

CORINTH HILLS

April 2013 – Corinth Hills Homes Association

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IMPORTANT DATES!!!

Mark Your Calendar

Corinth Hills Garage Sale

Friday April 12th and
Saturday April 13th

Large Item Pickup

Saturday April 20th

Garden Tour

Saturday June 22nd

Corinth Hills Homes Association Picnic and Swim Night

Friday August 2nd

This year's event will be held from 6:30-10 PM.

Come join your friends and neighbors for some great food and a night of swimming.



Something New for Corinth Hills

We tried something new this year and held an advertised Open Board Meeting, Thursday, March 7th, 7PM, at the Prairie Village Community Center. The entire Board was represented plus about 20 Corinth Hills members. The Board discussed the calendar of meetings and events scheduled for 2013. We were then updated on the status of each project by the responsible committee chair. Finally, we covered the Budget for 2013 line item by line item. Members in attendance had helpful suggestions and added insightful comments to the Board discussions. The next full member meeting will be in October at the Annual Member Meeting. (*Date, time and place to be announced.*) If you have an interest in attending any board meeting feel free to contact me or any board member for the schedule of meetings and events.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 22nd, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, for the first Corinth Hills (*residents only*) Backyard Garden and Patio Tour. We have 7 host homes that have agreed to open their back yards for us to tour. We all see the beautiful front yards daily, but many of us do not get to see the treasures tucked away in the backyards. This will be an exclusive event for Corinth Hills' members only. Watch for a special post card mailing in early June. The post card will be your ticket for admittance with the specific addresses listed. I look forward to seeing you in the neighborhood.

Chris Calvert, *President*
Corinth Hills Homes Association

Recap of the Open March Board Meeting

WOW!!! The Corinth Hills Homes Association Board Meeting was March 7, 2013, at the Prairie Village Community Center. Homeowners and residents were formally invited and encouraged to attend so they could share their thoughts and concerns with the Board. It's important to hear from and to discuss issues with our Corinth Hills neighbors.

Our President, Chris Calvert, presided over the meeting. Board Members and members of the audience introduced themselves. Mr. Calvert mentioned several dates of interest to mark on their calendars.

The Corinth Hills Garage Sale will be on Friday and Saturday, April 12 and 13, 2013. There was constructive discussion on how to advertise our garage sale event. The consensus was to advertise in the local newspapers, Craig's list, PV Post, and the KC Star. Mr. Calvert will place signs in the area on the Sunday prior to our event.

Large Item Pickup will be on Saturday, April 20, 2013.

Sherrri Copeland gave a detailed report on the Islands, the Islanders and their budget. She spoke about the proposed contracts for the entrance plantings and maintenance. The contracts covered the monuments at 79th & Roe, and at 83rd & Roe. It was decided to have Carly Lee take care of the 79th Street entrances and for Joan O'Hare to landscape the 83rd Street entrances. Mrs. Copeland also covered information about the Islanders Kick-Off Party, which is April 3, 2013. Much discussion followed. She encouraged residents to sign up to take care of an island that has not been spoken for.

Then Deb Nixon gave her report on the status of the Tree Project. Mrs. Nixon is Chairperson for the Tree Project Committee. Any resident who has a question about their trees that line the street can ask her for advice because she volunteers for the city of Prairie Village on the Tree Board.

David Spaw gave his report on the status of the Corinth Hills Homes Association website. The main goals of the website are to provide information and to improve communication for our residents. The website will contain information on the history of the area, important dates for events, minutes from earlier Board Meetings, Home of the Season winners, news about island gardeners, neighborhood activities, and much, more.

Jessica Winston has graciously volunteered to help establish and maintain the website. We, the Board, wish to say thanks to her.

David Spaw then gave his report on communications: newsletters and postcards. He stated that if we had more e-mail addresses, the cost of mailing notices to residents would be substantially less. Notices then would be received in a more timely manner. Thus, he encouraged residents to provide their e-mail addresses to help lower the cost of communications. He emphasized that all e-mails will remain confidential and will not be made available for any other use. He further recommended that we mail items with first class postage so that residents would receive them in a more timely manner.

Jessica Priestland is the new Chairperson for New Neighbor Welcome Kits. Dr. Gary Zuck will assist her.

Bill Copeland gave his report on Home of the Season. There was some discussion about buying more signs or reusing them. One approved suggestion was to give the winning homeowner an 8"x10" framed photo of their residence.

Our President then gave his report on the Corinth Hills Patio and Garden Tour which will feature seven homes. It will take place on June, 22, 2013, from 9 AM to 2 PM. A postcard will be mailed to each home and it will be the ticket for admission. Please keep and save this postcard when it arrives!

Then Mr. Calvert gave his report on the Summer Picnic and Swim Night. It will be on August 2, 2013, at Harmon Park. Both the North and South sections have been reserved for us.

