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STATE OF THE ARTS 2010

Prairie Village's annual State of the Arts gala event is quickly approaching and you definitely don't want to miss the festivities. Since its inception by the Prairie Village Arts Council in 2007, this event has proven to be better every year and this year promises to be no exception. Mark your calendar now and reserve the evening of October 8, 2010 as the Prairie Village Arts Council members extend a warm invitation for you to attend the awards reception.

The exhibition is a juried event featuring two-dimensional or three-dimensional artwork. This year's juror is Bruce Hartman. Mr. Hartman is the curator at the Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art at Johnson County Community College.

The City received over 118 artwork submittals from artists who are competing to be included in the State of the Arts show. It is anticipated the jurist will select approximately 40 pieces of original art, of varying mediums, for this year's show. From these pieces, three

prizes of \$1,000 will be awarded including the R.G. Endres Memorial Best of Show Award. Back for a second year is the Viewer's Choice Award (\$500) which will allow you to help select the piece of artwork that the community feels is their choice.

In addition to your opportunity to view exceptional original artwork, the opening reception offers the opportunity to meet the various artists and see which artists are selected for awards while enjoying live music, light hors d'oeuvres, sweets and wine.

The selected winners' works from this year's State of the Arts will be on display at the R.G. Endres Gallery in City Hall, 7700 Mission Road, throughout the month of October. The awards reception is a free event hosted by the Prairie Village Arts Council. **The awards reception will take place on October 8th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm with the awards being announced at 7:30 pm.** We look forward to seeing you on October 8, 2010.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE



As the end of summer draws near and school begins full swing, our calendars begin to fill up. Before you book up all your free time, I want to let you know about a few upcoming events you won't want to miss.

The inaugural **Prairie Village Jazz Festival** is September 11th starting at 3:00 pm in Harmon Park. This FREE event will feature Killer Strayhorn, Sons of Brazil, David Basse and Orchestra

2010, and the Kansas City Jazz Orchestra featuring Karrin Allyson. I invite you to join me as we listen to world-class jazz. Check out page 5 or www.prairievillagejazz.org for more information.

In addition to the great cultural offerings at Jazz Fest, the Arts Council will be holding the **4th Annual State of the Arts** exhibition. This juried event features two-dimensional and three-dimensional artwork. Join me for the awards reception on October 8th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm where the winners will be announced. For more information see page 1 or visit www.prairievillagearts.org.

The Environmental Committee will be hosting the **9th Annual Community Forum** on Kansas Environmental Issues on Thursday, October 7, 2010. This year's Forum features a panel of experts discussing critical concerns regarding water in Kansas. Check out page 4 for details about this event.

The 6th Annual Renovation Sensation Homes Tour will be held on September 15th from 10 am to 7 pm. All proceeds directly benefit SHARE recognized as the largest student-led community service organization in the country. Tickets are available at Cornith, Prairie Village, Leawood and Fairway Hen Houses, as well as The Bank of Prairie Village.

Finally, stay tuned to the website (www.pvkansas.com) for an announcement regarding the **Franklin Park Dedication**. Check out page 3 for details about the major improvements being implemented at Franklin Park.

I encourage you to make room in your busy schedule for these upcoming community events and hope to see you there.

Ron Shaffer, Mayor

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COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

THE PARK BENCH: FRANKLIN PARK CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

What a busy summer it has been! The enhancements in Franklin Park are starting to take form as many of the improvements are complete or close to being complete. The park shelter and restroom

facilities are coming along and the Nature Play area looks to be a key enhancement to the interior park area. Work is complete on the additional parking along Roe as well as the expanded parking area within the park. Drainage and irrigation improvements to the ball fields will improve the usefulness and durability of the park green space and sod/seeding will be starting soon.



L to R: Council Members David Morrison, Charles Clark, Al Herrera and Diana Ewy Sharp, Mayor Ron Shaffer, Former Mayor Bill Franklin and Council Member Laura Wassmer participate in the Franklin Park Groundbreaking on May 18, 2010

The park is still projected to be completed in October with a community-wide ribbon cutting ceremony following shortly thereafter. Watch for more information on the event as park completion draws nearer.

