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Annual Dinner Meeting



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Welcome to beautiful Prairie Fields!



**Is it time you served on the
Board of Directors?**
Call Karen Kiloh
913.529.1444

- Special points of interest...*
- Annual Dinner Meeting
 - Annual Business Meeting
 - Islander Club Update
 - Home of the Year

Once again, it is time for the Annual Dinner Meeting of the Prairie Fields Homes Association! The meeting will be held on Thursday, November 2, 2006 at the Homestead Country Club at 6510 Mission Road. Cocktail hour will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m.

As of this writing, we have not secured a speaker for the annual meeting. If we are able to obtain one, the speaker's presentation will begin at the conclusion of dinner at 8:00 p.m.

Along with the wonderful meal, you get to enjoy an informative evening together with your Prairie Fields neighbors.

The Annual Business Meeting is held in conjunction with the Annual Dinner Meeting. At that time, our Treasurer will present a report of the financial condition of your Association. Laura Deaver will give a report on the status of the Islander Club. Afterward, Directors will be elected.

If you are unable to attend the Annual Dinner, we still encourage you to attend the Annual Business Meeting at 8:30 p.m. This is an excellent opportunity to become familiar with your Board of Directors.

We have quite a few exciting projects in the works and some changes in the Board of Directors, so be sure to attend and hear all about them.

Interaction and the exchange of ideas between members of the Association and your neighbors on the Board ensures that your concerns are heard and helps us maintain Prairie Fields as a desirable neighborhood to live in.

Want to participate but can't come to the dinner?

Call any Board Member listed on the back of this newsletter to arrange a ride or ask about volunteer opportunities!



Prairie Fields Island Views



...News from the Islands

Hello, Prairie Fields Neighbors!

As you drive through the neighborhood, I think you'll agree that the islands are looking better than ever. Over the last four seasons I have been recruiting volunteers to plant and care for the islands and we are starting to see a payoff!

Next spring we will do "extreme island makeovers" on the following islands: 76th and Lamar East and West, 76th and Russell (Pineapple Island), 75th St. Cul-de-sac (Cat on Pillar), 75th Terr. Cul-de-sac (Bacchus Cherub), Tomahawk and Nall (Wishing Well), and 75th and Colonial (Prudential Rock). The goal is to rid those islands of the overgrown, out-of-date 1950s yews or boxwoods. We want to update them with plantings that will provide color and texture, easy maintenance and drought tolerance.

This summer I did some heavy recruiting to find volunteers for the few remaining islands. I am happy to report that I have interested parties for the 75th Terr. Cul-de-sac, 75th St. Cul-de-sac, and 76th and Russell islands.

Interestingly, the Bacchus Cherub looks like it is made of marble. Our cherub is a cute little guy with grape leaves around his head, a wine jug in one hand and a tipped wine glass in the other. I believe he may be one of

Home of the Year

The Association established a program to provide recognition to the many residents who provide outstanding maintenance and improvement to their homes, yards and our public spaces. Eligibility for this recognition is based on nomination by the Board of Directors or other residents within Prairie Fields.

Criteria for nomination will be based on consistent performance in one or more of the following fields:

- Neatly maintained lawn, trees and other plantings
- Improvements to landscaping that demonstrate sound design considerations including the homeowner's property as well as neighbors' and adjacent public property
- Neatly maintained home and landscaping improvements

the earlier statues that JC Nichols brought in from Italy. He is badly discolored that I am looking for a professional to clean our cherub up to his former glory.

Unfortunately, I lost some of our volunteers this year and have to put their islands up for adoption. If you live near the islands at 78th and Tomahawk, 78th and Reeds or 76th Terr. and Colonial Drive and want to get involved in any way, please contact me. I would love to hear any comments good or bad on what we are doing with the islands as well as any suggestions as to what you would like to see done in the future.

My hope is that we can make a statement with our islands and give cohesiveness to our neighborhood. I want the entrances to Prairie Fields to be colorful, welcoming, and well groomed.

We all work hard on keeping up our homes. Our islands should be a reflection of that!

What do you get if you divide the circumference of a pumpkin by its diameter?
Pumpkin pi!

If you would like more information on the Prairie Fields Islanders Club, please contact me, Laura Deaver, at 913.648.2586 or via email at ddeaver@kc.rr.com.

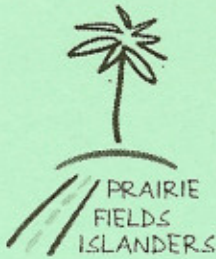
Laura Deaver



- Maintenance of public property, such as keeping sidewalks clear of snow and debris, caring for traffic island landscaping, keeping storm inlets clear, etc.

Each nominated residence is reviewed by the selection committee for the purpose of choosing one to designate as "Prairie Fields Home of the Year." A plaque is awarded to the winner at the Annual Meeting. In addition, each nominated residence receives a certificate recognizing their contribution to community betterment.

