



# THE SHANNON VALLEY VOICE

Fall 2005

## A Message From The President

We would like to thank our prior President, Sue Wildgen, for her many years of service to the Shannon Valley Homes Association in various capacities, including President for the last year and one-half.

Due to the efforts of Sue, and many others, quite a bit has been accomplished over the last few years, including:

1. Regular maintenance of Shannon Valley's Common Areas, Neighborhood Service Days, and quarterly Homes Awards under the leadership of Vern Koeppen.
2. Fun and well-attended social activities such as the Gourmet Dinner, Easter Egg Hunt, Golf Tournament, Fourth of July Parade, T-Bones Game, and Oktoberfest, under the leadership of Linda Nease.
3. Viable Block Captain system under the leadership of Jeff & Erin Burvee.
4. Maintenance of an efficient dues and trash fee collection system under the leadership of Troy Russell, where we have had three years without an increase and been able to accumulate a capital surplus reserve.
5. Enhanced communication facilities including development and maintenance of [www.shannonvalley.org](http://www.shannonvalley.org), quarterly newsletters, and directory, under the leadership of Paul Wildgen and Dave Eslinger with assistance from Kathy Ulm, Administrative Assistant.
6. Development and training of Overland Park's largest Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) under the leadership of Rich Triola.
7. Established relationship between SVHA and Dr. Sportsman of Indian Valley Elementary School through Libby Hayes' efforts.
8. Collection of information with last year's survey and development and adoption of the Rolling Master Plan from our Long Term Planning Committee.

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One of the primary indications from the survey is our neighborhood will be enhanced with greater interaction and participation from its members. Therefore, I challenge, and will continue to challenge, everyone to be involved in Shannon Valley. A few examples include running for a board position, attending the Annual Meeting on November 8th, going to (or better yet, helping with) a social event, placing an ad in The Shannon Valley Voice and/or website, use of Shannon Valley members' businesses, serving as a block captain, participating in a Neighborhood Service Day, or organizing your block's holiday decorations.

I look forward to seeing you in our neighborhood and at our events. Please feel free to let me know your ideas for improving Shannon Valley by sending an e-mail message to [Telliott@ShannonValley.org](mailto:Telliott@ShannonValley.org).

Tim Elliott  
President

## ANNUAL MEETING

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the Shannon Valley Homes Association Annual meeting on Tuesday, November 8, 2005, at 7:00. It will again be held at Brookridge Golf & Country Club, 8223 West 103<sup>rd</sup> Street, Overland Park.

It should only last about an hour, and there are a number of reasons to attend, including meeting neighbors, election of the Board of Directors, brief reports from the officers, and discussion of issues relating to our neighborhood. Refreshments and a cash bar will be available.

**We hope you can make it!**

## OKTOBERFEST

The next big activity scheduled for Shannon Valley is the annual Oktoberfest! It's that time of year, and this year we are again combining with Indian Creek and Hunter's Pointe for our fall party. It will be on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 4pm to 7pm. We will again have a DJ providing great music and a giant slide for kids of all ages! Hot dogs, soft drinks, water and beer will be provided by the Homes Associations, with side dishes provided by residents as follows:

Last names beginning from A-M --please bring a dessert  
Last names beginning from N-Z, please bring a side dish.

We hope to have our pony lade again and our fun games for the younger kinds. So plan your evening to join us -- this is always a fun event!

We need volunteers to help with games and activities, so if you are interested, please call Linda Nease at 345-0308. This is a great opportunity for the middle to high school kids to volunteer also. And keep your fingers crossed for good weather!!!





## CONGRATUATIONS TO FALL HOME AWARD WINNERS

The Shannon Valley board is pleased and honored to announce that Bob and Deanna Olsen have been awarded the Fall Home Award. Bob and Deanna reside at 9545 West 115<sup>th</sup> Terrace. They have two married daughters and three grandsons who reside nearby in Olathe.

The Olsens moved from Minnesota to Shannon Valley in 1983. Bob mentioned there was only one home east to Antioch, and no homes north to Grant and Grandview, at the time they built their home. The rest was open land.

Both retired in 2002, Deanna from teaching school, Bob from being employed by HNTB. Bob's hobbies include woodworking and yard beautification. Deanna's hobby is just enjoying retirement and watching the Corporate Woods fireworks from their front yard each July with their neighbors.

We encourage you to drive by and see this wonderful example of members enhancing the value of our neighborhood by excellent maintenance of their property. Unfortunately the backyard is not visible from the street, but it is also well designed and elegant.

Congratulations on your beautiful residence and enjoy your gift certificate.

Vern Koeppen.  
Board Member - Maintenance

## INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE BOARD?

Shannon Valley Homes Association is governed by a board of five (5) directors elected annually by secret written ballot at the Annual Meeting each November. The term is for fourteen months, with the last two months served as non-voting advisors to the newly elected board members.

