that someone on your block works or regularly shops in south Johnson County and would be happy to help out their community in this way.

Help Wanted

Island Volunteers We still have some islands that need adoption. We need people that are interested in beautifying our traffic islands by planting and maintaining the existing flower beds. Our city mows and otherwise maintains the grass areas on the islands. They will also trim the shrubbery if you choose not to. Most islands have urns or statuary that you may work your design around. You will be reimbursed for the plants you choose to use. You may volunteer as an individual, as a family or with a neighbor. Perhaps you know of a youth group that is looking for a service project. All volunteers are welcome.

Adopting an island is easy. Simply email our Island Coordinator at info@pvhomes.org or phone **Ashley Weaver** at 403-9154 and let her know that you are interested. Ashley can also answer any questions that you might have. We hope to have some new additions to our team of island volunteers this year. Adopting an island is a very satisfying way to give your time in service to your community.

The islands currently available are at the following locations.

**67 St & Fontana
72 Terr & Village Dr
73 St & Tomahawk**

**75 St & Rosewood
Prairie Ln & Oxford
Tomahawk & Nall**

Tomahawk & Rosewood

Would you like to help but don't feel up to the task of gardening? We can always use assistance with the watering. Our volunteers do not all live near the islands that they maintain. If your home is near an island, please consider allowing our volunteer to attach their hose to your faucet. Please contact our Island Coordinator if you would be willing to help out in this way.

Block Captains We hope to establish a block captain on every block. Their primary responsibility is to compile and maintain a roster of the people living there. That street roster would then be distributed to the residents of that block. In most cases this shared information has led to block parties or other social activities. Our hope is to foster that sense of community that desirable neighborhoods are known for. If you currently are a block captain or are interested in becoming one, please contact our Social Chairperson at info@pvhomes.org. The list is continually updated. While you're at it, let us know what activities your block has enjoyed. Sharing your story in an upcoming newsletter may inspire others.

Friends of Village Fest

At our Annual Meeting, member **Ann Doyle** announced that the Friends of Village Fest was looking for monetary donations. They would use the funds to add amenities to this year's 4th of July festival. For example, they may pay for the services of a face painter that would otherwise be omitted due to City budget short falls. You may contact **Jeannie Koons** at City Hall or go to the City's website for more information or to make a donation.

Welcome New Members

January:

Michael & Kelly Fowler 4012 W 73 Terr
Deanne Griffey 6815 Fontana
Jocelyn Anderson 7421 Ash
Christopher Hunt 4320 W 72 St
Jessica Arndt 4301 W 70 St
Mark Hodes & Patti Nix-Hodes 3922 W 72 Terr

February:

Joseph & Kelly Privitera 4314 W 71 Terr
Maria Harkins 4108 W 74 St
Stephen Smith 5303 W 71 Terr
Aaron & Julie McKenzie 3916 W 68 St
Bryce & Jennifer Puntenney 4406 W 69 Terr
Cynthia Clark 4216 W 70 St

March:

Andrea Gardner 4023 W 68 Terr
Michael & Kristi Dennihan 5105 Tomahawk
Jonathan Ferlas 7416 Delmar

April:

Specialty Design, LLC 4910 W 69 Terr
David & Brooke Jenkins 4305 W 71 Terr
Jeffrey Miller & Jill Paradise 4412 W 72 St
Jason Conkright 4914 W 69 Terr
Shara Young 6723 El Monte
Kathryn Radochonski 4923 W 72 Terr
Patrick Enderson 7143 Alhambra

Safety

We are fortunate to live in a relatively crime free community. Our Prairie Village Crime Prevention Officer, **Daniel Robles** recently reminded us of some simple things we can do to keep things that way. At home the three most effective safety tools are lights, locks and dogs. Exterior lighting is not just for beauty. It reduces dark spots where criminals might hide. It also illuminates our house numbers should emergency services need to find us fast. Secure locks on your doors and windows are effective. We should use them during the day as well as at night. This includes the doors that lead from our garages into our homes. Dogs, even small ones, will alert us when strangers approach our homes. They provide a security alarm that works 24/7 even when the power goes out. Additionally, we should landscape with safety in mind. Trimming foundation shrubs up from the ground will expose the feet of someone trying to hide. Planting roses or other thorny plants under windows makes that a more difficult point of entry. Criminals want easy access without attention. Lights, locks and barking dogs will provide them with the exact opposite. You may get more information regarding crime prevention from the Prairie Village Police Department. By being proactive, we can discourage crime and continue to enjoy the relative safety that our community is known for.

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PVHA Calendar:

May 20 Board Meeting
May 29-31 PVHA Garage Sale (see page 1)
July 15 Board Meeting
Sept. 16 Board Meeting
Nov. 18 Board Meeting

Board Meetings are held in the Prairie Village Community Center at 7 PM. PVHA members are welcome to attend. Calendar updates will be posted on our website, pvhomes.org.

Your Input is Wanted:

The new PVHA Board has formed. We have issues on our table that we would like our members input on. Our city has asked us to contribute \$36,000 of the \$66,000 they estimate it will cost to repair the fountain and refurbish the island at 69 St, Oxford and El Monte. Do you support this? We are also continuing to discuss if we should establish all or part of our association as a Historic District and/or an Overlay District. What are your thoughts, questions and concerns? On a lighter note, what PVHA social activities would you like to take part in? Please let us know via our website, info@pvhomes.org. Thanks!