



Prairie Ridge Homes Association

Fall 2008 Newsletter

Proud to be on the historic Santa Fe Trail in the heart of Prairie Village

Greetings from the President:

Hello Neighbors,

Fall is ushering in a wonderful season of beautiful foliage color on the trees and landscape. I hope you can take a minute to look up and enjoy what nature offers. All too quickly we will be wanting to gathering this gift of nature and put it in bags for trash day.

There are options to this muscle straining exercise.

I recently attended the HACCD Board Presidents Luncheon where the guest speaker was with Bridging the Gap, a service connecting Environment, Economy, & Community.

"We work to unite business, government and individuals in a way that benefits us all and preserves our natural resources for generations to come. We seek ways to protect our environment, while balancing economic impact and bettering community."

During the discussions, we learned the 5 things we can all do to make a green world. I would like to share those with you.

- 1. Give up bottled water**
 - 2. Wash your laundry in cold water**
 - 3. Switch to compact fluorescent light bulbs**
 - 4. Set your thermostat at 68 degrees in winter- 78 in summer**
 - 5. Cut your gasoline use by one fourth.**
- And my personal "6th" suggestion – Mow, Mulch and Compost those leaves.**

My own findings are that we can't effectively mow and mulch when the leaves have piled up too deeply. So, I look for opportunities between raking and mowing when the grass and leaves can be mulched effectively by the mower. It might be that we rake one day and a few days later mow/mulch. This feeds the lawn, saves on bags and sends less debris to the landfill.

You may have questions regarding the *5 Green Things To Do* list so I encourage you to visit the website www.bridgingthegap.org and see what is there. There could be interesting dinner time topics to which the whole family can contribute. It also has information on recycling in Johnson County.

On another note, I also recently attended the HACCD All Boards Dinner where Prairie Ridge received an award! The **Now You See It, Now You Don't** award was given to our neighborhood for the marker at 75th and Roe. As you may remember, the newly erected marker was finished days earlier when a motorist plowed into it destroying the entire thing. Luckily, no one was hurt, but our pride was slightly bruised. This "prestigious" award helped make up for all of the headaches and heartaches of dealing with that ordeal!

Wishing you a beautiful fall and winter season.

Dianne Pallanich, President,
Prairie Ridge Homes Association

A Community of Homes Bounded by 75th — 79th, Delmar to Rosewood Lane

Island Volunteers Needed

The beauty of our islands that welcomes you onto many of our streets are due to the efforts of several dedicated Prairie Ridge residents. These helpful volunteers are lead by our long time island caretaker Jim Klamm. Many of you have seen Jim working on the islands as you drive through the neighborhood. Additional helping hands are needed to maintain these islands. Please contact Jim if you are interested in helping and for care instructions as many grasses, plants and shrubs require specific care.

A special thank you to Jim for all of his hard work!!!



Board Positions Open

The homes association has two open board positions. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Dianne Pallanich for more information.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL



It may be cold now, but August 3rd was the hottest Sunday this summer, so it was the perfect time for Sheridan's Custard and music from 94.9 FM...over 150 neighbors enjoyed each others company at Bennett Park...



**...AND A FUN TIME WAS
HAD BY ALL!**

New Neighbors – Welcome!

Chris & Kari Baseal	7823 Juniper
Regan French	4400 W. 77th St.
Jeff and Larry Spradlin	4731 W. 77th St.
Cameron Haddad & Rochelle Ralston	4506 W. 78th Terr.
Sharon M. Lagemann	7765 Fontana
Anne Johnson	7615 Briar
Janelle King	7748 Fontana
Whit and Karen Holcomb	4820 W. 78th Terr.
Andrew Waynick & Hayley Hayes	4903 W. 78th Terr.
Christopher Heintzelman	7615 Juniper
Samuel and Molly Stroh	4824 W. 76th St.
Gregg Walsh	4825 W. 78th St.
Jeffrey Schroer & Leah Traynor	4717 W. 76th St.
Ryan and Megan Roberts	4909 W. 77th St.
Natalie Vick	4512 W. 77th St.
Julie Cannady	4607 W. 78th Terr.
Travis Gullede & Ashley Benton	7721 Rosewood Dr.
Meghan Sterling	7523 Briar
Angela Simmons	7748 Briar
Kenneth Kavanaugh	4801 W. 76th St.
Jonathan and Emily Wiebe	5123 W. 76th Terr.
David Winter	7601 Rosewood Dr.
Charles and Victoria Lewis	5202 W. 77th Terr.
Joseph Pacey and Cheryl Elliott	5207 W. 77th Terr

Recycle Bins

If you need a recycle bin for your home, you may pick one up between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm at the Prairie Village City Hall at 7700 Mission Road. These bins are free and emptied weekly by Deffenbaugh from your street curb on Thursdays.

Remember: You may **not** place any glass, Styrofoam or foil in the bins. Aluminum cans, junk mail, magazines, newspapers, corrugated cardboard, chipboard (cereal boxes and the like) and plastic bottles (#1 & 2) are accepted.



DUES...DUES...DUES...



Don't forget to pay your homes association dues! These nominal annual dues help support the upkeep and ongoing maintenance associated with our islands and markers as well as to help cover the neighborhood social events. You should receive an invoice in the mail from the HACCD each year. Thanks for helping to make Prairie Ridge a great community.

Another Successful Garage Sale

was held on May 31st.

Many homes in the neighborhood participated.
Look for the 2009 date in an upcoming newsletter!

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**You may contact anyone on the board with ideas or suggestions.
Please direct any concerns to the president.**

**Any request for a change of name or address for the newsletter should be directed to the
Homes Association of the Country Club District at 816-523-2440.**

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