Once again, I want to thank you for your patience as we work hard to enhance your experience in our parks! Plans for 2011 include dramatic changes to Weltner (formerly State Line) Park...stay tuned!

Please remember you are welcome to attend the monthly Parks & Recreation committee meetings held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm in City Hall. Feel free to contact me with any thoughts, questions, or concerns. See you in the parks!

Diana Ewy Sharp
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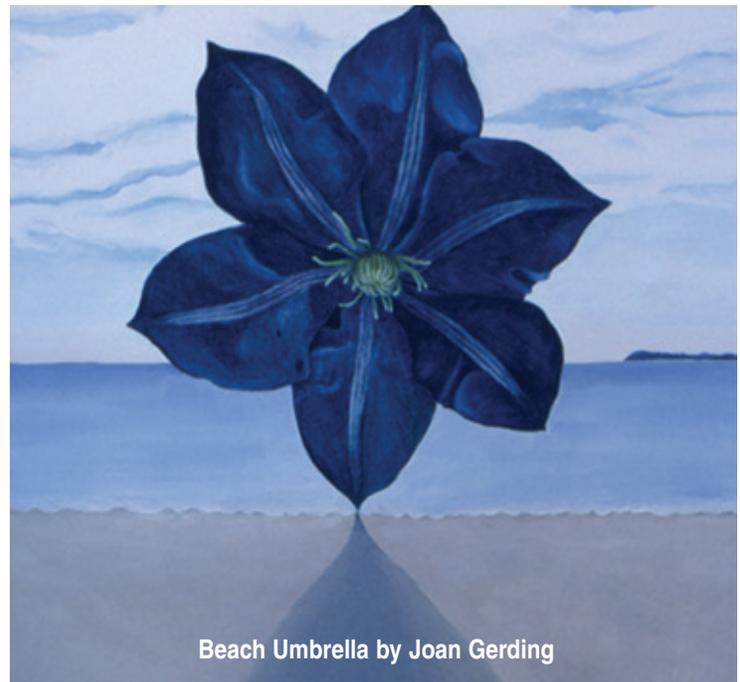
SEPTEMBER

Joan Gerding loves working with soft shapes and colors of flowers to express what she senses in the world around her and within her. A reception will be held on September 10th from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

OCTOBER

After last year's terrific success, the Prairie Village Arts Council is proud to sponsor this year's State of the Arts competition. Artists from the area submit works to be judged for entry in this exhibit, with the hope of winning one of three monetary prizes. A reception will be held on October 8th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

Mark your calendars now to view these exhibits and attend opening receptions honoring these talented artists. Gallery hours are Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.



Beach Umbrella by Joan Gerding

PV HAPPENINGS

9th Annual Community Forum

The 9th Annual Community Forum on Kansas Environmental Issues will be held Thursday, October 7, 2010 in Friendship Hall at The Village Presbyterian Church, 6641 Mission Road. The forum begins at 5:30 pm with the opportunity to visit exhibits by environmental organizations. A light supper of locally grown foods, catered by Blue Bird Bistro, will be served at 6:00 pm with the program following at 7:00 pm. The topic is “Quantity and Quality: Critical Water Issues in Kansas.”

Advance reservations are needed by October 1st. A donation of \$20 per person is requested to cover expenses. To make reservations send a check made payable to KNRC/Community Forum to: KNRC/Community Forum, 7301 Mission Rd, Ste 248, Prairie Village, KS 66208.

For more information visit www.pvkansas.com or contact Mary Helen Korbelik at 913-362-6463 or Kathy Riordan at kfriordan@kc.rr.com.

Mayor re-elected to NARC Board

At the recent national conference of the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC), Mayor Ron Shaffer was re-elected as the Region XI representative on the NARC Board of Directors, a position he was first elected to in June 2006. Mayor Shaffer is also a member of the Mid-America Regional Council’s (MARC) Board of Directors.

Gingerbread House Party

*“What a fabulous idea –
make it a Prairie Village annual event!”*

Comments like this from those who participated in the 2009 Gingerbread House Party encouraged the Prairie Village Municipal Foundation to schedule the “second annual” party on December 12, 2010. Hold the date!