Please join us in recognizing the honorees by letting them know that you appreciate their efforts to improve the aesthetics of Prairie Fields.



PRAIRIE FIELDS ISLANDERS CLUB NEEDS YOU!

What is the Prairie Fields Islander Club?

A group of Prairie Fields homeowners who volunteer their time to plant and maintain the thirty-three islands here in Prairie Fields. The Islanders Club meets twice a year with an annual dinner in the fall. The Prairie Fields Homes Association pays for all plants and materials needed in the beautification of our islands.

What if I don't have a green thumb? No problem! There are lots of people in the Islander Club with excellent gardening knowledge – one member is a Master Gardener. If you need assistance choosing plants or coming up with a plan, just ask. By no means is everyone in the club a gardening guru. Most people just enjoy working outside and feeling like they are contributing to our community.

What do most people plant? Most people plant annuals in the ground near the center of the island or, if an urn exists, they put petunias or geraniums in them. Some islands are filled with perennials and just need to be weeded and thinned out occasionally. Many people also plant bulbs such as tulips and daffodils. Evergreens and other shrubbery on the island need to be kept to a height of three feet or less.

Which islands are in need of adoption?

- 76th Terr. and Colonial Drive
- 78th St. and Reeds Road
- 78th and Tomahawk

If I don't want to care for an island, is there another way I can help?

We need homeowners close to ANY of the islands to water for us. We can supply you with a new hose or other compensation for the use of your water. We have volunteers who need help with their island. If you like, you can simply donate additional funds for the planting materials on an island.

How do I get involved?

Contact Laura Deaver at 913.648.2586 or via email at ddeaver@kc.rr.com. In addition, we would like to have your email address so we can improve communications for meetings, events, etc. Please send your email address to ddeaver@kc.rr.com. Thanks!

Annual Dinner and Business Meeting Reservation

The Directors of the Prairie Fields Homes Association cordially invite you to attend our 2006 Annual Dinner and Business Meeting.

You may call in nominations for the election to any Director or make nominations at the meeting.

Please call your Prairie Fields neighbors and invite them to attend, especially new neighbors. This is an excellent opportunity for you to get to know your neighbors without fences between you.

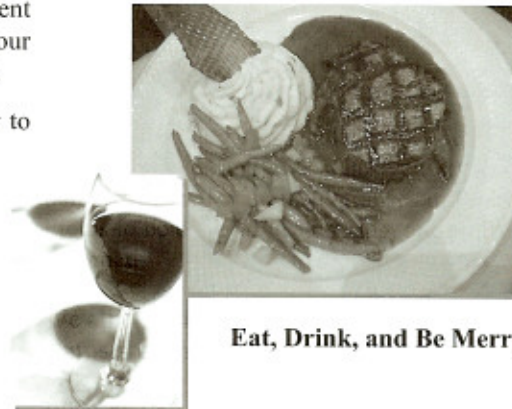
If you have an elderly neighbor, offer to drive them to the meeting.

Select your entrée and *mail in your reservations today!*

Reservations are due by October 27, 2006.

We hope to see you there, neighbor!

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Eat, Drink, and Be Merry!

ANNUAL DINNER MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, November 2, 2006

Homestead Country Club
 6510 Mission Road
 Prairie Village, Kansas 66208

Social Hour6:30 p.m
 Dinner7:00 p.m
 Speaker8:00 p.m
 Business Meeting8:30 p.m

*All residents of the
 Prairie Fields
 Homes Association
 are welcome to attend!*

Reservations Due By October 27, 2006!

Please clip out this portion and send it in with your check!

Complete and mail this form with your check to:

Prairie Fields Homes Association
222 West Gregory, Suite 201
Kansas City, Missouri 64114

Reservations for _____ persons

Number of salmon dinners = _____

Number of filet mignon dinners = _____

My check for \$_____ is enclosed.

(Please make checks payable to Prairie Fields Homes Association at \$15 per person.)

 Name

 Address

 Telephone

 Email

Thanks! We look forward to seeing you there.

Highlights of this year's Dinner Meeting include:

- A Social Hour with an open bar
- Your choice of salmon or filet mignon for dinner
- A presentation by our speaker
- Presentation of the 2006 Home of the Year award to a homeowner who has shown exceptional effort and results in improving and maintaining property
- Election of members of the Board of Directors





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Volunteers needed!

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the Ultimate Destination...***

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About the Prairie Fields Homes Association

The Prairie Fields Homes Association was formed in 1953. It is a member of the Homes Associations of the County Club District (HACCD), an umbrella organization. Prairie Fields encompasses 745 homes. The boundaries extend from 75th Street to 83rd Street, between Lamar and Nall and Russell Street, west of Lamar.