



THE SHANNON VALLEY VOICE

Spring 2009

A Message From The SVHA Board

The Shannon Valley Homes Association has had a busy and successful start to 2009. We have set a number of goals for the year and have already completed some of these.

The new Board was elected at the 2008 Annual Meeting and two new members were added. John Hunt and Mike Driggs have volunteered to serve on the Board. We appreciate their willingness to assist and look forward to their participation. Also we thank Mike Starke and Lori Kueker for their time served on the past Boards. Lori is continuing to work with the Block Captains and event coordination. The current members of the SVHA Board are:

Paul Wildgen – President

Brian Miles – Vice President

Troy Russell – Treasurer

John Hunt – Board Member

Mike Driggs – Board Member

We continue to encourage all residents to participate on the Board or a committee and help us keep Shannon Valley “**A Great place to live.**” Go to the web site and sign up to be a volunteer.

www.shannonvalley.org

At the 2008 Annual Meeting we had increased the Dues to \$250 to cover the increases in Trash services and landscaping fees. We are happy to say that we have 98% of the dues collected and are working hard to hit the 100% mark again this year.

Also at the 2008 Annual Meeting it was decided to change to a new trash pickup provider. L&K Services is the new provider. We successfully completed the switchover as of March 1. The performance of the new provider seems to be going well.

We also have signed a new agreement with our landscaping provider EPIC for 2009. We will be working with them on some initiatives to improve the look of the common areas and keep it looking fresh and inviting. We had lost a number of tree limbs after the late snow fall and EPIC performed the extra work to clean this up for us. We also worked with them on the replacement of a number of trees along College Boulevard. An additional project we are planning is the revitalization of the Grant/College entrance. We will be working with EPIC on significant enhancement of this area.

One of the most significant objectives we have for 2009 is the Tennis Court/ Shannon Valley Park redevelopment project. This effort is being spearheaded by Brian Miles. He has formed a committee of residents to tackle this issue. They have had a number of meetings and are making great progress.

All of these activities require the time and effort of the residents. Participation on a committee can be a great source of pride for you and the neighbors in your community. I encourage you all to look for opportunities to serve and become a volunteer.

To Overland Park Homes Association Leaders and Interested Citizens

The Central Overland Park Homes Association Forum [COPHAF] is an organization of homes association leaders in Overland Park. It was established in 2005 with the assistance of the city's Neighborhood Conservation Program. The purposes of the organization are to allow homes association leaders to share information, and to facilitate a discussion about city process and neighborhood related matters.

COPHAF meets monthly on the fourth Tuesday of each month, and has a web site for members. In order to reach more homes association board members and interested Overland Park citizens, we are now opening up our web site. We hope you will share this information with your homes association as you wish.

Here are instructions on how to access the web site:

1. Go to www.eneighbors.com
2. In the upper right hand corner of the page, click on "Sign In"
3. In the blank for Email address, type in hoa@kc.rr.com
4. In the blank for Password, type in password

Visitors are welcome to post a message, comment, or question about neighborhood matters by clicking on "Add a News Article." Please ask your residents to leave their name after a posting. COPHAF leaders will monitor posts, and respond to them.

You can always send questions about COPHAF to cophaf@kc.rr.com.

Thank you,

Arthur Smith—COPHAF Founder, and President of Oak Park Homes Association

Steve Wien—COPHAF Agenda Coordinator, and Grantioch Neighborhood Leader

SHANNON VALLEY DECK CRAWL

JUNE 19TH

A deck crawl is similar to a progressive dinner. Except we walk from home to home & we're outside.

Three families are graciously inviting us to their backyards for fellowship, food, drinks & an evening of fun. We'll spend approximately 1 1/2 hour at each home beginning at the Rolander home & ending at the Kueker home.

Please RSVP to lorikueker@gmail.com or 913-451-3109

Home #1 - Rolander's @ 11151 Eby - 7 pm

Home #2 - Wildgen's @ 9012 W 113th St - 8:30 pm

Home #3 - Kueker's @ 11204 Grandview - 10 pm

Neighborhood Service Day

The Neighborhood Service Day will be held on Saturday June 27. We will be meeting at the Tennis Courts at 9:00 Saturday morning to hand out assignments. We are looking for volunteers for the below projects.

- Paint Basketball lines for the backboard in the parking lot
- General cleanup along College Blvd.
General cleanup around the Tennis Court Park area.
- Trim the bushes and trees as needed around Tennis Court and the Grant entrance.
- Clean up Grandview entrance.

If you have additional items that need attention and would like to volunteer, please let any of the Board Members know or contact me, Paul Wildgen at 913-469-9527 or pwildgen@shannonvalley.org



Step forward, take a chance be a Block Captain. It's not hard, in fact it's easy.