Plan to bring family, friends and neighbors to make this sweet treat for the holiday season. Mely Ballard (Mely’s Yogurt and Ice Cream) will once again make the gingerbread houses for us. Gingerbread house, candy and take-home bag will be supplied. All you have to do is come, decorate the house, mingle with Santa and friends and have a blast! All ages are welcome – grandparents to toddlers! The event will be held at the Prairie Village Community Center with sessions at 1:00pm, 2:30pm and 4:00pm.

Proceeds from this event help Prairie Village families in need throughout the year. The \$400 raised last year helped defray the costs of pool memberships for three families this year. Please help us assist our neighbors in need again this holiday season!

Animal Enumeration



Be sure to license your animal(s) now. The City will be conducting an animal census from September 17 to October 30 to account for the number and ownerships of all dogs and cats in the City. The census will help keep your animals safe and protected. Prairie Village wants to make sure your pet can be returned safely to its home if lost and that all animals in the City have current rabies vaccinations. We ask for your cooperation in providing this information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
September 6th	Observance of Labor Day		Offices Closed
September 7th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers
September 11th	JazzFest	3:00 pm	Harmon Park
September 20th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers
October 4th – 8th	Peanut Butter Week		City Hall
October 4th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers
October 6th	Fall Tree Seminar	7:00 pm	Council Chambers
October 7th	Community Forum	5:30 pm	Village Church
October 8th	State of the Arts Gala	6:00 pm	R.G. Endres Gallery
October 18th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers

PV HAPPENINGS

26th Annual Peanut Butter Drive

The City of Prairie Village is again teaming up with Harvesters Community Food Network to sponsor the Peanut Butter Week food drive from October 4 – 8, 2010.

Approximately 66,000 different people receive assistance through Harvesters' network in any given week. Harvesters can provide 5 meals to the hungry with a \$1 donation. In 2009, Harvesters distributed 1,612,579 pounds of food in Johnson County.

There are several ways you can donate to Harvesters during Peanut Butter Week:

- Bring jars of peanut butter to City Hall or your local Prairie Village school
- Contribute online at www.harvesters.org



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First Annual Prairie Village Jazz Festival



Are you ready for some jazz? The first annual FREE Prairie Village Jazz Festival is just around the corner and we invite you to attend and bring your friends and family. On September 11, 2010, Harmon Park will be transformed into a happening destination featuring several different genres of jazz. Scheduled performers include local favorites Killer Strayhorn, Sons of Brasil and David Basse. Past Prairie Village resident and Grammy nominated, Eldar Djangirov Trio will entertain you with his fascinating piano skills. The evening will be concluded with The Kansas City Jazz Orchestra with a special appearance by Kansas native, Karrin Allyson. Beer, food and beverages will be available for purchase. Don't forget to bring a lawn chair or blanket. No coolers allowed.

Want to learn more about the First Annual Prairie Village Jazz Festival? We have several ways for you to stay in touch with us:

1. Sign up for our newsletter on our website at <http://www.prairievillagejazz.org>
2. Become our fan or 'like' us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/PVJazzFest>
3. Follow us on Twitter at <http://www.twitter.com/pvksjazzfest>

We are thankful for all our sponsors who are helping to make the jazz festival possible and we ask that the next time you see them, tell them thank you for their support of the festival:



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| • US Bank | • Toon Shop | • Mary Elizabeth Stratton | • QC Holdings | • Village Flower | |
| • KCH&G Magazine | • Denise Garcia / State Farm Insurance | • Johnny's Tavern | • Cretcher-Heartland | • JAM Magazine | |
| • The Blue Moose Bar and Grill | | • Lathrop & Gage | | | |
| • Folly Theater | | • Crawford Sales | | | |
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We look forward to seeing you on September 11th at Harmon Park for a day of great jazz music.

PUBLIC SAFETY

THE BENEFITS OF INEXPENSIVE SAFETY AND SECURITY LIGHTING

Driving through Prairie Village as an officer, it is easy to notice houses that are very dark in the evening or during the night and it is obvious that no one is home. The majority of crimes in Prairie Village are crimes against property and most criminals are looking for a residence where no one is home. Many of these crimes could have been prevented by some very simple devices and techniques.

