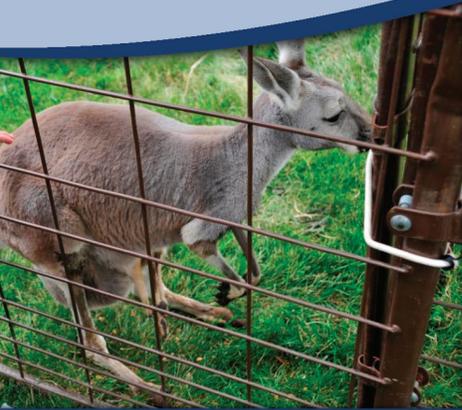


# VOICE

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## VillageFest

Come celebrate Independence Day with us at our 18th Annual VillageFest Celebration on Friday, July 4th. Admission is free and all activities are held on the Municipal Campus at 7700 Mission Rd.

You won't want to miss our new attractions this year. The Mechanical Bull and the Nuclear Meltdown will be in the parking lot near the Skate Park. After you have your face painted, you'll want to make sure to stop by and have your day commemorated in a Vintage VW Bus in front of City Hall. If you like baking, you'll want to enter our 2nd Annual Pie Baking Contest for the chance to win a prize and bragging rights for the best pie. Register at [www.pvkansas.com/piebakingcontest](http://www.pvkansas.com/piebakingcontest).

The festivities begin with a pancake breakfast hosted by Chris Cakes from 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Harmon Park Pavilion. The Patriotic Service will be held at 8:45 a.m. this year where Stephanie Ramos from KMBC 9 News will sing the National Anthem. Other activities throughout

the day run from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and include: a Children's Parade; live music; Child Craft Center; inflatables; petting zoo and pony rides; craft fair; Living History Exhibit; and much, much more.

The Headstrong for Jake Bike Rodeo will be returning again this year from 10:00 a.m. to noon. The bike rodeo is designed to teach bicycle riding skills, as well as, educate both children and their parents regarding the importance of always wearing a properly fitted bike helmet. New bicycle helmets will be provided for the first 350 participants by the Jake Clough Headstrong Foundation, 501(c)3. All participants need to bring their own bicycle to the bike rodeo.

Everyone is invited to VillageFest 2014! Bring your family, friends, and neighbors! The schedule of events and map are on pages 5 and 6 of the newsletter. Save the enclosed flyer and bring it on the 4th!

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# MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Greetings,

It's Summertime in Prairie Village! Temperatures are rising, children are out of school, and families throughout Prairie Village are spending more time outdoors working and playing in their yards. The Pool Complex is open, the City's parks are busy, and the Skate Park once again serves as a gathering place for our City's youth.

This summer, I challenge Prairie Village residents to make the most of the season. Enjoy the time outdoors with family and friends. Enjoy the pride that comes from working on your house, yard or garden. And, more importantly, use this time to connect with your neighbors.

Strong neighborhoods are a defining feature of Prairie Village, as are the City's many homes associations. They contribute to our sense of community and can even help improve safety when neighbors look out for each other.

Sponsoring a block party is a great way to get to know your neighbors. A block party will let you close off the street, providing more room for you and your neighbors to enjoy each other's company, as well as a large, safe area for children to play. In order to close the street, you will need to obtain a block party permit and the City will provide the barricades. The permit is free and you can often get members of the Police and Fire Departments to stop by and join in your neighborhood celebration. Block party permit forms are available from the City Clerk's Office and online at [www.pvkansas.com](http://www.pvkansas.com).

And, don't forget to attend VillageFest on July 4th! Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Sincerely,

Ron Shaffer, Mayor

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# COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

## 5th Annual Prairie Village Jazz Festival

Mark your calendars for the 5th Annual Prairie Village Jazz Festival on Saturday, September 6 at Harmon Park from 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Contact Joyce Hagen Mundy at 913-385-4614 or [jhmundy@pvkansas.com](mailto:jhmundy@pvkansas.com) if you are interested in volunteering or becoming a sponsor. Visit [www.prairievillagejazz.org](http://www.prairievillagejazz.org) for more information.



## Park and Recreation Committee Looking for New Members

The Parks and Recreation Committee is looking for new committee members who are passionate about providing outstanding parks and recreation programming to the Prairie Village community. Currently there are vacancies in Wards 4, 5 and 6 and two student representative positions. Interested individuals can fill out a volunteer application online at <http://www.pvkansas.com/volunteerapplication>.

If you would like to know more about the Parks and Recreation Committee, contact the City Clerk's office at 913-381-6464.

