



THE SHANNON VALLEY VOICE

Summer 2005



A Message From The President



Happy Summer to All! Again Shannon Valley is alive with children enjoying their summer vacations, neighbors working on yard or home fix-up projects and everyone just enjoying life! Take a look around. We have a new lawn maintenance service this year - EPIC Lawns. So far everything looks green and almost weed-free.

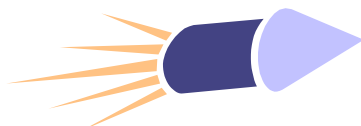
We have several new neighbors to welcome. Please stop and say "Hi". Homes seem to be selling at a pretty good pace within Shannon Valley. That is a sure indicator that home-owners continue to maintain their properties which, in turn, ensures high resale values. The Board continues to contact homeowners that may be in violation of Shannon Valley Declaration of Restrictions and/or City Ordinances. Most matters are resolved with this type of notification. In some cases, the homeowners have been contacted directly by the City Codes Enforcement Specialists. This is a drastic measure and is used as a last resort to alleviate potential problems within the neighborhood. You can report code violations: property@opkansas.org or call 913-895-6370.

Another continuing duty of the board is to collect annual association dues and trash collection fees. Unfortunately, all residents have not complied and, after several attempts to collect, their properties have liens filed against them. Again a drastic measure but necessary for continued financial support of services provided by the home association. We are very fortunate to have a very reasonable charge for services as compared to other neighborhoods especially realizing the fact that we have twice weekly trash service. Do you realize you pay only \$3.85 a week!

The Rolling Master Plan has been implemented with varying success. The first meeting of the proposed Garden Club lacked active participation. The first meeting of the Block Captains was more of a success with approximately 12 residents showing interest and support. Neighborhood CERT meetings continue with a core group and they are always interested in newcomers and a higher level of neighborhood support. We will continue to advertise the community activities and ask for your support. See our list of events on the website calendar – www.shannonvalley.org.

Enjoy your lazy summer days and hope to see you at the Shannon Valley Golf Tournament and 4th of July activities.

Sue Wildgen
President
Shannon Valley Homes Assoc



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

Do you own a Dog , Boat, Trailer or unlicensed vehicle?

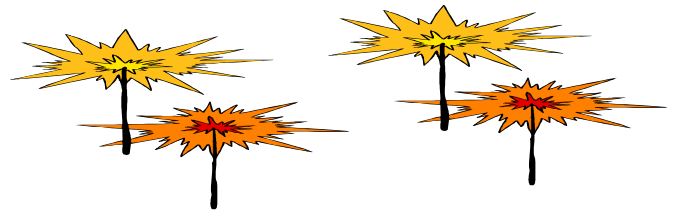
Noisy dogs, noisy neighbors, unlicensed vehicles, speeding vehicles, poorly maintained exterior and yards? The City of Overland Park has ordinances addressing all these situations. Please insure that your home and occupants comply with both the Shannon Valley Declaration of Restrictions and Home Association Declaration (which can be found on the website, www.shannonvalley.org) as well as the City of Overland Park Ordinances. Shannon Valley violators can be reported to Jeff Burvee or if it is a City Ordinance violation you may report it directly to the City, (913) 895-6370 or property@opkansas.org. We have been very successful in keeping Shannon Valley a "Great Place to Live". We hope to keep it that way. It only can be done if everyone helps out.

Master Gardeners Now Have Your Answers!

Can't get your yard to look as green as your neighbors? Flowers are droopy. Bugs are attacking your garden? Help is only a phone call away! The Johnson County K-State Research and Extension Master Gardener Hotline is now open for business - from 9:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m., excluding holidays. The direct number is 913-764-6306. New this year is the option of e-mailing questions to the Extension Master Gardeners. Questions can be now e-mailed to: www.garden.help@jocogov.org. Trained volunteers will answer your emails. Johnson County K-State Research and Extension sponsors the Extension Master Gardener program. Volunteers receive a base training of horticulture information then continue training to help prepare them for this project, as well as many others sponsored by the organization. When calling the Hotline for assistance, callers should be prepared to supply as much information as possible. The more data provided, the easier it is for the trained volunteer to assist. In addition to telephoning the Hotline, personal visits with plant samples are encouraged. Diagnosing the horticulture concern is easier if volunteers are able to see the problem directly. Not all questions or problems have an easy answer or solution but the volunteer Extension Master Gardeners will make every attempt to help. In addition to their personal knowledge, the volunteers also utilize the Extension's extensive horticultural reference library. Good Luck and Happy Gardening!

