

# Prairie Village Newsletter

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## FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Prairie Village Board of Directors consists of homeowners who are interested in maintaining the quality of life in Prairie Village. They share your concerns and ask that all owners follow the Rules & Regulations of the Community. Please consider applying a re-emergent to prevent weeds throughout the summer. Properly fertilized grass requires less water and deters weeds. If you are using the back and side yards for storage, please consider taking the time to clean up and throw out the materials stored outside of your home. All exterior changes including but not limited to extending the driveway, roof replacement, stone or concrete work, landscaping, fences, decks or patios, and painting require pre-approval by the Architectural Control Committee. A copy of the Architectural Review Request Form for any of these exterior changes may be found on the Prairie Village website. The committee is happy to work with you to determine what changes may be approved. Maintaining your property is essential to the quality of life within the neighborhood. If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

The Board would like to thank Dave and Nancy Throup for cleaning up the field after the winds blew trash all over. Thanks for the effort to keep our community clean.

### Vandalism and Theft

A truck was reported stolen from Prairie Village that was parked in front of a resident's home. The same night that this truck was stolen, 2 others were stolen in Longmont. Since this is not a gated community, we are susceptible to vandalism and theft. It is always good to keep homes locked. Vehicles parked outside of garages are always going to be vulnerable to theft and vandalism. And we have a lot of vehicles parked in the street and in driveways.

Graffiti was found sprayed on a utility box. If you see any graffiti, contact the police department and they will have it removed, usually within 24 hours.

## SOCIAL EVENTS

In the past, there have been a few social events held for the neighborhood. These are: Summer picnic, Oktoberfest, Neighborhood garage sale, and Progressive Holiday Party. To make these events happen, volunteers are needed to organize them. If there is an event that particularly interests you and you would like to see happen, please volunteer to organize it. You might get a couple of your neighbors to help you. The HOA will help with resources to defray costs. For more information or to volunteer for an event, contact Ruth Lorenzetti at [a.ruth@comcast.net](mailto:a.ruth@comcast.net)

### THERE IS NO 'POOP BAG FAIRY'

With Spring upon us and warmer temperatures comes the melting and yes, the aroma of the winter's thawing of the dog 'leftovers.' It is the rite of spring, the scooping, and yet, we are confronted by the increasing observance of the lonely poop bag sitting, waiting on trails edge, edge of a homeowners lawn, on fence posts or hanging from trees, the poor bags waiting for the owners to claim them and dispose of them properly.

The question that comes to mind is: Why? Why bother to bag if not intending to dispose? What's the purpose then? Is there a hope of a mysterious fairy that comes in the darkness to collect these treasures? Not that I have witnessed.

It is appreciated that the dog leftovers are bagged so others don't step in it, but please take it a step further and dispose of it yourself. I think those of us who own dogs have enough from our dogs to clean up we don't enjoy cleaning up after other dogs and those who don't own dogs – there is a reason for that. The plastic wrapper from newspapers work well and also, someone has been leaving empty bags that can be used for poop bags by the Rough and Ready trail. Keeping our park areas, trails, and neighbors yards poop free is greatly appreciated by many.

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## **FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

PRAIRIE VILLAGE WEBSITE: [www.prairieowners.com](http://www.prairieowners.com)

The Prairie Village Website contains information about the community, minutes of board meetings, financials of the HOA, and more. Some parts of the website are secured for residents viewing only. To gain access you will need to register the first time you access these pages. Please make use of this website to keep up to date on your community.

### LANDSCAPING:

The Board recently had our Common Area trees trimmed. To make sure there is clearance for pedestrians, the branches on trees adjacent to sidewalks and streets were trimmed 7 feet above the ground. You've probably noticed it along Alpine and Olympia Streets. If you have trees or large shrubs on a street corner or along the sidewalk, please make sure they do not impede the visibility of motorist or of pedestrians.

Our arborists advised us that the yellow maples in the neighborhood, probably autumn blaze, are yellow because they have an iron deficiency. This condition will likely kill the trees if not treated. If you have a yellow maple tree or a green autumn blaze maple tree, it would be prudent to have the tree treated ASAP. Get the advice of a professional.

The Board would like you to report irrigation leaks and sprinkler damage to PML @ 303-772-5891 so they can be repaired. This will help us to control our water bill, our largest single budget item.

### ALLEYS:

Weeds in the alleys. Please take a look at the space between your fence and the alley pavement. This area can contain shrubs and ornamental plantings, however, it should be kept clear of weeds. A monthly weeding or weed control spray will get rid of them and keep them out.

