

THE PRAIRIE VILLAGE

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Greetings Prairie Village Residents,
 The joyful renewal of spring is not limited to the greening of our lush Prairie Village tree canopy. Your City government, in cooperation with you, is renewing what makes Prairie Village exceptional.

We are renewing our commitment to roads with new investment in repaving and street maintenance.

We are renewing our commitment to drainage systems with major projects underway to alleviate impacts of increasingly severe weather.

We are renewing our commitment to fiscal responsibility by thoroughly vetting the City's 2020 budget to strike the right balance of quality services, low tax rate and debt, and ample surplus balances.

We are renewing our commitment to parks by adding permanent restrooms, new play equipment and other amenities to our existing parks, and by building two brand new parks.

We are renewing our commitment to public safety with new investment and support for our outstanding police department.

We are renewing our commitment to efficient administration with new investment and support for our skilled and dedicated administrative staff and public works employees.

We are renewing our commitment to transparency, citizen engagement, civility, diversity, and schools with enhanced audio for City meetings, increased communication through social media and other channels, events like Coffee with a Cop, and more.

We are renewing our commitment to alternative transportation by implementing our City's bold new bicycle and pedestrian plan.

We are renewing our commitment to the arts with music events, gallery showings, juried art contests, and more.

We are renewing our commitment to regional community cooperation with area cities, county, state and federal government, businesses, non-profits, and more.

We are renewing our commitment to sustainability by sourcing City power from clean energy, building electric vehicle charging stations, easing solar and wind zoning rules, and more.

We are renewing our commitment to the future with a major update to our City's comprehensive plan—Village Vision—based on community input.

These are just a few examples. On the following pages, you'll find more. On behalf of City staff, Council and volunteers, thank you for the opportunity to renew and grow Prairie Village this spring.

Best regards,
 Eric Mikkelson, Mayor

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UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
May 6	Council Meeting	6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
May 20	Council Meeting	6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
May 25	Pool Opens	11:00 a.m.	Pool Complex
June 3	Council Meeting	6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
June 17	Council Meeting	6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
July 4	VillageFest	7:30 a.m.	Municipal Campus

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COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

CELEBRATE THE FOURTH OF JULY AT VILLAGEFEST

Mark your calendars for the annual VillageFest celebration on July 4. Kick off the holiday with a pancake breakfast beginning at 7:30 a.m. and enjoy free, family-friendly activities from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Crowd favorites returning this year include the giant slip n' slide, pie baking contest, craft vendor fair, petting zoo, children's bike parade, Mr. Bones, children's crafts, musical entertainment, face & hair painting, historic exhibit, food vendors, and much, much more. All events take place on the municipal campus located at 77th Street and Mission Road. Event details can be found at www.pvkansas.com/VillageFest.



VILLAGEFEST PIE BAKING CONTEST

Calling bakers of all ages! It's time to break out the rolling pin and brush up on your baking skills. The annual pie baking contest will return to VillageFest on July 4!

- No entry fee required
- Cash prizes awarded
- From-scratch pies (crust & filling) only

Registration is limited, with walk-ups accepted only if space is available. Advanced registration is available at www.pvkansas.com/VillageFest.



GREEN PRAIRIE VILLAGE

Prairie Elementary Recycling Videos

This spring, students from Prairie Elementary presented a series of recycling videos to the Prairie Village City Council. City staff has shared the videos on the City's Facebook page. You can watch them at www.facebook.com/CityofPrairieVillage. Learn more about recycling at www.pvkansas.com/recycling.

Renewables Direct Program

In March, the City of Prairie Village became the first municipality to sign up for KCP&L's new Renewables Direct Program, which will allow commercial and industrial customers to offset a percentage

of their energy usage through a renewable resource if enough users opt in to the program. Renewables Direct is designed to provide large users of energy resources a path toward their sustainability goals with affordable renewable energy. The City of Prairie Village agreed to a 20-year term with KCP&L to offset 100% of the City's annual eligible energy usage. If enough customers sign up and the renewable resource is procured by KCP&L, the City is projected to save about 1.3% in energy costs per year.

This is not the first environmental initiative Prairie Village has supported. Several years ago, a geothermal heating and cooling system was installed at City Hall. Wassmer Park, which is currently under construction, will be lit with solar power. The City has an engaged Environmental Committee that was established to advise the City Council on environmental issues.



PV HAPPENINGS

PRAIRIE VILLAGE ART SHOW

The Prairie Village Art Show is back again with more than 100 artists displaying their works on the weekend of May 31-June 2. Children’s activities, food, drink, art, and a festive atmosphere will be available the entire weekend.

TEEN COUNCIL

Four local high school students were recognized in April for their successful completion of the 2018-2019 City of Prairie Village Teen Council program. Wenhan Sun, The Barstow School; Sophie Rice, Shawnee Mission East; Mary Kate Gallagher, St. Teresa’s Academy; and Jackson Bibb, Shawnee Mission East, have spent the past year learning about local government, working to positively impact the community, and gaining leadership experience.



