

PRAIRIE VILLAGE HOMES ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

September 2009

Outstanding Islands

Spring (and summer) showers have brought beautiful flowers to our traffic islands this season. Of course none of this would be possible without our dedicated volunteers. They battle with the weeds, the bugs and the hard clay soil. On occasion, their work is undermined by an overzealous weed whacker from Public Works. Still, our gardeners push on for the beautification of our community. Below are a few of the islands that have been brought to our attention for being particularly attractive this season. They are the work of volunteers **Cyndee Davee, Chuck Dehner** and **Ashley Weaver**. We thank them and all of our volunteers for their service.



It's never too early to request an island for yourself. Next season will be here before we know it. If you have noticed an island that would benefit from your green thumb, contact our island coordinator, **Ashley Weaver**. It may be that the current volunteer would welcome a break and be willing to hand over their responsibilities to you. If that is not the case, Ashley could most likely match you with another location.

Think Safety

Many of us have them, use them daily but not to the extent that we might. Your car alarm could protect more than just your vehicle. It is suggested that you carry your key ring containing your car alarm remote when in your house and yard just like when you're away from home. That way if you should slip and fall, you could hit the car alarm panic button to alert others that you need help. Additionally, you should leave your keys on your bedside table when you sleep. Should you hear a suspicious sound in the night, hit the panic button. The attention from the alarm may be enough to turn away a would-be intruder. Thank you to PVHA Director **Jori Nelson** for sharing this simple way to increase our personal safety.

Welcome New Neighbors

April

Clinton Gallagher & Amy Mitts 3917 W 73 TERR
Noblit Didier Develop. LLC 4917 W 69 ST
Ann Pecaut 4926 W 72 TERR

May

Matthew Berberich 4017 W 68 TERR
Mark Koester & Katie Spaeth 4026 W 72 TERR
Andrew Arthur & Ann Coenen 3917 W 67 TERR
Gail Pashek 4316 W 70 TERR
Klista Trombely 4115 W 68 TERR
Mary Alice Morton 3922 W 72 TERR
Bradley & Heather Wilson 4415 W 71 ST
Brandon & Sarah Hanna 4127 W 72 TERR
Christopher & Jennifer McRae 4418 W 74 TERR

June

Eric & Margaret Affolter 4510 W 70 TERR
Carie Ingalls 4820 W 71 TERR
Brian Bloff 4107 Prairie
Trent Eddy 4808 W 72 ST
Tami Stephens 5210 W 71 TERR
Brandon Balttner & Calvin Balttner 7418 Rosewood
Daniel Keele 4207 W 73 ST
Charles Manthey 5220 W 73 ST
Kristen Bontrager 6812 El Monte

July

Carlo & Elisabeth Virata 4400 W 72 ST
Lynn Thorn Burg 3901 W 73 TERR
Laura M Ryan 7235 Linden
Alexis Pike 4814 W 70 TERR
John & Marilyn Yost 4207 W 69 ST
Nicholas Allegri 6806 Granada LN
Zachary Kiefer 4201 W 69 ST
Casey L Krager 4501 W 71 TERR
Jarrett & Tracy Apperson 6748 Delmar
Megan Cross 7216 Linden
Alice Hansen 5300 W 72 ST
Brent & Erika Hoover 4508 W 74 TERR
Eric Levy & Margaret Kral-Hasty 5000 Tomahawk
Jacob Scoby 4911 W 72 TERR
Jacob Meese 4009 Prairie
Bryce Hamilton 4110 W 74 TERR
Karen Foss 4811 W 71 TERR
Blair Lawrence 4141 W 73 ST
Jessica Colston 4122 W 73 TERR
Amy Leonard 5405 W 72 ST
Noel & Inga Selders 4600 Tomahawk

August

Warren & Connie Weaver 5320 W 73 ST
Molly Cobb 4629 W 69 TERR
Stephanie Frost 7116 Cedar
Michael & Allison Hughes 6739 Fontana
Kyle & Teresa Goddard 6801 Granada LN
Lance Neville 4224 W 73 TERR
Paul & Jessica Gregory 4415 W 74 TERR
Steven Mallein 4306 W 70 ST
Kleiss, LLC 7041 Cedar
Julee Schreiber 4609 W 72 TERR
Matt & Margaret Larsen 4407 W 71 TERR

New Meeting Schedule

Beginning with our January 2010 meeting, our Board of Directors will gather on a new night. We will meet on the 2nd Wednesday instead of the 3rd. We found that the previous schedule conflicts with a number of other organizational meetings. We hope that this new schedule will allow more members to become involved. Our Board of Directors meeting will continue to be held every other month beginning in January. Any updates to that schedule will be posted on our website pvhomes.org.

PVHA Calendar

2009

October 21 Board Meeting
November 18 Board Meeting

2010

January 13 Board Meeting
February 10 Annual Meeting, Election of Directors
March 10 Board Meeting, Election of Officers
May 12 Board Meeting
May 28-30 Garage Sale
July 14 Board Meeting
September 08 Board Meeting
November 10 Board Meeting

All meetings begin at 7PM in the Prairie Village Community Center and are open to the public. Updates and cancellations will be posted on website, pvhomes.org.

