

# CORINTH HILLS

October, 2012 Corinth Hills Homes Association

Established in 1958

## Corinth Hills All Member Annual Meeting

This year's All Member Annual Meeting was held Thursday, October 4, at the Homestead Country Club. We were treated to Key Note speaker, Ron Shaffer, Prairie Village Mayor, since 1999. Mayor Shaffer shared some interesting facts about our city, Prairie Village. For starters, the high population count used to be over 30,000 residents and currently is 21,447. Apparently our children grow up and move away, but the rest of us never leave (4 and 5 member households are reducing to 2 member households). The city has a budget of \$27,000,000. Prairie Village is a class A city ranked 2nd out of 27 in this category statewide. We have a AAA bond rating – 1 of only 5 cities and counties in the state. Coldwell Banker identified 11,000 best cities to live in throughout the U.S. and P.V. was #3 in Kansas. Prairie Village was also one of three cities in Kansas that held or increased in value. Mayor Shaffer told us there would be no city tax increase for 2013 and they have negotiated a lower rate per household with



L to R: Mayor, Ron Shaffer and CHHA President, Chris Calvert

Deffenbaugh for next year. He also discussed the grand opening of Corinth Shopping Center on October 18 from 5 PM to 7 PM, Jazzfest, the Art Show at City Hall, the Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting, and the Prairie Village Post. In the technology area Ron directed our attention to the new "P.V. Check Book" live on their website, and coming soon paperless tickets on the police website.

We covered Homes Association financials, some old business and election of two new Board Members as well as affirming the officer positions for the current board. The following were elected:

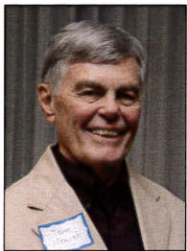
President – Chris Calvert  
Secretary – Bill Copeland  
Director – Paul Bilski  
Director – Jessica Priestland

Vice President – Dr. Gary Zuck  
Treasurer – Deborah Nixon  
Director – David Spaw  
Director – Tom Housh

We welcome Jessica Stockdale Priestland and Tom Housh to the board.

*Chris Calvert, President of the Corinth Hills Board*

## Newly Elected Board Member, Tom Housh



Tom and his wife, Dorothy, have lived in Corinth Hills for over 37 years, and have celebrated with the El Monte group during that time. Their children went to Meadowbrook and Shawnee Mission East. They enjoy spending time with their ten grandchildren and soon will welcome their second great-grandchild.

Tom graduated from the School of Journalism at the University of Missouri. He retired from Sprint in 2000 after 25 years of service as Director of Marketing Communications and Corporate Communications. Now he and Dorothy like to travel and do volunteer work in the community. They have been election workers in Johnson County for many years. Welcome to the Board!!!

## A Special Thanks

The Board would like to extend a special thanks to our Corinth Square merchants for their generous door prizes for our Annual Picnic and Annual Meeting.

For the Annual Picnic: Cosentino's, CVS Drugstore, Dr. Chris Spachman, Dr. Mark Woody, First Watch, Gerry Optical, Hen House, Jewelry Arts, Johnny's Restaurant, Learning Tree, Mely's Yogurt and Ice Cream, Prairie Village Animal Hospital, Salty Iguana, Smart Feet, Sole Patch Barbershop, Sopra Salon and Spa, Urban Table, Westlake Ace Hardware, Wild Bird Center, and Wooten Liquor Store.

For the Annual Meeting: Commerce Bank and Intrust Bank. We thank them for their generosity.

When patronising these businesses, please extend your thanks as well.

## Homes of the Season

The Home of the Season award for Winter of 2011 went to John and Cindy Fredrick at 4816 West 81st Street. The Spring 2012 award went to Jaimie and Marilyn Senter at 4707 West 80th Street. The Summer 2012 award went to Kate Conrad at 4811 West 80th Street. Congratulations to these homeowners. The Fall award winner will be determined later this month.

**Bill Copeland**, *Member of the  
Corinth Hills Board*

## The Fall/Winter Project for this Year



Our Fall/Winter project this year will be to give each Islander a completed Landscape notebook for their continued gardening history. We would like to preserve all gardening information for each island in order to provide a continuous account for the next volunteer who

would like to garden.

Deb Nixon, Board member of Corinth Hills and the Prairie Village Tree Board, and Carly Lee, who does professional Landscaping and the Island Gardener for Lady Granada @ Granada and 79th, will be constructing our books. Thank you for your efforts this winter. The entire neighborhood benefits from your generosity.

Our Island Garden Spring meeting will be in April 2013. Please contact me if you would like to attend. I would be happy to place you on the group email list. Enjoy the fall plantings and thank you gardeners and water volunteers.

**Sheri Copeland**, *Island  
Gardener Coordinator*

## Winterize Your Lawn

Winterizing your lawn is an important step that many homeowners simply overlook. The winterizer fertilizer is applied in November or December once the lawn is dormant; therefore, the grass can safely handle an increased level of fertilizer without any ill effects. Because the fertilizer will dissolve very quickly with the next rain or snow, the roots absorb and store the nutrients. Because the roots have stored the fertilizer all winter, they become healthier and more abundant, allowing the lawn to green up quicker with warmer temperatures in the spring. The lawn itself will become naturally thicker and develop an increased disease tolerance.

If you are looking to apply the winterizer application yourself, it is important to understand what to look for when purchasing fertilizer. The three major macronu-

trients that fertilizer contains are Nitrogen (N), Phosphorous (P), and Potassium (K). Each of these macro nutrients will be represented by a number on the exterior of the bag and will be listed in the aforementioned order. Winterizer will contain a high level of Nitrogen, so look for bags with a first number that is significantly larger than the other two.

Whether you are on a full lawn program, or simply apply a few applications of fertilizer per year, make sure to include winterizer in that program. The winterizer application will ensure your lawn is ahead of the game next year and ready to battle any extreme weather the Midwest climate throws at it.

**Clarke Fry**, *Marketing Associate  
Ryan Lawn & Tree*

## Outside Storage & Parking Requirements

Prairie Village codes set requirements for outside storage and parking of boats, trailers and vehicles.

Prairie Village Municipal Code 8-410 states that miscellaneous items stored outside must be located in a fully enclosed structure or in the back yard and fully screened from view from any adjacent property by a wall, fence or landscaping installed with materials of a quality compatible with the immediate neighborhood. Screening must be constructed and maintained within applicable City codes. Items exempt from screening include: patio furniture, swing sets and similar equipment and firewood neatly stacked behind the front building line and free of insects and vermin.

Prairie Village Municipal Code 19.38 states that RVs, boats and trailers and recreational equipment are not allowed in the front setback area of the property. Storage of only one of these items is allowed on the property either in the side or rear yard five foot from any side or rear property line. All components of such equipment, which touch the ground, must be on a hard surface. Please note that this requirement does not allow the parking of motor homes in the back or side yards. The type of RV permitted are those that do not have a motor and are not self propelled and must be pulled by another vehicle.

Prairie Village Municipal Code 8.215 covers inoperable vehicles and states that all vehicles must be operable and legally licensed or stored in an enclosed structure. No vehicle may be in a state of disrepair or dismantled for more than 48 hours.

Prairie Village Municipal Code 19.06.095 states that vehicles may not be parked on any lawn/yard area. All vehicles' parking spaces and the access thereto shall be paved with concrete or asphalt. Gravel is not allowed.

If you have questions please contact Marcia Grading-er, Code Enforcement Officer, at 913-385-4605 or [mgrading@pvkansas.com](mailto:mgrading@pvkansas.com)

**Paul Bilski**, *Member of the  
Corinth Hills Board*