

# PRAIRIE WOODS NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

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## The Bad News First

The Board has filed liens against 13 homes in our Association who have not paid their 2006 dues. We are also preparing to file against two homes that are in foreclosure. Prior to 2006, we had 12 homes with liens on them.

Prairie Woods Homeowner Association dues are very affordable at \$25 per year (due in December as described in the current covenants.) Individuals who don't pay their liens in a timely manner will pay them later (with interest) when their homes are sold.

If homeowners have any questions about Homeowner Association dues, please feel free to contact any Board Member.

## New Website!

You asked, and we listened. As a result of last year's survey, many of you indicated your desire for the Association to have a website. In the last Newsletter, we asked if there was anyone out there who would be willing to donate time to create a website. We are all very fortunate that Jennifer Yarnold volunteered to put together our new website. Please take some time

to check out [www.pwhoa.com](http://www.pwhoa.com). Also, if you see Jennifer around the Development, please thank her for her time. She will be maintaining the site for us as well so if you have any thoughts as to what we can do to make it better, please leave us some feedback on the "Ideas and Suggestions" area on the right-hand side of the homepage.

Please consider taking a few minutes to sign up to get your newsletter electronically (it will save us postage) and to input your information for the on-line directory. This information will be stored in a "members only" area and can be accessed only by Association Members with the website password which I'll leave you in a future newsletter once it has been set.

Do know the website may still be a "work in progress" at the time you visit so keep coming back. As our web designer is taking college classes, working full-time, building our webpage, and being a MOM, we feel the need to be pretty flexible as this project progresses.

Thank you Jennifer!

## Upcoming Activities

Following is a list of upcoming activities for 2006.

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 Spring Clean-Up Event will include morning donuts for everyone arriving to clean up before 9 a.m.

- The Fall Clean-Up Event will 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 as time gets closer.

## Prairie Woods is a Covenant Community!

The Association's Covenants are online at Prairie Woods' website at [www.pwhoa.com](http://www.pwhoa.com).

## Trees, Trees, Trees in Our Neighborhoods!

The Board would like to remind homeowners that there remains a \$10 reimbursement or "reward" for homeowners who plant 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. Homeowners in our Association are eligible for 2 - \$10 reimbursements. The Board will continue to pay out the "reward" until the funds set aside for this program are spent.



## Association Directories are Available.

Directories are still available for anyone interested in having one. Sherry has added them to the Welcome Baskets. But if anyone would like one who doesn't have one today, please contact Debby and she'll get one to you.

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## Vandalism

We've had reports of vandalism on Haskell Street on the west side of Maize. Homeowners are encouraged to make certain vehicles parked outside are locked and homes are secured. If there are individuals in our development interested in starting "Neighborhood Watch" programs, please contact Debby Werth and we can research to find out what we need to do to make this happen.

## It's Yard Time!

A couple of the Board Members took a tour around the development and had to take notice of how well the majority of our yards are being maintained. We truly have a nice development.

Just a reminder for those of us with backyard fences to mow behind the fences. If the uncut lawns get higher than 12-inches, anyone can request that the City Central Inspection Officers inspect the property to determine if they will mow the areas and charge the homeowners a fee. While we are not certain, we've heard the fee is more than \$100.

If you live by something you consider an environmental hazard, which includes tall grass over 12", you can alert the City through the Internet link <http://www.wichita.gov/nr/rdonlyres/be4eb76-e9a2-4447-9619-94ec9f15f884/0/eyesearslongform.pdf>. However, before doing so, you might jot a note to the homeowner as a "heads-up."

## Easter Egg Hunt

If you missed this year's Easter Egg Hunt, you missed a fun 15 minutes as that's about all the time it took for our children to find more than 2,000 Easter Eggs. We had a nice crowd that gathered at Prairie Park (off Tyler Road) for the event. Because we learned a few of us got lost and reported to the location off Pawnee

Street (only to find no one there!), we'll try to do better next year and leave some signs for the "newbies." We hope everyone who attended had a great time and appreciate all the parents who brought their children to pick up eggs and prizes.

A special thanks to Dana Plagman and her committee who put this all together for the neighborhood.



## Red Hat Group

Connie Geier (10614 Haskell) is starting a Red Hat Group entitled "Keep'en The Plains Tea Sipp'en Dames." Only ladies interested in having FUN are encouraged to join. Membership will only be open for a short time so if there are any ladies in our development interesting in joining, contact Connie at 773-2917. And know that you can be under 50 to belong if there are any "young-uns" interested.

## Just for Fun!

The  
Computer  
Swallowed  
Grandma



The computer  
swallowed  
grandma.  
Yes, honestly  
its true.

She pressed 'control' and 'enter'  
And disappeared from view.

It devoured her completely,  
The thought just makes me squirm.  
She must have caught a virus  
Or been eaten by a worm.

I've searched through the recycle bin  
And files of every kind;  
I've even used the Internet,  
But nothing did I find.

In desperation, I asked Jeeves  
My searches to refine.  
The reply from him was negative,  
Not a thing was found 'online.'

So, if inside your 'Inbox,'  
My Grandma you should see,  
Please 'Copy', 'Scan' and 'Paste' her  
And send her back to me!

~Unknown

**Enjoy your  
Spring!**