



# PRAIRIE HILLS HOMES ASSOCIATION Neighborhood News

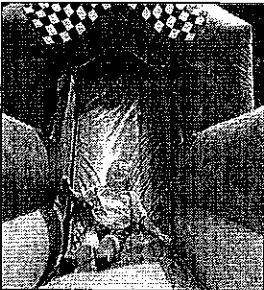
SUMMER 2007

## PICNIC IN THE PARK A HUGE SUCCESS

A perfectly balmy Saturday set the stage for the 2007 Prairie Hills Annual Picnic. About 150 residents enjoyed the food, fun and sun at Windsor Park.

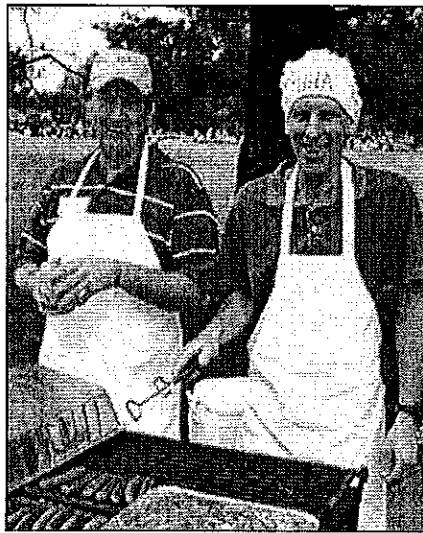
Piercy, Colleen Duggan, and Loring Leifer.

A bounce and slide attracted more children



this year-so did the snow cones. There were lots of new residents, too.

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



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**September 15**  
Garage Sale

**December 9**  
Holiday Homes Tour

**December 10**  
Holiday Lighting  
Contest



## DATE SET FOR PRAIRIE HILLS GARAGE SALE

The Prairie Hills Garage Sale will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, September 15. All Prairie Hills are invited to participate. The homes association will:

- Advertise the sale in The Kansas City Star and The Johnson County Sun.
- Hang flyers in area businesses.
- Provide information and maps for participating homeowners to hand out.
- Place garage sale signs around the neighborhood.

- Send press releases on the event to area newspapers.

There's no charge to participate. To sign up, contact Marsha Bjerkan at 362-2136 or [bjerkan@aol.com](mailto:bjerkan@aol.com).



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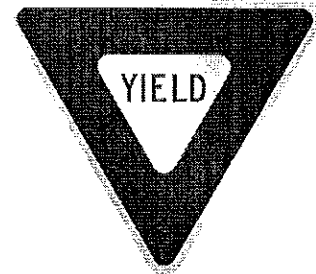
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## TWO TRAFFIC CALMING PROPOSALS PROCEED CALMLY

The traffic calming proposal for Cherokee Drive is progressing ahead. A meeting took place with Bob Pryzby, Director of Public Works two months ago and specific suggestions were discussed on how to reduce traffic volume and speed. Bob is working with his team to determine if those suggestions can be implemented. We will look forward to hear-

ing the updates from Bob in the next month. We will keep everyone informed of the continued progress.

Another proposal for 71st street is also under way. Public Works has placed the car counters at two places along the street.



## 10 SUMMER HOME MAINTENANCE TIPS

Clean and seal decks. Ideally, you'll need three consecutive warm, sunny days. On day one, dry out the deck. Apply deck cleaner and scrub the deck on the second day and let it dry 24 hours. On the third day, apply deck sealer.

Hire a certified chimney sweep to inspect and clean chimneys. Doing this task now instead of the fall allows plenty of time for repairs before the next heating season. It's also easier to schedule a sweep.

Wash the exterior of your house, using ordinary garden hose pressure and a

mild detergent. Beware of the pressure washers; they are powerful enough to force water under the siding where it may encourage mildew and rot. Power washing is a job for a pro.

Caulk exterior joints around windows and doors. Caulking helps keep your house weather-tight and lowers heating and cooling bills. It can also help keep insects and other "critters" out of your house. When you caulk before painting, it eliminates edges where the paint may start to peel.