If interested in learning more about serving as a board member, please contact any board member by phone or e-mail. The Nominating Committee will meet at our next board meeting on Tuesday, October 4, 2005, to prepare the ballot, which will be distributed with the new Directories around the second week in October. Nominations can also be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting. The ballots will need to be placed in the box at the Annual Meeting prior to 7:30 p.m. The election results will be announced at the end of the Annual Meeting.

Although there is no monetary compensation for serving as a board member, it is an excellent opportunity to work with great people, enhance our home values, have fun, and make Shannon Valley a Great Place to Live.

## C.E.R.T.

The aftermath of hurricane Katrina emphasizes the importance of being prepared. We may not have to endure a hurricane but we have other types of natural threats: ice storms, snow storms and tornados. But it doesn't have to be a big event in order to benefit from the preparedness C.E.R.T. training offers. Knowing what to do and how to do it until professionals arrive can save lives, minimize injury and bring calm and confidence to a scary situation.

Shannon Valley has the largest number of C.E.R.T. trained volunteers in the region with 15. We wear bright yellow shirts for easy identification. Your neighbors are working to make Shannon Valley a safe place to live. But we need help.

Shannon Valley is broken down into fourteen areas of responsibility. (See the C.E.R.T. responsibility map located on the SVHA website.) Our organizational plan calls for a minimum of two C.E.R.T. members living in and being responsible for each of these zones. We do not have coverage for zones three, four, eight, ten and twelve. We are also short team members for zones one, five, seven, and thirteen. As you can see, we need help. Don't you agree that even with a full contingent of twenty-four C.E.R.T. members to bring help to 561 households in an emergency situation, we are short-handed?

The latest trained members of the SVHA C.E.R.T. team are: Don Cohen, Sarah Hansel, and Linda Tamosinas. These members participated in a graduation drill on Tuesday, September 13th at the OPFD training facility.

Members must be at least 18 years of age. No one will be expected to perform any act outside of the limitations of their physical ability. The next training class is next spring but you can get involved now. Call me and let me know you want to get involved. Come to our September 29th meeting and meet some of the team members. It's a social event.

Any questions regarding the C.E.R.T. program should be directed to Rich Triola.

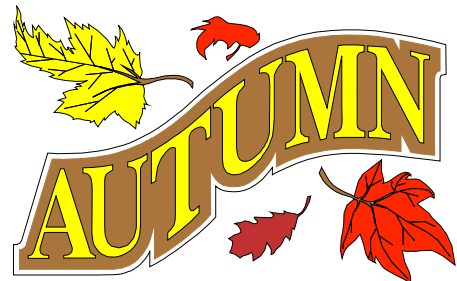
## SVHA SOCIAL EVENTS

Shannon Valley has had a busy summer! We started with the 1st annual Golf Tournament in June. All the players had a great time, wonderful weather, and are looking forward to next year, with hopefully even more players! Then, unfortunately, we had a rainout for the 4th of July parade although I understand yummy popsicles were still passed out. And again, for our first T-Bones game, we had a cool, rainy evening. But we still had a good turnout that made it through MOST of the game! We hope to keep these activities going with better weather next year!

Thanks to Vern Koeppen, Nicole Evans, and Paul Wildgen for helping organize these activities this year!

## New Neighbors

Are you a recent new resident of Shannon Valley? If, so we don't want to miss meeting you! Jeff and Erin Burvee are the Block Captain Coordinators for Shannon Valley. Their job is to ensure that you are greeted by your Block Captain or the Burvee's personally. Contact Jeff and Erin at: [eburvee@shannonvalley.org](mailto:eburvee@shannonvalley.org).



## Teen Parties and The Law

There are a few relevant Kansas Criminal Statutes that parents should be familiar with regarding underage drinking issues. An alarming 56 percent of Kansas high school students have tried alcohol. Please talk with your teenager about the dangers of underage drinking. Believe it or not, they will listen to you.

In Kansas last year, 614 drivers and passengers, ages 14-20 were involved in alcohol-related crashes – 22 died and 572 were injured. Forty-three percent of all alcohol-related fatalities involve a drinking driver under the age of 26.

**K.S.A. 21-3610** ( Furnishing ) Directly or indirectly, selling to , buying for, giving or furnishing any alcoholic liquor or cereal malt beverage to any minor is a class B person misdemeanor with a minimum fine of \$200.

**K.S.A 41-727** (Minor is Possession) No person under 21 years of age shall possess, consume, obtain, purchase, or attempt to obtain or purchase alcoholic liquor or cereal malt beverage except as authorized by law. Penalties for convictions include fines of \$200 to \$500 and suspension of driver's license (30 days for 1<sup>st</sup> offense; 90 days for 2<sup>nd</sup> offense; and 365 days for 3<sup>rd</sup> and subsequent offenses). In addition, the court may order 40 hours of public service and/ or successful completion of an alcohol abuse course.

