



Homes Association Newsletter

April – May – June 2015



ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Please join us at **McCrum Park** for our summer Ice Cream Social on **Sunday, June 14 from 2:00 – 4:00 PM**. Sheridan's will be scooping up ice cream with your choice of toppings.



NEW LOGO

Thank you to PVHA member David Ellis! David responded to the call and graciously created our new logo. We hope you agree, David's interpretation of a traditional Cape Cod house under a tall tree is an image that well represents the PVHA. Well done, David!

OVERLAY DISTRICT

The original goal was to modify City building codes to incorporate the setback language from our deed restrictions and define the term "height of 1 & ½ stories". While change is inevitable, limiting the height and width of new construction and additions would keep things within a predictable scale. Merging these two PVHA deed restrictions with PV building codes would also eliminate the need for a separate compliance review from the PVHA. It would streamline the permit process by creating "one stop shopping" for homeowners.

The subcommittee spent almost 1 year wrestling with the task of how to modify City building codes in order to address scale and preserve the character of our neighborhood. The subcommittee remained divided over what the document should contain. In the end, the majority of the group decided to move forward with the more expanded set of guidelines. To date, the response to it has been mixed. The draft can be found at www.pvoverlay.org. We encourage you to read and consider the whole document carefully & attend the next info meeting at **7:30 PM, June 3** at Village Presbyterian. Your feedback will determine if this moves forward to the City Council for adoption in its current form, is modified or goes back to the drawing board for a fresh start.

ISLAND HARDSCAPE

Contrary to what was reported in the media (except PVPost.com – they got it right), the PVHA Board of Directors did not authorize the construction of or agree to finance the installation of hardscape on the traffic island at Prairie & Oxford. This project was initiated by residents. Those residents are currently working with the City to complete a structure that can be enjoyed by the community.

Traffic islands, like parks, are City property. The PVHA is allowed to, through our island beautification committee, plant flowers in designated planting beds. Any other changes to the islands must first be approved by the City of PV.

SPRING GARAGE SALE

Friday, May 29 – Sunday, May 31 we will hold our annual spring garage sale. Banners advertising the event will be posted in high visibility locations. You are encouraged to put a sign in your own yard to draw shoppers in. This is the same weekend as the Prairie Village Art Fair at the Village Shopping Center. We hope the added traffic will work to your advantage.



ISLAND BEAUTIFICATION

This committee is looking for a few more volunteers. The traffic islands at the following locations are currently available for adoption.

70 ST & Tomahawk (2 urns)
73 ST & Tomahawk (west of Roe)
73 Ter & Village Dr
74 PL & Fontana
74 PL & Village
75 ST & Rosewood
Tomahawk & Nall

Contact Pat at patpvhagardens@gmail.com for more information or to get started.

ASK THE EXPERTS

The Johnson County K-State Extension Office is a great resource for your lawn & garden questions. Visit their website at www.johnson.ksu.edu or speak to one of their Master Gardeners at (913) 715-7000.

They recommend starting any project with a soil analysis to determine what, if any, soil amendments you may need. The extension office provides this service free of charge to any Johnson County resident.

When searching for information on Google, you can avoid the commercial websites and get unbiased advice by adding edu to your search bar. For example, if you want to learn about azaleas, Google azalea edu. This will pull up university sponsored websites first. We are also advised to get information from Kansas or Missouri schools. Their advice is based on plants grown in environments much like our own.

MULCH TIPS

Mulching is a good thing if it's done right.

- Do leave an air space between mulch and any tree trunk. Piling mulch up the side of your tree will damage the bark and, in time, kill the tree.
- If you want mulch against your foundation, try using rocks. Laying wood mulch too close to your foundation may invite termites or carpenter ants into your home.
- White mold in your mulch can be eliminated by fluffing your mulch to increase air circulation.
- Use only natural materials. Rubber or other synthetic mulch is not recommended.
- Avoid working mulch into your soil.
- Newspaper (black ink only) makes a good underlayment for mulch but must be replaced annually.
- Natural color or tinted, bagged or bulk, it's all good. It just depends on the look you're after, how much you want to spend & what is most manageable for you.

VILLAGEFEST PIE CONTEST

VillageFest, PV's annual 4th of July daytime event, is looking for the best pies in PV. After the judging, all the pies are made available to the public. In exchange for a slice, a donation to the Municipal Fund will gladly be accepted. Could this be your year to enter? Go to www.PVKansas.com to register or receive more information.



