



THE SHANNON VALLEY VOICE

Fall 2007

A Message From The President

We hope you had a fun and safe summer.

Shannon Valley Homes Association continues to be a viable organization committed to the enhancement of our neighborhood. Duties of our Association include maintenance of the common area, negotiation of the trash removal contract, numerous holiday and social activities, collection of assessments, communication through this newsletter and www.shannonvalley.org, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Block Captains, annual directory, and other responsibilities outlined in Shannon Valley's Declarations and Bylaws. Most all of residents involved with these programs, including the board members and officers, serve on a volunteer basis without pay.

While it is easy to complain and make demands on these volunteers, perhaps the more productive approach is to ask yourself "what can I do to facilitate change?" There are numerous opportunities to be involved, and we want and need people to "step up to the plate" and make it happen.

Personally, I find it to be a tremendous honor to serve as Shannon Valley's president, because it allows me the opportunity to make a difference and improve our neighborhood. I believe all of our board members, officers, and volunteers, and those that have served in the past, do so for that same reason. Although I intend to remain involved with our Association, it is time for someone else to have the opportunity to be president.

My message remains the same. Maintain your property, get involved, (and make sure you pay your assessments on time).

I would like to extend my special thanks to our board members, Brian Miles, Troy Russell, Lori Kueker, and Mike Starke. Vern Koeppen, Linda Nease, and Paul Wildgen have served for a number of years in various capacities. Kathy Ulm does a great job as our administrative assistant, and continues to be cheerful even when we miss the newsletter articles deadlines. Many others have served Shannon Valley in the past, and I truly appreciate their efforts and contribution.

Tim Elliott
President

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Sheet

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	12/31/07 Budget
ASSETS									
Current Assets									
Cash									
Checking	\$ 21,893	\$ 5,209	\$ 5,175	\$ 4,212	\$ 3,487	\$ 3,086	\$ 3,506	\$ 6,085	\$ 2,500
Saving	\$ 87,109	\$ 105,415	\$ 113,482	\$ 100,247	\$ 100,601	\$ 100,941	\$ 85,291	\$ 71,598	\$ 18,787
Capital Reserve	\$ 32,467	\$ 32,467	\$ 32,467	\$ 32,467	\$ 32,467	\$ 32,467	\$ 32,467	\$ 32,467	\$ 51,567
Total Cash	\$ 141,468	\$ 143,090	\$ 151,124	\$ 136,926	\$ 136,555	\$ 136,494	\$ 121,264	\$ 110,150	\$ 72,854
Accounts Receivable	\$ 22,700	\$ 15,600	\$ 4,300	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,000	\$ 600
Notes Receivable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Current Assets	\$ 164,168	\$ 158,690	\$ 155,424	\$ 140,426	\$ 140,055	\$ 139,994	\$ 123,764	\$ 112,150	\$ 73,454
Fixed Assets									
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 164,168	\$ 158,690	\$ 155,424	\$ 140,426	\$ 140,055	\$ 139,994	\$ 123,764	\$ 112,150	\$ 73,454
LIABILITIES & EQUITY									
Liabilities									
Current Liabilities									
Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Accrued Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Income Tax Payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Short-term Notes Payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Portion of L-T Debt Payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Current Liabilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Long Term Liabilities									
Mortgage Notes Payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Liabilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equity									
Opening Bal Equity	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Retained Earnings	\$ 77,054	\$ 69,954	\$ 58,582	\$ 57,855	\$ 57,854	\$ 57,854	\$ 56,854	\$ 50,529	\$ 73,454
Net Income	\$ 87,114	\$ 88,736	\$ 96,793	\$ 82,571	\$ 82,201	\$ 82,140	\$ 66,910	\$ 61,621	\$ -
Total Equity	\$ 164,168	\$ 158,690	\$ 155,375	\$ 140,426	\$ 140,055	\$ 139,994	\$ 123,764	\$ 112,150	\$ 73,454
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 164,168	\$ 158,690	\$ 155,375	\$ 140,426	\$ 140,055	\$ 139,994	\$ 123,764	\$ 112,150	\$ 73,454