The City will be accepting applications starting May 1 for the 2019-2020 Teen Council program. Interested students must be Prairie Village residents (full or part-time), sophomore, junior, or senior high school students, and students and their parents must be willing to sign an agreement to complete all of the program requirements. For more information, please visit www.pvkansas.com/teencouncil.



POOL OPENS MAY 25

Join us for opening day at the Prairie Village Pool Complex on May 25. Regular hours are 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Purchase your pool pass and register for aquatic programs now! To register online or to learn more about the city’s recreation programs, visit www.pvkansas.com/parksandrecreation. Pool passes and registrations can also be processed at the City Clerk’s Office from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday at 7700 Mission Road.

BUDGET HEARING

2020 budget preparations are well underway. One step in the budget process is a public hearing to allow the City Council to hear comments and suggestions about the City’s budget. The public hearing is tentatively set for July 15. However, the date could change based on budget discussions. Please check the City’s website for the most up-to-date information. A copy of the proposed budget will be available online and at the City Clerk’s office. Please refer to the City’s website at www.pvkansas.com/2020budget for other key budget dates.

#1 SUBURB IN KANSAS

Prairie Village was recently ranked the No. 1 Best Suburb to Live in Kansas and the No. 10 Best Suburb to Live in America. The rankings were determined by Niche, a website that uses publicly available data on the economy, jobs, education, and crime. Thanks for your help making Prairie Village a great place to live, work, and play.

ARTS COUNCIL PRESENTS

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. The gallery is located in City Hall at 7700 Mission Road.

May—The May artists’ exhibit will include oil paintings by Beth Grillo, water colors by Gary Johnson, and photography by James Kilmer. The Prairie Village Arts Council will host a reception for the artists on Friday, May 10, at 6 p.m. Also in May, the Arts Council will debut its Chamber in the Chambers music series. A concert May 17 will feature the Opus 76 String Quartet. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased on Event Brite. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/chamber-in-chamber-opus-76-quartet-tickets-60275553804>.

June—The June artists’ exhibit will include the sculptural wood and mixed media pieces of Ted Denton, porcelain and stoneware teapots by Hank Hall, paper and mixed media collages of P Ebel and acrylic and mixed media paintings by Maegan Kirschner. The Prairie Village Arts Council will host a reception for the artists on Friday, June 14, at 6 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS

COST-SHARE REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM FOR STORMWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES

The City of Prairie Village has once again received a grant in the amount of \$5,000 from Johnson County for the Stormwater Treatment Facilities (STF) cost-share program. This program is an innovative approach to control stormwater, improve water quality, and aid in reducing erosion by helping share costs for rain barrels, raingardens, native plants, and more. These facilities can help improve the water quality of our streams, creeks, and ponds.

Individual homeowners and businesses that are interested in incorporating STFs on their property can find the application forms and additional information about the program on the City's website. The program runs from April 1 - October 31, 2019. Funding is available on a first come, first serve basis and is subject to applicable laws and provisions including, but not limited to, the City of Prairie Village Municipal Code. A homeowner or business is allowed to apply for one STF in a calendar year. Please see Program Requirements on the City's website for additional information. You may also contact Cliff Speegle at 913-385-4011 or cspeegle@pvkansas.com.

TOUCH-A-TRUCK EVENT - MAY 15



In celebration of National Public Works Week, Prairie Village Public Works is hosting a free Touch-a-Truck event from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15 at their facility located at 3535 Somerset.

City staff will display and demonstrate a wheel loader, skid steer, dump truck, street sweeper, and more. There will also be a chance to win a winter safety kit by guessing the amount of road salt in the salt barn. All ages are invited to attend to learn more about Prairie Village Public Works. Enjoy light refreshments and grab a take-home hard hat for the kids!

PARK CONSTRUCTION

Work is now complete on new playsets installed at Franklin Park. After residents voiced their opinions at public meetings held last July, the city chose to move forward with two new "Blue Boats" playsets—one for ages 2-5 and the other for ages 5-12. A musical playset was also installed. Work is now underway on construction in other City parks. In April, crews began construction of a permanent restroom in Porter Park, located at Roe Avenue and Tomahawk Road. The park features baseball and soccer fields, basketball courts, cooking grills, exercise trails, play equipment, picnic tables, and a pavilion. Crews have also begun preliminary construction at Wassmer Park, a new park located at 67th Street and Roe Avenue. The park will feature playgrounds, shelters, and a display garden. For continued updates on park construction, please visit www.pvkansas.com.



