

# THE PRAIRIE VILLAGE

November/December 2018

# VOICE

The Star of Kansas



## HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

Celebrate the start of the holiday season with friends, family and neighbors at the 33rd Annual Prairie Village Mayor's Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony! The tree lighting is sponsored by the Prairie Village Foundation, the City of Prairie Village, and Corinth Square Shops.

This year's ceremony is Thursday, November 29 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Corinth Square. Kick off the start of the season with Santa, Dancerz Unlimited, the St. Ann 7th Grade Choir, and special guests. Hot chocolate and treats will be provided. Corinth Square and the Village Shopping Center will hold their Holiday Open Houses throughout the day and evening.

The Mayor's Holiday Tree is lit each year to serve as a reminder of our Prairie Village community members in need. Money raised for the Mayor's Holiday Tree Fund helps deserving and qualified Prairie Village residents with utility assistance, home maintenance needs, food assistance, and other vital needs of the community. The City works with local charities to pinpoint specific necessities. This may mean paying an electric, gas, or water bill when a resident simply cannot, or assisting with a plumbing problem or adding a wheelchair accessible ramp to a home.

Donations for this worthwhile cause can be made to the Prairie Village Foundation, Attn: Mayor's Holiday Tree, 7700 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS 66208 or online at [www.prairievillagefoundation.com](http://www.prairievillagefoundation.com). Or, bring your donation to the Mayor's Holiday Tree Lighting. Your donation to the Mayor's Tree Fund will help our neighbors spread the spirit every day of the year.

THE PRAIRIE VILLAGE  
**Foundation**  
Helping Our Neighbors. Enhancing Our Community.

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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Greetings Prairie Village residents,

After significant discussion and input from residents, I am pleased to announce the passage of new guidelines for rebuilding and remodeling homes. The new design standards include requirements for street trees, greenspace, minimum window and door openings, restrictions on large wall planes and garage sizes, among other changes. Please see the next page for more details. Thank you to all the residents who participated in the work sessions, public meetings, and surveys – your engagement was critical for the success of this initiative.

Like many of you, we are anxiously awaiting the grand opening of Meadowbrook Park. Johnson County Parks and Recreation has informed us that they hope to have many amenities open by mid-November, with the Meadowbrook Park Activity Center opening the first of the year. I am certain that many Prairie Village children will be ready to sled down Meadowbrook Hill upon the first snow of the year!

On the opposite side of the city, work at North Park continues. The existing church building was demolished earlier this year, and the steering committee is working closely with the Parks and Recreation committee in planning amenities to be enjoyed by all ages. We will share more information as the planning process continues.

Finally, as we approach Thanksgiving, I would be remiss not to thank our residents, volunteers, City Council, and City staff. It is the hard work and passion of many that make Prairie Village such a wonderful place to call home, and I'm continually impressed by the generous spirit of our community. One example of that generosity can be seen each year when residents come together at the Mayor's Holiday Tree Lighting to raise funds for our neighbors in need. I hope many of you can attend.

Wishing you and your loved ones blessings this holiday season!

Sincerely,

Laura Wassmer, Mayor

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## Upcoming events

DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
Nov. 5	Council Meeting	6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
Nov. 19	Council Meeting	6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
Nov. 22-23	Thanksgiving	All Day	City Offices Closed
Nov. 29	Holiday Tree Lighting	6:00 p.m.	Corinth Square
Dec. 3	Council Meeting	6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
Dec. 17	Council Meeting	6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
Dec. 25	Christmas Day	All Day	City Offices Closed
Jan. 1	New Year's Day	All Day	City Offices Closed

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# NEW NEIGHBORHOOD DESIGN STANDARDS GO INTO EFFECT FEBRUARY 1, 2019

The City has been working on design standards for the past several months in order to address the increasing number of teardowns and rebuilds of homes and the resulting impact on our residential neighborhoods.

The City Council approved the design standards on October 1, 2018 and the new requirements will go into effect on February 1, 2019.

The new design standards include requirements for street trees, greenspace in the front yard, minimum window and door openings, breaking up large wall planes with architectural details, garage size restrictions, and impervious coverage limits.



## Who will be impacted by these new regulations?

These regulations will be applied whenever a new residential home is built, when 200 square feet or more is added to an existing home's building footprint, or when construction activity occurs on a residential home that alters the structure of the front elevation or roof. Any existing home that does not comply with the new regulations would be considered a legal, non-conformance and would not be required to come into compliance with the new regulations.

