



PRAIRIE HILLS HOMES ASSOCIATION Neighborhood News

SUMMER/FALL 2006

LIFE REALLY IS A PICNIC IN PRAIRIE HILLS

The 2006 Prairie Hills Annual Picnic was a rousing success and continues to be one of our most well-attended events. About 150 residents enjoyed the food, fun and sun at Windsor Park.



A bounce and slide kept the kids happy-so did the snow cones. We increased the supply of burgers and brats, so no one left hungry.

Many thanks to Janie Wang and Jane Argotsinger who organized this cherished event with help from Andy Wang (and daughter Beth), grill-pros John McMahon and Mark Stiles, and volunteers Wesley Piercy, Marsha Bjerkan and Loring Leifer.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 16
PHHA Garage Sale

October 12
Environmental Forum

December
Holiday Homes Tour
Holiday Lighting Contest

April
Annual Meeting

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ~ SAFETY IN NUMBERS

While my wife and I were out enjoying our wonderful neighborhood and walking our dog the other night, we were discussing the number of houses that were totally in the dark and did not have visible house address numbers. Take a moment tonight and see what your house looks like. Can you easily see your address from the street? Is your house well lit

and inviting to the neighbors, or is it more inviting to those who don't want to be seen? Will your house be easy to find if there is the need for emergency personnel? We also noticed several houses that had lights, but the address was located in the dark or was too small to be read easily from the street. Worried about being a major contributor to light pol-

lution in urban areas? Small wattage, effectively placed lights, or motion lights with low wattage settings are just as effective and will provide a pleasing look to your house. Prairie Hills has always been a very safe neighborhood to live in. Everyone should do their part to keep it that way.

~Mark Stiles

SURF'S UP ON THE PHHA WEB SITE

Check out the useful web site for the Prairie Hills Homes Association. You'll find a board roster, newsletter archive,

meeting minutes, treasurer's report, event calendar, and a map — in case you get lost. Be sure to thank Mark Stiles for

bringing us and updating this useful site. You can find this very useful site by going to: <http://prairiehillshomes.org>

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UNCONVENTIONAL FLOWERS FOR FALL

Master gardener Paul James reveals a few flowers for unconventional fall color.

"When you think of fall color, you no doubt think of mums and pansies. After all, they're the most popular plants of the season, and supplies are plentiful," says James. "But the next time you think of fall color, think of spring." Flowering plants that do really well in the spring because of their fondness for cool weather do just as well--if not better--during the cool months of fall.

To help get you started thinking along those lines, here are some of James' unconventional fall-flowering favorites:

This African daisy called 'Lemon Symphony' can tolerate partial shade to full sun, grows to about a foot tall and wide, and is great in flowerbeds, containers or hanging baskets. It's also hardy to 25 degrees Fahrenheit.

This low-growing Marguerite daisy (*Argyranthemum*) is a delight, and it flowers pretty much non-stop until the first freeze.

'Toucan Tango', a purple member of the aster family, doesn't care too much for afternoon sun, but it's hardy to 28 degrees Fahrenheit.

The high-flying colors of 'Coral' rate big in James' book. This compact beauty stays small, growing to just eight inches high and wide, and is hardy to 15 degrees Fahrenheit.

Source: *Gardening by the Yard*

ENVIRONMENTAL ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DAY

Saturday, September 16th, 2006 8:30 am - 2:00 pm

When you bought your most recent computer or TV, did you think to yourself, "What am I going to do with the old one?" Take your old electronics to the Johnson County Environmental Electronic Recycling Day on Saturday, Sept. 16, at 11811 S. Sunset Drive in Olathe. Volunteers will be in the parking lot at Sunset Office Park, Northwest corner of Ridgeview and 119th St., to help unload your computer, monitors, printers, televisions, keyboards and mice, stereos, VCRs, cell phones, beepers and scanners.

Appointments are required, though, so call Johnson County Environmental at 913.715.6900 to get your appointment.

There will be a charge of \$10 to \$25 for monitors, televisions and large printers. Only cash and checks will be accepted; NO credit cards. Volunteers will NOT accept console TVs, toys, appliances such as refrigerators, washing machines, toasters, blenders, etc. No business waste will be accepted. If you have 10 or more computers, please call Surplus Exchange at 816.472.0444 to schedule a pickup.

It is estimated from 2006 through mid-2007, 315 to 600 million desktop and laptop computers will become obsolete, according to EPA and the Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition. Electronic waste contains hazardous materials which should be diverted from landfills. Improper discarding of these and other electronics can pollute the soil, air and water with lead, mercury and cadmium. For more information, visit <http://jced.jocogov.org>, or call 913.715.6900, or email your questions to jocoenvdept@jocogov.org.

WHO'S WHO IN PRAIRIE HILLS

Board of Directors

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| President | Mark Stiles, 384.3095 stilesmp@aol.com |
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Committee Chairs

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Annual Meeting | Mark Stiles |
| Holiday Homes Tour | Jane Argotsinger, 789.8125 |
| Maintenance | Mark Stiles |
| Directory Newsletter | Loring Leifer Wesley Piercy |
| New Neighbor | Bev Vyhanek, 362.7397 |
| Garage Sale | John McMahon |
| Islands | Mark Stiles |
| Volunteer Coordination | Greg Colston, 722.0165 |

PAID YOUR 2006 ASSOCIATION DUES?

54 PHHA Residents totaling \$2901.99 still owe 2006 PHHA dues.

Meeting Schedule

The PHHA Board meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second Monday of the month at the Prairie Village Municipal Offices, 7700 Mission Road.