**K.S.A. 21-3610c** (Hosting/ Paul's Law) Unlawfully hosting minors consuming alcoholic liquor or cereal malt beverage is permitting a person's premises to be used in such a manner that results in the possession or consumption therein of alcoholic liquor or cereal malt beverages by persons under the age of 21. The penalty for conviction is a class B person misdemeanor with fines ranging from \$200 to \$1,000 and the potential of up to six months in jail.



## Waste Water Treatment Plant Middle-Basin Expansion

The “sewage treatment plant” located at Alt 69 and College is being expanded. The expansion is required in order to bring the plant into compliance with federally mandated standards in three areas. These areas are: capacity, wet weather flows and nutrient removal. They are all connected.

The plant was originally designed for this expansion. There is no more room to expand after this modification. It is projected that by the year 2015, this plant will be at the same over-extended state as it is today. As far as I know, there are no other contingencies regarding this plant after this expansion.

For those of you who remember the discussion of diverting excess “downstream” to KC, the engineers have concluded it is not “cost effective”. Maybe in ten years or so, that opinion will change, especially if they have no other place to go.

I am told that the authority is sensitive to the odor issue and that the expansion should not change the present situation. It certainly doesn't hurt that Annabeth Surbaugh, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, also lives within odor range of the plant and does her banking with Cap Fed.

Bottom line, there should be no noticeable change.

## WANTED!



Active neighbors to step forward and represent their street as SV Block Captains! We are attempting to revive the Block Captain concept. If you have enthusiasm about SV, want to see things happen and love to meet new people – contact Jeff and Erin Burvee, [eburvee@shannonvalley.org](mailto:eburvee@shannonvalley.org) ASAP!! This is your neighborhood – Help make Shannon Valley “A Great Place to Live”!!

## SVHA COMMUNICATIONS [www.shannonvalley.org](http://www.shannonvalley.org)

The 2006 SVHA Directory is presently is publication. Look for it to arrive on your doorstep sometime in October. Any questions or comments, please email [pwildgen@shannonvalley.org](mailto:pwildgen@shannonvalley.org).

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

	<u>8/31/05 Actual</u>	<u>12/31/05 Forecast</u>
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash		
Checking	\$ 2,421	\$ 2,500
Saving	\$ 64,111	\$ 10,700
Capital Reserve	\$ 9,970	\$ 19,668
Total Cash	<u>\$ 76,503</u>	<u>\$ 32,868</u>
Accounts Receivable	\$ 14	\$ -
Notes Receivable	\$ -	\$ -
Total Current Assets	\$ 76,517	\$ 32,868
Fixed Assets	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><b>\$ 76,517</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 32,868</b></u>

## NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE DAYS

We continued our Neighborhood Service Days on the last weekend of June.

On June 23, 2005, we reviewed Shannon Valley's common area, determined what needed to be done, and purchased plants and supplies. Fortunately, we received discounts of around 75% since we were at the end of the planting season. We planted approximately 35 trees and bushes, including Crabapples, Silver Maples, Autumn Blaze Maples, Dwarf Alberta Spruces, Austrian Pines, Colorado Blue Spruces, Emerald 'N Gold Euonymus, and Crimson Pygmy Barberry bushes on College Boulevard, Benson, and Antioch. Most of these plants were needed to replace plants that had been storm damaged and removed.

We also trimmed bushes and trees on the Antioch entrances, examined the sprinkler system, and determined additional work necessary for our landscape contractor and tree trimmer. Most all of the plants have survived the summer, and appear to be doing well. A conservative estimate is these efforts saved the Association \$2000. Thank you to the neighbors who have been checking on these plants and giving them periodic watering. Special thanks to John Hunt, Keith Taylor, Paul Wildgen, Jeff Burvee, Brian Miles, and Vern Koeppen for making this project a success.

We want to continue this tradition, and have scheduled another Neighborhood Service Day for Saturday, October 8, 2005, at 9:00 a.m. We will have a brief planning meeting at the tennis court on Wednesday, October 5, 2005, at 7:00 p.m., in which we will plan where we will focus our efforts, and determine the tools, materials and supplies necessary. Currently, our list includes patching cracks in the tennis courts and clean-up along College Boulevard between Grandview and Benson.

As with our other Service Days, we will be observing appropriate safety rules, and do not want anyone handling equipment they are not qualified to operate. Keep appropriate distances from chain saws and other dangerous tools, and wear gloves and eye protection. No alcohol should be consumed until the work is completed and equipment no longer being used.

**There are many ways to participate, such as providing project ideas, tools, supplies, refreshments, funds, and support, even if you are unable to work on Saturday. Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate. If each one of us would spend just one hour a year doing something to benefit our neighborhood we would have the equivalent of a full time employee!**

If you have any ideas and/or are planning to participate, please place these dates on your calendar and send an e-mail message to [Telliott@ShannonValley.org](mailto:Telliott@ShannonValley.org).



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