Contact: lorikueker@gmail.com or www.shannonvalley.org

Zone 17:	11422-11513 Grant & 11404 & 11405 Grandview	Zone 25:	11502-11535 Knox
Zone 19:	11421-11525 Mastin	Zone 26:	9770-9829 w 115 th Terrace
Zone 20:	11421-11513 Carter & 11404-11418 Knox	Zone 27:	9731-9767 w 115 th Terrace
Zone 21:	11516-11553 Carter	Zone 28:	9613-9734 & 11534 w 115 th Terrace & 11539 Knox

As SV Block Captain Coordinator, I agreed to volunteer my time in an effort to assist keeping the SV Block Captain program alive. This program is designed to welcome new residents to SV. Several block's are covered but many are not and have been vacant for years. In fact, several of us are doing multiple blocks. We can't do it alone. Please help us by volunteering!

Block Captain Duties Include:

Notify the SVHA Board or BC Chairperson when

Residents are selling their home and new residents are buying home & moving in

Create and deliver a welcome packets (flowers, snack food, meal, etc)

SVHA Board provides \$25 (keep receipts for reimbursement)

Try to resolve complaints/issues (www.shannonvalley.org they can contact city)

Try to obtain contact info (name, email, address, phone)

Schedule Block Party annually (SVHA provide \$50 (keep receipts)

Attend annual meeting (2nd Thursday in November)

Assist with occasional communication to resident

Did you know?

Here's a compendium of trivial trivia about donuts you couldn't live without:

- National Donut Day is celebrated on the first Friday in June, meaning it will occur June 5. The observance dates back to 1917 when Salvation Army female volunteers known as "lassies" prepared thousands of fresh donuts to the homesick soldiers serving in France during World War I. They used wine bottles to roll the donut dough. National Donut Day was officially established in 1938 by the Chicago Salvation Army to raise funds during the Great Depression.
- More than 10 billion donuts, on average, are made and consumed by Americans every year. Per capita, Canada has more donut shops than any other country and consumes more donuts than the United States.
- The hole in the donut allows it to cook evenly. The donut hole has been attributed to the Pennsylvania Dutch who punched holes in the original Dutch "olykoeks" in the first half of the 19th Century. The hole has also been attributed to a New England sea captain, Hanson Gregory, who, in 1847 punched holes in the dough because his mother's doughnuts were not cooked in the center. Neither of them were the first to have thought of the idea though. Archaeologists have found petrified fried cakes with holes in them in the southwestern U.S. in prehistoric Native American ruins. So doughnuts have been "invented" more than once.
- Adolph Levitt invented the first donut machine in 1920 in New York City.
- The first Krispy Kreme doughnut business was started by Vernon Rudolph on July 13, 1937, in Salem, North Carolina.
- The largest American-style jelly donut was made in 1993 in Utica, N.Y. The donut weighed 1.7 tons, was 16 feet in diameter, and was 16 inches high in the center.
- Winchell's Donuts was founded by Verne Winchell on October 8, 1948, in Temple City, California. In 1998, to celebrate its 50th anniversary Winchell's Donut House in Pasadena, California made the world's largest apple fritter that weighed 5,000 pounds and had a 95-foot diameter.
- "Spudnuts" are donuts made with potato flour.
- North Carolina molecular scientist Robert Bohannon has developed "Buzz Donuts" and "Buzzed Bagels" - caffeinated donuts and bagels. They contain the caffeine equivalent of two cups of coffee.
- The average donut lover consumes about 56 donuts per year. That does not include Homer Simpson.

Be a Good Neighbor and Protect Your Investment!

We are witnessing a beautiful spring season and as we emerge from winter hibernation, it is a great time to consider yard and home maintenance after the ravages of winter. Everyone in the neighborhood will appreciate our collective efforts to try to keep ahead of the spring rains by cutting grass and controlling weeds. It is also a great time to evaluate painting needs, fence maintenance, landscaping and clean-up projects. Certainly, everyone is conscious of today's economic pressures, but our area has seen a relatively small decline in real estate values and with the reduced numbers of new homes under construction now, beautiful, mature neighborhoods like Shannon Valley are very attractive to buyers. So, wake up, stretch, take a walk around the yard and think about your neighbor's perspective while you consider how you want to protect your investment!

