

Prairie Village North Newsletter

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ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL CHANGES. Most exterior changes to your home require Architectural Committee approval. Please submit your requests (form available on PV website) to our Property Manager, Janet at PML for processing. Questions? Contact Kevin Miller, keremil@outdrs.net

EVENT COMMITTEE: To volunteer to organize a neighborhood event, contact Susan Porter, skporter2010@gmail.com

THE CARING COOKS provide meals to PV residents who need help due to surgery, illness, or death in family. If you know of a need, please contact one of the following: Carol Erickson, 303-776-0864; Carol Hahn, 303-702-0704

CITY CODE ENFORCEMENT: 303-651-8695 or 303-651-8321: To report City Code violations such as weeds, trees, illegal parked vehicles, speeding or any other City Ordinance

NOTES FROM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

RESIDENTS CONCERNS: A number of residents attended the meeting with various concerns about the neighborhood. These concerns will be addressed by the management company.

Neglected yards – An increasing number of yards are not being maintained, ie, weeds, thistles, grass not being mowed

Campers & trailers parked on the streets – (City Code does not permit campers/trailers to be parked on the street. Our streets are narrow and this causes congestion and is unsightly to your neighbors. A parking space in a camper storage facility should be obtained to house these items.)

Alleys – Children playing in the alleys, toys left in the alleys (the alleys are public, city streets and are not to be blocked. For the safety of the children, they should be playing in their yards or in one of our parks)

Trash cans left in the alleys (our covenants state that trash cans are to be put out on trash day and put behind your fence the same day)

Areas between the fence and the alleys are full of weeds (it is the homeowners responsibility to maintain this area).

Speeding/running stop signs – (The speed limit is 25 mph and a stop sign means to apply brakes and come to a full stop at intersections. A family came very close to being hit by a car that did not stop at a stop sign. A near collision happens every day because of speeding and not stopping at stop signs)

BOARD OF DIRECTOR VACANCY: Mark Payler's letter of resignation was accepted. The Board is looking for a replacement to fill the remainder of his term (Nov. 2017). If you are interested in serving your community, please submit a letter of interest to our Property Manager, Janet, at PML, or email janetpaul@pmlinc.net by Friday, Aug. 7. This is to fill a 'vacancy' on the Board. Positions are determined among the Board members.

ALLEYWAYS: The City has adopted a new ordinance which states that no trees, shrubs, or other landscaping can be placed outside homeowner's fencing along the alley. This area is a City easement. Landscaping in this area will need to be removed.

LANDSCAPING: A committee has been formed to make recommendations to the Board of what is needed to improve some of our planting beds. The Board will review the recommendations and then obtain bids. Rock Solid has been hired to redo the planting beds on the south side of Central Park this year. The beds on the north

side will be done next year. Todd Huston, Arborist, will be walking the property to evaluate the condition of trees and shrubs.

BYLAWS: The Bylaws for PV North will be reviewed and rewritten to bring them up to date. There are 3 law firms in Colorado who specialize in this task. They will be interviewed and asked to submit bids.

NEXTLIGHT: The City of Longmont Fiber Optic project is still on schedule for existing PV homes for the 1st quarter of 2016. They have been seen in PV South installing preconstruction only.

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL: Our covenants state that any improvements/changes to the exterior of any home in PV must have the plans submitted to the Architectural Control Committee for approval. Once the committee approves, you still need to obtain a permit from the City for any structural changes. The committee reported that there have been projects submitted to them and approved as submitted but were not built as submitted/approved. There are also projects that are being done that have not been submitted for approval. These situations are being investigated.

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: A special Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 19, 10:00 am specifically to choose a new Board member. No other business will be discussed at this meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR PRAIRIE VILLAGE NORTH

Volunteers are needed to help with making neighborhood events happen. Contact Susan Porter, skporter2010@gmail.com or call 256-509-3339 to plan these fun events. If you have an idea for an event, let Susan know.

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SEE ATTACHED FLYER FOR DETAILS

CITY OF LONGMONT EVENT GRANTS

Prairie Village North has qualified and received an event/activity grant of \$250 to be used for our neighborhood events/activities. Susan Porter is in charge of our Event Committee and will be managing the Grant.

The City of Longmont has developed a new grant called Discover Neighbors Discover Home. This grant is available to residents throughout the city to enhance quality of life and build a better 'sense of community' in the city's neighborhoods. The grant is awarded throughout the year to residents of city blocks that meet minimum criteria outlined below to support block based community building activities, including mapping the block. Available funding is determined by the number of homes on the block and all residents on the block must be encouraged to participate.

- \$50 for blocks of 6 to 11 homes
- \$100 for blocks of 12 or more homes (you may combine up to two blocks into one activity to double your grant eligibility amount).

Eligible Activities: All activities must benefit everyone on the block! Eligibility is determined at the discretion of Community and Neighborhood Resources Staff.

Examples of previously funded activities (Creativity encouraged)

- Block Party
- Picnic or Potluck

Block Garage Sale
Neighborhood garden planting
Ice cream social
Outdoor movie night
Block cleanup

The grant money can be used in various ways to support these types of activities including purchasing of food, supplies, and materials. Funds cannot support political activities, maintenance expenses, purchase of alcohol, already completed events, or activities that only benefit a few people on the block.

For more information of eligibility, terms, and conditions, and for the application, go to www.longmontcolorado.gov or go to the City Clerks office, 350 Kimbark St.