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Income Statement

	Jan Actual	Feb Actual	Mar Actual	Apr Actual	May Actual	Jun Actual	Jul Actual	Aug Actual	08/31/07 YTD Actual	2007 Budget
Income										
Current Annual Dues	\$ 47,229	\$ 3,606	\$ 5,910	\$ 418	\$ 196	\$ -	\$ 523	\$ 209	58,092	\$ 58,262
Garbage Fees	\$ 43,075	\$ 3,289	\$ 5,390	\$ 382	\$ 179	\$ -	\$ 477	\$ 191	52,983	\$ 53,138
SubTotal	\$ 90,305	\$ 6,895	\$ 11,300	\$ 800	\$ 375	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 400	111,075	\$ 111,400
Past Dues/Late Fees/Interest	\$ 614	\$ 334	\$ 1,909	\$ 100	\$ 50	\$ -	\$ 150	\$ 190	3,347	\$ 2,000
Interest - Money Market	\$ 215	\$ 306	\$ 368	\$ 365	\$ 354	\$ 340	\$ 350	\$ 307	2,605	\$ 3,300
Other Income	\$ -	\$ 50	\$ -	\$ 40					90	\$ 200
Total Income	\$ 91,133	\$ 7,586	\$ 13,577	\$ 1,305	\$ 779	\$ 340	\$ 1,500	\$ 897	117,117	\$ 116,900
Expense										
Contract Labor	\$ -	\$ 600	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 600	\$ 300	2,400	\$ 3,600
Garbage Contract	\$ -	\$ 5,106	\$ 5,115	\$ 10,632	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,235	\$ 4,617	34,705	\$ 54,000
Landscape Contract	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,734	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,922	\$ 6,950	17,606	\$ 22,500
Grounds Maintenance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 74	\$ -	\$ 35	\$ -	\$ 44	154	\$ 1,500
Storage Locker Rental	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ 780
Utilities	\$ 99	\$ 67	\$ 33	\$ 86	\$ -	\$ 65	\$ 207	\$ 314	870	\$ 4,000
Meetings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ 750
CERT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ 750
Social Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 182	\$ -	\$ 232	\$ -	414	\$ 2,000
Garage Sale Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -
Insurance	\$ 3,828	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	3,828	\$ 3,820
Legal	\$ -	\$ 16	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	16	\$ 200
Licenses/Fees	\$ 93	\$ 60	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75	227	\$ 450
Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ 200
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ 200
Office Supplies	\$ -	\$ 35	\$ 72	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	107	\$ 50
Postage	\$ -	\$ 80	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 146	\$ -	\$ 138	\$ -	364	\$ 900
Printing - Newsletter / Directory	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 522	\$ -	\$ 397	\$ 12	930	\$ 2,100
Expenses before Capital Reserve	\$ 4,019	\$ 5,963	\$ 5,521	\$ 15,526	\$ 1,150	\$ 400	\$ 16,730	\$ 12,311	61,621	\$ 97,800
Capital Improvements Reserve										\$ 19,100
Total Expenses	\$ 4,019	\$ 5,963	\$ 5,521	\$ 15,526	\$ 1,150	\$ 400	\$ 16,730	\$ 12,311	61,621	\$ 116,900
Net Income	\$ 87,114	\$ 1,622	\$ 8,056	\$ (14,222)	\$ (370)	\$ (60)	\$ (15,231)	\$ (11,414)	55,496	\$ -
Current Capital Reserve									32,467	\$ 51,567

ANNUAL MEETING

Please mark you calendars and plan to attend the Shannon Valley Homes Association Annual meeting on Tuesday, November 13, 2006, at 7:00. It will again be held at Brookridge Golf & Country Club, 8223 West 103rd 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 will be available.

We hope you can make it!

HOME IMPROVEMENT CORNER

Affordable Cabinetry Upgrades Put Your Home's Best Face Forward

Buying a home is often the largest single purchase you'll ever make. But after investing all that hard-earned money just to get inside the door, how can you add value to your investment without breaking the bank? Whether it's customizing to fit your personal style or adding to its durability for years to come, choosing a few affordable upgrades will help you put your home's best face forward.

Cabinetry is one area that allows you to customize your home and deliver upscale looks with relatively little investment. Here are some affordable cabinetry upgrades to add the "Wow!" factor to your home:



Go Glam with Glazes and Finishes: There's more to cabinetry than door styles and wood choice. Adding a glaze finish can create the look of more expensive cabinetry. You can find glazes in a variety of shades to enhance the beauty of wood. For example, use a toasted antique glaze for an elegant ambiance. Or, for a high-end look, choose a deep, rich cherry finish on lower-cost maple doors.

Get a Handle on Hardware: Installing new hardware is one of the simplest and fastest upgrades. Choose brushed nickel, antique copper or stainless steel looks to match the finishes on your appliances or complement high-end countertop mixers and blenders. Or, use white porcelain knobs and pulls to bring a crisp white accent to your color scheme.

Relish in Embellishment: Use details such as mouldings and trims to give your kitchen a custom feel without the custom cost. Finishing touches are a great way to put your own style into the overall kitchen design. For example, use top cabinetry with crown moulding for a stately, more traditional appearance, or try a streamlined countertop moulding to bring a refined simplicity to the kitchen. You can even add elegance at the floor level by adding French legs to your cabinetry.

Opt for Organization: As in kitchens and in life, it's what's inside that counts. Organization-related items are among the most desired home cabinet accessories, and manufacturers are creating innovative new solutions. Numerous manufacturers offer solutions such as a drawer with a removable pegboard and adjustable posts that can be arranged to hold plates securely in place. Other options include a sturdy wood roll-out tray and removable dividers that can house anything from cutting boards to fragile ceramic platters.

Furniture-like Looks: A big trend in cabinetry is a move toward furniture-like looks that blend with the overall design and furnishings throughout the house. One way to achieve this look is with a line of modular cabinetry pieces including entertainment centers, hutches, wet bars and desks. The pieces look like furniture but are actually optional built-in upgrades. They are available in multiple combinations to fit a variety of functional uses. It's another easy way to lend great living — and great value — to your home.