## How will these new standards affect existing homes that want to do an addition?

If the addition is under 200 square feet, these standards will not come into play. If the addition is over 200 square feet, the standards would need to be met only on the portion of the home that is being improved.

## Will these new standards prohibit certain types of architecture in Prairie Village?

No; all types of architecture would still be allowed in the City under these standards. The committee that worked on this was cognizant that there are many different styles of architecture throughout the City, and they looked at several different types of houses to ensure that these new standards would still allow all types of homes. Instead of regulating architectural style, these standards will instead add design requirements that break up large wall planes, limit the size of garages, and ensure greenspace is adequately preserved to create a better relationship with the streetscape and the look/feel of the neighborhood.

## I'm currently working on plans for a teardown/rebuild or addition – will I need to meet the new requirements for plans that are currently underway?

If the plans are submitted to the City for review by January 31, 2019, they do not need to meet the new design guidelines. Any plans that are submitted beginning February 1, 2019 or after must comply with all of the new requirements.

## What can I do to find out more about the construction happening on my street?

Beginning February 1, the new standards require that the owner for any teardown/rebuild project provides notice to property owners within a 200 foot radius that the plans have been filed at City Hall. This notice must also include contact information for the contractor and owner of the property. If you'd like to see the plans that have been filed, you can view them in person at the Codes Department in City Hall, located at 7700 Mission Road. Permitted construction hours are 7 a.m. – 10 p.m. on weekdays and 8 a.m. to midnight on weekends. If you notice a violation of this ordinance, please report it to the Police Department immediately at 913-642-6868.

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*For additional information regarding the new neighborhood design standards, please contact Jamie Robichaud, Assistant City Administrator, at [jrobichaud@pvkansas.com](mailto:jrobichaud@pvkansas.com) or 913-385-4601*

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# PV HAPPENINGS

## SHOP WITH A COP



Sponsored by the Prairie Village Foundation, “Shop-With-A-Cop” is a chance for the Prairie Village Police Department to team up with deserving

elementary school children in our community. The eighth annual “Shop-With-A-Cop” event will be held in December. Each year, the Police Department hosts ten children identified by school counselors and the Police Department’s D.A.R.E. officer. Police officers take the children holiday shopping to purchase gifts for both the child and their family members. After shopping, each child is treated to dinner and has all their packages wrapped free of charge. Area businesses or residents who would like to contribute to this special program (monetary or specific gifts for children) may contact Jennifer Wright at 913/385-4607 or [jwright@pvkansas.com](mailto:jwright@pvkansas.com).

Also, don’t forget to drop off your old cell phone at the Police Station, 7710 Mission Road. The Police Department is collecting phones to help support the “Shop-With-A-Cop” program. Drop off phones at any time for recycling at the Records or Communications desks in our lobby. Your old cell phone is our treasure!

## SOLID WASTE COLLECTION REMINDERS

### NOVEMBER

Small bulky item week . . . . . 11/5 – 11/9

Holiday delay. . . . . 11/22-11/23

### DECEMBER

Small bulky item week . . . . . 12/3 – 12/7

Holiday Delay . . . . . 12/25-12/28

### JANUARY

Small bulky item week . . . . . 1/7 – 1/11

Holiday delay. . . . . 1/ 1 – 1/5

NO holiday delay for Martin Luther King Day



The annual solid waste collection calendar will be published in the next issue of the Village Voice.

## VOLUNTEER FOR A CITY COMMITTEE

The City of Prairie Village is accepting volunteer applications for all City Committees. Interested residents should submit their application at [pvkansas.com/volunteer](http://pvkansas.com/volunteer) before February 1.

## GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING PARTY

The Prairie Village Foundation is excited to host its tenth annual Gingerbread House Decorating Party! Join in the fun and give back to your fellow community members at the same time. Proceeds from the event help finance summer recreation scholarships (pool memberships and swim lessons) for qualified and deserving Prairie Village families.

The fun begins when you first walk in and smell the freshly baked gingerbread houses made by Mely Ballard from Mely's Yogurt & Ice Cream. The houses are pre-assembled and ready for your creative decorating touches. A large variety of colorful candy will be available for decorating.