Schedule Residential HHW Drop-off Appointments On-Line!

Johnson County residents wishing to drop off their hazardous waste at the Philip J. Wittek Hazardous Materials Collection Facility now have a choice. Call the facility at 492-0402 during business hours or schedule the appointment on-line any time.



Welcome Packets for New Residents

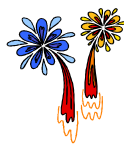
It has been a long standing tradition to welcome our new neighbors and bring gifts! New Shannon Valley neighbors receive a directory, web site magnet and various goodies donated by local merchants. We recognize that we have many talented neighbors and many offer goods or services to the public. If you have a business and would like to donate some "give-aways" i.e., pencils, pens, paper, product samples, gift certificates, discount coupons, etc., to include in our new neighbor packets, please contact Jeff or Erin Burvee, eburvee@shannonvalley.org. What a great way to introduce yourself to your new neighbors, gain a potential customer and help out with new resident packets. Thanks for your consideration.



Congratulations to Dave & Iley Burkett who reside at 8827 W 113th St. on receiving the SVHA Spring Home award. Their home is a showcase of landscaping, décor and shows the love they have for gardening. Dave and Iley have lived in SV for 2 years – moving from another Overland Park neighborhood. Their three children, Kyle, Curtis and Phil, are grown and all live elsewhere. Dave is employed a KU Med Center as a counselor of Neurology and Iley has a home based business. Hobbies consist of bicycling and gardening. Keep up the beautiful work – we all enjoy your efforts!



JULY 4TH PARADE !!!!!



Decorate your trikes, bikes, wagon, skateboards, or whatever you have to join the Shannon Valley July 4th Parade! All ages welcome--the more the merrier. Let's make this our biggest parade yet! We'll get the parade started at 11:00 am on July 4th at the tennis court parking lot. There will be treats after the parade. If you have any questions, please call Nicole Evans at 451-8907. The kids really enjoy this one--let's see who can do the best decorating job!



Planning Ahead for 2006

The board is look ahead to 2006 and, at this time, is looking for interested neighbors to step forward and assist with the nominating committee. This committee is responsible for identifying and nominating potential SV board members. If you would like to ensure that Shannon Valley remains a "Great Place to Live", volunteer to help out. Contact Sue Wildgen for more information. swidgen@shannonvalley.org

Attention SV BLOCK Captains!!

It's Time to Party!!

The Shannon Valley Board of Directors 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 2005! Just contact a SV board member at www.shannonvalley.org for details.

Together, we can continue to make SV a "Great Place to Live!"
Your Shannon Valley
Board Members

SVHA BLOCK CAPTAINS

The Shannon Valley Block Captains recently met at the Burvee residence for a breakfast on May 21st and discussed ways of improving the block captain program. The block captain program has been around for many years in Shannon Valley and continues to be a great way to communicate information and welcome new residents to the neighborhood. One of the goals of the Board members of Shannon Valley is to encourage residents to get to know their neighbors and block parties a great way to do this. The board has approved a \$50 contribution to residents to host block parties for their area. To be eligible for the \$50 contribution, residents must receive approval from any board member prior to hosting the event. Residents can contact their block captains in their area, or Jeff or Erin Burvee (eburvee@shannonvalley.org) with any questions.

Shannon Valley is broken down to 31 block areas, and there are currently 22 block captains. Please check the neighborhood web site [shannonvalley.org](http://www.shannonvalley.org) to view the current list of block captains and openings. One of the main responsibilities is to welcome new residents to their blocks by presenting new neighbor packets. Please contact Jeff or Erin if you have any items that would be beneficial for the new neighbor packets such as area business coupons, etc. Shannon Valley really is "a great place to live"!

<http://www.shannonvalley.org>

SVHA COMMUNICATIONS

www.shannonvalley.org

The Shannon Valley web page continues to be a source for neighborhood information. This site is the quickest way to get information about any activities of the Association, event information, contact names, Association By-Laws and regulations are all available on the internet web page, www.ShannonValley.org. If anyone has something they would like to put on the site such as items for sale, upcoming events or pictures send them to activities@shannonvalley.org. If you have ideas for the web page and would like to assist in its administration, please let me know, pwildgen@shannonvalley.org. This would be a great project for that high school student who likes working with computers or graphic design.