## Arts COUNCIL Prairie Village



### JULY

The Senior Arts Council founded in 1977 is an organization of Artists over 50 years of age. The exhibit includes oil, acrylic, and watercolor artists and photographers. The group puts on a number of exhibits each year throughout the area. Please come and enjoy this multi-talented group of artists. A reception will be held on July 11 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### AUGUST

Randy Kronblad is the past chair of the Prairie Village Arts Council and a signature member of the Mid-America Pastel Society. An architect by profession, Randy began painting seven years ago (self-taught) and his works have been selected in juried shows across the country. A reception will be held on August 8 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Akshay Dinakar will be providing a violin performance during the reception – "Missouri River Suite".

Mark your calendar now to view these upcoming exhibits at the R.G. Endres Gallery and attend opening receptions honoring these talented artists. Gallery hours are Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. Gallery is located in City Hall at 7700 Mission Rd.

# PV HAPPENINGS

## Pool Memberships Go Half Price July 16th

Pool Season is in full swing at the Prairie Village Pool. Regular hours are 11:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. The daily fee is \$7. Reduced hours begin on August 11 with the pool opening at 4:30 p.m. on weekdays and closing for the season on September 1. Get your pool membership for ½ price starting July 16 (exclude 10 Swim Cards and the Super Pass).

### Other Pool Events:

- July 4 – Free Swim for all Prairie Village residents
- July 11 – Moonlight Swim – pool remains open until 10:00 p.m.
- July 18 – Moonlight Swim – pool remains open until 10:00 p.m.
- August 1 – Moonlight Swim – pool remains open until 10:00 p.m.
- September 1 – Pool Closes for the season at 6:00 p.m.



## 2015 Budget Hearing August 5th

A public hearing will be held on Monday, August 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers to hear comments and suggestions about the City’s 2015 budget. A copy of the proposed budget will be available online and at the City Clerk’s office by August 4, 2014. Please refer to the City’s website at [www.pvkansas.com](http://www.pvkansas.com) for other key budget dates.



## Popular Annual Financial Report

The City of Prairie Village is pleased to announce its second Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR). Each year, the City of Prairie Village produces a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), which outlines the City’s financial position and operating activities and includes audited financial statements; however, due to its length and scope, the CAFR is not very user-friendly.

Prairie Village staff felt it was important to make the City’s financial information more accessible, so the Finance Department developed this document. The PAFR includes a summary of City services, Statement of Net Position, revenues, expenditures, debt and an economic outlook. To view the City’s Popular Annual Financial Report follow the link: <http://www.pvkansas.com/index.aspx?page=208>

## Team Ball Field Reservations Due

Applications for soccer and baseball fields for the fall season will be accepted until July 15. If you do not receive an application in the mail by July 8, contact the City Clerk’s office at 913-381-6464 or visit [www.pvkansas.com](http://www.pvkansas.com) for more information.

## Sign-up for the Citizens’ Police Academy

The Prairie Village Citizens’ Policy Academy is a community – involved program designed to provide citizens with firsthand knowledge of the day-to-day operations of a modern police department. The goal of the academy is to improve the relationship between the community and its police officers by “personalizing” the Department. The Academy achieves this goal through lectures, visual aids and hands-on field work to give the attendees the ultimate insight into the functions of the Prairie Village Police Department.

The next Citizens’ Police Academy will meet from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings for 11 weeks starting September 10, 2014. If you are interested in attending the Citizens’ Police Academy, download the application from [www.pvkansas.com](http://www.pvkansas.com) and return it to the Prairie Village Police Department. Contact Sgt. Myron Ward at 913-385-4623 for further information.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
July 4th	VillageFest	7:30 am	Municipal Campus
July 4th	Independence Day Observed		Offices Closed
July 7th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers
July 21st	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers
August 4th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers
August 18th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers



# VillageFest

## 2014 CELEBRATION SCHEDULE

Friday, July 4th • 7:30 am–1:00 pm • Prairie Village Municipal Campus • 7700 Mission Road

### All Day Events.....9:00–1:00

- Information Booth.....*Next to Main Stage*
- Skate Board Facility.....*Near City Hall Parking Lot*
- R.G. Endres Art Gallery.....*Inside City Hall*
- Civil War Display.....*Inside City Hall*

### Food for Purchase

- Chris Cakes *Harmon Park Pavilion* ..... 7:30–11:00  
*Hosted by Old Mission Masonic Lodge #153*
- Popcorn Man *City Hall Parking Lot* ..... 9:00–1:00
- Rex Nolen *City Hall Parking Lot*..... 9:00–1:00
- Hy-Vee *Community Center Lawn* ..... 9:00–1:00

### Displays

- City Committee & Sponsor Displays.....9:00–1:00  
*Community Center Lawn*
- Police Department/Med-Act Display.....9:00–1:00  
*City Hall Parking Lot*
- Fire Department Display.....9:00–1:00  
*City Hall Parking Lot*