### Event Details:

- Briarwood Elementary Cafeteria - 5300 W. 86th Street, Prairie Village, KS
- Sunday, December 2, 2018, 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- \$42 per house, maximum 4 people per purchase
- Sign up before November 26

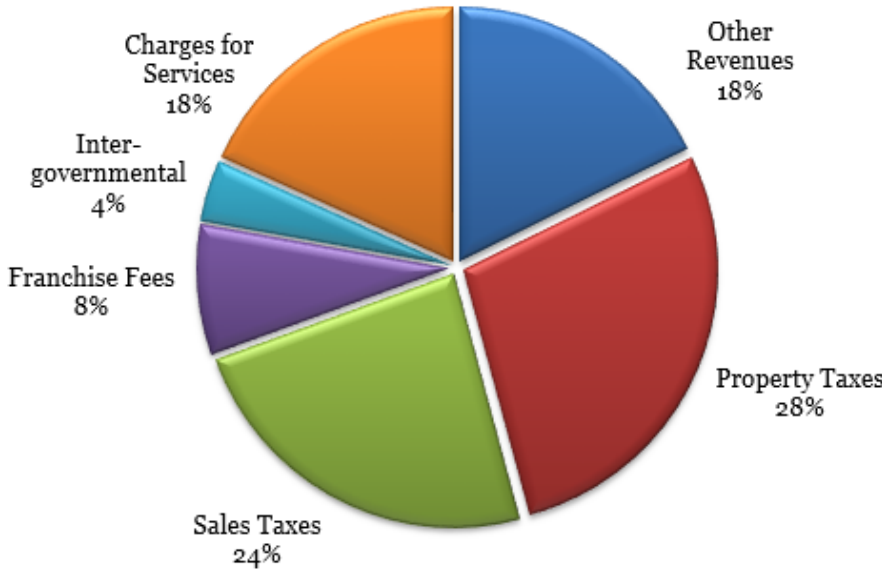
For more details, or to make your reservation online, visit [prairievillagefoundation.com](http://prairievillagefoundation.com). Reservations may also be made in person at City Hall.

# 2019 PRAIRIE VILLAGE BUDGET

The annual budget serves as a financial plan, provides guidance to City staff, and communicates the City’s financial condition. Most importantly, it presents the Governing Body’s vision for the community by describing how public funds are spent in order to achieve policy objectives.

The next few pages provide an overview of the City’s 2019 Budget and covers the items most relevant to the residents. A full version of the budget is located at [www.pvkansas.com](http://www.pvkansas.com). Questions regarding the budget can be directed to Lisa Santa Maria, Finance Director at 913-385-4661 or [lsantamaria@pvkansas.com](mailto:lsantamaria@pvkansas.com).

## 2019 Revenue Sources



## 2019 Budget Goals & Objectives

- Maintain high quality services and programs
- Maintain quality streets, parks and infrastructure
- Continue strong financial condition
- Maintain AAA Bond rating
- Increase financial transparency
- Increase citizen participation in budget issues
- Be mindful of the tax burden

### Property Tax

Tax on real estate and personal property. It is computed by applying the City’s mill rate to the County’s assessed valuation.

### Sales Tax

Tax comes from two sources: Local Sales Tax and County Sales Tax.

### Franchise Fees

Franchise fees are charged on major utilities within the City. The fee is 5% of gross receipts as defined and permitted by state statutes.

### Charges for Services

Includes revenue, which is a charge for contract services and special assessments to recipients of certain services.

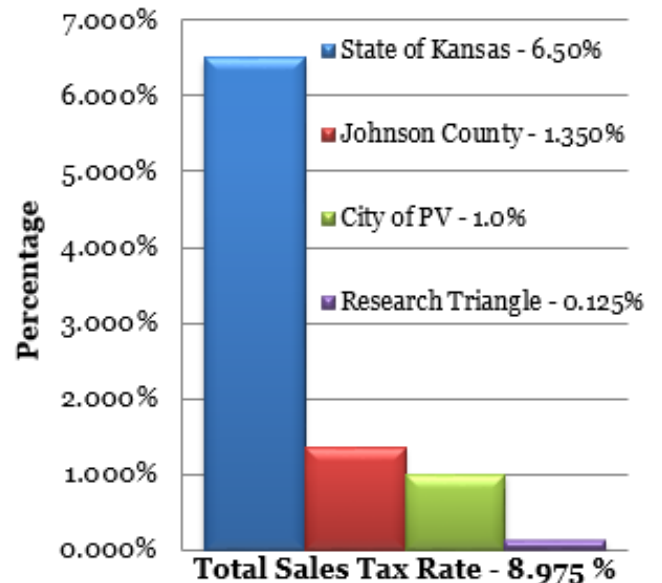
### Intergovernmental

Includes revenues provided by other jurisdictions, primarily the State and Federal governments.