TREASURER'S REPORT

2009 INCOME STATEMENT

	Jan Actual	Feb Actual	Mar Actual	Apr Actual	2009 YTD Total	2009 Forecast
Income						
Current Annual Dues	\$ 59,494	\$ 5,224	\$ 897	\$ 1,058	\$ 66,672	\$ 67,470
Garbage Fees	\$ 63,514	\$ 5,576	\$ 957	\$ 1,130	\$ 71,178	\$ 72,030
SubTotal	\$ 123,008	\$ 10,800	\$ 1,854	\$ 2,188	\$ 137,850	\$ 139,500
Past Dues/Late Fees/Interest	\$ -	\$ 400	\$ 288	\$ 388	\$ 1,077	\$ 2,000
Interest - Money Market	\$ 62	\$ 71	\$ 85	\$ 81	\$ 298	\$ 3,000
Other Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150
Total Income	\$ 123,070	\$ 11,271	\$ 2,227	\$ 2,657	\$ 139,224	\$ 144,650
Expense						
Contract Labor	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ 600	\$ 300	\$ 1,200	\$ 3,600
Garbage Contract	\$ 4,785	\$ 4,785	\$ 11,236	\$ 6,452	\$ 27,257	\$ 72,417
Landscape Contract	\$ -	\$ 375	\$ 678	\$ 764	\$ 1,817	\$ 25,000
Grounds Maintenance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000
Storage Locker Rental	\$ 69	\$ 79	\$ 69	\$ 82	\$ 299	\$ 828
Utilities	\$ 95	\$ 82	\$ 81	\$ 57	\$ 315	\$ 2,952
Meetings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 800
CERT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500
Social Fund	\$ -	\$ 25	\$ 187	\$ 36	\$ 248	\$ 2,200
Garage Sale Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25
Insurance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,845
Legal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150
Licenses/Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 175	\$ 175	\$ 500
Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100
Office Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50
Postage	\$ 146	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 146	\$ 1,200
Printing - Newsletter / Directory	\$ 433	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 433	\$ 2,200
Expenses before Capital Reserve	\$ 5,827	\$ 5,346	\$ 12,851	\$ 7,866	\$ 31,890	\$ 117,767
Capital Improvements Reserve						\$ 26,883
Total Expenses	\$ 5,827	\$ 5,346	\$ 12,851	\$ 7,866	\$ 31,890	\$ 144,650
Net Income	\$ 117,242	\$ 5,925	\$ (10,624)	\$ (5,208)	\$ 107,335	\$ -
Current Capital Reserve	\$ 63,062	\$ 63,062	\$ 63,062	\$ 63,062	# REF!	\$ 89,945

NEW RESIDENTS

Please notify the Shannon Valley Board of the proper listing of your names, addresses and phone numbers. Or go to <http://www.shannonvalley.org/> and register on the website.



SHANNON VALLEY JULY 4TH PARADE



July 4, 1776, we claimed our independence from Britain & Democracy was born. Every day thousands leave their homeland to come to the "land of the free and the home of the brave" so they can begin their American Dream. The United States is truly a diverse nation made up of dynamic people. Each year on July 4, Americans celebrate that freedom and independence with barbecues, picnics, and family gatherings.

Shannon Valley invites all residents to participate in the festivities. Help your children decorate bicycles, tricycles, strollers, wagons or your wheels of choice.

Begin arriving at Shannon Valley Park at 9:30 and the Parade begins at 10 am

Shannon Valley Sport Outing

The SVHA Sport Outing this year will be a group outing to a T-Bones Game. This is scheduled for June 20th, 7:05. This will be a fun-filled outing for all Shannon Valley residents & guests. Cost per ticket will be in the \$5 after the Shannon Valley Resident discount. This is a very popular game, so get your ticket early. If you are interested, please contact Paul Wildgen at pwildgen@shannonvalley.org or call him at 913-469-9527. Please contact by June 5 for best seating.



Block parties are a great way to get to know your neighbors, build relationships, promote neighborhood safety, create a sense of community and they are fun! To help your block get together, here are a number of ways to make it easy for you to host your event! First, get 2 to 4 people together to begin organizing your block party. Then pick a date & time for your party. What do you want to do? Have a watermelon eating contest, slip and slides, water balloon toss, piñatas, scavenger hunt, put up Christmas lights on your street, etc? What food do you want to serve? Do you want each family to pitch in for hot dogs, burgers and buns, have each family bring a meat to grill or do you want to provide the meat and each family bring a side dish or dessert. What about drinks? Suggestion have each family bring their own drinks & chairs. If you're grilling, ask 3 or 4 neighbors to pitch in and provide their grill and assign "chefs".. Determine total costs (activities, prizes, plates, food?) Divide by number of attendees.. Get on your neighbors calendar, make flyers & distribute at least 2 months ahead. Call Overland Park Police Department requesting to close off street. Have Fun!!!

SHANNON VALLEY TENNIS COURTS PLANNING COMMITTEE

At the Shannon Valley Homes Association's annual meeting in November, it was agreed that a committee would be formed to investigate options for repair or replacement of the Shannon Valley tennis courts. The committee has met three times and is making progress narrowing down the possible alternatives and determining the associated costs.

The next committee meeting will be as follows:

When: 7:00 pm, Wednesday, June 17

Where: 9030 W. 113th St., the home of John Hunt

If you are interested in participating on this committee or if you have input for consideration by the committee, please contact Brian Miles at bmiles@shannonvalley.org.

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