### Entertainment

- Main Stage – Directly Across From City Hall**
- Funky Mama.....9:00–9:30
- Jim “Mr. Stinky Feet” Cosgrove  
and the Hiccups! .....10:00–11:00
- Flashback.....11:30–1:00

*South of Community Center*

Clement McCrae Puppets ...9:00, 10:00, 11:00, 12:00

*At the Harmon Park Pavilion*

Patriotic Service .....8:45–9:30

- Welcome by Mayor / Pledge of Allegiance
- Star Spangled Banner sung by Stephanie Ramos from KMBC 9 News
- Community Spirit Awards

### Attractions

- Trackless Train *City Hall Parking Lot* .....9:00–1:00
- Nuclear Meltdown *City Hall Parking Lot* .....9:00–1:00
- Mechanical Bull *City Hall Parking Lot*.....9:00–1:00
- The Photo Bus *Front of City Hall*.....9:00–1:00
- Sister Act Face Painting *East of Main Stage*...9:00–1:00
- Human Hamster Balls *East of Main Stage* ....9:00–1:00
- Child Craft Center *Community Center*.....9:00–1:00
- YMCA Kids Tumbling Area *Comm. Center Lawn*..9:00–1:00
- Inflatables *Community Center Lawn* .....9:00–1:00
- Petting Zoo *Community Center Lawn* .....9:00–1:00
- Pony Rides *South of Community Center*.....9:00–1:00

### Special Events

- Pie Baking Contest *Pavilion*.....8:30 submission;  
**Registration required** 10:30 results  
*www.pvkansas.com/piebakingcontest*
- Craft Booths *City Hall Parking Lot* .....9:00–1:00
- Child ID Program (CHIPS) *Council Chambers*..9:00–1:00
- Bike Rodeo *City Hall Parking Lot*.....10:00–Noon
- Free Swim *Prairie Village Pool Complex*.....11:00–6:00
- Children’s Parade *In Front of City Hall*.....11:15  
*Decorate your bikes, trikes and wagons and meet east of City Hall by 11:00. All are welcome to participate. No registration needed.*

### Special Guests

- Civil War Living History Exhibit.....7:30–1:00  
*Harmon Park*
- Ararat Shrine Clowns .....9:00–1:00
- Home Depot Kits .....9:00–1:00  
*Community Center Lawn*

### Free Parking:

- Shawnee Mission East High School  
*7500 Mission Road*
- Mission Road Bible Church  
*7820 Mission Road*
- Mission Road Community of Christ Church  
*7842 Mission Road*

### Restrooms:

- City Hall Police Department Community Center
- Harmon Park Pavilion Prairie Village Pool Complex

### Lost and Found:

Information Booth located next to Main Stage

### For More Information:

Call City Hall at **913-381-6464** or find us on Facebook: Prairie Village VillageFest or visit...

[www.prairievillagefest.com](http://www.prairievillagefest.com)

**Don't Forget to Bring Blankets or Lawn Chairs!**

Thanks to Mission Road Bible Church and Mission Road Community of Christ Church for providing parking and to the Prairie Village Lions Club for providing flags.

**VillageFest 2014 thanks these sponsors:**



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# VillageFest

MISSION ROAD

Parking

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**Prairie Village Pool Complex**

Free Swim 11:00–6:00

**RESTROOMS**

**City Hall**  
**RESTROOMS**

Plaza

Children's Parade  
Staging Area and  
Starting Point

**Main Stage  
Directly Across  
From City Hall**

**Info Booth  
& Volunteer  
Check-In**

**Bike  
Rodeo**

**Police Station**  
**RESTROOMS**

*Children's Parade*

**City Hall  
Parking Lot  
Area**

**Food  
Vendor**

**Community Center  
Lawn**

**Food  
Vendor**

Police Department/  
Med-Act Display

**Community Center**  
**RESTROOMS**

**Water  
Station**

**Harmon Park Pavilion**

Chris Cakes Pancake Breakfast  
Patriotic Service  
Pie Baking Contest

**RESTROOMS**

**Skate  
Board  
Facility**

Craft Booths

**Hy-Vee  
Food Station**

Vendor  
Entrance  
Only

CFD#2 Fire Department  
Display

**Pony Rides  
and  
Puppet Show**

MISSION ROAD

# PUBLIC SAFETY

## Vacation Security

Summer is here and that means vacation time! Before you hit the road or catch that flight, consider the following crime prevention tips.

