

CORINTH HILLS

July, 2012 Corinth Hills Homes Association

Established in 1958



The Corinth Hills Island Gardeners held their Annual Picnic on July 9 at the new Franklin Park Pavilion. In attendance were: (L to R) Bud Cagianello, Sandy Saeger, Jeanie Schiefelbusch, Joan O'Hare, Carly Lee, Sheri Copeland, Jan Morgan, Paul Bilski and Arlene Sbalinsky. Those unable to attend were: Bill-Margaret Hare, Dale-Erma Peterson, Jennifer Deitchman, Bill-Carol Macomber, Susan Ogg, Julie Ball, Dan-Katie Potts and Gary Fenton. Water donations by: Eleanor Kerr, Jeannie-Marion Nickel, Brian-Lori Glenski, Bill-Kathleen Wilkes, Helen Fotopoulos & George Brackley, Cal-Sue Moore and Twyla-Keith Magnuson.

IMPORTANT DATES!!!

Mark Your Calendar

Corinth Hills Homes Association Picnic and Swim Night Friday August 3rd

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.

Prairie Village Jazz Festival

Harmon Park on Saturday, September 8th, as the Prairie Village Jazz Festival returns for its third year.

Corinth Hills Homes Association Annual Meeting

Plan to attend the Corinth Hills Annual Meeting on Thursday October 4th at 7:00 PM at the Homestead Country Club.

Summer Greetings to Corinth Hills

We are well into the summer heat and drought and your HOA Board is capping it off with the Annual Picnic and Pool Party set for Friday, August 3, 2012, 6:30 – 8:30 PM. We will start the evening at the main pavilion in Harmon Park with Oklahoma Joe's Bar-B-Que, famous beans, and condiments; drinks will be provided. All you need to bring is a side dish, salad or dessert, as well as a big appetite. Please make reservations with the Homes Associations of Kansas City, (913) 385-2440 by Wednesday, August 1. This will help to insure that there is plenty of Bar-B-Que for everyone.

A special thank you to all who are laboring on Corinth Hills Islands: planting, weeding, watering, and watering some more. Our Islands are admired by all who get to pass through Prairie Village daily. If you have an interest in being an Island Gardener please contact Sheri Copeland at 649-8789.

The Corinth Hills Board has been out scouting for the "Home of The Season" twice so far in 2012 and have found the final choice to be challenging. There are many homes with outstanding curb appeal. This year we paid special attention to new landscaping and/or home improvements.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the Corinth Hills Annual Meeting set for Thursday, October 4th at 7:00 PM at the Homestead Country Club. Give some consideration to joining the Corinth Hills Board – we would love to have your input.

Agenda:

- 7:00 PM – Social mixer (Hors D'oeuvres and Cash Bar)
- 7:30 PM – Call to Order
- Key Note Speaker
- Presentation of Financial Condition
- 2012 Home of the Season recognition
- Island Gardener's recognition
- New Business discussions

Look forward to seeing you,
Chris Calvert, *President*



The Senter home located at 4707 West 80th St. was selected as the Corinth Hills Spring Home of the Season.



The Conrad home located at 4811 West 80th St. was selected as the Corinth Hills Summer Home of the Season.

The Island Gardeners' Annual Picnic

Forty-five bags and counting! We have so far hauled and delivered 45 bags of mulch to assist 6 of our 15 Island gardeners. The dedication of our neighborhood Island gardeners is amazing. We have volunteers who have just started this year and many who have volunteered for over 10 years. What a dedicated bunch of happy gardeners who make our neighborhood a place of beauty for all of us.

Not all volunteers are gardeners. We have families who just water every week and others who provide the water source so that all of us in Corinth Hills can enjoy the greenery, flowers, and green grass. If you see an Island or the entrances at 83rd and Roe that look somewhat brown this season it means we are in need of a volunteer to adopt it for watering. Could you be that person or family who could give the Island a spray just once a week during the really dry spells? It would mean so much to our team. Sometimes there are not enough helping hands.



Sandy Saeger, left, one of eight gardeners to receive a gift certificate from Sheri Copeland, Island Gardener Coordinator at the Annual July Island Picnic.

The City of Prairie Village mows the grass on the islands. Ryan Lawn is contracted to help us with weed control and fertilizer. This is half the battle for our volunteers. Next time you see someone helping on an Island please honk, wave, and say thank you!!

We enjoyed a spring and summer social activity. This spring, Dennis Patton, from the Johnson County Extension Service, spoke to our group about sustainable plantings for the Islands. We had 20 volunteers in attendance. Our summer social with 22 volunteers was held at Franklin Park. We enjoyed a chicken picnic and learned about the City Street Tree Program. See what fun you are missing? Please come and join the Island Team. The more the merrier! Just contact, Sheri Copeland, Island Gardener Coordinator at 913-649-8789.

