



THE SHANNON VALLEY VOICE

Spring 2008

A Message From The President

Spring is the most beautiful time of year. Time for green yards, blooming flowers and refreshing rains. Our Winter seemed to go on and on having more snow and cold temperatures than in many years. Now that should be behind us. Time to get outdoors and have some fun. It is encouraging to see neighbors out working on projects and taking pride in their homes and improving the entire neighborhood. I can't wait to get out there and cut that grass.

The Board has been busy with administrative tasks and setting goals for 2008. Association dues and trash fee collection has been very successful with over 98% of residents completing their commitment. The Board officers are committed to maintaining the high standards of the association and improving areas that need attention. A new contract with EPIC, our grounds maintenance provider, has been signed and you will soon be seeing them working to keep Shannon Valley looking beautiful. The 2008 neighborhood directory has been recently delivered. The directory is produced at no cost to us and is a great resource and quick reference for services, resident phone numbers and addresses. If the information in the directory is incorrect please complete the form in the directory with the correct information and send it to any Board member. You can also email the information to any Board member. You can access the web page for the contact information. www.shannonvalley.org. The web page is another great source of information. Check it often for updates.

Check the web page for upcoming activities. Easter is early this year and so are the eggs. The Easter Bunny will be out delivering the Eggs on March 22. Also upcoming is the Deck Crawl, the Golf Tournament, Neighborhood Service Day and the July 4th parade with the Corporate Woods fireworks always being a big hit. Or is that a big bang. These are always fun events and an opportunity to get together with neighbors to share stories and friendships. We are hoping for increased interest in these activities and encourage everyone to participate.

The Shannon Valley Homes Association Board would like to invite all residents to get engaged in the community. Your home is your castle and the neighborhood is an extension of your home. Be proud of your home and be proud of your neighborhood. There are many opportunities to help make improvements. Check the web page for activities and opportunities to assist. All the things the Board does don't happen by themselves. With your help the future will look bright and make Shannon Valley a "Great Place to Live".

Thank You
Paul Wildgen
SVHA President

SVHA ACTIVITIES

EASTER EGG HUNT—Join us for a fun and exciting Easter Egg Hunt! This year's hunt will take place on March 22nd at Shannon Valley Park at 1:00 pm (Rainout day will be March 29th at 1:00 pm). We will have lots of eggs filled with candy and goodies, as well as a visit by the Easter Bunny! We have three areas setup for different age groups. Children under the age of 3, Children 4-6 and the over 6 group. Also, if you have plastic eggs left over from last year, we would be glad to take them to fill! Call a Board member and they will arrange to pick them up. Make sure you come early so you don't miss out on the excitement— see you there!

FOURTH OF JULY—Keep your eyes open for information on the July 4th parade—we'll have signs posted around the neighborhood! It's a great time to get the kids involved in building a float or decorating a bike. Come early to the Shannon Valley Park to get your spot for the evening Corporate Woods fireworks. It's the greatest viewing spot around.

3RD SHANNON VALLEY DECK CRAWL—Shannon Valley Homes Association would like to invite you to our 3rd Deck Crawl. Here's another avenue for you to socialize with other SV residents. We meet at the first home and spend about 1-1/2 hours, then off to the next home and ending at the third home ending around 11:30(?). Those hosting will provide a variety of tantalizing appetizers and drinks. We will begin at 7pm ending around 11:30pm. Mark your calendar for June 13th. Please contact Lori Kueker 451-3109, Mike Starke 317-9978 or the SVHA Board if you think you would like to attend.

1. Tim & Stephanie Elliott 9028 W 114th St
2. TBD
3. TBD

SVHAGOLF TOURNAMENT—All you golfers—are you interested in the annual Shannon Valley golf tournament this summer? You would have an excuse to play an extra day and possibly meet some new neighbors at the same time! We would likely do a scramble, so you do not have to be a good golfer to play. If we do not have at least 16 players, we will not do it. More information will be coming in the Summer Newsletter. Please contact Brian Miles at bmiles@shannonvalley.org for for information.

