



# Homes Association Newsletter

April – May – June 2014

## OVERLAY DISTRICT UPDATE

RESTRICTIONS! Now that's a word that puts many of us on the defensive. Well, let's think about that for a minute. We live with restrictions every day. The City calls them codes. The PVPD calls them laws. The PVHA calls them deed restrictions. Our neighborhood would be in disorder without restrictions. Just think about our streets without speed limits.

The question before us is this. How much, if any, control do we want over the building codes in our neighborhood? The results of our survey tells us that 152 homeowners were strongly supportive, 94 were somewhat supportive, 45 were neutral, 16 were somewhat opposed, 16 were strongly opposed & 15 were undecided regarding the creation of an Overlay District that would modify City building codes in our neighborhood.

To keep this manageable, we will take this on in sections beginning with plats 1 & 2. That includes homes between 67 St & 69 St, Mission to Roe. We will identify; 1) the characteristics that give the area its identity, 2) the characteristics we want to see preserved, 3) the characteristics we wish existed but don't, 4) how to modify current building codes to marry everything together. We will only address existing building codes. No new restrictions will be created. The steering committee will meet in the PV Community Center at 7 PM on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month starting in April to begin this process. To receive email updates of our progress, please contact [pvha.overlay@gmail.com](mailto:pvha.overlay@gmail.com).

## SUMMER SOCIAL EVENT



The Dive-In, our evening pool party, will be back again this summer. It will be held in late June around the summer solstice. The PV municipal swimming pool complex will be reserved just for us. The details of our moonlight swim are still in the works. **Watch your mail for a postcard that will inform you of the exact date and other details.** That information should arrive in mid-June. We hope you will grab your children and join us at the pool. FYI – The event is swimsuit optional. That is to say that if you're more comfortable in street clothes, you'll be among friends. Last year, many of the adults chose to visit on the deck while the more adventurous folks enjoyed the water.

## SPRING GARAGE SALE

Garage sale time is upon us again. In 2014, we will again be hosting 2 Association wide sales. The spring sale will be the weekend after Memorial Day. That will be May 30 – June 1. That is also the weekend of the PV Art Fair. Having the garage sale coincide with the Art Fair is good for some and bad for others. If you would prefer to delay your sale, the fall sale will be the weekend after Labor Day. That will be Sept. 5 – 7.

FYI – Goodwill will be returning to the Village Shopping Center parking lot on Saturday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. They will gladly take your unwanted items and give you a tax deduction in return. So, if your sales are less than successful, you will have another avenue for unloading your excess inventory.



## PIE CONTEST

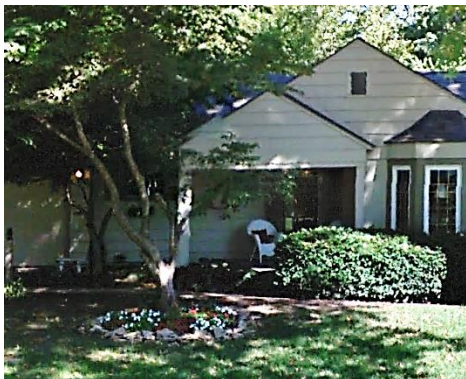


VillageFest, PV's 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration is looking for the best pies in PV. Are you up for the challenge? The PVHA was well represented in 2013. Could this be your turn to submit a winner? New this year, dairy based pies will be accepted. Watch for more information in the City's publication, The Village Voice and on PVPost.com, a hyper-local online newspaper.

## ASH TREES & THE E.A.B.

To treat or not to treat, that is the question. The emerald ash bore (EAB) is coming. Our City has a plan that will eventually replace every ash tree along our streets but, the trees on your property are your responsibility. It is your decision as to how you want to proceed. We recommend consulting the Johnson County K State Extension Office website [www.johnson.ksu.edu](http://www.johnson.ksu.edu) for guidance. They can help you determine if your tree actually is an ash and explain your options. Treatments range in type and price. If you choose to treat your ash tree, please do your homework. Some treatments are quite toxic and not appropriate for every setting. You may choose to simply let nature take its course and look toward planting a replacement tree. Now is the time to explore your options and determine a plan.

## MEMBER HIGHLIGHT



Before



After

## ISLAND BEAUTIFICATION BY TERI BLOOMER

An island committee has been formed to ensure that as spring and summer approach, all of our islands are being taken care of. We hope to encourage a sense of community spirit while adding to the beauty of the neighborhood.

If you would like to care for an "orphan" island or assist the volunteer in charge of your street, please contact Pat Roberts at [patpvhagardens@gmail.com](mailto:patpvhagardens@gmail.com). Joining in the beautification of your community island is a great way to meet your neighbors and make your neighborhood safer. Any help will be appreciated.