### Other Revenues

Includes use tax, motor vehicle tax, liquor tax, license and permits, recreation fees, fines, interest income and miscellaneous revenue.

## Sales Tax Rate by Entity



(Additional 1% Sales Tax at PV and Corinth Shops)

# 2019 PRAIRIE VILLAGE BUDGET

## HOW ARE YOUR PROPERTY TAXES USED?



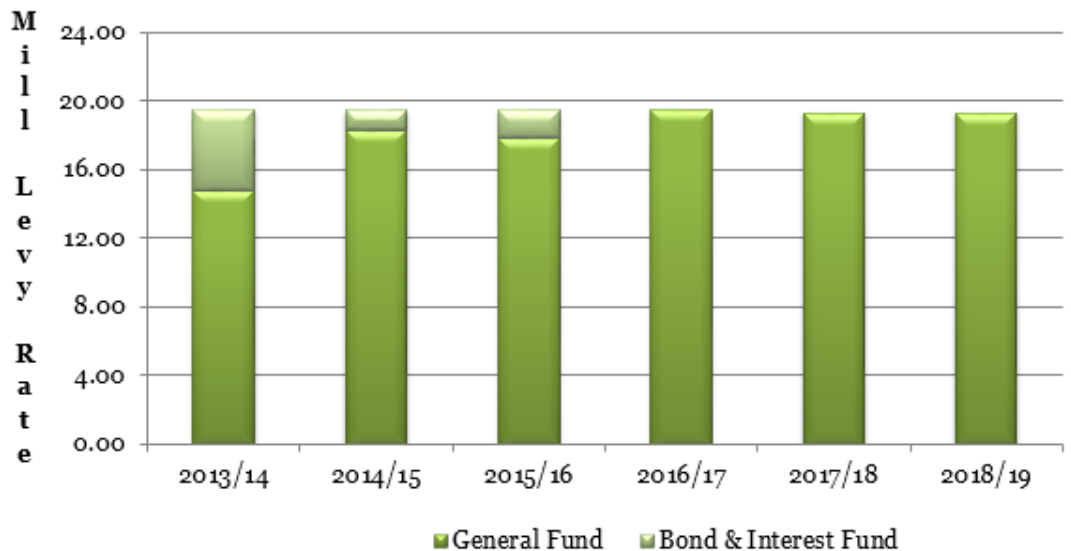
*Your property tax bill is divided between several entities, of which, the City is only 16%*

### How is the mill levy used?

The mill levy rate is applied to the assessed valuation for your property.

The 2019 budget does not include a mill levy rate increase. The mill levy rate was last increased in 2012 by 0.6 mills.

**Mill Levy Rate 2013-2019**



# 2019 PRAIRIE VILLAGE BUDGET

## HOW MUCH OF YOUR PROPERTY TAXES ARE SPENT ON CITY SERVICES?

### Residents Receive City Services

In 2018, the average market value of a Prairie Village Home is \$303,463. In 2019, on average, a homeowner will pay \$56.16 each month for City services. The checkbook below illustrates how this amount is divided among various City programs.

Program	Monthly Cost
Public Safety	\$22.37
Public Works	\$17.30
Community Development	\$ 7.55
Administration	\$ 5.43
Parks & Recreation	\$ 1.84
Municipal Court	\$ 1.67

Average Homeowner City of Prairie Village	7555
PAY TO: <u>City of Prairie Village</u>	DATE: <u>May 15, 2019</u>
	\$ 56.16
Fifty six and 16/100***** DOLLARS	
MEMO <u>Monthly property tax for City services</u>	<u>TAXPAYER</u>

### What services are provided by City Programs?

#### Public Safety

Animal Control, Crime Prevention, Patrol, Investigations, DARE, Emergency Services, and Information Technology

#### Public Works

Operate and maintain the City's drainage system, streets, buildings and grounds, swimming pool, tennis courts, parks, and vehicles

#### Community Development

Building Permits, Code Enforcement, and Solid Waste Management

#### Administration

Mayor and Council support, Management and Planning, Financial Management, Human Resources, Business Licensing, and Animal Licensing

#### Parks & Recreation

Arts Council, VillageFest, JazzFest, Swimming Pool, Aquatic Teams, and Tennis program

#### Court

Municipal Judges, Prosecutor Services, and Court Services

### Special Assessments:

Your property taxes also include special assessments or fees for trash and recycling services and storm water system maintenance.

