

PRAIRIE WOODS NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

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New Officers

New officers were recently elected to the Board of the Prairie Woods Home Owners Association. They are:

- President: Sherry Irsik
- Vice-President: Harold Walker
- Secretary: Debby Werth
- Treasurer: Dana Plagmann

Other Board Members are Bruce Werth, Dustin Jackson, and Marlene Miles. All of us can be reached via email at pwhoa02@yahoo.com.

Our appreciation goes to the outgoing Board Members. Thank you for your time and efforts on behalf of the Association.

Upcoming Activities

Following is a list of upcoming activities for 2006.

December 31, 2005 - Prairie Woods Homeowners Association dues are due. See this mailing for important information.

January 10, 2006 - Prairie Woods Homeowners Association meeting at 6:30 p.m. Pizza will be provided. Children are welcome.

April 15, 2006 - Annual Easter Egg Hunt. More information will follow as the event gets closer.

May 20, 2006 and October 14, 2006 - Association Clean-Up Events.

- Both events include clean-up of common areas. We'll be asking for assistance from local boy scout and girl scout troops. The Association will also ask the City to leave large dumpsters (perhaps in the Church Parking Lot) so residents can clean out and toss their unwanted items.
- The Spring Clean Up Event will include morning donuts for everyone arriving to clean up before 9 a.m.

- The Fall Clean Up Event would include a hot dog roast at the Pawnee Park Shelter. Clean Up would again start at 9 a.m.

June 8, 9 & 10 - Neighborhood Garage Sales

August 1, 2006 - National Neighborhood Night Out

Watch for more information about these events as the time gets closer.

Prairie Woods is a Covenant Community!

Hopefully you are all aware that Prairie Woods is a covenant community. Because we are all proud of where we live, covenants have been established and we're asking each homeowner to abide by those covenants. In this mailing is a copy of Prairie Woods' covenants. We hope you'll take the opportunity to look them over. If you have any questions about what's included in the covenants, please feel free to contact a member of the Board. Contact information for individual members is included near the end of this newsletter.

Survey Enclosed

Enclosed in this packet of information is a survey. As most of the members of your Association Board are new officers, we wanted to take a minute to get your thoughts on what you'd like to see your Homeowner's Association do and accomplish in 2006. Please find a few minutes to complete the enclosed survey. We're offering an incentive to get your feedback so don't miss out!

Attention Child Care Providers...

We want to update the compiled list of neighborhood childcare providers. The information to do this is included on the enclosed survey. Once the list is

updated, to receive a list, please send a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope to:

Prairie Woods HOA
Child Care List
P.O. Box 771168
Wichita, KS 67277

We Want Trees in Our Neighborhoods!

The Board would like to remind homeowners that there remains a \$10 reimbursement or "reward" for homeowners who plants a tree. 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. Let us contribute to your landscaping budget! We've set aside enough funds to pay for 50 trees.

Entry Islands

The Association now carries insurance on the entry islands. While the insurance won't cover absolutely everything that could happen to the entry islands, the Board is pleased to let you know it's being carried. We are all very proud of our entry islands and hope you'll do what you can to keep them as nice as they look today.

Help us Welcome our New Neighbors

We'd like to welcome new neighbors to our Association. If you see someone moving into your neighborhood, please email us at pwhoa02@yahoo.com or call Sherry at 729-5735. We have welcome baskets available and would like to have an opportunity to stop by and say "Welcome to the Neighborhood."

Info from our Local Police Department

Sgt. Randy Reynolds met with the Board at a recent meeting. Assigned to

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Beat 18 (of which our Association is part of), Sgt. Reynolds asked us to let homeowners know that as the holidays are approaching, residential thefts increase. He encourages all of us to keep our garage doors closed and to lock garage doors (those to the house). Double check that your doors are locked when you leave home. Consider closing your drapes if your living room has lots of gifts under your Christmas tree and don't leave items that might appeal to a burglar in your car. If something doesn't look quite right in your neighborhood (lights are on and the neighbors are away for the holidays), don't hesitate to contact the police department.

We will be inviting an officer to our next Homeowner's Association meeting. If you have any comments, questions or



concerns he can address, we encourage you to come.

2006 Association Dues

Please don't forget to send in your 2006 Homeowner's Association Dues by **December 31, 2005**. Homeowners getting their dues in on time will be eligible for a **GRAND PRIZE DRAWING** of a \$50 gift certificate at the restaurant of their choice. So get those dues in quick!

Facts about Where We Live (zip code 67209)

- 12,725 population
- The median age of our residents is 37 years.
- 89.6% of us have high school diplomas.
- 27.5% of us are college graduates.
- Our mean travel time to work is 18.2 minutes.

Source: U.S. Census

A Thank You

Thank you to the young people who "Boo-ed" the Westsiders of Prairie Woods on Halloween. (And I think I know who you are!!) Know some of us tried to get the Eastsiders involved but we were unsuccessful. Let's give it another try next year to see how many houses can get "Boo-ed" then!

(For those of you not "Boo-ed," we on Westgate Circle received anonymous gifts of candy and a flyer (that we'd been "Boo-ed") to hang on our doors along with a flyer instructing us to "Boo" three additional houses. By the time the author of this newsletter was "Boo-ed," I had to walk quite a way to find someone not yet "Boo-ed." It was fun to watch the flyers move from house to house as Halloween approached. Thank you to the original "Boo-ers" and to all who kept the experiment going for the kids.

Holiday Decorations

The Holiday Decorations in our neighborhoods look GREAT. And it's just after Thanksgiving at the time this newsletter was written so likely there are still more that will be put up before Christmas. A big **THANK YOU** to all the neighbors who decorate. It really makes the neighborhoods festive. If any of you are interested in having a Holiday Decorating Contest next year, be sure to include that on your survey.

How much time until Christmas? Check out:

<http://www.christmas.com/pe/56>

Just a quick reminder...

I know many of us have guests over the holidays. Please encourage them to drive carefully through our development. With children out of school during the holidays, many are out and about, excited about holiday happenings. Encourage your guests to be

aware of our younger residents as they drive to and from your home.

Contact Information for your Board

Sherry Irsik, 10005 Prairie Woods Ct., 729-5735

Harold Walker, 10033 Prairie Woods Ct., 773-3108

Dana Plagman, 1018 W Haskell, 729-8212

Bruce and Debby Werth, 2201 S Westgate Circle, 620-770-2000

Dustin Jackson 10117 Haskell, 729-7138

Marlene Miles, 10205 Prairie Woods St., 773-9340

Peggy Bennett, 10326 W. Stafford, 267-5897

The End.

See you on January 10th for the Homeowner's Association meeting! Your agenda is included in this packet.

Happy Holidays!