Incorporating a few inexpensive touches to your kitchen cabinetry can help you create a modernized kitchen that is organized, easy on the budget and pleasing to the eye.

This article is reprinted from the Handyman Matters Residential Newsletter, and contributed by Brian Miles, owner and operator of the local Handyman Matters franchise.

CONGRATULATIONS TO FALL HOME AWARD WINNERS



The Shannon Valley Homes Association is pleased to award Gina and Andy Johnson the “Fall Home Award”. They are located at 11179 Grandview so drive by when you get a chance and check it out. They have worked very hard during the past several years with major upgrades on the exterior of their house as well as a beautifully landscaped yard. Great job!!

They have lived in Shannon Valley for the past four years. They have two handsome boys, Zack and Ben, who both attend Indian Valley Elementary School. Zack is in the 4th grade and Ben is in 1st grade. Both boys play minor league baseball in the Spring and Summer. Zack also plays basketball in the fall and winter. In Andy’s spare time he is their head coach and assistant coach depending on the season. Gina is very busy working full time as a Nurse and also working toward a Masters Degree in Nursing at KU. Rock Chalk!!!! Last but not least, Andy is a Seminary professor at the Nazarene Theological Seminary located near Rockhurst University.

As you can see, this family is very busy and yet they still have time to provide a beautiful home for all to enjoy.

Oktoberfest!

Come join all of your Shannon Valley, Indian Creek and Hunter’s Pointe neighbors for our annual Oktoberfest! This year the good times will roll at Shannon Valley Park on October 20th from 3:30 – 6:30pm.

We will have music, a giant slide, clowns and balloon artists, as well as tasty hot dogs, beer and soft beverages!

All neighbors with last names beginning A-M are asked to bring a side dish, and N-Z are asked to bring dessert. We will provide the hot dog fixins’ and paper goods – so come ready to party and eat! If anyone would like to volunteer to help out, please call Linda Nease at 345-0308.

SEE YOU THERE!

Block Captain's needed!!!

Block Captains are needed so please consider volunteering. The following Zones do not have a Block Captain.

Zone 8: 9306-9326 w 112th St & 9201 to 9219 w 112th Terrace
Zone 9: 9110-9301 w 112th St
Zone 14: 8700-8824 w 113th St
Zone 20: 11421-11513 Carter & 11404-11418 Knox
Zone 25: 11502-11535 Knox
Zone 27: 9731-9767 115th Terrace
Zone 28: 9613-9734 & 11534 w 115th Terrace & 11539 Knox

They are responsible for welcoming new neighbors. Here are some suggestions.

1. By providing them with a welcome packet
2. Encourage them to check out our website
3. Let them know about upcoming social events

For example: block parties, Easter Egg Hunt, July 4th Parade, Deck Crawl, Golf Tournament, Oktoberfest and the Annual meeting.

Please email Lori Kueker (lorikueker@gmail.com) or call 451-3109 if you are will to be a Block Captain.

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 2, 2007, to prepare the ballot, which will be distributed around the second week in October.

Nominations can also be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting, which will begin on Tuesday, November 13, 2007, at Brookridge Country Club. 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.

Help Needed for Recycling Program at Indian Valley Elementary School

If you did not know, IVE has a "Paper Retriever" located on the south side of the building. Papers throughout the building are collected a couple of times each month by the Tribal Council members. But we need EVERYONE'S help! The total collected in our bin, the last month of school, was just 1.03 tons. That sounds like a lot, but it's below the 2 ton minimum set by the Abitibi company in order to continue placing the bin at our school. So, would you please come down to Indian Valley located at 11600 Knox to recycle all of your newspapers, magazines, catalogs, and junk mail? The bin is always open and accessible. This community service saves a lot of landfill space and the Tribal Council receives a nominal monetary donation if the minimum tonnage is exceeded. The Tribal Council also operates a Student Store twice a week and proceeds from all of their hard work help fund special purchases, like the Thunderbird flag that flies on the flagpole every Friday, and activities at Indian Valley.

Indian Valley Elementary School Launches Box Tops Fundraiser

Indian Valley has recently launched their 2007-2008 Box Tops for Education fundraising campaign. This year the school has set a goal of earning \$500.00 through Box Tops.

Box Tops for Education is a school fundraising program started by General Mills in 1996. To date, Box Tops has helped America's schools raise over \$200 million to buy the things they need but can't always afford, such as library books, school supplies and playground equipment. The Box Tops for Education program offers school supporters three easy ways to earn cash for schools through everyday activities like buying groceries, shopping online and purchasing books. Schools can earn a total of up to \$60,000 each year.

If you'd like to help the students at IVE reach their goal, there are several easy ways to get involved. Collect Box Tops from hundreds of familiar, participating products and drop them off at the front office, send them to school with a child in your neighborhood who attends IVE, or call Jackie Sparks-Lecki (Box Top Coordinator) at 696-1153 to arrange a pick up time. You can also sign up on the Box Tops website at boxtops4education.com. Designate Indian Valley Elementary, as the school you wish to support. At the Box Tops website, you'll learn more about all of the easy ways you can choose to make a difference — all at no additional cost to you.

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