



PRAIRIE HILLS HOMES ASSOCIATION

Neighborhood News

WINTER 2006

TOUR PRAIRIE HILLS ON DECEMBER 10TH

The 2006 Prairie Hills Holiday Homes Tour will feature four homes plus a party at Brighton Gardens.

The event will be take place from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, December 10.

The gracious tour participants who have agreed to open their doors to all Prairie Hills residents for the event include:

David and Dawn Biegelson,
7180 Cherokee Drive

Andrew and Amy Surface,
3010 W. 71 Street

Al and Pat Wickam,
3117 W. 73rd Street

Janet Dobson,
2905 W. 74th Street

Brighton Gardens,
7105 Mission Road
Brighton Gardens will provide treats and entertain-

ment again this year.

The tour is a fundraiser for Harvesters, so please bring donations of canned goods and non-perishable food items to any of the tour locations. If you have any questions about the event, call Jane Argotsinger at 913.789.8125, or e-mail her at Janmh91@aol.com.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ~ HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

The Prairie Hills Homes Association Board of Directors sends a hearty 'Happy Holidays' to each one of our neighbors. The busy holiday season is once again upon us, so remember to take a few minutes of each day to realize what a great neighborhood Prairie Hills is, and think about what you can do for your neighbors to make it even brighter.

As the cold and snow settle in, remember to offer help to those neighbors that are unable to get out and shovel

the driveway and sidewalks, go to the store, or even bring in the paper. A little offer can go a long way.

Put up some holiday lighting to brighten the neighborhood for both residents and visitors. There will be a lighting contest judged by the Board of Directors on Dec. 11. The lighting displays are judged on categories such as overall harmony, technical difficulty, holiday spirit, and curb appeal, so even the simplest of displays can be winners.

Get out and see the homes on the Holiday Homes Tour on Dec. 10. Not only will you see four of our neighbors homes decorated for the holidays, but you will have the chance to visit with our other neighbors. Don't forget to bring along several canned goods to drop off at one of the homes. The food will help Harvesters provide a little happiness to those less fortunate. Happy Holidays!

~Mark Stiles

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 10
Holiday Homes Tour

December 11
Holiday Lighting
Contest
(So dial up the sparkle)

April
Annual Meeting



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HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS FROM AAP

The holidays are an exciting time of year for kids, and to help ensure they have a safe holiday season, here are some tips from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).

Trees

- When purchasing an artificial tree, look for the label "Fire Resistant."
- When purchasing a live tree, check for freshness. A fresh tree is green, needles are hard to pull from branches and when bent between your fingers, needles do not break. The trunk butt of a fresh tree is sticky with resin, and when tapped on the ground, the tree should not lose many needles.
- When setting up a tree at home, place it away from fireplaces, radiators or portable heaters. Place the tree out of the way of traffic and do not block doorways.
- Cut a few inches off the trunk of your tree to expose the fresh wood. This allows for better water absorption and will help to keep your tree from drying out and becoming a fire hazard.
- Be sure to keep the stand filled with water, because heated rooms can dry live trees out rapidly.

Lights

- Never use electric lights on a metallic tree. The tree can become charged with electricity from faulty lights, and a person touching a branch could be electrocuted.
- Before using lights outdoors, check labels to be sure they have been certified for outdoor use. To hold lights in place, string them through hooks or insulated staples, not nails or tacks. Never pull or tug lights to remove them.
- Check all tree lights—even if you've just purchased them—before hanging them on your tree. Make sure all the bulbs work and that there are no frayed wires, broken sockets or loose connections.
- Plug all outdoor electric decorations into circuits with ground fault circuit interrupters to avoid potential shocks.
- Turn off all lights when you go to bed or leave the house. The lights

could short out and start a fire.

Decorations

- Use only non-combustible or flame-resistant materials to trim a tree. Choose tinsel or artificial icicles of plastic or nonleaded metals.
- Never use lighted candles on a tree or near other evergreens. Always use non-flammable holders, and place candles where they will not be knocked down.
- In homes with small children, take special care to avoid decorations that are sharp or breakable, keep trimmings with small removable parts out of the reach of children to avoid them from swallowing or inhaling small pieces, and avoid trimmings that resemble candy or food that may tempt a young child to eat them.
- Wear gloves to avoid eye and skin irritation while decorating with spun glass "angel hair." Follow container directions carefully to avoid lung irritation while decorating with artificial snow sprays.

WHO'S WHO IN PRAIRIE HILLS

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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 Rd.

All meetings are open to PHHA residents.

HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST ON DECEMBER 11

A tough panel of judges, aka Prairie Hills board members, will be cruising the neighborhood after dark on Monday, December 11, to decide who has the best holiday lighting and decorations. So, make sure your holiday spirit is on display that day -- and you could win a \$25 Prairie Village gift card.

The judges will be rating holiday decorations in the following five categories:

- Ladder work
- Overall harmony
- Imagination and creativity
- Number of lights
- Kid-friendliness

A festive neighborhood displays our community and holiday spirit -- let's join together to make PHHA shine bright this holiday season.



PRAIRIE HILLS HOME SCAN



Six Month History Average Days on Market: 31 Days

Homes Listed	Listed Volume	Listed Average	Homes Sold	Sold Volume	Sold Average
22	\$5,355,350	\$243,425	19	\$3,840,350	\$202,134

Min Sold Price:	Average Sold Price:	Median Sold Price	Max Sold Price:
\$120,000	\$202,134	\$183,000	\$550,000

(Heartland Multiple Listing)

WELCOME TO PRAIRIE HILLS ~ NEW NEIGHBORS

Andrew Barklage,
7414 Chadwick
Marsha Bjerkan,
7337 Canterbury
Corey & Gretchen
Gordon,
3205 W. 72nd St.
Robert & Isabel
Hodgson,
2502 W. 71st Terr.

Jennifer Kash,
7172 Cherokee Dr.
Kenneth Mason,
3002 W. 71st Terr.
Helen Sifers,
2822 W. 72nd Terr.
Sara Thompson,
3104 W. 72nd St.
Joseph Wally,
3004 W. 71st St.

William & Amy
Westering,
3008 W. 73rd St.

If any newcomers want to be added to our e-mail newsletter list, please send your phone number and e-mail address to Loring Leifer at leifer@sprintmail.com

CITY REGULATIONS SIGNLESS ISLANDS

REMEMBER THAT CITY REGULATIONS FORBID POSTING SIGNS ON THE TRAFFIC ISLANDS. IF YOU'VE GOT A HOUSE FOR SALE OR RENT OR ARE HOLDING A GARAGE SALE, YOU CAN ALWAYS ASK THE HOMEOWNERS ON THE STREET CORNER IF IT WOULD BE OKAY TO POST A SIGN IN THEIR YARD.

Please be sure you have paid your 2006 PHHA Dues!



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