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**SATURDAY**

**SEPTEMBER 8th, 2018**

**3:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.**

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# MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Prairie Village Residents,

I am pleased to announce that the governing body adopted the 2019 budget at the August 6 City Council meeting. The approved budget maintains the current mill levy rate while providing the same high quality services for which Prairie Village has come to be known. The

adopted budget allows for the addition of a full time employee in our building codes department, as demands on the department continue to increase.

As you have all heard by now, the City Council has been working to develop tighter building and residential remodeling guidelines to help protect our Village character while balancing the changing demographics and needs of the Prairie Village community. Following multiple open house meetings this summer, 625 completed surveys, and discussion by the governing body, the proposed Phase 2 guidelines will be presented at a public hearing in September and will hopefully go into effect January 1. Please see page 11 for more details.

As the City continues to focus on preserving and maintaining our island statuary, we have an opportunity for residents to volunteer with this effort. Later this summer, Paul Benson, a Prairie Village resident and a former Conservator of Objects at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, will teach a course to residents who would like to assist in cleaning our statuary. Please see page 10 of the newsletter for more information.

I hope everyone had a fantastic summer enjoying all that our wonderful community has to offer. Thanks to countless volunteers, VillageFest was a huge success! I encourage you to make plans to attend our upcoming fall events – Jazz Festival on September 8th and State of the Arts on October 12th! See you there!

Sincerely,

Laura Wassmer, Mayor

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# PV HAPPENINGS

## Popular Annual Financial Report

The City of Prairie Village is pleased to announce the Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) for the 2017 Fiscal Year. In an effort to make financial information more accessible, the Finance Department developed the PAFR, which includes a summary of City services, Statement of Net Position, revenues, expenditures, debt, and an economic outlook. To view the 2017 Popular Annual Financial Report, refer to the City's website at [www.pvkansas.com/pafr](http://www.pvkansas.com/pafr).

## 34th Annual Prairie Village Peanut Butter Week Campaign

*In Conjunction with Harvesters – The Community Food Network*  
**Monday, October 1 – Friday, October 5**

Mayor Laura Wassmer will declare the week of October 1– 5, 2018 Prairie Village Peanut Butter Week.

Collection barrels will be placed at many area schools, places of worship, retirement communities, as well as Prairie Village municipal buildings at 7700 Mission Road, 7710 Mission Road, and 3535 Somerset Drive.

Please join in the efforts to lessen the hunger of those in need from the greater Kansas City area (including Johnson and Wyandotte Counties) by donating jars of peanut butter or making a monetary donation payable to Harvesters. Harvesters will distribute the peanut butter to social and charitable agencies serving over 66,000 households.

## 12th Annual State of the Arts

Please join us for the 2018 State of the Arts awards gala from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, October 12, 2018 at the R.G Endres Gallery, 7700 Mission Road. Awards will be presented at 7:30 p.m. The selected works will be on display in the Gallery the entire month of October.

State of the Arts is one of the Prairie Village Arts Council's annual juried shows featuring two-dimensional and three dimensional art from some of the region's best artists.

The competition awards \$3,500 annually. The "People's Choice" award will return this year, with voting to take place in the gallery from 8:00 a.m. on Monday, October 1 through 7:15 p.m. on Friday, October 12. The winner will be announced shortly after close of voting.

In addition to the art and awards, the gala offers the opportunity to meet the artists while enjoying music, hors d' oeuvres, sweets, and drinks.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
September 3	Labor Day Observed		Offices Closed
September 4	Council Meeting	6:00 pm	Council Chambers
September 8	Jazz Festival	3:00 pm - 10:30 pm	Harmon Park
September 11	Planning Commission	6:30 pm	Council Chambers
September 17	Council Meeting	6:00 pm	Council Chambers
October 1	Council Meeting	6:00 pm	Council Chambers
October 1-5	Peanut Butter Week		
October 12	State of the Arts	6:00 pm	City Hall
October 15	Council Meeting	6:00 pm	Council Chambers



### September

Scott Rando (bronze statues), David Alston (mixed media), and Anthony High (collagraph painting)

A reception will be held on September 14, 2018  
 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

### October—State of the Arts

The Prairie Village Arts Council is proud to sponsor the 12th Annual 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 nine monetary prizes.

A reception will be held on October 12, 2018  
 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Gallery is located in City Hall at 7700 Mission Rd.

