

CORINTH HILLS

October 2013 – Corinth Hills Homes Association

Established in 1958



It was a Great Summer!



It was a great summer in Corinth Hills. With the regular rains and mild temperatures the islands look fantastic. If you see an island gardener stop and thank them for their work. We enjoy some of the best island landscaping in Prairie Village. If you joined us for the first Backyard Garden and Patio Tour on Saturday June 22nd you had a treat. With a bottle of water or cool

lemonade in hand we toured seven homes that graciously hosted us for a neighborly peek in their backyards. The feedback was very positive so we hope to bring this event back in 2015. The Annual Picnic and Pool Party was also well attended. The Classic rock band “No Cash Value”

lived up to their reputation. It was a fun atmosphere and maybe a little louder than we were used to. The Corinth Shops Merchants were very generous again this year donating over \$1,200 worth of goods and services that we raffled off at the picnic.

Plans are coming together for our Annual All Member Meeting to be held Thursday October 17th from 7 – 9 PM at the Homestead Country Club. Hors d’oeuvres and a cash bar will precede the start of the meeting. Our key note speaker this year will be Alan Gaylin, founder and CEO of Bread and Butter Concepts LLC, owner of BRGR and Urban Table restaurants at Corinth Shopping Center. I look forward to seeing you in the neighborhood.

Chris Calvert, *President*
Corinth Hills Homes Association

2013 Spring and Summer Home of The Season



Corinth Hills Spring Home of the Season is – The Daniels home located at 8000 Juniper Dr.



Corinth Hills Summer Home of the Season is – The Cohen home located at 8116 Granda.

Feature Island & Summer 2013

Island number eight of our 15 island locations, at 81st Street & Roe, is maintained by Arlene Shalinsky and Sandy Saeger. Arlene has been gardening on the island for 15 years and Sandy for five. Arlene began gardening



Left to right – Arlene Shalinsky and Sandy Saeger maintain the island at West 81st Street & Roe.

with Anita Solter, who lives on Rosewood Drive. Anita taught her to bend away from the busy street traffic in case you had a hole in your pants. Roe traffic tends to run heavy and steady most of the day. The passers-by honk and wave, showing admiration for the beautiful floral display, which doesn't just happen every year for all to view without a lot of hard work.

The urn can be a challenge. One must use a small stepladder to plant the plants inside the urn. Watering is much easier because one can spray water up there. Arlene's most embarrassing moment came when on the ladder she lost her balance. To break her fall she grabbed with her right hand the urn's right handle. Hence, down came Arlene, handle and all. So now you know the story as to why the urn has a slight old European look concerning the right handle. Arlene came out of the fall unscathed but for few bruises to show for her hard work.

Favorite tools of the trade for these island gardeners are spades, shears, and long water hoses. Many thanks to the Magnesons, Keith and Twyla, on 81st Street, who provide the water and the extra energy to regularly water the island.

Best part of their island job is the neighbors and passers-by appreciating the beauty of their efforts which set

Corinth Hills apart from other neighborhoods in Prairie Village.

Our thanks to Arlene and Sandy for your big-hearted, community-minded energy each year for all to enjoy.

Sheri Copeland,
Chairman Island Gardeners

What a Picnic!

Everyone enjoyed a great evening of good weather, great friends, friendly neighbors and wonderful music provided by the "No Cash Value" band.

Oklahoma Joe's Barbeque provided the main entrees of Bar-B-Q Beef, rolls, Bar-B-Q beans, and potato salad. Delicious cookies came from The Great Harvest Bread Company. Members of the Homes Association brought a variety of tasty dishes, ranging from salads to desserts. What a great group of people we have in Corinth Hills! The Board would like to thank everyone who brought food or helped with our picnic. We hope to see you next summer at our Annual Picnic & Pool Party.

