



THE SHANNON VALLEY VOICE

Fall 2009

A Message From The President

Shannon Valley is looking great. This Summer we have seen the third most rain in this area in recorded history. That along with the unseasonably mild temperatures has given us great looking yards and a bounty of flowers making homes interesting and attractive. This has helped with selling homes and bringing in many new residents to the area. Currently there are 10 homes listed for sale. Over the last month or two I have seen 4 homes sell within a block of my home. I can't keep up with meeting all of the new neighbors. This helps to validate that Shannon Valley is a desirable location and a great place to live.

We are continuing to make progress on projects such as the improvements to the Grant entrance. New sprinklers have recently been installed on the East side of College and Grant. This is in preparation for the work to be done on the plantings on that corner. Significant changes are in the works for this location. There are future plans to improve all of the other entrances as well. We hope to have a new sign placed at College and Grandview. The 115th entrance will have improvements done on the lighting and plantings. With the anticipated work on Antioch these improvements may not come until next year.

The Shannon Valley Park committee continues to develop plans for changes to the Tennis Court area. They have been working hard all summer gathering ideas and developing a proposal. We anticipate this being ready to present at the Annual Meeting in November.

Coming soon will be the Fall neighborhood events. The Garage Sale, September 10-12 and the Oktoberfest, October 17. Make sure to put these dates on your calendar. Also thanks to Brian Miles for coordinating the Garage Sale and Linda Nease for the Oktoberfest. If you can spend some time to assist please give them a call.

I have participated on the SVHA Board for a number of years and as President for the last two years. I will be stepping down as President after this year and will let someone else take charge. I have enjoyed working with the Board over the years. It is a fun experience and I would like to see more residents get involved in some way. Serve on the Board or as a committee member. By relying on volunteers we save a significant amount of money that can be spent on other efforts in the neighborhood. If we did not have residents do this we would need to hire a management firm and that can cost many thousands of dollars. Please consider volunteering for the 2010 Board. Send an email to any current Board member to get recognized as a volunteer.

Thank You
Paul Wildgen

SHANNON VALLEY GARAGE SALE SEPT. 10, 11 & 12

Tired of a cluttered basement?
Longing to park your car in the garage again?
Turn those unwanted items into CA\$H in the
annual Shannon Valley neighborhood garage sale.

Contact Brian Miles at 913-469-4018 or at
bmiles@shannonvalley.org to participate.

SHANNON VALLEY TENNIS COURTS PLANNING COMMITTEE

At the Shannon Valley Homes Association's annual meeting in November, it was agreed that a committee would be formed to investigate options for repair or replacement of the Shannon Valley tennis courts. The committee has met several times and is making progress narrowing down the possible alternatives and determining the associated costs.

The next committee meeting will be as follows:

When: 7:00 pm, Wednesday, September 16

Where: 11200 Eby, the home of Jeremy Dautenhahn

If you have input for consideration by the committee, please contact Brian Miles at
bmiles@shannonvalley.org.

OKTOBERFEST 2009

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Oktoberfest on October 17 from 3:30pm to 6:30pm at Shannon Valley Park! Once again, we'll join our neighbors from Indian Creek and Hunter's Pointe to have a fun afternoon. We'll provide hot dogs and beverages and lots of fun entertainment. All you have to do is come with your lawn chairs or blankets and bring either a side dish or dessert!

We will have a DJ with fun German music to dance to and inflatables for the kids. This is always a great time for everyone, so plan to join us when you can – what better way to spend a fall afternoon?

If your name begins with A-M, bring a side dish – if it begins with N-Z, please bring a dessert. If you can spare an hour to help with the games, call Linda Nease at 345-0308. We'll see you there!

Dear Shannon Valley Resident,

I am contacting you about reviewing a new “green” building service program for KC homeowners and small business owners. I am excited to introduce KC homeowners and small businesses to a new “green” building service program by the “KC House Whisperer”. This new “KC House Whisperer” service program offers Kansas City homeowners and small business owners unique and valuable “green” building services, free “green” workshops and free resource materials. My initial “green” consultation home meeting is free.

I am hoping organizations like yours will help educate homeowners to make their homes more “green”. I am willing to offer free “green” workshops to homeowners if they would be interested in learning more about how to make their homes more “green” and energy efficient. This new service program can assist KC consumers to make their homes more “green” and energy efficient to reduce homeowner energy costs; which ultimately will help lower overall KC energy consumption and help the environment.

My goal of this new “KC House Whisperer” service program is to provide Kansas City homeowners a central source of “green” consulting services, free “green” workshops and free resource materials that can address and resolve most any important home decision or issue, some of which include:

How can I make my home more energy efficient for the best investment?·

How can I make my home site more “green” for the best investment?

Where can I find valuable free resource materials that help protect my interests when remodeling or building “green”?

How can I make my home exterior more maintenance free for the best investment?

My new KC House Whisperer website describes my unique and valuable “green” real estate services and free resource materials. Also attached, please find my resume and a press release that overviews my new “KC House Whisperer” green building service program. If I can assist you and your organization in any way, or if you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Thank you,
Keith Worrel
The “KC House Whisperer”
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off(913)780-9663
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FAILED INSPECTIONS TO RESULT IN ADDITIONAL FEES

Overland Park, KS - Starting Aug. 1, the city is cracking down on residents who fail to meet property maintenance codes.

Property owners or occupants who fail an inspection after receiving a written notice to fix the problem(s) will be charged a \$140 fee. If the fee is not paid within 30 days, a \$70 late fee will be added.

Fees that continue to be unpaid beyond 30 days will be assessed to the property as a "Special Tax Assessment" and will become part of the property tax bill issued by the county.