Parking in the Alleys. The City has an ordinance against parking in alleys. A fine and ticket could be issued. Parking in the alley makes it difficult for residents to get in and

out of their garages and to get through to the street. Please refrain from having vehicles parked in the alleys.

#### MISCELLANEOUS:

The Board has had considerable feedback that many lease-to-own homes are not being maintained as well as owner occupied homes. The owners of these homes are responsible for maintenance no matter what agreement they may have in their leases.

Trash and Recycle cans should not be visible from the front of your home except on Thursday pick up day. If your pickup is in an alley, please remove the cans off the alley pavement ASAP after the truck comes through.

### **SOCIAL EVENTS AND COMMITTEE NEWS**

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#### **PV NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE**

Organized by Karen Buckner

SATURDAY, SEPT. 8

8 am to 1 pm

A neighborhood yard sale is being organized for Saturday, September 8 from 8 am to 2 pm. An ad will be placed in the Times Call and signs will be put out at the entrance. So, if you would like to clean out your basement, garage, and closets, this is a great opportunity. You will set your own sale up in your own yard or you may use one of the park areas. Feel free to add additional signs directing people to your sale.

#### **PV NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY**

Organized by Marcia Hayes & Michele Soule

SATURDAY, SEPT. 15

6:00 pm

In the Park @ Canadian Crossing & Olympia

## Across from the mailboxes

Bring your own drinks and a chair for yourself. Also bring an appetizer or dish to share. Plates and napkins will be furnished.

### **PV ARTS & CRAFTS SALE**

Organized by Carol Hahn

**SATURDAY, OCT. 13**

**9 AM TO 1 PM**

Attention PV Crafters! A neighborhood Arts and Crafts sale is being planned for sometime in October. If you are crafty and would like to sell your craft, email Carol Hahn at [carol.hahn2450@comcast.net](mailto:carol.hahn2450@comcast.net) or call Carol at 303-702-0704 to reserve a space and for more details. Do you make jewelry, greeting cards, wood crafts, photography or something else you would like to share. People are going to be looking for Christmas gifts. So start making those homemade items to sell. The sale will be held in Carol's garage and an ad will be placed in the Times Call. Signs will be put out at the highway. Space is limited so reserve your spot soon.

### **DOMINOES GROUP**

The Dominoes group is looking for new players. We meet on the third Sunday evening at 6:30 with play ending around 9:00. The cost is \$1 per person for the winning pot. We play Mexican Train and rotate homes for hosting. The group plays Sept through May. If you would like to join this fun group, call Margie Stamp at 303-776-8743.

### **NEIGHBORHOOD MEET AND GREET COMMITTEE**

The Neighborhood Greeters have been busy this year. So far they have welcomed 15 new residents to the neighborhood. Their greeting consists of a folder with information of the area, Welcome letter, list of the social groups in PV, map, minutes of the HOA meetings and the newsletter, and a color bag of cookies. We hope this action helps new residents feel a part of PV early on. The committee members are: Jane Bates, Nancy Throup, Vicki Oliver, and Bert Miller.

### **OTHER MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

#### **THE GREAT IDEAS GROUP OF LONGMONT**

Submitted By Sunya Plattner

The "Great Ideas Group: of Longmont would like to add new members to an ongoing group that has been meeting at the Longmont Library for several years. The group meets

two times per month from September through May from 7:00 pm till 8:45 p. in one of the conference rooms. We read writings about philosophical ideas from authors throughout history and then we have discussions about the idea and the writings. Some of the ideas we have discussed are: Cause, Right and Wrong, Infinity, Heaven and Hell, Sign and Symbol, Sin, to name just a few. If you are interested in lively, intellectually stimulating discussions about great topics, please come join our group. This fall session coming up will feature a new opening segment, i.e. a brief presentation relating the particular Great Idea under discussion to the context of 20<sup>th</sup> Century philosophical developments.

For more Information about the origin of this group and to see the upcoming schedule, there are 2 internet links to access. The first link is a short one – Google- Great Ideas+Longmont, CO-Reading and Discussion Group. The second link is longer; <http://home.comcast.net/~pamjhansen/site/?/home/> Once you reach the web page, click on the tool bar at the top on Schedules and you can access the 2012-2012 Schedule for the upcoming year.