- Arrange for a friend or neighbor to pick up your mail, packages and newspaper on a daily basis or make arrangements to stop delivery while gone. Make arrangements to have your lawn mowed and watered.
- Use timers for lights and radios in order to make your house look "lived in."
- The Prairie Village Police Department provides house watch services. You may notify the Police Department at 913-642-5151 and request a house watch while you are out of town.
- Plan your trip and give the itinerary with emergency phone numbers to a trusted friend or neighbor.
- Make a record of all of your credit card and travelers check numbers and keep in a safe place. In the event your credit cards or checks are lost or stolen, you will have the necessary information to provide your credit card companies in order to cancel the cards and get new ones reissued.
- Always park in well lighted areas. Be aware of your surroundings and lock car doors and roll up your windows.
- Keep your valuables out of sight, preferably locked in the trunk.
- Never carry large amounts of cash. Separate the larger bills from the smaller ones in order to avoid flashing all your bills in full public view. If staying at a hotel, leave what cash you don't need in the hotel safe.
- Wait until you get back home before posting vacation photos on social media. Doing so before hand will let others know you are out of town and your house is unoccupied.

# PUBLIC WORKS

## Street Work Successful on 67th Street

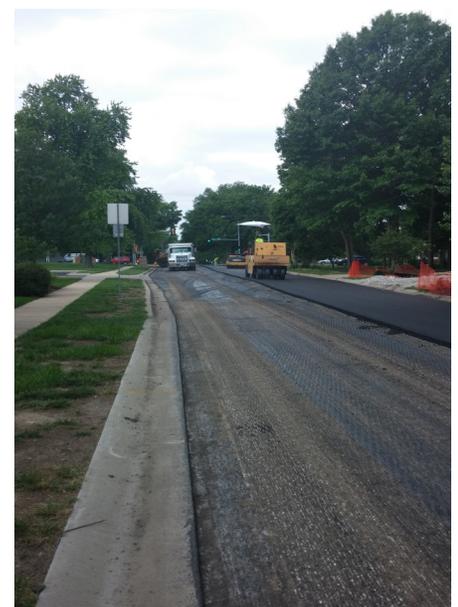
67th Street from Roe Avenue to Nall Avenue was milled and overlaid on June 2nd and 3rd. This process includes the removal of the top two inches of the asphalt pavement with a milling machine and new asphalt is overlaid onto the remaining base. Many drivers notice that the street is rejuvenated and looks new again after a mill and overlay.

However, the street has actually undergone some major rehabilitation. The end result is a new driving surface that has the advantages of improving the drainage by re-establishing the crown in the street and an improved surface for a smoother drive with increased traction.

67th Street was closed to through traffic in order to facilitate a quick construction process. Local residents had access throughout the day while crews worked diligently to complete the project.

- Day one: Crews milled the entire project, removing the top two inches of asphalt pavement.
- Day two: Crews overlaid the base with new asphalt pavement and made full depth repairs as needed.

The process followed on 67th Street is similar to most pavement rehabilitation projects done around the City every year. Please contact Public Works if you have any questions or comments about the street rehabilitation process at [publicworks@pvkansas.com](mailto:publicworks@pvkansas.com) or 913-385-4647.



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## VILLAGE GREEN

### Recycling... plus Fairs, Gardens & Forums

Even though the name "Prairie Village Environment/Recycling Committee" (PVERC for short) may seem a bit staid, take a closer look and you will encounter a group of people who are passionate about improving the quality of life in Prairie Village. These are Prairie Village residents, like you, who are involved in things with a recycling symbol (♻️), a solar panel ordinance, curbside food waste composting, park grounds free of chemicals or a single-use plastic bag ban. PVERC also organizes public events that are informative, educational and fun!

At VillageFest on July 4, the younger kids will love our fishing game: Using traditional bamboo fishing poles, children "fish" for items from a brimming wading pool. They then identify whether their "catch" can be reused, recycled, or has to go to the landfill. They win prizes for guessing correctly. We also hope to have a pedal-powered energy-efficiency demonstration. And while your kids are fishing, take a minute to talk with one of our volunteer members about ways we can all help make PV an even better place to live.

On the west side of the municipal campus, just north of the tennis courts at Harmon Park, you'll find one of two Community Gardens, now in its third season! You'll see a half dozen different tomato support systems and an innovative framework for peas and a bounty of vegetables and flowers! A portion of produce from garden plots is shared with families and children in need right here in our community. And be sure to say hello--our gardeners love to talk about what they do.

On Thursday, October 2, we will host the annual Community Forum on Kansas Environmental Issues at Village Presbyterian Church. Josh and Kimberly Svaty will be speaking and Zach Pistora will provide a legislative update. The program begins at 7 PM and you can opt for a delicious seasonal supper at 5:30 PM. Save the date!

*The PVERC meets at City Hall on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7 PM. Meetings are open and you are invited to attend! There's more information in the City Committees section of [pvkansas.com](http://pvkansas.com). Volunteer applications are also available on the website.*



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