SVHA ACTIVITIES—If anyone is interested in being on the Social Committee—helping to put together events for the residents of Shannon Valley— please contact any Board member. We would like to try some new events: running club, poker nights, book club, you name it.. So if you have ideas for a neighborhood get-together, please let us know.

Check out

<http://www.shannonvalley.org/>

TREASURER'S REPORT

2008 INCOME STATEMENT

| | Jan Actual | Feb Actual | 2/29/08 YTD Actual | 2008 Budget |
|--|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Income | | | | |
| Current Annual Dues | \$ 50,201 | \$ 1,670 | \$ 51,871 | \$ 54,718 |
| Garbage Fees | \$ 51,999 | \$ 1,730 | \$ 53,729 | \$ 56,682 |
| SubTotal | \$ 102,200 | \$ 3,400 | \$105,600 | \$ 111,400 |
| Past Dues/Late Fees/Interest | \$ 400 | \$ 200 | \$ 600 | \$ 2,500 |
| Interest - Money Market | \$ 309 | \$ 332 | \$ 641 | \$ 3,400 |
| Other Income | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 150 |
| Total Income | \$ 102,909 | \$ 3,932 | \$106,841 | \$ 117,450 |
| Expense | | | | |
| Contract Labor | \$ 300 | \$ - | \$ 300 | \$ 3,600 |
| Garbage Contract | \$ - | \$ 4,601 | \$ 4,601 | \$ 55,962 |
| Landscape Contract | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 24,000 |
| Grounds Maintenance | \$ - | \$ (94) | \$ (94) | \$ 1,500 |
| Storage Locker Rental | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 780 |
| Utilities | \$ 100 | \$ 98 | \$ 198 | \$ 3,500 |
| Meetings | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 780 |
| CERT | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 500 |
| Social Fund | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 2,200 |
| Garage Sale Expense | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Insurance | \$ 3,834 | \$ - | \$ 3,834 | \$ 3,900 |
| Legal | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 200 |
| Licenses/Fees | \$ 173 | \$ (20) | \$ 153 | \$ 375 |
| Taxes | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 200 |
| Miscellaneous | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 200 |
| Office Supplies | \$ 6 | \$ - | \$ 6 | \$ 50 |
| Postage | \$ 191 | \$ - | \$ 191 | \$ 900 |
| Printing - Newsletter / Directory | \$ 470 | \$ - | \$ 470 | \$ 2,000 |
| Expenses before Capital Reserve | \$ 5,074 | \$ 4,585 | \$ 9,659 | \$ 100,647 |
| Capital Improvements Reserve | | | | \$ 16,803 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 5,074 | \$ 4,585 | \$ 9,659 | \$ 117,450 |
| Net Income | \$ 97,835 | \$ (653) | \$ 97,182 | \$ - |
| Current Capital Reserve | | | \$ 46,647 | \$ 164,097 |

TRASH COLLECTION

Trash Collection services are paid for as part of your Homes association fee. We use Deffenbaugh as the service provider. Recycling service can be contracted for individually by the homeowner at an extra cost through Deffenbaugh. Recycling is also available at the Recycling drop-off Center. Overland Park now has a new, larger and more convenient drop-off recycling center at 11921 Hardy (turn between Time Warner and the fire station on 119th).

Trash Collection and Recycling day is Monday and must be placed outside by 7:00 a.m. Trash should be placed at the curb on the day of collection (not in the street or sidewalk) or at the front line of the home (ex: in front of the garage door) provided it is not more than 50 feet from the street. Your trash hauler is required to pick up trash from the front of your home at no additional fee. Household hazardous material must be disposed of separately. See http://www.opkansas.org/_Res/City_Services/Trash_and_Recycling/Hazardous_Material/jocohazard.cfm for details.