There are numerous options for lighting your home available at local hardware and do-it-yourself stores. A few simple light timers on lamps in different rooms can be set to turn on and off at specific times. One timer could be set for one hour and another timer set for a different hour, giving the illusion that someone is home moving around the rooms when the house is vacant. These timers are inexpensive and easy to install and operate.



Another option is an outdoor light control device. These devices come in a variety of choices to suit your needs. One of these products can be installed in your existing outdoor or indoor light fixtures and will turn the light bulb on at dusk. Most of the products screw into the light fixture and then the bulb screws into the control device. This also can give the appearance that someone is home, or at the very least have the lights on for you when you arrive home. Most of these products start at low prices under \$5.00 per unit.



Very inexpensive motion detection lights can be installed in areas that need security lighting, but do not need to be on all night long. Motion activated security lights offer many benefits at very little cost (starting at \$12.97).



Some models even come with a light intensity option, so they can be set to accent areas with lower light or provide higher light intensity for security. There are new solar options for motion detection lights that can be installed on a home with no wiring needed. Solar options provide security at lower costs (starting at \$49.97) with little to no energy and maintenance costs.

Lighting is very important to the security of your home and your family. Adequate lighting is not that expensive or complicated and can be very quick and easy to install at low costs. For more information, visit the Crime Prevention homepage at www.pvkansas.com/police/crime/tips_home.shtml.

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Crosswalk Safety

With the start of school fast approaching, now is a good time to stress the importance of crosswalk safety within our community. Crosswalks are commonly found near business areas and schools.



Crosswalks are also strategically located throughout other areas of Prairie Village, often at busy intersections, and are intended to improve pedestrian safety if used properly.

For drivers:

- The driver of a vehicle is required to yield to pedestrians entering or crossing the roadway within a crosswalk.
- Drivers are prohibited from stopping their vehicle on a crosswalk, which would interfere with a pedestrian's use of the crosswalk.
- Drivers are required to comply with the directions of uniformed school crossing guards, which are assigned to locations near local elementary schools.

For pedestrians:

- Pedestrians should utilize a crosswalk for crossing roadways whenever possible.
- Pedestrians are required to obey the traffic control signals that indicate when to "Walk" or "Don't Walk".
- Pedestrians are prohibited from suddenly leaving a curb and walking or running into the path of a vehicle which is so close as to constitute an immediate hazard.
- Crosswalks are for pedestrians; if riding a bicycle, dismount and walk the bicycle across the street while remaining within the crosswalk to retain the rights afforded to pedestrians.

When crossing a street, your child should always:

- Cross at the corner or at an intersection.
- Stop at the edge of parked cars, the curb, or other vehicles.
- Look LEFT-RIGHT-LEFT for moving cars.
- Cross when clear, and keep looking left and right.
- Walk, don't run or dart, into the street.
- Look for signs that a car is about to move (rear lights, exhaust smoke, sound of motor, wheels turning).
- Walk alertly; use your eyes and your ears to increase your safety.

Adults are encouraged to remember that our children follow the examples set by parents. With this in mind, please set a safe example for the children of Prairie Village by utilizing crosswalks (and the assistance of school crossing guards, if available) when walking throughout our neighborhoods.

COMMUNITY CORNER

50+ Programming at the Community Center

Come join **CROSS TRAINING** and get a total body workout! You'll feel the burn in this advanced class by cross training in interval, strength and endurance exercises. Improve cardiovascular fitness, tone up and feel great! A new 6- 50 minute Monday session begins September 13th at the Prairie Village Community Center at 7:15 am.

Get **FIT AND FEISTY** with an energizing morning workout with this mix of low impact aerobics and strength training. Exercises stretch and tone your body while providing an effective cardiovascular workout. A new 8- 50 minute Tuesday session begins September 2nd or a 7- 50 minute Thursday session

The
50
Plus
Program
Enjoy Life!

begins on September 30th. Join us for class at the Prairie Village Community Center at 7:30am.

Relax and stretch with **PILATES LITE** to focus on core muscles and body alignments. Pilates Lite will use flowing movements, proper breathing techniques, flexibility, precision, centering and control. A new 6- 50 minute Tuesday session begins September 7th at the Prairie Village Community Center at 8:30am.

These programs are brought to you by the Johnson County Park & Recreation District 50 Plus Program. Sign up for any program at least a week ahead of time at the Roeland Park office by calling (913) 826-3160.