All meetings are open to PHHA residents.

71ST TERRACE & CHEROKEE ISLAND THRIVES THIS SUMMER

Thanks to the efforts of the island captain Linda Cosgrove, and the island committee chair, Mark Stiles, the traffic island at 71st Terrace and Cherokee Drive has been transformed into a beautiful walking and sitting garden to be enjoyed by everyone in the neighborhood.

With the installation of a flagstone walkway, sitting benches, and many sun loving plants in the spring, the island blossomed into a sight to behold this summer. As you walk around, you will find that the plants have identity markers, and seed pickers are always welcome to take some home.

Special thanks go out to the many neighbors who have helped to plant and maintain the island, including, but not limited to, mulch and planting volunteers, the Biegelson fam-

ily, the Cosgrove family and Dirk Wright, water providers, C.J. Poirier, Elizabeth Ecton, and Luke and Erin Edwards.

Our traffic island gardens are maintained by a hardworking volunteer crew of island

captains. If you have an interest in helping out on one of the islands or being an island captain, please contact Mark Stiles at stilesmp@aol.com, or 384.3095.



WELCOME TO PRAIRIE HILLS ~ NEW NEIGHBORS

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| Ronald Allen, 7143 High | Andy & Shiela Garcia, 3005 W. 73rd St. | Brooke E. Lindquist, 7312 Cherokee Dr. | Thomas & Sherry Shelton, 3106 W. 72nd Terr. |
| Charles & Lynn Bain, 3316 W. 75th St. | Mark & Marissa Gencarelli, 3406 W. 73rd Terr. | Ronald & Kristi Lord, 7204 High Dr. | Theodore & Victoria Swetz, 2704 W. 74th St. |
| Timothy Baum, 3605 W. 71st St. | Elizabeth Golson, 7424 Cherokee Dr. | Patrick Madden, 7176 Cherokee Dr. | Polly & Steve Taylor, 3404 W. 71st St. |
| Emily Beck, 7209 Windsor | Tracy Gullickson, 2907 W. 73rd Terr. | Ray Mallery & Lillian Walter, 7415 Chadwick | Joan Thompson, 2919 W. 72nd Terr. |
| Corey M. Boddicker, 3400 W. 74th St. | Karen Hariszny, 7171 Cherokee Dr. | Willa Long & Linda Moulin, 3106 W. 73rd Terr. | Micah & Rebecca Tremain, 2711 W. 71st Terr. |
| Jason & Tiffany Bowers, 3001 W. 74th St. | Liesel Harlan, 7344 Cherokee Dr. | Julie McLarney, 2704 W. 71st St. | Jesus & Maria Vichareli, 3110 W. 73rd Terr. |
| Jim Cosgrove, 2805 W. 74th St. | Melissa Harrison, 3105 W. 72nd St. | Peter & Bonnie Murdock, 7184 Cherokee Dr. | Julia Ann Weiss, 3215 W. 71st Terr. |
| Andrew & Emily Dischinger, 3302 W. 71st Terr. | Douglas & Tracy Haynes, 3207 W. 71st Terr. | Brian Paul & Johanna Nilsson, 3321 W. 74th St. | Courtney Wickline & Pat Dean, 7309 Falmouth |
| Leslie Downie, 3110 W. 72nd Terr. | Danielle Healy, 2815 W. 73rd Terr. | Samuel Reagan, 3017 W. 73rd St. | Sara & Todd White, 3417 W. 74th St. |
| Mark & Marcia English, 3000 W. 71st St. | Jay Hynes, 2700 W. 74th St. | Mark E. Reisch, 3325 W. 74th St. | Janet F. Wholey, 3414 W. 73rd Terr. |
| Terence Fitzpatrick, 7404 Canterbury | Emily Jennings, 7424 Cherokee Dr. | Michael & Amy Riscoe, 7432 Cherokee Dr. | Fred Wilkinson, 7456 Cherokee Dr. |
| Marshall & Elizabeth Ferguson, 7124 Cherokee Dr. | Christopher & Amy Krantz, 7332 Cherokee Dr. | Jason M. Sanchez, 3029 W. 74th St. | Marshall Zabel & Kelsey Deets, 3408 W. 75th St. |
| Brian & Dara Franklin, 3105 W. 71st St. | Charles B. Kroll, 7452 Cherokee Dr. | Susan Sarcone, 7428 Cherokee Dr. | |



PRAIRIE HILLS HOMES ASSOCIATION

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PRAIRIE HILLS HOME SCAN

Six Month History

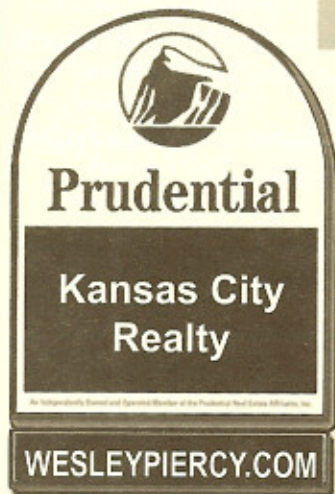


| Homes Listed | Listed Volume | Listed Average | Homes Sold | Sold Volume | Sold Average |
|--------------|---------------|----------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| 29 | \$6,988,575 | \$240,985 | 22 | \$4,879,350 | \$221,788 |

| Min Sold Price | Median Sold Price | Max Sold Price | Average Days on Market |
|----------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| \$120,000 | \$190,000 | \$555,000 | 39 |

Source: Heartland Multiple Listing Service

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