

# CORINTH HILLS

December 2014 – Corinth Hills Homes Association

Established in 1958

## President's Update

The Corinth Hills Board will soon be organizing for 2015 and based on the initial agenda, I see this will be a robust year. First, you may have noticed the questionnaire in your annual HOA dues envelope. We are collecting data for a new directory to be published in the spring of 2015. Please consider supplying your email address so we can send you direct invitations and notifications on Corinth Hills business. Next, you may have also seen the tree plantings to date, mainly on 79th Street. The Street Tree Project is under way and trees will be planted in the region of the



northwest corner, continuing throughout Corinth Hills, towards the southeast corner. Details of where and what kind of trees we can plant is handled by Board Member Deb Nixon.

Back by popular demand for 2015 (hopefully!) another Backyard Garden Tour. We will need about 6 or 7 residents to offer their backyards for tours. A short list has been started, but please contact me at [calvertkc@kc.rr.com](mailto:calvertkc@kc.rr.com)

if you would like to show off your yard. The early summer date for this will be announced this spring.

We had the best islands and entrances last summer and we look forward to a repeat next year. Thank you to all who make this happen. If you are interested in adopting or assisting with an island contact Sheri Copeland.

The neighborhood wide garage sale will be supported with full advertising again this spring. The date is set when Deffenbaugh announces the large item pickup date for our area. We generally have it one week ahead of their pick up date.

The annual picnic and pool party falls on the August "PV Moonlight Swim" date. Look for my comments on last year's picnic elsewhere in this newsletter.

We will wrap up 2015 with the All Members Annual Meeting in October; details to follow as well at a later date. In addition, if you have an interest in attending any board meetings, feel free to contact me or any board member for the schedule of meetings and events.

I look forward to seeing you in the neighborhood.

*Chris Calvert, President  
Corinth Hills Homes Association*

## Featured Island: Nall & West 80th Terrace

Jennifer Dietchman is our Island Gardener of the Young Patriots. They look down upon us while holding a basket of fish in one set of arms and a musket in the other. They wear knickers and plumed hats while relaxing after having caught their fish.

Jennifer has been taking care of these guys for 4 years. You may find them wearing Pink Easter Bunny ears, St. Patrick green ties, July 4th regalia, costumed for Halloween in fun black witch hats, or Christmas scarves to protect against the cold winds. These young Patriots appear to be proud of their new uniforms and undeterred by the occasional family of rabbits under their feet.

This island receives a majority of



direct sunshine all day and suffers from the winter snow plows and ice melt all winter which makes gardening more challenging. Jennifer transports water from her home and receives water from island neighbors to keep all plants watered. Best plantings have included Vinca minor, Petunias, Day lilies, Salvia, Boxwoods, and rose bushes.

Best time to garden for Jennifer is after work depending on the weather. She enjoys volunteering as an Island Gardener and is encouraged by the frequent compliments and visits from passing neighbors. Please let her know how much we appreciate her efforts all year round.

*Sheri Copeland,  
Chairwoman Island Gardeners*

## 2014 Summer and Fall Homes of The Season



*Corinth Hill's Summer Home of the Season is –  
The Duval home located at 8229 Linden Dr.*



*Corinth Hill's Fall Home of the Season is –  
The Benson/Anonsen home located at 8023 Fontana.*

We are occasionally asked: How does the HOA Board choose the Home Of The Season? I will say that it is an art rather than a science, but always a lot of fun. The Board members climb into a van or SUV together and we tour the entire Corinth Hills, usually at least twice. While reviewing the homes and taking notes we also keep an eye on a list of the last 5+ year's winners in attempt to spread the award around a bit. We focus on curb appeal, looking for the seasonal landscaping or décor. New exterior updates, additions or a remodel may also catch our attention. There are so many beautiful homes in Corinth Hills and the final selection can be difficult to negotiate. The best part is knocking on the winner's door and presenting them with

our Thank You card, a small gift card to Corinth Shopping Center, and of course the "Home of the Season" sign to be planted in the front yard for all to see. Sometimes we are invited into the back yard or inside to see other amenities not visible from the street. We are currently taking a professional photograph of the home and providing a framed copy to the homeowners and keeping a copy to display at the annual all member meeting. This past years selections were: Winter 2013 – Jan & Mark Morgan @ 5202 W. 79th Terr.; Spring 2014 - Jane & Webb Roberts @ 8023 El Monte; Summer – Marnie & Doug Duval @ 8229 Linden; and Fall - Elizabeth Benson & Tom Anonsen @ 8023 Fontana.

### Overview of Financial Status as of October 31, 2014

Our fiscal year ended on October 31, 2014 at which time our total assets were valued at \$44k. Annual expenses were 400 dollars less than our total income of 22.2k, however 10k dollars less than budgeted. This was primarily due to under-runs for the Street Tree Project, Island Maintenance, and a delay in the Annual Meeting billing. All of these improvement projects and expenses will carry forward into the next fiscal year. Total uncollected dues for this period was nominal. If you have any questions or would like to review the financials feel free to contact a Board member for dates and times of the next planning sessions; we are always happy to share the financial statements upon request.