Mothers of Preschoolers

Are you a mom of a child aged 5 or under or do you Home School? Want to find a community of moms to share in the journey of motherhood? Nall Avenue Baptist Church MOPS group is now registering for the Fall semester. Mothers of Preschoolers is led by mothers themselves and designed for mothers.

Starting on September 2nd we will meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 9:30-11:30 am. For more information or to look at our schedule, visit our web site at www.nallave.org/mothers-of-preschoolers-mops. Or contact us at children@nallave.org. You can also call the church at (913)432-4141. Don't attend Nall Avenue Baptist church? Not a problem. MOPS is for all moms.

Do you have a child who would like to play basketball or be a cheerleader?

If so, sign up to play Upward Basketball/Cheerleading at Nall Avenue Baptist Church.

Upward Basketball and Cheerleading provides every child with a positive sports experience and is open to children from 5 years old through sixth grade.

Register online at www.nallave.org or come by Nall Avenue Baptist church (67th and Nall) and pick-up a registration form. Registration closes November 11th.

Resident Spotlight

8TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARDS

Community Spirit Awards are given to citizens and businesses in Prairie Village who have demonstrated a commitment to improve the quality of life in our community.

Two Prairie Village Community Spirit Awards were given out this year:

1. **Marilyn Uppman** received an award in the Lifetime Community Spirit category.

She was recognized for her many years of volunteer service as a City Council member, Chairperson of the Park Board, Sister City Committee and Arts Council. One of her nominators said, "she is the kind of person who gives freely and faithfully of her time and talents."

2. **Johnny's Tavern** received an award in the Business category. This category recognizes businesses in Prairie Village who are making a difference in our community by giving back. Johnny's regularly gives to schools and organizations and they partner with the Police Department to raise awareness for Special Olympics. One of the letters of support said, "Imagine the difference we could make if every business adopted a similar spirit of servitude and giving."

Thank you to those who took time to nominate and to this year's Judging Panel (Jeff Anthony, Ian Bartalos and Ann Lilak).



L to R: Mayor Ron Shaffer, Marilyn Uppman and Diana Ewy Sharp (photo courtesy of pvpost.com)

VILLAGE GREEN

Corinth Square Ripple Glass Bin is 2nd most popular!

Stacia Stelk of Ripple Glass in Kansas City has reported that the Ripple Glass recycling bin located at Corinth Square has collected 204 tons of glass since the bins were placed around the metro beginning in November 2009. This makes the Corinth Square bin the 2nd most popular bin in the metro area! Way to go Prairie Village residents! The bin at 119th and Hardy in Overland Park has collected slightly more, 213 tons. Our bin at the Prairie Village shops has collected 46 tons of glass since it was placed there in March. In June the Corinth Square location collected more glass than any other bin in the metro with 39.2 tons.

Almost all of the glass collected by Ripple Glass is recycled locally in Kansas City and then another Kansas City business, Owens Corning, uses the crushed glass to make fiberglass insulation. Ripple Glass is planning to expand their business to be able to sort the glass by color at their plant and then they will be able to sell the glass to manufacturers of glass containers. So far, the amount of glass being placed in the bins has been increasing just about every month.

There are some types of glass that should not be put into the containers. Ripple Glass cannot accept plate glass (windows), mirrors, Pyrex, Corning Ware, ceramics, or dishes. They can accept all glass food and beverage containers, of any color (including mason

jars). Also, you should not put the glass into the container while still inside any other container, such as paper or plastic bags. You do not have to remove the labels or wash the jars, but please

do remove any lids. You do not have to sort the glass by color either.

Occasionally you may go to Corinth Square or the Prairie Village Shops to drop off your glass and the bin is not there. Don't worry, they have only removed it for a day or two to empty it since you have all been doing such a good job of filling it!

The City of Prairie Village congratulates each of you for recycling your glass food containers and caring for our environment. We hope that more residents will join in and maybe, if you are up to the challenge, we can move into the First Place position!

We would also, along with Ripple Glass like to thank Lane 4 and the Prairie Village Environmental Committee for keeping the areas around our bins clean, pushing back the glass to make more room in the bins and calling Ripple Glass when the bins are full.

