



Prairie Ridge Homes Association

Spring 2009 Newsletter

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

Greetings from the President: Airing Our Clean Laundry

Hello Neighbors,

It seems that everywhere we look lately we see the terms Think Green, Go Green, or just Green! The term Green refers to doing what is good for the earth and our lives, and future generations. Now that I am a grandmother this is ringing closer to home and it seems so right and often so easy. For instance.....

I received a call recently from one of our neighbors wanting to know if there were any restrictions on drying laundry outdoors in our homes association. I had to pause a moment before I answered for two reasons. One, I wasn't sure. Two, if there was a restriction, I was guilty - 40 years guilty of drying my laundry outdoors in Prairie Ridge.

I can remember as a child sitting on the basement steps watching my mother put the laundry through the Maytag ringer washer and rinse steps. When the basket was full of the washed items she would walk it up the basement steps and out to the backyard to pin it to the lines strung between two "T" bars. Any day with temperature above freezing and no rain, the laundry went out. On off weather days, she line dried in the basement. Since we did not have an appliance dryer this was all very natural to me. Did I mention we were a family of seven? Eventually we did get a dryer but that didn't stop mom from hauling the laundry outdoors to dry. The dryer was used for baby items and other odds and ends. Linens always made the trip outside to dry. Mom is 90 now and still going strong. Hmmm.

So when I married and moved to a home of my own in Prairie Ridge, it was only natural to string a line in the backyard to line dry the linens. Yes, I had an electric dryer (and washer) but memories held strong and some select items went outdoors to dry....and still do. My dryer gets a good workout but I still love the fragrance of linens dried out in the sunlight, and they dry almost wrinkle free.

OK, back to the phone call. I told the neighbor that I would check on the restriction and let her know my findings. The HACCD office reviewed all our restrictions and even checked with Prairie Village and could find no restrictions on outdoor laundry drying. I was pleasantly relieved. I called the neighbor back to tell her the good news. We were both relieved and had a little laugh about our past and future laundry habits.

Have you considered outdoor laundry drying? Did you know that for as little as the price of some vinyl laundry line and a package of clothes pins you could be "GOING GREEN"? If you aren't lucky enough to have a couple strategically placed trees in your backyard to tie the lines around, the local hardware store has umbrella type laundry dryers in a variety of prices.

In addition to saving energy you might get just a bit of unexpected exercise and the benefit of being outdoors, in your backyard on a great day. As a courtesy to your neighbors, be sure to bring in your laundry as soon as possible after it is dry. I also know of a source for pure laundry "soap" that is eco-friendly.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding this simple way to "Go Green"!

Dianne Pallanich, President, Prairie Ridge Homes Association

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

Island Beautification

The islands are in bloom with daffodils and tulips and so the weeds are coming up too.
It is time for all the island care persons to look over their islands and see if it is in need of some care at this time.

**We are in need of a person to care for the island at 78th Terrace and Juniper.
Call me if you can care for this island at 913-381-4551 or email me at jastkalm@worldinter.net.**

We are going to re-landscape two areas one is the island at the cul-de-sac at 78th Terrace and Delmar.
The other is one is at Roe and 75th Street around the Prairie Ridge stone marker.

I want to also say a **Thank You** to all that have helped in the past!

Jim Klamm, Island Chairperson

Prairie Ridge Events Calendar

NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE:

It's time to prepare for the annual neighborhood garage sale! This sale has been a huge hit and we hold it each year the weekend of the Prairie Village Art Fair. It's a busy weekend for our neighborhood and we hope that every household that participates benefits with a little extra cash in their pocket at the end of the day! Here is how the sale works:

An ad will be placed in the Kansas City Star the week of the sale.

Banners promoting the sale will be placed on all four Prairie Ridge signs beginning Monday, May 25

Garage Sale signs will be posted the morning of the sale on all heavy traffic corners.

Signs will be picked up around 4pm day of sale.

You do not need to RSVP to participate.

You choose when to start your sale and end your sale.

Simply have your sale on Saturday, May 30!

We encourage you to contact a charitable organization of your choice to donate any sale leftovers.

NEIGHBORHOOD ICE CREAM SOCIAL: SAVE THE DATE!

Last year's ice cream social at Bennett Park and it was a huge success!

We are planning to have another **Ice Cream Social on August 9th.**

Mark your calendars!!!



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We still have a board position open, please contact Dianne if you are interested.