Time to look ahead

Now that PRIDE Day - 1992 is over, it is time to stop and reflect on what was accomplished last year and then look ahead to the new PRIDE year. If your PRIDE committee has not developed a mission statement or undertaken a community attitude survey within the last three years now would be a good time.

Start setting goals and planning your community projects early in the year. Ask yourself if the talents of your PRIDE committee members and community volunteers are fully utilized on the tasks and projects they are asked to work.

Remember, the whole idea behind a successful PRIDE Program is to get people working together for the good of the whole community.

New PRIDE Manual to be ready soon

An updated and expanded PRIDE manual, including 19 new Blue Ribbon evaluation forms, will soon be completed and distributed to all 1993 enrolled PRIDE communities. The new manual will be divided at the PRIDE area-wide workshops to be held during February, March, and April 1993.

Leadership Award. This award is intended for the PRIDE officers and committee chairpersons for providing outstanding leadership and superior performance in accomplishing PRIDE goals. An example of this award appears below.

Blue Ribbon certificates approved

The following communities were evaluated and approved for Blue Ribbon recognition at the October 23, 1992, State PRIDE Board Meeting:

Atwood               Culture & Arts
Minneapolis          Service Disposal
Oberlin              Beautification, Community Planning, Culture & Arts, Education, Energy, Library, and Police Protection
Wakefield            Community Planning

Important PRIDE Dates

December 1992
Return of Judging Critiques
December 17, 1992
State PRIDE Board of Directors Meeting, Topeka
February - April, 1993
Area-wide Workshops
April 15, 1993
PRIDE Entry forms due
April 18 - 24, 1993
National Volunteer Week
September 1, 1993
PRIDE Project book is due
September 20 - 24, 1993
PRIDE Judging Week
October 23, 1993
State PRIDE Recognition Day
In Salina

November - December 1992
PRIDE Special Emphasis awards continued

Water Conservation and Waste Reduction/Reycling have been approved by the Kansas PRIDE Board of Directors as the 1993 cash special emphasis awards. Both of these special emphases have been carried over from the previous year.

In addition an expanded outreach award has been added. Assistance is available from PRIDE staff on alternative ways communities might focus on these three development areas. The traditional media award has been carried over with no criteria changes.

Does your PRIDE program need funds? Try this.

Several PRIDE communities have recently raised money for their local improvement efforts by asking for a donation. Hundreds of dollars have been raised by simply sending a letter to each out-of-town high school alumni and asking if he/she would consider sending a donation to support local community improvement (PRIDE) efforts. In several towns, the response has been outstanding.

Hometown Pride Award winners announced

Midwest Living Magazine’s 1992 Hometown Pride Awards have been announced. Awards are presented to those communities that care enough to make the Heartland a better place to live.

Two Kansas PRIDE communities, Argonia and Coffeyville, received special recognition: Argonia for establishing a health-care district and Coffeyville for a town-wide space-upgrade. CONGRATULATIONS TO Argonia and Coffeyville!
1991 - 1992 PRIDE SPONSORED PROJECTS

SHARON SPRINGS
Great Sale
Appalachian Week
PRIDE Judging Day
Community Retirement
Pineapple Festival
Valentine's Day Weekend
Boothville
Picnic
Christmas Lighting Contest
Perfect Storm Career Day

WAKEENEY
Women's Group Gift Shop
Christmas Tree Shopping
Christmas Festival
Christmas Cheer Program
Christmas Through the Eyes of a Child
Christmas Cheer Contest
Christmas Cheer Awards
Christmas Cheer Banquet

STAFFORD
PRIDE Holiday Home Tour
PRIDE Scholarship
PRIDE Appreciation Day
PRIDE Appreciation Night
PRIDE Appreciation Lunch
PRIDE Appreciation Dinner
PRIDE Appreciation Banquet
PRIDE Appreciation Day
PRIDE Appreciation Dinner
PRIDE Appreciation Banquet
PRIDE Appreciation Day
PRIDE Appreciation Dinner

TROY
Street Art Project
Welcome to Troy Sign
PRIDE Appreciation Day
PRIDE Appreciation Banquet
PRIDE Appreciation Day
PRIDE Appreciation Dinner

VALLEY FALLS
Save the Water Train
PRIDE Holiday Train
PRIDE Holiday Train
PRIDE Holiday Train
PRIDE Holiday Train
PRIDE Holiday Train
PRIDE Holiday Train
PRIDE Holiday Train

WINCHESTER
Stocking Stuffers
Christmas Cheer Program
Christmas Cheer Contest
Christmas Cheer Awards
Christmas Cheer Banquet

PRIDE flags made available

A new order of PRIDE flags has been received and is ready for distribution. The 3 x 5' blue and yellow one with the words "Troy" in white flag displays the PRIDE logo and is made of heavy nylon. The flag sells for $35. Flying the flag would be an excellent way to promote PRIDE in your community. In addition to the flag, balloons ($15), lapel pins ($2.50), as well as leased PRIDE signs ($22) are available to enrolled communities. For more information contact PRIDE, Kansas Dept. of Commerce and Housing, 700 SW Harrison, Suite 1300, Topeka, KS 66603-3712.

1991-92 PRIDE sponsored projects listed

The insert in this newsletter is a compilation of all the PRIDE sponsored projects that were submitted by the communities completing the 1991 - 1992 PRIDE year. If you see projects your community would be interested in receiving, please review this list. To receive additional information on contact, the PRIDE staff and they will be able to give you the name, address, and telephone number of the local PRIDE chairperson in that community.