Also, we continue to build our email lists for the neighborhood. Sending information through email can save time and money and will keep you much better informed. If you have an email address and would like to receive Association information through email, please send a message to any of the board members letting us know your address and we will add you to our distribution list. We, of course, will not share or use this information for any non Association business.

WANTED!



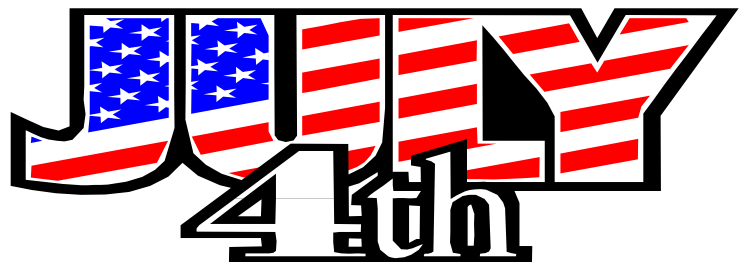
Active neighbors to step forward and represent their street as SV Block Captains! We are attempting to revive the Block Captain concept. If you have enthusiasm about SV, want to see things happen and love to meet new people – contact Jeff and Erin Burvee, eburvee@shannonvalley.org ASAP!! This is your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



Shannon Valley Night at the T-Bones



Come join us for a fun evening with your neighbors at the T-Bones games on July 26! We will be reserving a group of seats for that evening so we can all sit together, and it's "dollar dog" night! Depending on the response, we may also organize a tailgate party beforehand. This is a family activity and we'd love to have as many people as possible! You must purchase your \$7 ticket by the 10th of July, so please respond as soon as possible. Call Linda Nease at 345-0308 or email me at hlnease@aol.com to reserve your spaces at the T-Bones!



	<u>5/31/05 Actual</u>	<u>12/31/05 Forecast</u>
ASSETS		
Cash		
Checking	\$ 3,039	\$ 2,500
Saving	\$ 87,800	\$ 10,700
Capital Reserve	\$ 9,970	\$ 66,957
Total Cash	<u>\$ 100,809</u>	<u>\$ 80,157</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 100,809</u>	<u>\$ 32,868</u>
	<u>5/31/05 Actual</u>	<u>12/31/05 Forecast</u>
Income		
Current Annual Dues	\$ 56,406	\$ 55,713
Garbage Fees	\$ 54,194	\$ 56,987
Past Dues/Late Fees/Interest	\$ 1,318	\$ 500
Interest - Money Market	\$ 437	\$ 575
Other Income	\$ 35	\$ 150
Total Income	\$ 112,390	\$ 113,425
Expense		
Garbage Contract	\$ 28,876	\$ 56,987
Grounds Maintenance	\$ 8,968	\$ 23,000
Capital Improvements Reserve	\$ -	\$ 9,698
Administrative & Other*	\$ 3,545	\$ 8,740
Insurance	\$ 1,209	\$ 6,500
Utilities	\$ 512	\$ 4,500
Social Fund	\$ 329	\$ 2,900
Taxes/Legal	\$ -	\$ 1,100
Total Expense	\$ 43,439	\$ 113,425
Net Income	<u>\$ 68,951</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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.

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE DAY Saturday, June 25, 2005

Quite a bit was accomplished at our previous Neighborhood Service Days last fall, including trimming of the trees along College Boulevard and north of the tennis court, removal of trash and debris, and maintenance of the parking lot. Those who participated also had an opportunity to meet new friends, set a good example for our children, save money for the Association, and feel good about making a positive contribution to our neighborhood.

We want to continue this tradition, and have scheduled another Neighborhood Service Day for Saturday, June 25, 2005, at 9:00 a.m. We will have a brief planning meeting at the tennis court on Thursday, June 23, 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.

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.

Tim Elliott, **Vice President**

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Attention Insurance Agents

The Board is seeking an insurance agent that will assist us in locating the appropriate liability insurance for the subdivision. We are covered for 2005 but the board's long range plan is to select another carrier. Please contact Sue Wildgen, swildgen@shannonvalley.org if you are interested in more details.

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Shannon Valley will sponsor a neighborhood garage sale on September 9th and 10th, so get those "treasures" ready this summer! A preview night on Thursday, September 8th, is always an option for those wanting to participate. We will advertise in the newspaper, with banners, and with maps available showing all the participating houses. The cost is \$5 and this covers the advertising and printing of the maps. We are asking that everyone who will be holding a garage sale that weekend pay the \$5 so we can include you in our maps. If you are interested in participating, please contact Rae Ann Torkkola at 338-3110 to get signed up!