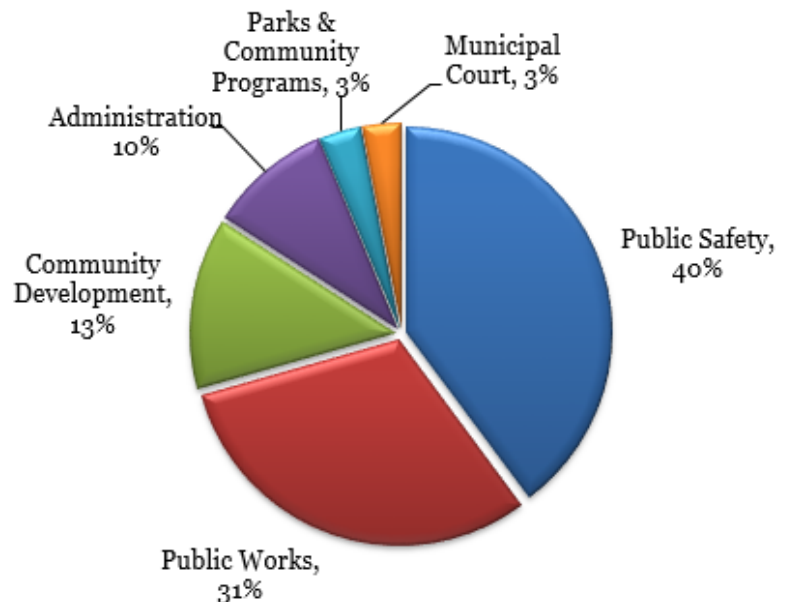
#### Trash Fee:

\$207.00 per year or \$16.00 per month

#### Stormwater Fee:

\$0.04/sq ft of impervious area

### 2019 Budget by Department

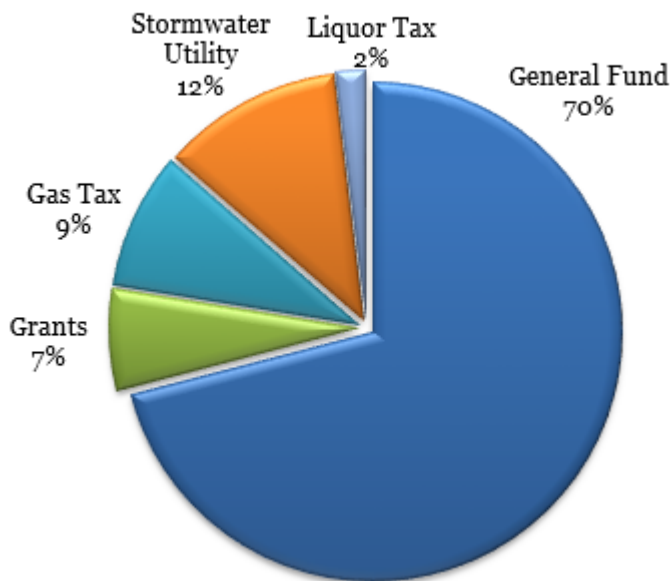


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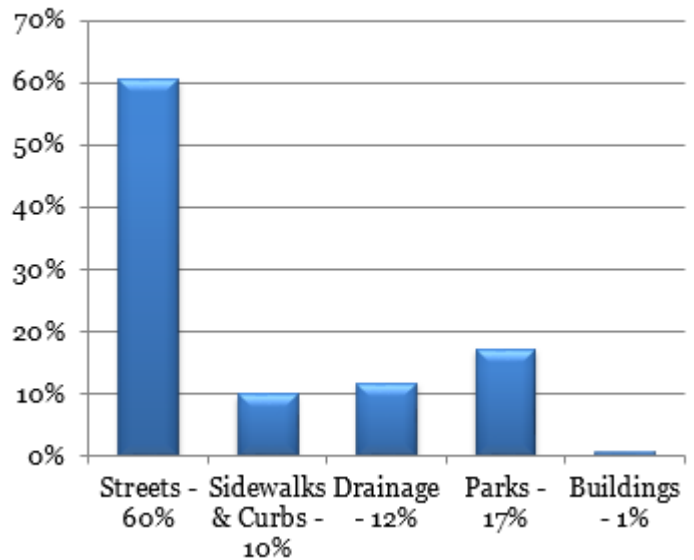
## CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