"Every resident has a responsibility to keep our neighborhoods clean and attractive," said Skip Moon, Community Services section manager. "This new fee will help ensure this continues to be a priority."

Before this new fee was approved by the City Council, property owners were assessed a \$100 fee plus the cost of correcting the problem only when the city hired a contractor to fix it. Now, they also will be assessed the new fee after failing second, and subsequent, inspections.

"The fee will continue to be charged for each failed inspection until the property complies with city codes, ordinances and minimum standards," Moon said. "An owner only can appeal whether the property is in violation of the codes."

In 2008, enforcement staff conducted 3,300 inspections as a result of complaints or observations. Of those, 2,550, or a little more than two thirds, had a violation and were asked to fix the problem before a re-inspection. When re-inspected, 1,030, or a little less than half, failed the first re-inspection.

CITIZENS POLICY ACADEMY

The police department is again sponsoring a Citizens Police Academy. The Academy will start on September 29, 2009 and continue through November 17, 2009. The classes will be on Tuesday nights from 1800 to 2100 hours.

The classes will be held at the W. Jack Sanders Justice Center with a class limit of 20. The Academy is open to all interested persons. Informational flyers are being distributed to our police stations, OP City Hall, and on the City' Web site. Applications are available at City Hall or W. Jack Sanders Justice Center and due by September 4, 2009.

If you know someone who is interested in participating please direct them to Police Personnel 913-327-6907, Officer Richard Guieb 913-327-6728 or Kimberly Ashley 913-327-6733.

Thank you

Jim Weaver

Police Administration

TREASURER'S REPORT

2009 INCOME STATEMENT

	Jan Actual	Feb Actual	Mar Actual	Apr Actual	2009 YTD Total	2009 Forecast
Income						
Current Annual Dues	\$ 59,494	\$ 5,224	\$ 897	\$ 1,058	\$ 66,672	\$ 67,470
Garbage Fees	\$ 63,514	\$ 5,576	\$ 957	\$ 1,130	\$ 71,178	\$ 72,030
SubTotal	\$ 123,008	\$ 10,800	\$ 1,854	\$ 2,188	\$ 137,850	\$ 139,500
Past Dues/Late Fees/Interest	\$ -	\$ 400	\$ 288	\$ 388	\$ 1,077	\$ 2,000
Interest - Money Market	\$ 62	\$ 71	\$ 85	\$ 81	\$ 298	\$ 3,000
Other Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150
Total Income	\$ 123,070	\$ 11,271	\$ 2,227	\$ 2,657	\$ 139,224	\$ 144,650
Expense						
Contract Labor	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ 600	\$ 300	\$ 1,200	\$ 3,600
Garbage Contract	\$ 4,785	\$ 4,785	\$ 11,236	\$ 6,452	\$ 27,257	\$ 72,417
Landscape Contract	\$ -	\$ 375	\$ 678	\$ 764	\$ 1,817	\$ 25,000
Grounds Maintenance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000
Storage Locker Rental	\$ 69	\$ 79	\$ 69	\$ 82	\$ 299	\$ 828
Utilities	\$ 95	\$ 82	\$ 81	\$ 57	\$ 315	\$ 2,952
Meetings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 800
CERT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500
Social Fund	\$ -	\$ 25	\$ 187	\$ 36	\$ 248	\$ 2,200
Garage Sale Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25
Insurance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,845
Legal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150
Licenses/Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 175	\$ 175	\$ 500
Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100
Office Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50
Postage	\$ 146	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 146	\$ 1,200
Printing - Newsletter / Directory	\$ 433	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 433	\$ 2,200
Expenses before Capital Reserve	\$ 5,827	\$ 5,346	\$ 12,851	\$ 7,866	\$ 31,890	\$ 117,767
Capital Improvements Reserve						\$ 26,883
Total Expenses	\$ 5,827	\$ 5,346	\$ 12,851	\$ 7,866	\$ 31,890	\$ 144,650
Net Income	\$ 117,242	\$ 5,925	\$ (10,624)	\$ (5,208)	\$ 107,335	\$ -
Current Capital Reserve	\$ 63,062	\$ 63,062	\$ 63,062	\$ 63,062	#REF!	\$ 89,945

NEW RESIDENTS

Please notify the Shannon Valley Board of the proper listing of your names, addresses and phone numbers. Or go to <http://www.shannonvalley.org/> and register on the website.

SHANNON VALLEY HOMES ASSOCIATION

Resident Database Update

Please read carefully

Return Deadline: October 1, 2009

We are again updating and validating our information for Shannon Valley residents. This information is recorded in our SV Homes Association Resident Database and used for the Annual Directory, Dues management and other Association information. Please update the below information as necessary and return to:

Shannon Valley Homes Association

PO Box 25054,

Overland Park, KS 66225

Or, complete the form provided on the Shannon Valley Web site: www.shannonvalley.org

If you have any questions contact any member of the SVHA Board.

Thank You. SVHA Board

If any information has changed please cross through the existing information on the label and write in the changes below.

Current Information:

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE CLEARLY

Resident Name: _____

Owner Name if a rental: _____

(Rental Owner not to be listed in the directory.)

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

(Email used only for Shannon Valley communication. Only one per household, please).

If you do **not** wish to have your email included in the directory, check here. ____

If you do **not** wish your name to be listed in the directory, **you must sign and return this form.**

I/We do not want to be included in the association directory for 2010.

Name: _____

Address(required): _____

If anyone in your family would like to provide neighborhood services and would like to be listed in the Directory please provide the information below.

Neighborhood Services: (Please enter name and place an **X** next to the appropriate service.)

Resident Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____

First Name _____

Babysitting Pet sitting Mail / Newspaper Yardwork Other

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