

Prairie Village Newsletter

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PRAIRIE VILLAGE (PV) HOA ANNUAL MEETING

The Homeowners Annual Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, January 11, 2012, 7:00 pm at the Fire Station #3 on Pace St. A formal notice with the confirmed date, along with a proxy/ballot, will be sent out in December by PML. A proxy/ballot is available to use if you are unable to attend. You may designate a neighbor who will be attending or a Board member to vote for you. Or you may use the ballot portion to cast your vote and mail to PML.

Some of the items slated for the agenda are:

- An update on all current and future projects
- Detailed explanation of the Board approved 2012 Budget. There will be no increase in dues.
- Description and how you can participate on committees
- Election of a Board member
- A Neighborhood Group Leaders Assoc. Representative will discuss the benefits of membership

The annual meeting is the best opportunity for you to learn about the year's events and get caught up on everything happening in your community. Introduce yourself to the board, the manager, and your neighbors.

There will be an election for one Director for a three-year term for the Board of Directors. The incumbent, Bob Anderson, is running for re-election. If you choose to nominate someone, or to volunteer to run yourself, please send a short biographical sketch of the person running. The Board is seeking owners to participate in the operation of the property by volunteering to become a Board member so we encourage nominations. Write-in nominations will be accepted at the meeting.

WEBSITE

www.prairieowners.com

An idea has been circulating in PV to list businesses and services offered in our neighborhood. We are pleased to announce the PV website is now offering space for residents of PV to advertise services and products. Building awareness of businesses that exist in PV offers residents the opportunity to take advantage of services and products offered within our neighborhood.

If you own your own business offering products or services that neighbors may be interested in learning more about, please submit the following information to prairievillagehoa@comcast.net:

- Your Name
- Name of your business
- Contact information – phone number, email, website, etc
- What type of product or service you offer – we don't have space for lengthy explanation so please keep it short and simple

Besides the listings of our neighborhood businesses, we are also creating a separate space for services (handyman, painting, carpet cleaning, etc) outside the neighborhood that residents of PV have used and had success. Send this information to prairievillagehoa@comcast.net

SNOW REMOVAL

The guidelines for snow removal for this season have been set at 6 inch depth or more for alleyways and 2 inch depth or more for sidewalks. All alleyways and common sidewalks will be plowed by the HOA. Sidewalks and steps leading to your front porches and private driveways are the responsibility of the homeowner.

ROUGH AND READY TRAIL CLOSURE

The City of Longmont Public Works and Natural Resources Department has contracted with Brannan Construction Company to install two 36-inch culverts under the railroad tracks east of the intersection of 23rd Avenue and Meadow Street and two 18-inch culverts under the Rough & Ready Greenway Trail on the west side of the Prairie Village subdivision. The purpose of this project is to reduce flooding on Meadow Street and private property during storm events.

Construction is scheduled to start during the week of November 14 and should be substantially completed by the end of December. The trail will be closed north of 21st Avenue for about two weeks toward the end of the project. If you have questions or concerns, contact Jon Robb at 303 651-8367 or the City Call Center at 303-651-8416.

SOLICITATION IN PV

The subject of door-to-door solicitors has come up several times. PML has had discussions with the Longmont Police Department and the City Attorney's office. Per the City Attorney, No Solicitation signs posted on homes are enforceable, signs posted at entrances to the subdivision are not. Solicitors are required to obtain a City Permit to Solicit. If a solicitor comes to your door, ask to see their permit, point to your No Soliciting sign, tell them no thank you and close the door. Then you may call the police at 303-651-8501

PRAIRIE VILLAGE COMMITTEES

A great deal of progress has been made, actions have been set in motion by which we've seen immediate results. A lot of this is due to the volunteers who have stepped up and lent a great deal of support to making things happen in the neighborhood. If you have a little bit of time to become involved in neighborhood projects, please contact a Board member or email the association to join a committee of your interest. Volunteers are both needed and welcome on any of the committees.

Common Areas (Landscape) Committee: Monitor maintenance, plan improvements

Social Committee: Organize volunteers to plan, organize social events

Neighborhood Greeters: Greet new homeowners in the neighborhood

NGLA Committee: Attend an occasional meeting to help qualify PV for grant money

Architectural Control Committee: Review design/improvement changes submitted by residents

NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP LEADERS ASSOCIATION (NGLA)

The advantage of belonging to the NGLA is PV could receive approximately \$6,000 in grant money for improvements in the neighborhood. This money could be used to plant more trees and shrubs among any other improvements that might be needed. We could also be eligible to received Block Party grants to fund our summer picnic. To be eligible for these grants, the requirement is that we attend 7 out of 12 meetings per year. The goal is to get enough volunteers to sign up to be on the Prairie Village NGLA committee that a member would only need to attend 1 meeting a year, not all 7 to 12 meetings. Below is a description of NGLA. If you would be interested in joining others in the neighborhood to help earn this grant money, please send an email to prairiehomeownershoa@comcast.net or to our Property Manager, Carin Danos at carin@pmlinc.net.

The Neighborhood Group Leaders Association was established to build a communication link between the City and neighborhood groups to address needs and concerns of residents, as well as forming a partnership to improve the quality of life in Longmont as a community.

To participate in the program, neighborhood groups register with the City of Longmont. As a member of the association the group leaders will receive information from the Planning Division of the Community Development Department, the Planning and Zoning Commission agendas, and the City Council agendas. In addition neighborhood group leaders attend the monthly Neighborhood Group Leaders Association meeting to keep abreast of city, community, and school district issues, and usually invite a guest speaker to address the current issues.

To continue to participate in the Neighborhood Group Leaders Association and to continue receiving information from the City, each neighborhood group must renew their registration annually. The purpose of the renewal is to verify that each group is still active, and to confirm the name and address of each group's leader.

Registered neighborhood groups are required to meet at least once a year to elect a Group Leader. Information on a variety of City issues will be mailed to the designated Group Leader for distribution to neighborhood residents within the group's boundaries. Neighborhoods that meet the eligibility requirements in the Group Leaders Association can apply for Neighborhood Activity and Neighborhood Improvement Grants.