**Deb Nixon**, Treasurer  
*Corinth Hills Homes Association*

### The Pulse of Corinth Hills Residential Real Estate

Margy Hofmeister-Roinning of Better Homes and Gardens Kansas City Homes – Prairie Village Office reports the following:

"Corinth Hills is a very popular, close-in neighborhood. Over the past years, the homes have increased in value. Properties with today's updates tend to go for much higher since young families have increased income, but not necessarily cash to make changes to the home. Due to this "main corridor" location, popular schools, and shopping, all properties sell very quickly when priced at market value. The average number of days on the market is 27 days before contract date!

Sales from November 2013-2014: At press time, there are currently 4 homes on the market. Active listings: Low price \$219,950 up to \$499,000. Pending Contracts: There are three properties under contract: Low price: \$339,000 up to \$445,000. Sales: Nineteen homes sold over the past year. Low price: \$240,000 up to a high of \$565,000. The average price of all 19 sales is \$363,429."

Margy can be reached on her Mobile: (913) 485-8412 or Via e-mail: [margyronning@kansascityhomes.com](mailto:margyronning@kansascityhomes.com)

## The Annual Meeting and Picnic Review

Corinth Hills had excellent attendance again this year at the 2014 All Members Annual Meeting held October 23rd at the Indian Hills Country Club. Thank you to Adam Henderson, Corinth Hills resident and our member sponsor to Indian Hills C.C. We had a very nice venue with excellent food and dessert buffets. Board members were elected, officers ratified and financial statements were presented. Attendees enjoyed listening to our keynote speaker Jay Senter, the owner and publisher of the Prairie Village Post, "The voice of Northeast Johnson County", a local on-line newspaper. Jay grew up in Corinth Hills and his parents joined us as we learned about Jay's coverage of local government, businesses, schools, and neighborhood news all supported by local advertising. He has plans to expand the format to other local cities as well. If you haven't seen the Prairie Village Post look for it at [www.pvpost.com](http://www.pvpost.com)

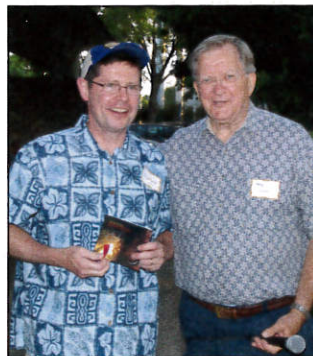
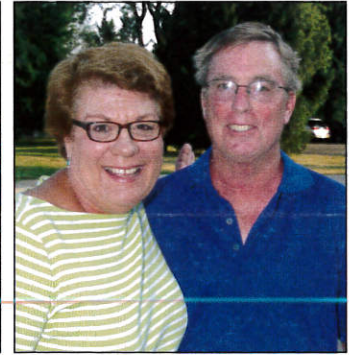
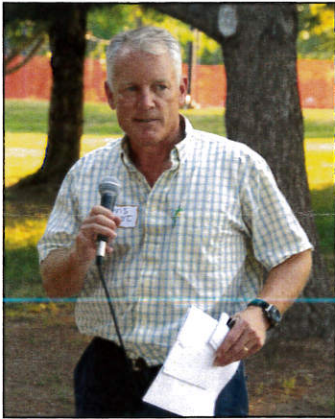
or search and "like" PV Post thru your Facebook account.

Looking back to Friday August 2nd, we had one of the largest Picnic and Pool party turnouts I have attended in a dozen years. Residents may have been drawn by the outstanding weather, the Oklahoma Joes Bar-B-Que, the Jazz vocalist, or it may have been that the word has spread that Corinth Hills puts on a great picnic! In addition, we enjoyed the pot luck sides and desserts, kid's crafts, and over \$2,000 in raffle prizes. Thank you to Prairie Village merchants for their generous donations!

If you happened to have missed either of these events watch for the dates next year. We have such fun and would love to have you join us!

I look forward to seeing you in the neighborhood.

**Chris Calvert**, *President*  
*Corinth Hills Homes Association*



*Corinth Hills residents enjoyed food, fun and music at the annual Picnic and Pool Party August 2nd.*

# Cold Weather Safety Tip

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As it gets colder and darker outside, we tend to think less of safety and more of how to simply stay warm. Now is not the time to let your guard down -- here are some tips to help keep you safe during the cold weather.

- Do not leave your vehicle running and unattended. Not only is it an ordinance violation, it takes only a few seconds for a thief to steal an unlocked, running vehicle.
- Do not park on the street when a big snow is forecast to allow the street crews room to remove snow.
- Avoid taking large boxes out to the curb. Cut the boxes up and turn the labels inside out so no one knows what was in the box. Leaving a large flat screen TV, Wii, computer, or laptop box on the curb tells everyone who drives by what there is to steal in your home.

**If you are traveling:**

- Complete a House Watch Request form on the City's website ([pvkansas.com](http://pvkansas.com)) for a house watch on your

residence. Cancel paper, mail and any other regular deliveries to the home.

- Set timers on lights, radios, or TVs to give the appearance someone is home and moving around the residence.
- Ask a trusted friend or neighbor to keep an eye on your home while you are away.
- Ask a neighbor to make tire tracks in the driveway when it snows to give the appearance someone is home.
- Do not post your travel plans on social networking sites like Facebook, MySpace, or Twitter. You want only people you trust knowing when your home will not be occupied.

Please take a few minutes of your time now to help safeguard your home and your family and have a safe winter season.

*Wes Jordan, Chief of Police  
Prairie Village Police Department*

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