



BUSH PRAIRIE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

March 2005

Directors' Column

Hello fellow neighbors. Your new board of directors has been working very hard to make our community a better place to live. A lot has gone on over the past several months, since you elected this board, at our annual meeting. Below you will find many of the topics, which we will be focusing on for 2005.

Our mission statement, which you will find below, guides all decision we make. This mission is accomplished by maintenance of the common areas and by the compliance and enforcement of the CC&R's, by-laws, and Architecture Control Committee (ACC) Standards. We also accomplish our mission by hosting community events such as the Easter Eggstravaganza and the annual summer picnic. If you feel we are straying from our mission, or have ideas on how we can better accomplish our mission, we would like to hear from you. We also have a huge agenda to accomplish this year, as you can see from the list of projects we are tackling.

The continuance of the CC&R's is our biggest concern. Without them, we have no maintenance of common areas, no streetlights, and no association. To avoid this, 75% of the neighborhood must approve a revised version of the CC&R's before they expire in 2008. Fred Schaffer is diligently working to update the CC&R's in anticipation of a renewal, later this year or early next year. See our website for contact information, if you would like to contribute to this process.

Another concern is the potential for traffic in our community as developments arise around us. The Deshutes Ridge will be adding a large number of homes to their community, which may increase congestion on 79th Ave. The current expansion of Bridlewood will also increase traffic on 79th Ave. A traffic signal at Henderson and Hwy 99 is already in the works, which may divert much of the traffic on 79th Ave down Arab to get to the signal. Talks

are also on going to connect Trails End Drive to 79th, which will definitely increase traffic to the proposed traffic signal. We want the county to hear our concerns before any of these projects are implemented. But like each of these concerns and the projects listed below, we need your help. Any time and effort you can provide will be a tremendous help our community.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve our community. We look forward to accomplishing our goals and making this community a safer and better place to live. Have a great Easter, and we hope to see you all at the Easter Eggstravaganza.

The Board

Board of Directors Mission Statement

Our mission, as the Bush Prairie Homeowners Association, is to enhance the value and desirability of all real property within the association and promote the health, safety and welfare of our residents, while fostering a friendly and neighborly community.

What your dues pay for

- ❖ Operation of street lights; monthly power bill of \$379 includes cost of street lights
- ❖ Landscape maintenance of all common areas, including The Bowl and The Meadows
- ❖ Maintenance of flower beds at entrances
- ❖ Awards for "Best Maintained Yard", and "Best Holiday Decorations"
- ❖ Cost of annual gatherings, i.e. picnic, Easter Event, Annual Homeowners meetings, etc
- ❖ Maintenance/Replacement of play equipment in The Bowl

2005 Projects

- ✓ 3-5 Sheltered bus stops for school age children
- ✓ Determine impact of surrounding developments on traffic congestion
- ✓ Revision of Covenant, Conditions, and Restrictions to avoid elimination of the Association
- ✓ Annual Picnic with a Mexican Fiesta theme
- ✓ Easter Eggstravaganza

Annual Easter Eggstravaganza

Join us Saturday, March 26th at 12 pm in the pasture for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. This year's eggstravaganza will include games and prizes for both kids and adults, along with a light lunch and of course, an Easter egg hunt for kids up to 10 years old. Rain or shine, come out and enjoy a Bush Prairie tradition.



Congratulations to Kirk and Teresa Deming of 1316 Bridle Drive. Their home was selected for best holiday decorations. They were awarded a \$100 gift certificate to the Home Depot.

If you have any ideas on how we can improve our community, we'd like to hear from you. Please attend our monthly board meetings and give us your thoughts. Time and place of the next meeting can be found on our website.

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Check out our web site for the latest information on what's going on in our community. Minutes from our board meetings, local links, and contact information can all be found here. Let us know what you think about it, and how we can improve it.

Have you ever taken a stroll through our lovely neighborhood and stepped in a "treat" left by our K-9 friends? Or have you ever taken the time and energy to manicure your lawn only to find a deposit left by man's best friend? This is not only frustrating for homeowners, but also inconsiderate on the part of the animal owners. We love to see dog being walked in our community, but do your part and pick up after your pet. Our grass and shoes will greatly appreciate it.



Speeding continues to be a concern in the neighborhood, especially down the Arab hill. The warm weather has brought kids outside, and they don't always look both ways before darting out into the street. Please slow down to 25MPH in the neighborhood

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