GOOGLE FIBER IS COMING TO PV

PAR electric is replacing and upgrading utility poles in the PVHA in preparation for Google Fiber. Poles marked with an X will be replaced. Poles marked with a ribbon will be upgraded. Crews should begin work in 5 – 7 days after a pole is marked or flagged. If a crew needs to work in your yard, a notice will be left on your door 3 – 5 days before hand. Your power may be out for 2 – 4 hours while replacements and upgrades are made.

MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

These photos of Corbin Trimble's home on Roe are the ultimate before and after. The black and white one is from 1948 when the home was under construction. The people in the foreground are members of the family that the home was originally built for. Corbin moved here in 2001 because of the great location. He is so pleased that his neighbor saved this photo for 67 yrs. We thank Corbin for sharing a bit of his home's history with us.



WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

January

Linda Daugherty 6839 Roe
Two Birds, LLC 4101 W 74 St
Hilary Rosen 6743 Granada Ln

February

Jason & Nancy Ross 5201 W 71 St
Nicol Pathman & Jay Kombrink 3917 W 69 St
Terry Oakleaf 4526 W 72 Ter
Laura Dunford 5005 W 72 St
Cameron Murray 4422 W 70 St

March

Hoelting Renovations, LLC 4601 W 72 St
James & Sharon Wittstock 4518 W 74 Ter
Grant Doud 7423 Rosewood
James & Cynthis Engle 6815 Fontana
Jacci & Daniel Zach 4300 W 70 Ter
David Cavener & Elizabeth Fisher 7419 Roe
David Evans 5006 W 69 Ter
Lambie Custom Homes, Inc 6708 Fontana

GO PAPERLESS

Would you prefer to receive this newsletter in your inbox rather than your mailbox? We encourage you to request that change at skforrest1@hotmail.com. Because it contains your absentee ballot, the January issue will be delivered via traditional mail.

BOARD NEWS

Bridget Staker, Chuck Dehner & Sandy Eddy joined while Andrew Lynn & Marianne Noll departed from our Board of Directors. Andrew & Marianne leave with our best wishes and thanks for their service to the PVHA.

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PVHA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 11 Board Meeting
May 29 – 31 Spring Garage Sale
June 14 Ice Cream Social
July 4 VillageFest*
July 13 Board Meeting
Sept. 11 – 13 Fall Garage Sale
Sept. 14 Board Meeting
Sept 27 Fall Festival
Nov. 8 Curbside Leaf Pick-up #1
Nov. 9 Board Meeting
Dec. 13 Curbside Leaf Pick-up #2

Meetings are held at 7 PM, in the P.V. Community Center. Updates will be posted on our Facebook page.
* Hosted by the City of Prairie Village.

DEED RESTRICTIONS

The PVHA is made up of 1769 properties. Most homes were built in the 1940's & 1950's. As each plat (approximately a 4 block area) was developed, a set of deed restrictions or covenants pertaining to that plat were established and filed with the County. While all of these sets of covenants are similar, they can vary from plat to plat and from property to property with the same plat. Our covenants run with the land into perpetuity. We do not have the power to amend them.

You have 3 ways to obtain a copy of the covenants specific to your property. 1. You may request a PDF from our administrator, HAKC. Contact that office at cfoxworthy@ha-kc.org, provide your name, street address & request an electronic copy. PDFs are free of charge. 2. Request a hard copy from that same email address or call 385-2440. A \$15 charge will apply. 3. Obtain a copy from the Johnson County Records Office. Contact the County regarding their fee.

The Prairie Village Homes Association Newsletter is published quarterly to report PVHA 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 PVHA if their mailing information changes or need correction. Please contact 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 www.ha-kc.org.



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2015 is on FIRE!!!! Inventory is down significantly so this means more money for sellers!!! I offer my sellers a very aggressive marketing plan to sell their house. I rank in the top 1% of Realtors and #1 producer for the #1 KB Team.

Would you be ready to sell your house the 1st day it hit the market for 100% or more of list price? As an owner of my 5th home in Prairie Village I know the market better than anyone. I love to live in PV and sell in PV!!!! I am known for my communication, aggressive negotiating skills and knowledge of the market. Call me for a NO OBLIGATION estimate for what your house is worth. I am a senior sales executive and a top producer for the #1 Koehler Bortnick Team and Reece and Nichols. Real estate is my passion!!! I love selling homes and would love to help you sell your house! Please visit my website for to view over 55+ testimonial letters from previous clients from the past 10 years.

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