

Prairie Ridge

Prairie Ridge Residents Speak Out on School Board Proposal

Prairie Ridgers packed an April 28th school board meeting to voice concerns for a plan to shift school boundaries in our neighborhood. Due to overcrowding at Briarwood Elementary, the Shawnee Mission School District is considering redrawing school boundary lines and moving Prairie Ridge students out of Briarwood.

"We searched for a house to buy and moved into a specific neighborhood that had Briarwood listed as its elementary school," says P.R. resident Dave Root. "We are not interested in changing schools and we are not interested in moving to stay in Briarwood."

As the Board of Education's decision affects all Prairie Ridge homeowners, we encourage you to contact your homes association board at prha2020@gmail.com, Shawnee Mission Board of Education President Donna Bysfield at donnabysfield@smsd.org, and Superintendent Dr. Jim Hinson at jimhinson@smsd.org as soon as possible with your opinion on this matter.

President's Message

Happy Springtime, Prairie Ridge

At our Annual Meeting on April 14th, a lot of discussion revolved around neighbors coming together and getting involved for the good of Prairie Ridge.

If you have new residents on your street, make an effort to get acquainted. When an issue or problem arises on the block, treat your neighbors as you'd want to be treated. Getting a team together to help a neighbor in need, adopting an island near your home, or participating in a Prairie Ridge event strengthens our community and helps us get to know each other.

Block Parties are always fun and another good way to connect with each other. The Board can reimburse for Block Party expenses up to \$50 with proper receipts (but not for alcoholic beverages.)

Your Prairie Ridge Homes Association will host two events to bring us together this summer. Our 2nd Annual Family Fun Fest is

scheduled for June 7th from 4 to 7pm with food from Taco Republic and games and fun for the whole family. No summer in Prairie Ridge is complete without the Ice Cream Social on August 10th in Bennett Park.

Speaking of neighbors getting involved, Matt Adamson just moved in and has jumped right in by volunteering to be nominated for the Board. Sean Kavanaugh is responsible for the really nice island renovation at 76th and Roe and also been nominated for a Board position. Both were subsequently elected at our Annual Meeting.

Please know that you may contact us any time with ideas, questions, thoughts or complaints at: PRHA2020@gmail.com. A list of your Board members and contact information is also included in this newsletter.

*Margie Lundy, President
Prairie Ridge Homes Association*

Calendar

May 31, 2014

Garage Sale - leftovers can be picked up by National Federation of the Blind

June 7, 2014, 4 - 7pm

Family Fun Fest - food from Taco Republic served from 4:30 - 6pm

August 10, 2014, 4:30 - 6:30pm

Ice Cream Social. Bennett Park - Sheridan's Frozen Custard

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CODES

At the Annual Meeting on April 14th, several neighbors mentioned the need for awareness and enforcement of residential maintenance codes in Prairie Ridge. A brochure of applicable maintenance codes can be downloaded from the City of Prairie Village website at pvkansas.com, under the Resident Resources <Property Maintenance headings. Here are some codes commonly mentioned at the meeting:

Exterior Maintenance:

Exterior surfaces, including out buildings, fences, and attached structures, must be maintained free of breaks, holes, rotten wood, chipped & peeling paint, broken windows or doors, rust, or other conditions which violates health, fire, building or zoning codes, or other laws regulating land use.

RVs, Boats, Trailers:

RVs, boats, trailers, and recreational equipment are not allowed in the front setback area of the property. Storage of only one of these items is allowed on the property either in the side or rear yard, 5ft from any side or rear property line, and all points which touch the ground are to be on a hard surface.

Vehicle Parking:

Vehicles may not be parked on any lawn/yard area. All vehicle parking spaces and the access thereto shall be paved with a portland cement concrete or asphalt. Gravel is not allowed.

Grass & Weeds:

Overgrown weeds & grass can cause problems such as mosquitoes, allow a harborage for rodents and vermin, and create a blighting influence on neighborhoods. Rank and noxious weeds can also cause health problems. Grass & weeds must be maintained at a height of 8" or less and any noxious weeds are to be removed.

Rental Properties:

No person shall lease, rent, or offer for lease or rent, any residential structure without first making application to the City for an occupational license. An exterior inspection will be conducted to insure compliance with Building and Property Maintenance Codes prior to a license being issued or renewed.

Outside Storage:

Miscellaneous items stored outside must be fully screened from view from any adjacent property by a wall, fence or landscaping installed with materials of a quality compatible with the immediate neighborhood.

Animal Sanitation:

No excessive accumulation of animal waste shall be permitted on any property. Animal wastes shall not be disposed of in an open ditch or storm drain. All carcasses of dead animals shall not remain exposed after death.

Pilot program turns food scraps into compost

Prairie Ridge resident Karin McAdams spread word of a program initiated last fall by Deffenbaugh Industries and adapted by a growing number of households in the Normandy Square Homes Association.

Rather than tossing food scraps in with other trash, homes in Normandy Square are dumping leftovers

in separate 13-gallon receptacles provided by Deffenbaugh. The food receptacle is then collected with yard waste and taken to a 27-acre facility used to make compost.

Compost can be picked up by anyone for free at the Johnson County landfill. A program adopted by the Shawnee Mission School District has diverted 85 tons of food waste for a useful purpose.

Please contact us at prha2020@gmail.com for more information.

Prairie Ridge Homes Association Board

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