The City maintains a four-year **Capital Infrastructure Program (CIP)** to aid the City Council and staff in planning and budgeting for the City’s infrastructure needs. The CIP is reviewed and updated each year during the budget process. The majority of the funding for the CIP comes from the General Fund. Other funding sources include bond proceeds, the gas tax, the stormwater utility fee, grants, participation by neighboring cities and 1/3 of the liquor tax which is required to be spent on parks and recreation programs.

**2019 CIP Funding Sources**



**2019 CIP Expenditures**



**The CIP is divided into five sections:**

**Parks**

Includes plans for redevelopment and replacement of existing park structures and materials.

**Drainage**

Includes plans for replacement of components of the City’s storm drainage system.

**Streets**

Includes plans for major improvements that extend the life of the City’s street system.

**Buildings**

Includes plans for replacement or major improvements that extend the life of the City’s buildings.

**Sidewalks & Curbs**

Includes plans for replacement or major improvements that extend the life of the City’s sidewalk and curb system. Also includes plans for additions to the system to comply with the City’s sidewalk policy or ADA regulations.



# PV HAPPENINGS

## STATE OF THE ARTS WINNERS

The 2018 State of the Arts Reception was held on October 12 at the R.G. Endres Gallery. The exhibition is a juried event featuring two-dimensional or three-dimensional artwork. Eva Reynolds served as the juror and selected the following winners:



- Best in Show:** *Bos Taurus* - Addison Wagner
- Merit Award:** *What Will It Take?* - Cydney Ross
- Merit Award:** *Thunder* - Kristen Reichert
- Peoples' Choice:** *You Ridin'?* – Kim Taggart
- Honorable Mention:** *And an Order of Fries* - Marilyn York
- Honorable Mention:** *I Once Was Lost* - Ryan Delgado
- Honorable Mention:** *Trash Bird* - Clare Dolan
- Honorable Mention:** *Pastel of Plants No.1* - Loreta Feedback
- Honorable Mention:** *Albrechare* - Shelby Prindaville



Left: Best in Show, Right: Peoples' Choice

The Prairie Village Arts Council thanks all the volunteers, sponsors, and artists for participating in this year's event.



## ARTS COUNCIL EXHIBITS

### NOVEMBER

- Lana Cease - *Watercolors*
- Eileen Flink - *Watercolors*

A reception will be held on November 9, 2018 from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm.

### DECEMBER

- Trisha Reschly - *Photography*
- Robert Slotterback - *Wood and Watercolors*
- Ann Nye - *Photography*

A reception will be held on December 14, 2018 from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm.

## 2018 PRAIRIE VILLAGE JAZZ FESTIVAL

With a fabulous line-up featuring Logan Richardson, music once again filled the air at the Prairie Village Jazz Festival in Harmon Park. We were pleased to be able to offer both corporate tables and tents for purchase in addition to our VIP tent for the sponsors who made this event possible. Make plans now to attend the 10th annual Prairie Village Jazz Festival on Saturday, September 7, 2019. If you are interested in serving on the committee or becoming a sponsor, contact Meghan Buum – [mbuum@pvkansas.com](mailto:mbuum@pvkansas.com)



## PV HAPPENINGS



### COMPOSTING FALL LEAVES

By: Nathan Kovac, *Environment/Recycle Committee*

Take advantage of fall leaves by turning them into black gold: compost. There are numerous benefits to composting leaves, including not having to buy leaf bags, enriching your soil, and reducing expenses for mulch. Composting can be done easily using a number of different methods. The following method is a simple way for almost anyone to compost leaves in their own backyard.

Start by raking or blowing your leaves into a large pile. A handy trick to moving leaves around the yard is to use a tarp. Warning: the larger the leaf pile, the harder it is for young children to resist.