Deb Nixon then discussed the budget – line item by line item. Most items were similarly budgeted the same as last year. The three exceptions are island maintenance, meetings due to the Patio and Garden Tour, and the newsletters' increased postage costs.

Please share your thoughts and concerns with any of the Board Members. We look forward to your input.

Dr. Gary Zuck, *Vice President*
Corinth Hills Homes Association



Corinth Hills Fall Home of the Season is – The Lindmark home located at 8008 Juniper Drive.



Corinth Hills Winter Home of the Season is – The Gibson home located at 8145 Rosewood Dr.



Hello Gardening Groupies!

A spring meeting is planned for all Islanders and their helpers, neighbors and friends. Mark your calendars for our meeting, Wednesday, April 3rd from @ 3:30-5:30 PM at the Prairie Village Community Center, across the street from City Hall. Our guest speaker will be Rick Miller, Agriculture and Community Development from the Johnson County Extension Office. Topics to be discussed are drought problems, nitrogen build-up, sustainable plantings as well as any other questions that we might have.

Please invite all neighbors and friends, island helpers, like people who water for us, etc. to come and be a part of the kick-off. We will have light refreshments and lots of excitement for the spring that is slowly coming.

Carly Lee has been busy this winter making a notebook for each Island. If you have not been contacted yet your turn is coming. The idea behind the notebook is to offer a sustainable plan for each island going forward. We will discuss this further at the meeting.

So please come early or late but please come. I'm looking forward to seeing all of your smiling faces. Gardeners are some of the happiest people I know.

Sheri Copeland
Island Gardener Coordinator

The New Neighborhood Website

Jessica Winston will be assisting the Corinth Hills Homes Association by working on the website for the neighborhood. Jessica and her husband, Nick, moved into the neighborhood in July 2010. They both grew up in Lenexa and attended Creighton University for college. Jessica works as a Loan Analyst for a commercial mortgage brokerage firm. In her free time, she and Nick are busy working on remodeling their home, traveling, cheering on the Creighton Bluejays, and spending time with their bulldog, Bosley.



Jessica Winston,
Resident of Corinth Hills

The Treasurers' Report

During the March 7th Open Board Meeting of the Corinth Hills Homes Association, each Board Member presented their forecasted expenses for their area of oversight. After open discussion from the Board and Homes Association members that were present, a budget was finalized and approved. Overall, there were no increases anticipated in the areas of administration and social activities. Increases for liability insurance and postage are anticipated. New funds were allocated to a Corinth Hills Patio and Garden Tour, a new website and the expanded publication of the Corinth Hills Newsletter. Finally, after the harsh weather for the past two years, it was voted to contract services to maintain the plantings and improve the appearance of the two entrance monuments on the north and south ends of Roe.

Deb Nixon, Treasurer
Corinth Hills Homes Association


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**A coupon opportunity you
can't afford to miss!!!**

Westlake ACE Hardware in the Corinth Shopping Center, is offering all residents of the **Corinth Hills Homes Association** a 10% discount on all regularly priced plants, trees, shrubs and bag goods, (mulch, compost, fertilizer and soil conditioners), from their outdoor garden center. This offer is good through **October 31, 2013.**

Save and show this coupon!
It can be used more than once.

Permit? Yes. No. Maybe So.

Building permits are required for many home projects. However, there are many projects that do not require a permit. Wish there were a simple rule of thumb that always applies, unfortunately there is not.

In general, finish work and replacement of minor existing building components do not require a permit. Examples include: interior and exterior painting, new carpet, refinishing floors, replacing a toilet, or installing new cabinets, or windows (with some exceptions). If you are merely replacing or upgrading minor components that are already in place and not changing their location a permit is not required. However, there are sometime exceptions, like windows. Codes have changed over the years regarding the size of windows in bedrooms for fire safety (egress) reasons. Your old windows may or may not be of a size and configuration that meet the current life safety code. Old windows that do not meet the current code are grandfathered in until such time as they are replaced. Replacement may trigger increasing the size of the opening to meet the current code. It is always best to check with the Building Code Official to be certain.

Work that does require a permit includes projects such as: additions, garages, attic or basement finishing, decks, A/C, furnaces, demolition, egress windows, chimney re-

building, electrical and plumbing changes and upgrades, fences and retaining walls. These are but a few examples. Many more can be found on the Permits and Inspections page of the City's website at <http://pvkansas.com/index.aspx?page=248> or by calling the Building Code Department at 913-381-6464.

As previously stated there is no fail safe rule of thumb for when a permit is required. The best way to be safe and certain is to check with the Building Code Official based upon the specifics of your project.

Paul Bilski, Director
Corinth Hills Homes Association



With spring on its way, it may be time to start thinking about those home improvements that you have been putting on hold. Just remember to check about needed permits.

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