2008 LARGE ITEM PICKUP

The large item collection is a special no-charge trash collection offered by the City of Overland Park to pick up those items not collected by your routine trash service. The City does this every other year East and West of Antioch. This is our year so mark the date on your calendar, April 5: 99th Street/Terrace to 127th Street. Check the city web site for details, http://www.opkansas.org/_Res/City_Services/Trash_and_Recycling/large_item.cfm

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DAY

Do you want to get rid of your old computer? Maybe your stereo, scanner or personal printer? If so, spring into e-recycling with the city's annual Electronics Recycling Day April 5, 2008 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Shawnee Mission North parking lot 7401 Johnson Drive Residents can bring their unwanted electronics to this collection event. There is no charge to recycle computer CPUs, keyboards, mice, VCRs, stereos, scanners and personal printers. Charges of \$10 to \$25 will apply to computer monitors, televisions and large printers. http://www.opkansas.org/_Res/City_Services/Trash_and_Recycling/Recycling/elec_recycling_day.cfm



SPRING

NEW RESIDENTS

| Last Name | 1st Name | St. # | Street |
|-----------|-------------------------|-------|--------------------|
| Bhagat | Snehal & Kelly Taylor | 9820 | West 115th Terrace |
| Cargille | Niall and Julia Simmons | 11228 | Eby |
| Church | Michael | 11505 | Carter |
| Driggs | Claudia True & Mike | 8728 | West 113th Street |
| Eggers | Gary & Kathryn | 11527 | Knox |
| Gerson | Stacy | 11301 | Grant |
| Godfrey | Jerry & Linda | 9731 | West 115th Terrace |
| Gottlieb | Miriam | 11325 | Slater |
| Grassy | Tom & Kathy | 9005 | West 115th Terrace |
| Johnson | Mitchell | 11406 | Grant |
| Kontak | Roger | 9325 | West 112th Street |
| Kovac | Richard Kalal & Mary | 9708 | West 115th Street |
| Krause | Tom & Miriam | 11556 | Carter |
| McDaniel | Gordon & Kathleen | 9703 | West 115th Terrace |
| Ngeno | Titus & Angela | 11336 | Grandview |
| Reel | Kate Claus & Sean | 9326 | West 112th Street |
| Schwanke | Cole & Leigh Ann | 11409 | Mastin |
| Tipton | Jeff & Jami | 8810 | West 115th Street |
| Valazquez | Tatiana Karpova & Gus | 11503 | Knox |
| Wen | Ying Zhang & Tim | 9100 | West 115th Street |

TOY TRIVIA

A compendium of trivial trivia about toys you couldn't live without.

- The word "toy" comes from an Old English word meaning "tool."
 - Dolls are considered to be the oldest toys in history. Dolls constructed of flat pieces of wood, painted with various designs and with "hair" made of strings of clay or wooden beads, have often been found in Egyptian graves dating back to 2000 B.C.
 - The yo-yo is believed to be the second-oldest toy in the world. The earliest surviving primitive "back-and-forth" yo-yo dates to 500 B.C. and was made by using terra cotta disks. A Greek vase from this period shows a boy playing yo-yo.
 - The modern yo-yo is usually credited as having been invented in the Philippines centuries ago. The name yo-yo may have been derived from the Filipino word "tayoyo," which means to spin. The term was first published in a Filipino dictionary printed in 1860.
 - The first U.S. patent on the yo-yo was issued to James L. Haven and Charles Hettrich in 1866 under the name "whirligig."
 - In 1985, Astronaut David Griggs used a Duncan Imperial Yo-yo on live TV from the deck of the space shuttle.
 - It takes approximately 63 feet of wire to make a Slinky. The toy was invented in 1945 by Neil Tollotson, a marine engineer.
 - The name "Crayola" means "oily chalk" in French from the combination of "craie" (chalk) and "oléagineuse" (oily). The average child in the U.S. will wear down 730 crayons by their 10th birthday.
 - All G.I. Joe 12-inch action figures have a scar on their right cheek. They also have an inverted thumbnail on the inside of their left thumb in honor of a production error made years ago.
 - The first video arcade game was Pong, introduced by Atari in 1972.
- (from Johnson County Good Morning Publication)

BLOCK CAPTAINS NEEDED

PLEASE CONTACT THE SVHA BOARD OR BLOCK CAPTAIN CHAIRPERSON TO VOLUNTEER.
YOU ARE NEEDED!!!

