



THE SHANNON VALLEY VOICE

Spring 2005

A Message From The President

Spring is finally here! Many of our neighbors are already out cleaning up yards, flower beds and starting the yearly exterior home projects! It is so nice to see everyone out after a long, chilly winter in Shannon Valley.

Many of you may have noticed how the severe weather this past season affected our tree population. We lost many long-standing trees along College, at the entrance of College and Grandview and on Benson. The Board is looking into replacements with hopes to complete some of the replanting in 2005.

How we all enjoyed the Grant Street holiday lights and, did you notice, 114th Street joined in as well? I heard rumor that after the lights were safely in place, a cul-de-sac chili potluck took place. How festive! Home decorations quickly changed into Valentine lights and now I find Leprechauns on front doors and windows! It won't be long before we see the American Flags and 4th of July decorations.

The Board has been busy with start-up business of a new year. The collection of association dues and trash fees has been our number one priority. The Board met in January to set our long-range plans into action for 2005. A very energetic board opted to embark on projects that address traffic concerns, rental home maintenance, dressing up our main entrances and having more fun with our neighbors! Watch our website, www.shannonvalley.org and this newsletter for more specific information in the months to come.

Be sure to stop by your new neighbors and say "Hi" and remember, its people like you and your neighbors that make Shannon Valley "A Great Place to Live".

Sue Wildgen, President

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



IMPLEMENTING THE ROLLING MASTER PLAN

Now that we have adopted the “Rolling Master Plan,” at the Annual Meeting last November, some of you may be wondering: what next?

The first item was the appointment of a new Long Term Planning Chair. Serge Hansel agreed to serve in this capacity for 2005. Serge and his spouse, Sarah, were very active in the Long Term Planning Committee last year, have a good foundation of knowledge from which to build during 2005. If you are interested in serving on this year’s LTPC, contact Serge. Let’s keep the momentum rolling forward.

Under Shannon Valley’s Rolling Master Plan, each Board is required to prioritize, establish and publicize its objectives, goals and plans at the beginning of its term as its One-Year Plan. On January 25, 2005, our Board met to discuss what and how to improve our neighborhood. As a result of this meeting, a list of objectives, methodology and timeframes was developed, which will be posted on www.shannonvalley.org in the new future.

In addition to the outlined objectives, we anticipate additional neighborhood service-days and other ways we can all be involved in the improvement of our neighborhood. We estimate there are approximately 2000 people living in Shannon Valley. If each of us would contribute just one hour per year for the betterment of our neighborhood, that would be the equivalent of one full time person working on behalf of all of us. If you do not know what to do, review the Rolling Master Plan at <http://www.shannonvalley.org/pdf/PLAN8.pdf> or contact a board member. There are many, many ways to contribute, such as the newly energized garden club, helping Linda Nease with a social event, meeting new friends at the progressive dinner, or even picking up litter, and we believe you will find the experience to be fun and rewarding.

We encourage everyone to review the objectives, and provide assistance to the Board to satisfy its One-Year Plan. We also encourage feedback to the Board and the Long Term Planning Committee on those areas in which you believe should receive attention. I’m proud to be a Shannon Valley resident!

Tim Elliott
Vice-President, Planning

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.

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 personality. Contact Jeff and Erin at: eburvee@shannonvalley.org.

The City to Spruce up Trees

The City of Overland Park, Parks and Forestry Department will be in our neighborhood soon to trim trees on city property and right-of-ways. This includes trees in your front yard along the street. Impending branches that are blocking views, traffic flow, utility lines, etc., will be trimmed.

Dear Shannon Valley friends and neighbors,

I'm a boy scout of Troop 257, and have been working on my Eagle Project. I am gathering items and making emergency and school kits for Heart To Heart International, for the tsunami victims.

On Sunday, February 20, 2005, we passed out flyers to Shannon Valley houses asking for help with my Eagle Project. On Saturday February 26, 2005, my troop members and I were very happy to be picking up so many bags full of so many items.

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone who generously donated the requested items. I know the victims of the Tsunami tragedy will be benefited from the many items that you donated to me so we could make these school and emergency kits.

We will have over 75 completed emergency kits and 50 completed school kits, and a considerable amount of additional items for donation. If anyone is still interested, I still need some more plastic soap containers, blunt scissors, zippered pencil holders and folders with inside pockets. If interested, then please call me at (913) 327-5455.

Thank you,

Mike Elliott



SVHA GOLF OUTING

The first annual SVHA Golf Scramble will be held this summer—either June 18 or June 25—at Painted Hills Golf Course. We have not been able to finalize a date and time yet, but wanted to give everyone a “heads up”! It will be open to adult Shannon Valley residents, men or women. We’ll play either 2-person or 4-person scramble, have prizes, then meet in the clubhouse for lunch. The cost will be \$40 for the green fees and cart, then lunch and beverages will be on your own. If you are interested, please watch the website and future newsletters for more details. Call Linda Nease at 345-0308 or email me at hlnease@aol.com if you would like to be put on the list, or for more information. We will try to get a definite number of players no later than June 4th, so contact me if you are interested! This should be a great addition to our social calendar!

C.E.R.T.

On Tuesday, February 22 at 7 PM a meeting was held at the offices of Nations Real Estate located at College and Quivira. There were 11 active Shannon Valley C.E.R.T. members in attendance.