# PV HAPPENINGS

## End of the Year Charitable Giving

The Prairie Village Foundation hosts three events at the end of the year.

The 33rd annual Prairie Village Mayor's Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held the evening of Thursday, November 29. This extremely important event raises money to help Prairie Village residents in need throughout the year. Also that day, join Corinth and Village Shopping Centers as they hold their holiday open houses.

The 10th annual Gingerbread House Decorating Party event will be held Sunday, December 2. Proceeds from the parties will finance summer recreation scholarships for qualified Prairie Village families.

The 8th annual Shop with a Cop event for area children will be in mid-December. The Prairie Village Police Department teams up with The Prairie Village Foundation and area businesses to host deserving children for an afternoon of shopping, talking, laughing, bonding, eating, and celebrating.

If you or your business would like to donate items or make a monetary gift to any of these special programs, please contact Meghan Buum at City Hall - 913-385-4662. Please remember each of these events directly assists our Prairie Village friends and neighbors in need.

## Prairie Village Puppy-Pool-Ooza

Area dogs have a chance to get the last splash before the Prairie Village pool is drained for the season. From 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 4, dog owners are invited to bring their pooches for an end of the season swim.

Puppy-Pool-Ooza costs \$5 per dog. Dog owners must provide proof of current vaccinations; vaccination records can be obtained from your veterinarian. All dogs must remain leashed unless inside the water. The baby pool will be open to dogs under 25 pounds and the leisure pool will be open to larger dogs. Humans will not be allowed to enter the pool during this event.



## Pool Closes for the Season Sept. 3

The Prairie Village Pool will close for the season on Labor Day, Monday, September 3, at 6:00 p.m. Thanks for a great summer!



## Engines and Erasers

What did area school children have in common with firefighters in late July? School supplies! And lots of them! The second annual "Back to School with a Firefighter" Program was a huge success. The Prairie Village Foundation teamed up with Consolidated Fire District #2 NE Johnson County for this program. The Prairie Village Foundation worked with area elementary school principals to sponsor seven deserving children who needed an extra boost this coming school year. Children met at Fire Station #21 in Mission. Each child was paired up with two firefighters and went to Target in Mission to shop for school supplies directly from the district's requirement list. The children were able to purchase necessary supplies like backpacks, lunch boxes, notebooks, paper, pencils, and pens. The children also picked out clothing items and shoes for the first day of school.

The Prairie Village Foundation would like to give special thanks to CFD2, Dr. Daniel Bock, DDS-Bock Family Dentistry, Finesse Soccer Training Academy, Mely's Yogurt and Ice Cream, Topper's Pizza, and Mission Target for their generous support.



PRAIRIE  
VILLAGE  
**JAZZ**  
FESTIVAL  
2018

**SATURDAY  
SEPTEMBER 8**

**3 to 10:30 PM  
HARMON PARK**

ADMISSION \$5  
18 & UNDER FREE  
GATES OPEN AT 2 PM

*starring*  
**LOGAN  
RICHARDSON**



*World Class Jazz  
in the Heart of Prairie Village*

The Prairie Village Jazz Festival offers our community the opportunity to enjoy world-class jazz entertainment in beautiful Harmon Park, within walking distance for hundreds of Prairie Village residents and their families.

For the past eight years, the Prairie Village Jazz Festival has showcased top jazz acts, all with hometown Kansas City connections, in a fun, safe, family-friendly and convenient setting in the heart of Prairie Village.

Our elected leaders and city government, many local businesses and hundreds of committed volunteers generously contribute their time, resources and financial support to make the Prairie Village Jazz Festival possible each year.

The Prairie Village Jazz Festival takes great pride in celebrating this unique American art form with our neighbors and friends in the heart of our community. We are dedicated to ensuring that the Jazz Fest will continue to provide exceptional value as a thrilling cultural experience for fans of jazz and musical performance throughout Prairie Village and beyond. We thank you for your support now and in the future.

We look forward to seeing you September 8th and hope you enjoy the show.

# THANK YOU

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## FOOD VENDORS



## FESTIVAL INFORMATION

### ADMISSION

Adult admission \$5, 18 & Under Free. Cash or charge accepted.

### OTHER INFORMATION

Beer, wine, sangria, soda, and water available. Cash sales only.  
Festival and artist merchandise available. Cash or charge accepted.  
No coolers or outside food allowed.  
No pets, but service animals welcome.

