

PRAIRIE WOODS NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

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Spring 2008

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Contact Information for your NEW Board

- President: Debby Werth
- Vice-President: Jennifer Yarnold
- Secretary: Sharon Madison
- Treasurer: Peggy Bennett
- Special Events: Dana Plagmann
- Architectural: Bruce Werth

Please note you can always contact your Board via our website at www.pwhoa.com.

2008 Association Dues

Please don't forget to send in your 2008 Homeowner's Association Dues if you haven't already. The deadline for dues was **January 31, 2007**. Third notices will have gone out and we do file liens again your property for non-payment.

And the Winner is...

Kenneth & Jennifer Kester (10110 Prairie Woods) and Russell and Tammie Frost (2321 S. Leecrest) won the drawings for the \$50 gift cards for getting homeowner's dues in on time. The Kesters were on hand to pick up their gift card at the Homeowner's Association meeting on March 13th. Thanks to everyone who got their dues in so quickly.

Upcoming Activities

Following is a list of upcoming activities for the next few months:

June 19, 20 & 21st - Neighborhood Garage Sales

Annually, the Board has selected the third weekend in June for the neighborhood garage sales. Your Association will pay for an advertisement that appears in the Wichita Eagle, will hang a banner that was purchased last year for the event near the Maize entrance, and will reimburse you for your garage sale permit if you send your receipt or copy

of the receipt to your Association Treasurer. Need something else? Please contact one of your Board Members.

June 28, 2008 - Spring Clean Up Day

Your Board Members are planning a more extensive clean-up day on June 28th. We hope to have a large dumpster available to you and services from a shredding company.

If there is a Boy or Girl Scout Troup or 4-H Club willing, we'd like to arrange for them to pick up trash along Pawnee and Maize and in the lot that is for sale on the corner of Maize and Pawnee. If interested, contact Dana Plagman at 729-8212.

August 5, 2008 - National Neighborhood Night Out

As an Association, it's tough to plan something that works for the entire Association. We hope you'll consider doing something within your block or cul-de-sac and spend time with your neighbors and their families. Need something else? Please contact one of your Board Members.

Are you seeing the new trees?

Homeowners in our Association are taking advantage of the City's Tree Program. We have a number of homeowners who have newly planted trees that really look terrific. Thank you so much for having them put in.

Be sure to take a drive through the Development and see all the trees with the few buds and flowers on them. Once they are well-established, they'll be beautiful. While we've learned the City doesn't have any more trees this year, we have heard that if you get your name on the list, they will have more available next year. To take advantage of this program contact: The Forestry Dept., Attn: Colleen, 316-268-4222.

Your Association also has a small reward program in place. Simply mail a copy of your tree receipt to the Homeowner's Association and we'll reward you \$10 for planting a tree. Each home in our Association is eligible for 2 - \$10 reimbursements.

Prairie Woods is a Covenant Community!

The Association's Covenants are online at Prairie Woods' website at www.pwhoa.com.

Do's and Don'ts for Warmer Weather

Please remember to move trash cans in and out on pickup days.

With the weather getting better soon, please be considerate when you park trailers, boats, RVs and other large vehicles in the Development. RVs and trailers cannot be continually parked on any street. Junk vehicles are not welcome and vehicles parked on lawns are prohibited.

Leash laws are in effect for your pets. We are getting complaints about dogs running loose and going to the neighbors to defecate and urinate. Please be considerate and if your pet does decide to visit the neighbors, be considerate and clean up after them.

We have a lot of families with children in our Development. Please be careful as you drive through the Development so we all have a great spring and summer.

Don't forget mowing season will be here soon. If your grass gets above a certain height, we can request the City mow it at your expense. We offer a gentle reminder to you to remember to mow behind your fences. What might be your back yard is something someone else drives by everyday and sees. Homeowners whose homes backup onto Lark, Maize, Pawnee or any other

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location are encouraged to keep control on what may be happening behind their fences.

Lastly, crime is picking up slightly in our area. Homeowners are reminded not to leave their keys in their vehicles and to make certain their garage doors are closed. We've had some spray painting in the area. Think about garaging your vehicles at night.

Website Update

We plan to update the website soon and are interested in your suggestions. Please email Debby Werth, at deb.werth@cox.net or Jennifer Yarnold, jlyarnold@cox.net, if you have an idea.

Childcare providers: We want to make certain your Daycare is included on our site and the information is correct. If changes or additions need to be made, please contact us.

We have discussed adding a small, home-based business page to our website for your neighbor's information. But we don't know who's out there. If you would have an interest in being part of such a page, please email your name, contact information, and description of your small business to us.

Building this Year?

If you are considering installing a new fence, building a new shed, garage, patio or doing any other construction, please contact Bruce Werth before construction begins. We have a new Architectural Committee (Bruce Werth, Reed Bennett, and Don Madison) in place that will speak with you about your plans and take your information to the Board for approval. These individuals are good handymen who may be able to offer you some cost-cutting advice, will have the safety of the Association in mind, and may offer suggestions about

construction you hadn't thought about before. We recently had a homeowner wanting to build a fence and she thanked these individuals for the advice offered because she believes she has a better fence today than she would have had without their advice. These individuals are volunteering their time and expertise to you. It doesn't cost you a dime. Call them and let them know about your plans early. Bruce can be reached at 425-0591.

Telephone Numbers:

- Neighborhood Action Line, for any neighborhood problem, 316-529-9999.
- Animal pickup and control, Wichita Department of Environmental Health, 316-268-8473.
- Tall weeds, Wichita Department of Environmental Health, 316-268-8351.
- Hazardous materials disposal, 316-660-7464.
- Pothole repair, 316-268-4060.
- Permits and inspections; building 316-268-4461 or 316-268-4648; parades 316-268-4553; vendors, 316-268-4479.
- Park Department, Landscape and Forestry, 316-268-4222.
- Park Permits for City Shelters, 316-268-4361.
- Wichita City Council and Mayor's office, 316-268-4331.
- Wichita City Manager's office, 316-268-351.

Easter Egg Hunt:

We had more than 50 children who came to hunt 1000+ eggs at Prairie Pawnee Park on March 22nd at 1 p.m. Taking only 10 minutes, the children cleaned up the park area where the eggs were tossed.

Breakout of attendees were:
2 families with a Prairie Woods address; 5 families with a Stafford address; 5 families with a Stoney Point

address; 2 families with a Leecrest address; 1 family with a Crestline address; and 5 families with a Haskell address.

Amanda Wilson and Chris Sather each won the parent's drawing of a \$20 gift certificate.

Thank you to everyone who came, to Dana Plagman who headed the event and Sherry Irsik's daughter who stuffed all the Easter eggs. Thank you to Dana's husband who helps her each year and to everyone else who came and helped set-up before the event. It was fun.

Photos of the Easter Egg Hunt can be found on our website at www.pwhoa.com.

We would like to do more events that would be of interest to you. However, we need to know what they are. Please consider contacting a board member to share your ideas.

Construction Coming Soon

We have learned that Maize will be under construction soon between Kellogg to Pawnee. The City's budget has this scheduled for 2009. When we have more information, we will share that with you. While this is going to cause a great deal of inconvenience, we're hoping to get the grade changed in the entryway of the east side of the Development in the process making it easier for Homeowners to get in and out during the winter.

Newsletters are available via the website.

Do consider providing us with your email address if you have one. We can save postage by emailing you a link to the latest newsletter rather than mailing it.