Bylaw Updates Online

The updated Prairie Village Homes Association Bylaws will soon be, if not already, available on our website, pvhomes.org. We would again like to thank everyone that contributed to this process. In particular, we would like to thank PVHA Director **Ron Nelson**. Ron's legal background, experience and computer skills were instrumental in completing this task.

The Prairie Village Homes Association Newsletter is published three times annually to report Association activities and to provide our members with information that may assist them in preserving the quality of our residential neighborhood. Members are responsible for informing the Association should their mailing information change or need correction. Please email us at info@pvhomes.org or write us c/o Homes Associations of Kansas City, 4200 Somerset DR Suite 216, Prairie Village, KS 66208. Back issues are available at ha-kc.org.

New Name, New Location, Same Service

You may have noticed something new in the return address of this newsletter. Our long time Administrator, the Homes Associations of the Country Club District (HACCD), has made some changes.

HACCD was originally established to serve the J. C. Nichols homes associations that made up the Country Club District. The Prairie Village Homes Association is included in that original group. Over the years, HACCD has expanded to serve other homes associations throughout the Kansas City area. To better reflect the area that they serve, they have changed their name. They are now known as the Homes Associations of Kansas City (HAKC). In addition to their name change, HAKC is at a new location, has a new phone number and a new web address. They have moved their office across the state line, from Kansas City to Prairie Village. This new location is especially handy for our members should you have a need to visit their offices. The new contact information for HAKC is as follows.

Homes Associations of Kansas City
4200 Somerset DR Suite 216
Prairie Village, KS 66208
Phone (913) 385-2440
Fax (913) 385-2441
Web address www.ha-kc.org

The staff and the services that they provide have remained the same. HAKC will send out statements and receive payment of our homes association dues. They will review our building plans to determine compliance and provide copies of our deed restriction upon request. Additionally, HAKC will continue to provide general administrative and bookkeeping service to our association.

Love That Local Business

Seek local. Shop local. Spend local. That, in a nutshell, is the message and the mission of Project 3/50, an idea that, with luck, will become a trend, maybe even morph into a movement. The goal is to help local businesses and local business owners through this rocky economy.

First, ask yourself what three independently owned businesses you would miss if they disappeared. Maybe it's Euston Hardware, Bruce Smith Drug or the Hen House. Maybe it's the Blue Moose Bar & Grill, Café Provence, Minsky's Pizza or Waid's to name just a few of the neighborhood business right here in the Village Shopping Center.

Remember that independently owned businesses include storefront retailers, other bricks and mortar businesses such as restaurants and salons, and locally owned franchises, such as our neighborhood Hallmark Tiffany Town, TCBY or Mr. Goodcents.

Identify your three favorites. Then make a simple pledge to spend at least \$50 each month in locally owned business.

If even a fourth of the population adopted the 3/50 plan, that would translate into billions of dollars in revenue for local businesses. And since local businesses return more to the community than national chains, our neighborhoods win, too.

For every \$100 spent in locally owned independent stores, \$68 returns to the community through taxes, payroll and other expenditures. The same \$100 spent at a national chain returns only \$43 to the local economy.

Remember that locally owned businesses keep many of our neighbors employed.

For more information about the project visit the website at www.the350project.net.

Online Feed Back

In our last issue, we ask for members to share their opinions on some issues facing our Board of Directors this year. In particular, we wanted to know your thoughts regarding the fountain located at the intersection of 69 ST, Oxford and El Monte. The fountain sits on City property and it is maintained by the Public Works Department. Because of its location, our city believes that the fountain is a particular benefit to our area and requested that our homes association cover a large part of the cost to return the fountain to good working order. The repair estimates have varied during this process. Even at the lower end, the amount that we were asked to contribute reflected a sizeable piece of our budget. This is why the Board wanted your input before making a final decision on this question. We report that we received only three responses to our website. Two homeowners favored spending the money and one was against the idea. Considering that the PVHA is made up of 1769 properties, we had hoped for a much larger response. This is your homes association. You are legally obligated to pay annual dues. Please consider how you want those dollars used. Your voice matters. We thank the three members who took the time to respond. We hope that in the future more members will choose to participate.

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You may contact the entire board at info@pvhomes.org

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 HERE**

Please contact us at
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 For rates and information

Friendly Reminder

Soon, our weather will change. With all the rain we've been enjoying, we can expect our tree to produce and drop more leaves than usual. We encourage everyone to rake them up. You will want to use up any remaining plastic leaf bags this year. It is most likely that they will no longer be accepted when our new trash removal contract goes into effect on January 1, 2010. The new contract will very likely require that yard waste be placed in sturdy paper bags or bound with twine. Also, we remind our homeowners that we are each responsible for keeping the public sidewalks in front of our homes clear of leaves in the fall as well as snow and ice when winter comes.