### FREE PARKING

SME lot off Mission and 75th  
PV Pool lot off Delmar  
Mission Bible Church  
Community of Christ Church



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[pvkansas.com/jazzfest](http://pvkansas.com/jazzfest)



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**3:00** SME BLUE KNIGHTS

*under the direction of Alex Toepfer*



**4:00** VICTOR & PENNY



**5:20** THE KESSLER/EMBREY  
CONSPIRACY



**6:30** THE ENORMOUS GUITAR  
PROJECT



**7:40** MOLLY HAMMER



**9:00** LOGAN  
RICHARDSON

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Shawnee Mission East High School

Prairie Village Pool

Prairie Village City Hall

Prairie Village Police Department



YMCA

Apartment Complex

Community of Christ





# PUBLIC SAFETY

## Auto Burglary Awareness

Corporal Josh Bernal, Patrol Division Supervisor

Prairie Village is undoubtedly a safe place to live, work and shop. This city consistently ranks among the safest in the state, and our violent crime rate is significantly lower than the national average. That being said, just like everywhere else, property crimes are still prevalent. Prairie Village, as well as surrounding cities, has recently experienced an increase in auto burglaries, particularly during the overnight hours.

From January 1 to July 31 of this year, we recorded 65 auto burglary reports. That does not include roughly the same number (or more) reported by victims who wanted to make the Police Department aware of the activity, but did not desire a report due to little or no loss. In the same time frame, we had 11 vehicles stolen, most of which resulted from a burglar finding the keys inside.

The increase in auto burglaries is part of a national trend. Thieves can quickly enter a vehicle, often sight unseen. Items such as tools, wallets/purses, and electronics are popular targets, but virtually anything –loose change, sunglasses, and even phone chargers; are apt to be stolen. Increasingly, thieves are using personal and financial information stolen from vehicles to commit identity theft. Keys and garage door openers taken from vehicles can lead to residential burglaries.

The good news is auto burglary is a “Crime of Opportunity” and, therefore, largely preventable. Put simply, if you eliminate the opportunity, you will more than likely eliminate the crime. You can greatly decrease your chance of becoming a victim by practicing a few simple crime prevention measures:

- Lock your car and close the windows. This sounds obvious, but the majority of vehicles being targeted are left unlocked/unsecured. Only 12 of the 65 mentioned above were reported to be locked.
- Never leave your keys in your car when it is unattended, even when it is parked inside your enclosed garage. Avoid hidden magnetic key boxes- if you can find it, so can a thief.
- Make it a habit to check that your garage door is closed every night.
- Do not leave valuables, financial instruments, or forms of personal identification inside your car, especially in plain view. If you must, lock them in the trunk.
- If you park your car outside at night, try to park underneath a street light or in a well lit garage entry.
- Record serial numbers and familiarize yourself with the features of your devices; some have the ability to be tracked if stolen.

By following these tips, you can help us protect your property, and save yourself the stress of replacing your belongings or dealing with financial losses. Remember, if you see something suspicious, please do not hesitate to call 911.



## PUBLIC WORKS

### Tree Board Fall Seminar

Japanese Beetles:

These pests are everywhere at once.

They seem to have the ability to wipe out a young tree in one day.

They feed off of your roses, lindens, but not maples, Oh My!

What are they and how do they so efficiently take over?

Will your tree survive?

Come to the Tree Board Fall Seminar on Wednesday, October 3 at 6 p.m. in the Community Center to learn more about this common pest and other topics.



### Dig KC Day in Prairie Village

In May, 500 Scouts in the Heart of America planted flowers all around the Kansas City metro area for “Dig KC Day.” For the 9th year, Troop 98 from St. Ann and Troop 91 from Village Presbyterian descended on a Prairie Village Park. This year, the Scouts spread multiple trucks worth of mulch around trees and planter beds in Harmon Park.

For additional information, contact:

Terrence Gallagher

Scoutmaster Troop 98

Council Member Ward 6

913-488-2868



### Statuary: Update, Preserve, Restore

**Update.** Prairie Village maintains an extensive list of the City’s statuary, but the look of pieces can change over time. We are asking residents to send in pictures of their neighborhood pieces to keep our records up to date.

**Preserve.** You can learn how to clean the statues! The City’s statuary maintenance contractor, Paul Benson, will be hosting a 2-hour course this fall to teach interested residents how to clean and preserve the public art pieces. Let us know if you would like to volunteer for this important effort. Participation does not obligate you to long-term maintenance.

