### Prairie Ridge Homes Association Spring 2013 Newsletter

#### **President's Message**

When you receive this newsletter Spring will be just around the corner! And one thing that means is the Prairie Ridge Annual Meeting is coming up. We will gather at the Prairie Village Community Center at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, sweets, coffee and socializing. Our program will begin at 7 p.m. and will be followed by a short business meeting to elect new board members.

This year we will have two positions open on the Board and would like to invite any of you who are interested to talk to one of the current board members about serving. The time commitment is minimal but the reward for making a difference and keeping our association active is not. Terms are for two years.

You will find spring gardening news in this issue and some dates to put on your calendar. One we are excited about is the Family Funfest on Saturday, June  $15^{th}$  from 4-7 p.m. An invitation will be mailed to you with all of the details closer to the event.

As always, please feel free to contact any of us with questions, ideas or concerns.

Your Prairie Ridge Board President, Margie Lundy



SAVE THE DATE! Annual Meeting

Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.

Prairie Village Community Center

Watch for your invitation in the mail.

## Keep Prairie Ridge Beautiful

Here are 3 easy ways!

#### Your Neighborhood Needs You!

Do you like dirty fingernails and muddy knees? Is gardening a leisure activity for you?

If so, Prairie Ridge needs your help as an Island Keeper Volunteer.

Current volunteers are doing a terrific job. We appreciate their commitment and sense of pride. Next time you see them hard at work, please thank them.

With spring quickly on the way, it's time to gear up for a new gardening season. Won't you be part of the volunteer team that makes Prairie Ridge islands beautiful? You'll make a valuable difference for residents and visitors alike. Don't worry – there's no out-of-pocket expense for you. A budget allowance is allocated for the islands.

If you would like to learn more about being a volunteer, please contact Beth Cavanaugh, Board Member/Islands, at <a href="mailto:editorcavsgarden@kc.rr.com">editorcavsgarden@kc.rr.com</a> and 913-428-6638.

#### NOMINATE YOUR NEIGHBOR!

Have you noticed a home in Prairie Ridge that has been improved in some way...whether it be a great seasonal display or décor, improved landscaping, structural improvements... Or anything else to boost curb appeal?

If so, nominate your neighbor as an Award Winning Home.

The home nominated may be chosen to receive a monetary award! (You don't have to know the home owner, just the address)

Call any Board member to nominate a home!

What a great way to compliment someone on their home!

#### 2013 Exterior Grant Program

Prairie Village is extending their grant program for outside maintenance in 2013. All of the Prairie Ridge Homes Association is included in the grant area. Applications will be taken after March 1<sup>st</sup>. Full information can be obtained by calling the city Codes Department at 381-6464 or visiting the city's website at <a href="www.pvkansas.com">www.pvkansas.com</a>. Click on "Resident Resources", then "Home Improvements" and then "Exterior Grant Program."

#### Prairie Village Earth Fair

Spring is almost here! And that means the Prairie Village Earth Fair will be back for another exciting year. Be sure to mark your calendars.

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Saturday, April 13th 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Shawnee Mission East High School More information can be found at <a href="https://www.earth-fair.org">www.earth-fair.org</a>

#### Electronics Recycling Event

Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Village Shopping Center

The Prairie Village Homes Assoc. is working with Goodwill and Lane 4 to hold an electronics recycling and general donation drop off event.

Goodwill will accept, refurbish or recycle TVs and monitors up to 36 inches at no charge.

They will also accept computer equipment including all monitors, towers, laptops, cords, mice, and printers. For computer information, see our page at <a href="http://mokangoodwill.org/reduce-reuse-recycle/">http://mokangoodwill.org/reduce-reuse-recycle/</a>

They will also be accepting clothing and small household goods. They ask that furniture and other large items be dropped off at a traditional donation sites. To learn what Goodwill will not accept, please contact Joyce Peters at <a href="mailto:ipeters@mokangoodwill.org">ipeters@mokangoodwill.org</a>. All donations are tax deductable. Receipts will be available on site.

# Save The Date! Prairie Ridge Family Funfest

**Date:** June 15<sup>th</sup>, Saturday **Time:** 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

**Place:** 78<sup>th</sup> Street between Roe and Delmar

More information to come!

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Prairie Ridge
A community of homes bounded by 75<sup>th</sup> to 79<sup>th</sup> Streets,
Delmar to Rosewood Lane.

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