

Message from the President

Hello Neighbors,

Tulips are not the only things popping up in Prairie Ridge.

Have you noticed the beautifully re-designed and constructed markers at 75th and Roe and 79th and Roe? The years and weather have been hard on the stonework and signage. They needed a lot of structural work so the board voted to have them repaired and updated. We hope you like them. They enhance the corners and work well with the Prairie Village vision.

However, this great new look did not come without major capital outlay. The design, masonry work, and painting put quite a strain on the budget. In order to cover the financial obligation we found it necessary to place an extra assessment on the annual dues statement.

Prairie Ridge continues to be one of the shining stars within Prairie Village thanks to each resident and homeowner. Our Prairie Ridge markers welcome everyone into this special area with class and warmth.

Drive or walk by soon and check out the new welcome signs to our great community.

Have a wonderful Spring season!

Dianne Pallanich, President
Prairie Ridge Homes Association

Urgent Update !!

Just before the printing of this newsletter, one of the new markers at 75th and Roe was destroyed in an accident. The information we have is that the driver of the vehicle presented false information and has no insurance. We are now taking bids from stone masons for rebuilding the marker.

If you are a qualified mason, or know of one interested in the project, please contact one of the board members.

Ice Cream Social

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An August date is being considered. Watch for more details in our summer newsletter.

Spring Flowers

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The Kansas State Extension Service also has a listing of plant recommendations for our area.

Go to www.oznet.ksu.edu, and click on the lawn and garden link.

Happy gardening!

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Business card size ad – 2 x 3.5,
1 issue @ \$25.00 / 3 issues @ \$60.00

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Please contact Jill Muller at 913-649-9230 for more information.

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Crab Rangoon Dip

2- 8 oz packages cream cheese softened and blended

1- 8 oz carton sour cream

1 bunch green onions finely chopped

2 cans of crab meat, drained

1 tsp worstcheshire sauce

1 tsp soy sauce

1/2 to 1 tsp garlic powder

1 tsp lemon juice

Blend all ingredients until smooth.

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Serve with fried won ton strips. Bo Ling's always have them available at the counter. Probably can get them at any Chinese restaurant

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Prairie Ridge Homes Association Annual Garage Sale

Saturday, May 31

It's time to start preparing for the annual neighborhood garage sale. Previously we have held the Prairie Ridge neighborhood garage sale semi-annually but because the sale is so popular we want to give you a chance every year to clean out your garage and hopefully make some extra money! This year's sale is easier than ever to participate in and we encourage you to take advantage of your homes association doing all the promotion for your sale!

Here's how it will work:

1. An ad will be placed in the Kansas City Star the week of sale.
2. The neighborhood sale banner will be placed on all four Prairie Ridge signs beginning Monday, May 26.
3. Garage sale signs will be posted the morning of the sale on all heavy traffic corners. Signs will be picked up around 4pm day of sale.
4. You do not need to RSVP to participate.
5. You choose when to start your sale and end your sale – it's that easy!
6. Simply have your sale on May 31

The sale is held the same weekend as the Prairie Village Art Fair so we plan on having a lot of traffic in the area. So, dust off some old trinkets, make some money during the sale and then head over to the Art Fair where you can purchase some new treasures!

We encourage you to contact a charitable organization of your choice to donate any sale leftovers. If you need help finding an organization to pick up your items or have any questions about the sale please feel free to contact Jill Hardy at (913) 385-2055 or jill403@aol.com

5 Tips to a Successful Garage Sale

Have you ever had a garage sale and were disappointed in the results? Even with plenty of lookers, you wondered where the buyers were? Well, to help meet that on-going goal to clean out your basement, or park in the garage, follow these simple tips to ensure success at your next sale.

1. Clean - Take a minute to wipe off the dust and grime on items that have been in closets, the garage or basement. No one else wants your dirt, even for a quarter.
2. Group - Arrange sale items by categories (kitchen, baby, electronics, linens). Also, display them so they can be easily seen and handled. No one wants to dig under tables, or deep into a box.
3. Price - Set reasonable prices. We are often sentimentally attached to items, but buyers are not. Even though you paid good money for those items, they are now used and sitting on your driveway. Also, price items so buyers don't have to ask what the price is over and over.
4. Prepare - Have items sorted and on tables in the garage the night before, so you can quickly set up in the morning. Early bird shoppers are ready to look and will move on if you are not open and ready to sell.
5. Entice – Encourage people to stop at your sale by having items visible from the street. Even if you want to sit inside the garage to stay out of the sun, have items fill the driveway so shoppers can see how much you have to offer.

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