# Prairie Village Newsletter

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December 14, 2012

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## **PRAIRIE VILLAGE HOMEOWNERS ANNUAL MEETING**

There was a large attendance at the annual Homeowners meeting held Tuesday, December 11. A complete copy of the minutes will be mailed to you and put on the website within the next 2 weeks. Briefly, this is some of what was discussed.

- A new board member was elected, Chet Cotten, to replace Jim Hahn, whose term had run out. We want to thank Jim for all his hard work and time he put in for the last 2 years in helping to reorganize the HOA after being turned over to the residents.
- Rock Solid answered questions on maintenance of the landscaping and snowplowing. Sidewalks which run along the street will be plowed when snow reaches 2 to 6 inches. It is the home owner's responsibility to shovel from the sidewalk to their porches. Alleys will be plowed at 4 inches. It is the home owner's responsibility to shovel from the alley to their garage. They have other contracts in the area, so we will be on a rotating schedule with them as to when we get plowed.
- The Board of Directors meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6 pm at the PML office. Residents may attend to observe. You must be on the agenda to speak.
- A slide show was presented and a briefing of all the new landscaping that has been completed. The landscaping has almost been brought back up to what it was 7 years ago when it was put in. Most of the dead trees and shrubs have been replaced and beds refurbished. Thank you to the Landscape Committee for all their hard work in getting this in place. This will help our property values.
- A suggestion was made that we need a playground and picnic area. A committee has been formed to further investigate the cost, liability, equipment, etc.
- We now have 204 units in Prairie Village. DR Horton is looking into possibly purchasing another 163 lots in the south side of the property.
- Jim Hahn and Drew Kramer volunteered to attend the Longmont City Neighborhood Group Leaders Association (NGLA) meetings for the coming year. By attending these meetings, PV is eligible for a sizable amount of grant money to be used for development projects within the neighborhood. Thanks to Don Miller and Jane Bates for representing PV at these meetings this past year.

## **BUNKO**

The Bunko group is looking for 1 regular player and substitutes. They play every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 pm and the ante is \$5. No experience necessary. We will teach you and we guarantee you will have fun. If you would like to become a regular player or a substitute, please give Ruth Lorenzetti a call at 303-702-0544.

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## **PRAIRIE VILLAGE (PV) HOA ANNUAL MEETING**

The annual meeting was held on January 11, 2012. Minutes from the meeting can be found on the website: <http://prairieowners.com> If you have never accessed the website, you will have to obtain a password to view some of the pages with privileged information. Instructions for accessing the restricted pages are on the website.

### **Highlights from the meeting:**

Bob Anderson ran unopposed and was re elected to the Board of Directors for a 3 year term. Congrats, Bob!

A short presentation about the committees within PV was given and as a result a number of residents have signed up to help with keeping PV a better place to live. If you would be interested in being an active part of the community, check out the website for a list of committees and social groups that are available. Thank you to those who have volunteered.

## **PARKED VEHICLES ON THE STREET:**

There have been a number of complaints about vehicles that seem to be permanently parked on the streets of PV. The City, as well as PV, has an ordinance that states vehicles are not to be parked on city streets for longer than 72 hours. If you have such vehicles that are not being driven, please put them in your garage or rent a storage unit to keep them in. See Architectural Control Documents provided at your closing and on the Website.

## **TRASH CANS:**

There have been complaints that trash cans are being left in the alleys. Please keep your trash cans behind your fence, out of visibility of your neighbors. See the Architectural Control Documents provided at your closing and on the Website.



## **SNOW REMOVAL**

After the blizzard in February 3 & 4, there seems to be some misunderstanding to how snow removal is handled. In order to control the cost of snow removal, the Board on behalf of the HOA has opted to be on a lower priority level for snow removal and that the trigger depths are 2 inches for sidewalks and 6 inches for alleys. Hopefully this will clear up any confusion.

### **Sidewalks and Alleys**

Common sidewalks (run parallel along the street) will be plowed by the HOA when the snow is 2 inches deep.

The sidewalks will not be plowed until after the snow stops, then following city ordinance, they will be cleared within 24 hours.

The sidewalks and steps leading to your porch are your responsibility to clear. If you are unable to do this, then you will need to contract someone to do this for you.

Alleys will be plowed by the HOA when the snow is 6 inches deep. Again, they will not be plowed until after the snow stops. They will be plowed within 24 hours after the snow stops.

### **Streets**

The streets are maintained by the City of Longmont. Their policy (stated in the Longmont Times, 2/4, 2012) is not to plow residential streets unless the snow reaches 15 or more inches and then they will only be plowed after all the main thoroughfares are done.