Clean lint from the entire clothes dryer vent system, from the dryer to the ex-

terior vent cap. Because lint is incredibly flammable it poses a fire risk. If a gas clothes dryer is not properly vented, it can force carbon monoxide back into the home and that can be deadly.

Check operation of attic fans and roof-mounted turbine vents. Attic fans run on little energy and can greatly reduce summer cooling costs.

Clean Ice-Makers. Debris on or around the condenser coils prevents them from cooling thereby making the condenser work harder, wasting energy and short-

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## WHO'S WHO IN PRAIRIE HILLS

### Board of Directors

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### Committee Chairs

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**New Neighbor**

**Welcome** Bev Vyhanek, 362.7397  
Marsha Bjerkan  
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**Garage Sale**

**Islands**

**Volunteer**

**Coordination** Greg Colston, 722.0165  
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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.

## WELCOME TO PRAIRIE HILLS - NEW NEIGHBORS

These folks have recently bought homes in our neighborhood:

Daniel Andersen  
3304 W. 71<sup>st</sup> St.

Jennifer Beach & Andrew Truman  
3117 W. 73<sup>rd</sup> St.

Brooke & Sarah Beyer  
3017 W. 74<sup>th</sup> St.

Christopher & Victoria Bird  
7200 Cherokee Dr.

Allison Blanchard  
7329 Canterbury

Henrietta Clark & Edward Hooper  
3209 West 72<sup>nd</sup> St.

Jean Anne Corbett  
3314 W. 74<sup>th</sup> Ter.

Sean Corcoran  
2801 W. 74<sup>th</sup> St.

Austin Deupree  
7209 Canterbury

Andrew Ennis & Sara Tegeler  
7402 Chadwick

Ethan Foster  
2909 W. 74<sup>th</sup> St.

Heber & Diane Gonzalez  
2918 W. 73<sup>rd</sup> Ter.

Brady & Marjie Goodman  
3006 W. 73<sup>rd</sup> Ter.

Tracey A. Hunt  
7325 Falmouth

Charles & Jacquelyn Lays  
3310 W. 74<sup>th</sup> Ter.

Kimberlee Mason  
7420 Cherokee Dr.

Marilyn Scott  
7329 Cherokee Dr.

Jacqueline Simonett  
317 Falmouth

Nicholas & Lacey Spallitta  
2916 West 72<sup>nd</sup> St.

Tracy A. Tapp  
7144 Cherokee Dr.

Audra Trudell  
7192 Cherokee Dr.

Andrew Truman  
3117 W. 73<sup>rd</sup> St.

Dustin Walton & Lindsey Malloy  
7127 Cherokee Dr.

Beverly & Aaron Weidner  
3007 W. 72<sup>nd</sup> Ter.

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](mailto:leifer@sprintmail.com).

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ening its life.

**Burglarproof Your House.** Inspect the operation of automatic-light timers and motion-detector systems, especially if you're planning a vacation. Break-ins can be thwarted with security measures that prolong the burglar's time and effort.

Repair cracks in concrete patios and driveways. For most cracks less than 1/4", apply concrete caulk; just clean the crack out with a high-pressure hose

nozzle, let it dry and then apply the caulk into the crack. For larger cracks, substitute concrete patch for caulk.

Increase your pool maintenance. Pool parties and more frequent pool use make chlorine dissipate faster. That leads to algae build up. Conditioners, frequent cleaning and lengthier filter runs are a must for summer.

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newsletter?  
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feedback!



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### PRAIRIE HILLS HOME SCAN

Six Month History Average Days on Market: 39 Days



Listed Volume	Listed Average	Homes Sold	Sold Volume	Sold Average
\$5,909,560	\$281,408	21	\$3,955,660	\$188,364

Min Sold Price:	Average Sold Price:	Median Sold Price	Max Sold Price:
\$129,300	\$188,364	\$189,900	\$235,560

(Heartland Multiple Listing)

# Need More Space?

Finding your current home is not big enough anymore?  
A growing number of homes are listed daily in Prairie Hills.  
Contact me today for a Market Analysis of your home.

## Wesley Piercy



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