There were also numerous door prizes provided by the generous merchants in Corinth Square. They donated over \$1,200 in cash, food and prizes at the annual picnic. Our Board of Directors would like to say a big THANK YOU to the following organizations who participated: Her Majesty's Closet, Johnny's Tavern, Commerce Bank, Sole Patch, First Watch, Intrust Bank, Salty Iguana, Learning Tree, Sopra, P.V. Merchants Assoc., Panera Bread, Hen House, Wild Bird Center, Social Suppers, Mely's Ice Cream & Yogurt, Great Harvest Bread, Mission Road Antique Mall, Dr. George Gates, CVS, Land of Paws, Cosentino's, Jewelry Arts, and Wooten Liquors.

Please tell these generous merchants "thank you" when you are in their stores.

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

We Were in Awe of All the Outside Living Spaces!

The Corinth Hills Garden Tour in June was a wonderful new activity for our Homes Association! Chris Calvert had a great idea and worked hard to make it a success! We walk, jog and drive up and down our streets noticing beautiful front yards but have no idea what the backyards are like. This was our chance to see some!

We love to be outside and work in our yard and were excited to see how others had landscaped and designed theirs. What fun to see the variety of ideas and how they were each carried out! We loved seeing all the different plantings of beautiful flowers, shrubs, vegetable gardens, rock gardens and trees! We were in awe of all the outside living spaces! They included patios that were more like

gracious living rooms with different types of furniture, numerous fountains, an exquisite outside kitchen, a gorgeous pool, a high "ceiling" over a patio made of several huge triangular pieces of canvas and so much more. Then having the opportunity to meet and visit with other residents on the tour, discussing and sharing ideas was simply wonderful!

We are really looking forward to more Corinth Hills Garden Tours in the future! We're so anxious to see other hidden treasures in Corinth Hills backyards!

Erma and Dale Peterson,
Corinth Hills Resident & Garden Tour Participants



Special thanks to this year's Garden Tour hosts: Dale & Erma Peterson, Steve Lauer & Carey Rawson, Kevin & Dawn Macke, Michael & Irma Clay, Edward & Carly Lee, Laura Wassmer, and Mark & Jan Morgan.

The Corinth Hills Real Estate Market is going STRONG!

With our beautifully maintained homes and so many friendly neighbors, it's not surprising at all to find the following positive data regarding the real estate market in Corinth Hills. Sara Rivard Armer, a local realtor and Corinth Hills resident, compiled the below information using the MLS database. She has worked with many of our neighbors and believes the Corinth Hills housing market is HOT!

In the past 90 days, 5 homes have sold/closed. The average sold price was \$311,200, with an amazing "average days on market" of only 18 days! Also, take into consideration that this data was pulled from the MLS database so it doesn't necessarily include any of the "For Sale by Owner" closings or those that may have been sold prior to going on the market. It's been commonly heard on the streets that some of our neighbors receive letters in the mailbox asking if they are interested in selling their homes ... leaving many to ponder, who would want to leave such a wonderful place!

As of the week of September 22nd, Corinth Hills currently has 2 homes "under contract" and 1 "active listing" ... going, going ... GONE!!!

Jessica Priestland,
Corinth Hills Homes Association

Prairie Village "Street Tree Project"

The City of Prairie Village Public Works Department finished reviewing our submitted request on Friday, September 6. They approved or disapproved each location. If the site was approved they specified the size of tree at maturity that could be planted, and indicated any tree species that they did not recommend at the location. For example, if a block is planted with all Pin Oaks they would not recommend planting an additional Pin Oak due to diversity concerns. CHHA will review the city's responses and advise homeowners if they are a candidate for a new street tree this fall.

Deb Nixon, Treasurer
Corinth Hills Homes Association

An Important Message ... Protect Your Vehicles & Valuables

Over the last several months, we have seen an increase in the theft of valuables from vehicles in Prairie Village. We have had several reports of valuable items stolen overnight from vehicles in driveways and on the street. There are no specific types of vehicles targeted, except that most of them have valuable items inside or are unlocked. Items taken from inside the vehicle are typically small electronics (iPods, GPS, cell phones, laptops etc.).

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