The following Areas are in need of a Block Captain. If you live in any of these areas and would like to help out please contact. Lori Kueker451-3109 or email at LKueker@shannonvalley.org

Area 8 9201-9219 W 112th Ter & 9307, 9325 W 112th St.

Area 9 9101-9301, 9312,9306,9318,9326 W 112th St.

Area 20 11404-11418 Knox & 11421-11513 Carter

Area 25 11502-11535 Knox

Area 27 9735-9767 W 115th Ter

Area 28 9613-9734 W 115th Ter & 11539, 11534 Knox

Visit the Shannon Valley Web page for more information.

BLOCK CAPTAIN DUTIES

Notify SVHA Board or Block Captain Chairperson of residents selling their home and moving out.

Notify the SVHA Board or Block Captain Chairperson of new residents moving in

Assist the Board or BC Chair in developing the Welcome Packets

Schedule with the Board President a time to meet the new resident & present them a Welcome Packet

\$25 will be provided to purchase/build the Welcome packet

Notify the Board or BC Chair of complaints or issues expressed by any resident

Assist in getting contact information from residents, Email, phone number, alternate address

Notify Board or BC Chair of properties that are rental & any concerns or issues for these properties.

- OP ordinance that rents must register with the City. http://www.opkansas.org/_Bus/Business_Services/landlord_fees.cfm

Schedule & conduct a Block Party \$50/BC Area/year is provided by the SVHA Board to support this.

Attend an occasional Board Meeting & the Annual Meeting.

Assist in delivering communication to residents such as event flyers.

ATTENTION SV BLOCK CAPTAINS!!

It's Time to Party!! The Shannon Valley Board is giving you \$\$\$\$. That's right – what a deal! \$50 per Block Captain street assignment has been set aside just waiting for you and your SV BLOCK to have a get-together in 2008! Just contact SV Board or Block Chairperson for details. Together, we can continue to make SV a “Great Place to Live!”

C.E.R.T. URGES MAKING CONTACT CARDS

(source: Johnson County Emergency Management)

The Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security is advising that it's a good idea to establish an out-of-area contact in being prepared for an emergency. C.E.R.T. suggests that residents should develop an out-of-area contact connection and that every household member have an out-of-area contact card in a wallet, purse, or backpack at all times. The card will detail important telephone numbers in contacting loved ones after a disaster. In order to do so, residents are encouraged to ask an out-of-area friend, living at least 100 miles away, to be their contact person. Small cards then should be made with that person's name and phone number for all family members. Here's an example of a card:

OUT OF AREA CONTACT PERSON

Name: _____

Phone Number (with Area Code): _____

Cell Phone Number (with Area Code): _____

Tip: You can use Text messaging on the Cell Phone too.

P.S. Did you know:

- Phone lines were "hardened" years ago to withstand nuclear attack and are quite resistant to damage. It's difficult to make local calls not because of damage, but because of the number of people trying to call at the same time. Typically, however, you can make long distance calls.
- You should keep a phone that does not require electricity. Cordless phones use electricity – if power is out, they will not work.
- Pay phones are part of the emergency services network, and are a priority to be restored to service. Tape the coins needed to use a pay phone to your out of area contact card.

Noise Ordinance

The City's noise ordinance was implemented in 2001 after communication & feedback from residents & the community.

For residential property, the noise level may not exceed 60 decibels between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. and 55 decibels between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.

Sixty decibels is about the noise level of a dishwasher, conversation or ringing telephone (exceptions to this ordinance include the use of power tools and/or lawn mowers between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m.)

One application that the new ordinance targets is the use of a stereo.

A stereo that can be heard across a property line between midnight and 6 a.m. is in violation of the new ordinance.

Vehicles are also a common complaint of noise disturbance. Under the amended ordinance, there is to be no testing of any type of motor vehicle that can be heard by neighbors between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. That includes revving any engine.

Everyone has either heard or been in a car that is shaking the ground with its basis. If the noise can be heard (or in some cases felt) 50 feet from the origin of the sound, then it is considered a violation.

The first violation may result in a fine of no less than \$50, the second \$150, and the third \$250.

For more information see municipal code sections 7.08.002 and 7.08.001-005

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