If the vehicle you have is not able to negotiate the depth of the snow and you have an emergency, then you may want to consider calling 911.

## **Neighborhood Group Leaders Association Committee**

By Michele Wooten

News from the NGLA meeting of January 19, 2012

### **Make Your Home or Business EnergySmart!**

EnergySmart is available to all homes and businesses in Boulder County communities, including Longmont. The program is designed to locate the right products to go in your home or building, find a good contractor to get the work done and pay for efficiency upgrades in your home and business - without the hassle!

The process begins with an EnergySmart Assessment that normally costs \$120.00. Longmont residents will receive the discounted price of \$50.00 until March 31. An EnergySmart advisor will visit the home or business, evaluate it and develop an action plan based on potential savings and available incentive programs.

EnergySmart provides:

- A personal EnergySmart advisor
- Free energy-saving items
- Customized energy-saving recommendations
- Expert help with contractor selection and bid evaluation
- knowledgeable assistance with rebates and financing

**Rebate amounts** can total **up to \$1,000.00** lifetime maximum. You must be signed up in advance for an EnergySmart assessment before you can qualify for rebates. Funds are distributed until expended on a **first-come first-served basis**. The best time to receive rebates is within the first three months of the year as the rebate funds available begin to dwindle as the year progresses. Visit [www.energysmartyes.com](http://www.energysmartyes.com) or call **303-544-1000** to learn more about the EnergySmart audit and the many energy home improvements that qualify for a rebate.

# Prairie Village Newsletter

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## **PEDESTRIAN INJURED WHILE WALKING ON HOMESTEAD**

A pedestrian was poked in the eye by tree branches that hang below the City's 7-foot height requirement while walking in the 100 block of Homestead Parkway. The City ordinance states that tree branches must be trimmed to a minimum height of 7 feet above sidewalks. I have also had reports of branches that are below the 7-foot requirement on other streets in Prairie Village. Please check your trees to be sure that they meet the 7-foot minimum height. Pedestrian injuries can result in a fine from the City or a lawsuit by the pedestrian.

## **UPDATE ON SPEEDING IN PV**

Since the article in the last newsletter, I have received a lot of feedback from residents. I would like to thank the ones who have said they are more aware of the speed they are driving in the neighborhood. I have had reports that there is still a lot of speeding on Olympia. Traffic on Winding has slowed down some, although there are still some speeders.

I have met with the City Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation Dept. The plan at this time is to put up more speed limit signs and the Radar Trailers will be placed throughout the neighborhood. It was stressed again that any resident can anonymously report a vehicle by calling the Police Dept. at 303-651-8555. A description of the vehicle and the license number would be helpful. Or, if you can't get a license number and you know the address where the vehicle is parked, this information would be a help. Again, this would be done anonymously.

If you would like to place a "Please Slow Down" sign in your yard as a reminder to drivers, they can be picked up free from the receptionist at the City building on the southwest corner of Kimbark and 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. Two per address are distributed.

## **PRAIRIE VILLAGE HOMEOWNERS ANNUAL MEETING**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2012 at 7:00 pm

Fire Station #3 on Pace St.

A formal meeting notice with a proxy and agenda will be mailed closer to the meeting date.

One 3-year position on the board will be voted on. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please submit your information along with a short bio to our Property Manager, Carin Gingery at PML. The time commitment involved is 1 Board meeting per month.

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## **PROGRESSIVE HOLIDAY PARTY**

The deadline to RSVP is drawing near. We hope you will plan to attend.

*Prairie Village*

*Progressive Holiday Party*

*Saturday, December 15, 2012*

*6:30 P. M.*

*Holiday Party Reservation*

*Join your friends and neighbors for holiday cheer and food. We will progress from home to home enjoying holiday Hors d'oeuvres and desserts, warm hospitality, great conversation and holiday cheer.*

*Bring a favorite holiday appetizer or dessert*

*RSVP no later than Friday, December 7 to Carol Hahn, 303-702-0704. You will be asked to indicate if you will be bringing an appetizer or dessert.*

*The hosting homes this year are:*

*Nick and Jan DiPaolo*

*Mike and Ruth Lorenzetti*

*2451 Winding Dr*

*208 Homestead Pkwy*

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## **SPEEDING HAS CLAIMED THE LIFE OF A BELOVED PET**

I have put articles in past newsletters asking residents to please slow down in the neighborhood for the safety of the children and neighbors pets. I have had a speed limit sign put up and the City had put speed monitor trailers up to make drivers aware of how fast they are going. A resident who was speeding and texting while driving took the life of a dog on Steppe. The dog saw someone walking down the sidewalk and escaped the owners' garage to greet the walkers. I continually receive complaints from residents on Winding, Whistler and Olympia of speeders. The streets are narrow and cars parked on the streets impairs visibility.