Sheri Copeland, Island Gardener Coordinator

Corinth Hills Property Values are Looking Good

As residents of Corinth Hills we have all been wondering how our neighborhood has been weathering the changing real estate market this year. We have watched as homes on our different blocks have hit the market and sold quickly. Over the last 6 months 25 homes have been on the market. Prices have ranged from 180 thousand to 590 thousand dollars. Many of the homes have sold quickly, illustrating the popularity of this southern quadrant of the city of Prairie Village.

We can list many reasons for the popularity of Corinth Hills and its place in Prairie Village's surging real estate market. The pride that home owners show by caring for their homes and yards are a contributing factor. The wonderful common areas and entrance gardens sets the tone

as commuters and visitors explore our streets.

Our quaint tree lined streets – the close proximity of many schools, parks and other amenities – the revitalizing of the Corinth Square stores and restaurants, are all factors attracting home buyers to this area of the city.

The very low interest rates on home loans, 3.65%, for a 30 year fixed loan as of the writing of this article, is another positive factor that is motivating home buyers all over the Johnson county area. All signs point to Prairie Village and Corinth Hills to continue to lead the way in the real estate recovery.

Chris Homes, Member of the Corinth Hills Board

The Prairie Village “Street Tree Project”

The Corinth Hills Homes Association recognizes the value of our street trees that were part of our original sub-division plans. We are now in the process of inventorying, evaluating and planting additional street trees to maintain and improve our property values.

Why do we have street trees?

Beautification and improved property values are usually what comes to mind first. But that is only part of the story. Trees cool in the summer and lessen heat loss in the winter saving us energy and cash. They are key players in storm water management, providing storm water re-mediation and soil stabilization. They provide homes for birds. And most importantly, they improve air quality and provide carbon sequestration. What a deal. You have to smile when you drive into our area from the south where trees are not as plentiful. Not only is it more peaceful, you will love watching the thermometer drop a couple of degrees as you enter the shade of the trees.

What is a street tree and do I have one?

A tree planted in a city right of way or easement.

Call Deborah Nixon at 913-341-0244 to verify street trees at your address.



Deb Nixon presents “The Street Tree Project” to the Island Gardeners.

Who maintains street trees?

Street trees are pruned for deadwood larger than 2 inches in diameter and hazards by the city on a cyclical basis – 3 to 5 years depending on the city budget. Additional pruning, watering and other maintenance are the responsibility of the home owner. Street trees can only be removed with the approval of the city and penalties apply if you do not obtain approval. Contact Public Works if you have questions regarding an existing tree at 913-385-4647 or e-mail public_works@pvkansas.com.

How do I get one?

Corinth Hills is evaluating our street trees and will be working with the city to plant additional trees where appropriate (meet code requirements). If your property qualifies, you will be notified to see if you are interested in having the homes association plant a tree of your choice from the city approved tree list. If you want us to evaluate your property sooner rather than later call Deborah Nixon at 913-341-0244.

Deb Nixon, Member of the Corinth Hills Board & Prairie Village, Tree Board

Tips for Home Safety

Like many residents, one of the reasons that I live in Prairie Village and Corinth Hills is because of the safety and security. While merely living here gives one a greater sense of safety, there are a number of things that we can do to enhance the level of safety.

Here are a few: Always keep your garage door, interior door and front door closed and locked. Lock your windows and use an alarm system. If you park your car outside at night, keep the garage door opener out of sight. Burglars could use the opener to gain entry. Place your purse/wallet in a location out of view. Burglars are known to look into homes prior to breaking in to see what’s easily available.

Report suspicious activity without delay. Officers are on duty 24 hours a day.

If going on vacation, stop mail and newspaper delivery or have a neighbor pick up the mail and newspapers. The Police Department has a House Watch Program. You can go online and fill in a form with contact and other information that lets the police know when you’ll be gone and who is authorized to be there in your absence. Here’s a link to the website <http://pvkansas.com/index.aspx?recordid=79&page=220> . It’s quick, easy and free.

Paul Bilski, Member of the Corinth Hills Board

81st and Nall Island Entrance

Wow! The renovation of the 81st and Nall Island entrance into Corinth Hills provides an outstanding first impression of Corinth Hills. Because of deterioration of the wood portion of the structure on the island, the wood section needed to be replaced. That and other maintenance needs led the Corinth Hills Association Board to enlist the services of Damon Comerio of Comerio Construction to do the renovation. What a terrific job contractor Comerio did! He rebuilt and replaced the deteriorated



wooden **entablature**, (*the raised, horizontal architectural member that sets on top of and links the columns together*), and stained it, repainted the Corinthian Columns, and redid the landscaping. The Corinthian columns and structure was originally constructed in 1958 when Corinth Hills was established. It was refurbished in the 1990s and now again in 2012. The Homes Association Board hopes you like the clean fresh look of the Corinthian Columns, the entablature, and the landscaping of the island.

Dr. Gary Zuck, Member of the Corinth Hills Board