The group discussed the need for additional members to cover all 561 homes in the event of a disaster like a tornado or ice storm. Since there are only four fire trucks in the vicinity of Shannon Valley, it doesn't take much to overwhelm resources. Currently there are 14 “trained” members and 10 committed residence to be trained this summer. It was decided that we are understaffed within 3 areas, 3,4, and 10 without representation at all. Please refer to the SV website C.E.R.T. coverage map. The plan is for no less than 2 trained C.E.R.T. members in each coverage area. Presently, areas 1, 7, 9, 12 and 13 are understaffed. All interested individuals please contact Rich Triola or any C.E.R.T. member near you.

The group decided that since we are going into severe weather season that we will meet monthly on the last Tuesday of the month through May. All meeting will be at the offices of Nations Real Estate, at the corner of College & Quivira at 7 PM.

Other topics discussed included the establishment of a telephone tree, the creation of a list of resources such as chain saws, leverage tools, ropes etc. and the policy for establishment of a “staging area” and other procedural priorities in the event of a devastating storm.

More in depth information regarding C.E.R.T can be accessed at <http://training.FEMA.gov/emiweb/cert>.

Shannon Valley Easter Egg Hunt!



Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, March 26th, at Shannon Valley Park at 1:00 pm. We will have lots of eggs filled with candy and goodies and, of course, a visit from the Easter Bunny! So come join us for a great hunt!

If anyone has plastic eggs left over from last year and would like to donate them, please give me a call. Also, if you have children under the age of 3 and would like to donate age-appropriate items for the eggs, please let me know and I will be glad to pick them up.

We look forward to seeing everyone there – make sure you come early and don't miss the fun!

Linda Nease
345.0308



Attention Shannon Valley Stay-At-Home Parents

Are you beginning to speak to adults like you speak to your three-year-old? Are you starting to refer to mac-n-cheese as your major meal of the day? Well, here is your chance for a great outing with, or without, your kid (s) and spend some fun time talking, sharing and having fund adult time too! We are in the process of establishing a stay-at-home parent's group, just for Shannon Valley residents, and would like to hear from other stay-at-home parents about any suggestions you might have for a fun and successful group. Call Erin Hudson at 913.345.9846 any time and let her know your thoughts so we can get this going ASAP!



Progressive Dinner is a Winner!

Gourmet foods, exquisite wines and new found friends all add up to a wonderful evening! If you were not there . . .you missed all the fun. Fourteen residents of Shannon Valley gathered for the first, of hopefully many more, Neighborhood Progressive Dinners. Appetizers were hot and ready at Tim and Stephanie Elliott's. The group split up to savor the fine main course coordinated by Chris Melpolder. Half the group dined with the Melolder's and other half dined at the home of the O'Neil's . Dessert gathered everyone back at the Melpolder's, were we devoured the sweets! Much thanks and gratitude goes to Chris and her husband, Tom for coordinating the event. Everyone had a super time and the ending comment by all – "When are we going to do this again?" I know I can't wait!

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.

2005 INCOME STATEMENT

Income	<u>2/28/05 Actual</u>	<u>Budget 2005</u>
Annual Dues	\$49,950	\$55,713
Garbage Fees	\$48,020	\$56,987
Interest - Checking	\$0	\$-
Interest - Money Market	\$-	\$575
Other Income	\$35	\$150
Tennis Court Fees	\$-	\$-
Total Income	\$98,005	\$113,425
Expense		
Capital Improvements Reserve		\$9,698
Contract Labor	\$300	\$3,600
Garage Sale Expense		\$100
Garbage Contract	\$14,247	\$56,987
Grounds Maintenance	\$3,860	\$23,000
Insurance	\$2,783	\$6,500
Legal		\$500
Licenses/Fees	\$139	\$500
Meetings		\$1,000
Miscellaneous	\$213	\$400
Office Supplies		\$100
Postage	\$65	\$750
Printing - Newsletter / Directory	\$322	\$1,500
Social Fund	\$133	\$2,900
Storage Locker Rental	\$780	\$790
Taxes		\$600
Tennis Court Maintenance		\$-
Utilities	\$279	\$4,500
Total Expenses	\$23,120	\$113,425
Net Income	\$74,885	\$-

SHANNON VALLEY ASSOCIATION DUES AND TRASH COLLECTION FEES CONTINUE

All monies were due February 15, 2005. The majority of homeowners complied with this due date. However, homeowners must realize the importance of maintaining our neighborhood in tip-top condition. Your dollars go to maintain the common areas and make needed improvements as funds permit as well as pay for the twice weekly trash service.

Appraiser's Office mails out 2005 appraised values

The Johnson County Appraiser's Office has mailed out approximately 194,000 Notices of Appraised Value to property owners in the county. The notices contain the 2004 and 2005 appraised values, as well as the appraisals from 2002 and 2003 if there were no changes in classification. The notices also contain the sales information considered in the valuation process. Property owners will find the appeal form on the back of their notice and will have until the March 31 deadline to file an appeal. The deadline is printed in the upper right corner of the notice. Those who file an appeal will be notified by mail with the scheduled date of the informal hearing held in the Appraiser's Office. Telephone, weekend, and evening hearings are available but the latter two are limited. Anyone with questions regarding their appraisal or the appeal process may visit the appraiser's website at <http://appraiser.jocogov.org> <<http://appraiser.jocogov.org/>> for all the necessary information. They also may call its customer service department Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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The Garage Sale for the neighborhood has been changed to take place in the fall! So save those treasures and use this summer time to clean out those closets. More info will be in future newsletters.

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Neighborhood Complaints

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.