The City has advised us that anyone who sees a speeder can get the license plate number and anonymously turn it in to the Longmont Police Dept. It appears that we need to take the next step to slowing traffic down within Prairie Village. This may be adding dips or speed bumps throughout. The inconvenience is a small price to pay for saving a life.

My condolences go out to Dave and Nancy on the loss of their best friend and family member, Kramer. He will be missed by many in the neighborhood.

Please slow down and don't talk or text on your cell phone while driving.  
The speed limit in Prairie Village is 25 mph

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## **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. Sign up sheets will be available at the Annual meeting. You will be put in touch with the current committee members. Volunteers are both needed and welcome on any of the committees. If you have a vision of something you would like to see done in PV, present it to the Board.

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

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This is an adult only event

Yes, the Annual Progressive Holiday Party is back. Save the date. More information will be emailed shortly.

### **MODEL TRAIN CLUB**

A model train club is being organized in Prairie Village. If you are a train enthusiast, send Greg Pinkham an email at [pearlpinkham@live.com](mailto:pearlpinkham@live.com) or call him at 402-651-7075.

### **PV NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE**

A neighborhood garage sale was held on Saturday, Sept. 8. It was a huge success. We had the biggest turnout ever! Thanks to Karen Buckner for organizing it. Karen is planning to organize another one for around April or May next year so start getting your stuff ready.

## **PV NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY**

The annual neighborhood September fest was held Sept. 15. We had the largest turnout for this event. A big thank you to Marcia Hayes, Michele Soule, and Carol Erickson for putting this together. It was great seeing and catching up with neighbors we don't see every day and meeting new ones.

## **PV ARTS & CRAFTS & GIFT SALE**

Organized by Carol Hahn

SATURDAY, OCT. 13  
9 AM TO 1 PM

2450 Winding Dr

Home décor, purses, jewelry, gift cards, quilted items, handmade items and vendor products

Stop by to start your holiday shopping and decorating  
Support your local artists

## **LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE REPORT**

After several years of neglect, the Board and Landscape Committee have been working hard to bring our Common Areas up to the condition we all expect.

- All dead shrubs and trees are gone
- All the trees in the Common Areas were trimmed by a professional arborist. We can finally see cars coming at Olympia and Winding Dr at Alpine St. We learned that our trees are reasonably healthy. The arborist advised us that the drought was stressing some of our trees. We increased the irrigation for those trees. For the long term we are starting to install drip irrigation on our trees that cannot be adequately watered by the sprinklers. If the drought continues, our trees should be ok.
- We had an independent audit done of our irrigation system. Their recommendations included deep watering, weather based controllers, and raising our sprinkler heads to compensate for turf growth.
- We just installed a Weathermatic irrigation controller and weather station for the Homestead Median and Pepler Park to test the auditors' recommendations. We



- are programming it, along with our other controllers for deep watering. If it works we will replace other controllers.
- Our whole irrigation system has been inspected and leaking sprinklers and drip irrigation fixed. We of course will always have new leaks and other malfunctions. Please report the location of leaks or other malfunctions to PML.
  - We raised, adjusted and leveled the sprinklers in Peppler Park and will continue this program for the rest of our Common Areas.
  - The shrub bed in the Peppler Park at the corner of Homestead Parkway and Windmill Dr was recently rebuilt using rock mulch and adding new accent boulders and plants. The Landscape Committee did a lot of planning to make this happen. Take a look when you get a chance. It is the model for future bed improvements.
  - The mulch from that bed was reused on 3 other beds in the Park along Windmill Dr.
  - The plantings, at the Prairie Village sign at Alpine and Olympia, are being upgraded and the sign repainted. The sign at Alpine and Route 66 is being repainted. Thank you Sue Carlton for coordinating this project.
  - The City of Longmont is finally taking full responsibility for the Rough and Ready Greenway Landscaping. We have been advised that the improvements are imminent.

There are still more improvements to come. The Landscape Committee is working on the plans. We'll keep you posted.

Comments please! We'd be delighted to have new members on the Landscape Committee.