The next step is to mulch the leaves with a lawn mower or a mulching leaf blower/vacuum. Consider mowing over the pile once to break up small twigs and catch them with the bagger.

At this point, you can use the leaf mulch as is. It will compost naturally over time or it can be tilled into the soil to enhance the soil's condition, or tilth. This process is considerably slower than a hot compost pile, which requires the addition of green matter.

To start a hot compost pile, you will need a pile 3 - 5 square feet wide by at least 8 inches high. Green matter includes uncooked fruits and vegetables, manure, or grass clippings. It is usually helpful to use grass clippings before it goes to seed when you intend to use the mulch in the garden. Periodically stir or turn the pile to move the fresh material to the center.

Some types of leaves, such as oak, can lower the pH of the soil making it more acidic. Offset this issue by adding wood ash from your fire pit or fireplace. Ash is a good source of Calcium, Potassium, Phosphorus, and Magnesium.

The City of Prairie Village encourages proper composting. To view the City's regulations on compost piles, please see section 15-224 of the Municipal Code, available to view at [pvkansas.com/municipalcode](http://pvkansas.com/municipalcode).

## PUBLIC WORKS

### LEAF REMOVAL

The coming of fall means millions of leaves will be falling from all the trees in the City. To Public Works, this means an intense effort to remove leaves from the streets, drain inlets, channels, parks, and islands.

**Streets** – The City has one street sweeper, and it will operate almost every day throughout the fall. The street sweeper's primary purpose is NOT to remove leaves from the street. It is important that residents attempt to keep as many leaves out of the street as possible. While we do pick up leaves in locations where there are drainage concerns, we will bypass areas if residents have piled significant amounts of leaves along the curb line. Please note that Public Works does not take sweeping requests.

**Drain inlets** – Public Works crews make special effort to clear the opening of street drain inlets when heavy rain is projected. Please be advised that City Code prohibits the placing of leaves into the drain inlet or into the curb or street.

**Channels** – Public Works crews patrol the channels to remove any blockages. Again, please be advised that City Code prohibits the placing of leaves or any debris into the channel.

**Parks and Islands** – The Public Works mowing crews will remove leaves from all parks and islands on a rotating schedule until weather prohibits these activities. This activity continues in the winter months if there is no snow. With over 60 acres of parks and over 200 islands, it can take significant time to complete all these areas.

In summary, leaf removal in Prairie Village is a significant effort for everyone. We very much appreciate all that residents do to remove leaves from their individual properties. If we do our individual part, the sheer magnitude of this effort is minimized while keeping the drainage system functional and enhancing the water quality in our streams.

You can contact Public Works by emailing [publicworks@pvkansas.com](mailto:publicworks@pvkansas.com) or calling 913-385-4647 any time or any day.



## POLICE DEPARTMENT

### LIFESAVING AWARD

Prairie Village Police Officers Dillon Hronek and Jon Unruh were recognized at a City Council meeting this fall for their actions on the night of June 15, 2018. Both officers performed lifesaving measures on a shooting victim and handled themselves professionally during a stressful incident. Both officers provided critical care on scene, which ultimately prevented our victim from suffering further injuries. The officers received the department's Lifesaving Award and are to be congratulated on a job well done!



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## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PRAIRIE VILLAGE TEEN COUNCIL

Prairie Village Teen Council is an opportunity for Prairie Village youth to learn and actively participate in municipal government, positively impact the community, and gain leadership experience.

**Congratulations to the following students who were selected to serve on the 2018-2019 Teen Council:**

**Jackson Bibb**, Shawnee Mission East  
**Mary Kate Gallagher**, St. Teresa's Academy  
**Sophie Rice**, Shawnee Mission East  
**Wenhan Sun**, The Barstow School  
**Ethan Wolf**, Pembroke Hill (not pictured)



The Teen Council members will attend City Council and committee meetings, become familiar with the operations of City Hall, Public Works, and the Police Department, and complete a public service project. The students will be mentored by City Council members as they become more involved in our local democratic process.

## CITY CONTACT INFORMATION

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Jamie Robichaud, Deputy City Administrator  
Joyce Hagen Mundy, City Clerk  
Lisa Santa Maria, Finance Director

### POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Tim Schwartzkopf, Chief of Police

### PUBLIC WORKS

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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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