**Restore.** In addition to cleaning, the City is requesting your help in identifying any broken statuary in need of repair. Please send us locations and photographs of pieces or their bases in need of attention.

All inquiries can be directed to Alley Porter at [aporter@pvkansas.com](mailto:aporter@pvkansas.com).



# PV HAPPENINGS

## Help Keep Our Village Beautiful

Did you know that the City of Prairie Village found 1,238 code violations in 2017? That means that one out of every nine homes in the City had a code violation on their property. The City employs two full-time code enforcement officers who monitor the City and work with residents to resolve property maintenance issues. While we work hard to be proactive in addressing code violations, we believe it's a team effort and that we all need to play a role in keeping our village beautiful. Here are the most common violations we find throughout the City:

- Trash containers are not screened and are visible from the street
- Tall grass and weeds and overgrown vegetation
- Storing items outside in plain view of surrounding properties
- Exterior maintenance of properties (i.e. chipping paint and crumbling driveways)
- Inoperable and unlicensed vehicles
- Storage of RVs, boats, and trailers
- Trash and refuse on the property

Ensuring Prairie Village continues to be a beautiful community is one of our top priorities. You can help by maintaining your own property and reporting code violations to us on our website at [www.pvkansas.com](http://www.pvkansas.com) or calling 913-381-6464. When a violation does occur, the City is required to follow a process to address the issue, which sometimes results in the violation being sent to municipal court. When this happens, it can take quite some time to get the issue resolved, but rest assured that we are working hard to ensure properties are adequately maintained and issues are corrected as quickly as possible.



## Neighborhood Design Standards Public Hearing Set for Sept. 11

With an increase in the number of new single-family residential homes being built over the past couple years, the City is in the process of considering updates to our zoning regulations, particularly as it relates to the design of single-family residential properties. A committee of local design professionals and city staff have been working together for several months to draft new regulations that would govern the design of homes. This effort began at the direction of the City Council, with the goal of protecting neighborhood character while balancing the changing demographics and needs of the Prairie Village community.

During the month of July, we held three public forums and posted a survey on our website to gather feedback from our residents on the proposed guidelines. We received 625 responses to the survey and an average of 83% of respondents said they were in support of the changes as proposed. The next step in the process is holding a formal public hearing at the Planning Commission meeting on September 11. The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 7700 Mission Road.

The City values the opinions of our residents, and your input is certainly encouraged to help shape the future of our City. If you have questions about the proposed guidelines or would like to be added to the email list regarding updates on this process, please contact Jamie Robichaud, Assistant City Administrator, at 913-385-4601 or [jrobichaud@pvkansas.com](mailto:jrobichaud@pvkansas.com).



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## **2018-2019 Teen Council**

Many people dedicate time to their communities through public service. Participation in local government helps students understand the challenges and rewards of public service. Students might also discover a way in which they could contribute to our community. For these reasons, the City of Prairie Village created the Prairie Village Teen Council five years ago. This is an exciting learning opportunity for our high school students.

This program provides Prairie Village youth an opportunity to learn and actively engage in municipal government, positively impact our community, and gain leadership experience.

Opportunities include:

- Participating in Council Committee meetings with City Council members
- Serving the community
- Attending community committee meetings with a City Council member
- Learning about the Prairie Village Police Department and riding along on patrol
- Touring Public Works areas
- Engaging with community leaders

We are looking for six of the best and brightest youth in Prairie Village. We invite those interested to read and complete the requirements and application found at [pvkansas.com/teencouncil](http://pvkansas.com/teencouncil). The application and supplementary materials are due Friday, September 14 at 5 p.m.

We look forward to providing this incredible opportunity to our students. Please feel free to email Council Member Terrence Gallagher at [tgallagherward6@gmail.com](mailto:tgallagherward6@gmail.com) should you have any questions.

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Lisa Santa Maria, Finance Director

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

7710 Mission Rd  
Tim Schwartzkopf, Chief of Police

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

3535 Somerset Dr  
Keith Bredehoeft, Public Works Director

### **EVERYONE MAY PARTICIPATE**

If any individual requires an accommodation to participate in public meetings, contact the City Clerk's office at 913-381-6464 (TDD 1-800-766-2777) at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting time, if possible, to make arrangements.

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