The following islands need volunteers:

67th St & El Monte  
67th Ter & Mission Rd  
67th St & Granada Rd - would like help  
70th St & Tomahawk  
73rd St & Tomahawk  
73rd St & Village Dr  
73rd Ter & Village Dr - ?  
75th St & Rosewood  
Alhambra & Buena Vista  
Tomahawk & Nall  
Tomahawk & Rosewood



Brian & Merrill Myers moved into their current home in Dec. 2011. They previously owned a larger home on a larger lot in another part of PV. With the youngest of their 4 children about to leave for college, they were ready to downsize but wanted to stay in the area. The home they found on 68 Ter filled the bill. It needed some love so they rolled up their sleeves, hired a few contractors, and got to work.

In the front yard, they removed two damaged trees and an overgrown hedge. The planting beds around the foundation were enlarged and edged with stones. New trees, shrubs, bulbs, perennials and grass went in. This work progressed over time and is ongoing. They are currently in the process of creating mixed planting beds at the street, extending them by a few feet annually to eventually run the property width.

A few changes transformed the look of the house. New exterior paint made a big improvement. A rich, neutral color on the body of the house made the perfect backdrop for the bright, cheerful trim colors. The front porch was screened in to provide another very pleasant living space 3 seasons of the year. The old shutters were replaced and additional shutters were added to the side windows. Wooden window boxes were installed under all of the windows on 3 sides of the house. Brian & Merrill found them online, unassembled. They assembled, painted and hung the window boxes themselves.

Brian & Merrill's vision, and determination to see it through, turned this once ho-hum bungalow into a real neighborhood gem.

## **WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS**

### January

Scott & Meghan Kramer 4500 W 72 St  
John Hotchkiss & Amy Bartosik 4106 W 68 Ter  
Scott Jackson 4116 W 73 Ter  
BFP Investments, LLC 4221 W 74 St  
Beth Ann Steinbacher 5415 W 71 Ter  
Carol Wilbeck 4922 W 71 Ter  
William Wasserman & Marshall Cole 5405 W 71 St  
Joseph & Terry Hough 5417 W 72 St

### February

Paul & Lindsay Kuhn 5005 W 69 St  
Megan Maloney 5001 W 72 St  
Patlin, LLC 4023 W 69 St  
Jon & Regan Teel 5005 W 71 St  
Jennifer Kabler 6818 Granada Rd  
Stuart & Katherine Muehl 4207 W 68 Ter  
William Allen 5017 W 73 St

### March

Sharon & Griffin Davis 6740 Granada Ln  
Jason & Lacey Bush 7129 Village Dr  
Jared & Sarah Jaynes 5308 W 73 St  
James & Debra Dressler 7326 Roe  
Kristen Dixon & William Dikeman 4525 W 69 Ter

## **PVHA CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

April 22 – Overlay District Meeting  
May 12 Board Meeting  
May 27 – Overlay District Meeting  
May 30 – June 1 Spring Garage Sale  
June 24 – Overlay District Meeting  
June TBA – Summer Social Event  
July 4 – VillageFest \*  
July 14 Board Meeting  
July 22 – Overlay District Meeting  
Aug. 26 – Overlay District Meeting  
Sept. 5 – 7 Fall Garage Sale  
Sept. 8 Board Meeting  
Sept. 23 – Overlay District Meeting  
Oct. 28 – Overlay District Meeting  
Nov. 9 Curbside Leaf Pick-up #1  
Nov. 10 Board Meeting  
Nov. 15 – Satellite Goodwill Drop-off Event  
Nov. 25 - Overlay District Meeting  
Dec. 14 - Curbside Leaf Pick-up #2  
Dec. 23 – Overlay District Meeting

Meetings are held at 7 p.m., in the P.V. Community Center & are open to the public. Updates will be posted on our Facebook page. \* City sponsored events.

## **FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY**

It may seem like a harmless prank but, putting soap in our fountains is not good clean fun. The soap actually damages the fountain and can lead to costly repairs. So please, have a talk with your teens and ask them not to soap our fountains. The community will thank you

## **GO PAPERLESS**

If you still receive this a hard copy of this newsletter and would prefer to receive electronically, we will happily oblige. Simply send that request to [skforrest1@hotmail.com](mailto:skforrest1@hotmail.com). Please include your name & street address.

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**GARAGE SALE**  
MAY 30 – JUNE 1

Current Resident OR:

**I have SOLD 24 homes so far this year ranking in the top 1% of Realtors**

**I NEED YOU TO SELL YOUR HOUSE!!!!**

**The Spring market is here and there is absolutely no inventory to compete with!!!!**

Would you be ready to sell your house the 1st day it hit the market for 100% or more of list price? The inventory is the lowest in years and this means more money in your pocket as a seller. Prairie Village is a very sought after area. As an owner of my 5th home in Prairie Village I know the market better than anyone. I love to live in PV and sell in PV!!!!

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