Construction will also be complete soon at Meadowbrook Park, southeast of 91st Street and Nall Avenue in Prairie Village. The park is being developed by the Johnson County Park and Recreation District and will feature an 82-acre expanse of lawn, abundant trees, ponds, walking trail and more. The southern half of the park has been open to the public since August 2018. Many park visitors have been seen enjoying the trails, lakes, and landscaping. During the winter, many families enjoyed the sledding opportunities at Meadowbrook Hill. Two picnic shelters and associated amenities are set to enter service soon with staff operations in the Meadowbrook Park Clubhouse following in May. The destination playground "Treeline Adventure" is beginning to emerge from the ground as crews assemble the cable and steel play components. When the park is fully opened, it will offer three picnic shelters, two playgrounds, 2.5 miles of paved walking trails, three lakes, an outdoor fitness area, six pickleball courts, and a clubhouse building with spectacular views of the great lawn and the park beyond. For more information, visit www.jcprd.com.



PUBLIC SAFETY

VILLAGE VIDEO COOPERATIVE

The Prairie Village Police Department initiated the Village Video Cooperative (VVC) in 2018, allowing residents with security cameras on their property to work with the Police Department during investigations. Once a resident or business registers their camera with the VVC, the camera is documented for future use. After a crime is committed or suspicious activity is reported, PVPD can use a map to quickly identify and contact VVC community partners in the vicinity who may have captured footage related to the reported incident.

Recently, the Prairie Village Police Department and several surrounding agencies have joined forces with the Neighbors app by Ring. The app allows Ring users and non-users to share information on a real-time basis. Videos, photos, and local crime and safety information can be shared with anyone in your neighborhood. Local law enforcement can instantly send out safety information or request video surveillance and/or photos to help during an investigation.

The goal of the VVC is to deter crime and promote public safety through collaboration between the police and community. Utilizing both VVC and the Neighbors app by Ring assists the Investigations Division in detecting criminal activity, providing investigative leads, and apprehending criminals.

There is no fee associated with the VVC or the Neighbors app, and residents are encouraged to join the community partnership to prevent and deter crime. To register your camera with the VVC, go to www.pvkansas.com and look for the “Village Video Cooperative” under the Police Department tab. The Neighbors app can be accessed in the Ring app, or non-Ring users can download the Neighbors by Ring app in your smart phone’s app store.

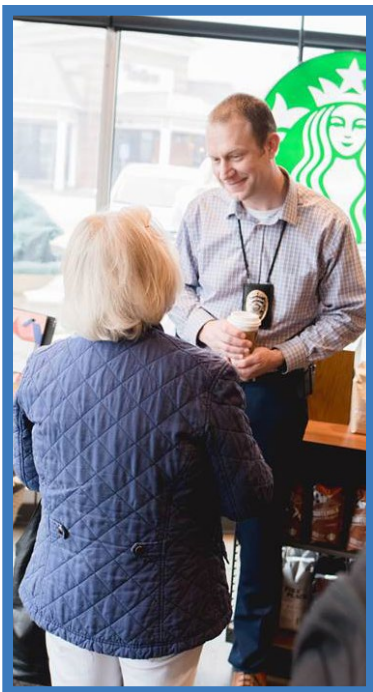
For more information on the VVC or the Neighbors by Ring app, contact Detective Caroline Van Cil at 913-385-4012 or at cvancil@pvkansas.com.

COFFEE WITH A COP

Prairie Village Police Officers and local residents have had a few opportunities this year to come together in an informal, neutral space to discuss community issues, build relationships, and drink coffee during “Coffee with a Cop” events held throughout the community.

Coffee with a Cop provides a unique opportunity for citizens to ask questions and learn more about the Department’s work in Prairie Village and Mission Hills neighborhoods. The majority of contact law enforcement has with the public happens during emergencies or emotional situations. Those situations are not always the most effective times for relationship building with the community, and some citizens may feel officers are unapproachable on the street. Coffee with a Cop breaks down barriers and allows for a relaxed, one-on-one interaction.

Thank you to the residents who have participated so far. For information on future events, including Cookie with a Cop and Cone with a Cop, be sure to check out the Prairie Village Police Department on social media.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

HELP KEEP OUR VILLAGE BEAUTIFUL

We're working to keep our community beautiful in 2019 by encouraging good property maintenance practices citywide. Our Code Enforcement Team will be in your neighborhood in the coming weeks looking for common code violations. Below are a few tips to help you keep our village beautiful.

Yard Upkeep

- Weeds and grass trimmed to less than 8" high
- Remove dead plants, leaf, and limb debris
- Remove trash and debris accumulating outside

Storage

- Yard tools and equipment, lumber, and other items must be inside or screened in the back yard
- No inoperable or unlicensed vehicles outside
- RVs, Boats, & Trailers should be screened from view

Exterior Home Maintenance

- All exterior surfaces (such as walls, fences, etc.) free of damage, decaying paint, rust, etc.
- All sidewalks, walkways, and driveways should be in good repair
- Roof and flashing should be sound and tight
- No broken windows, doors, or gutters

CENSUS 2020

Every 10 years, the U.S. Census Bureau counts each resident in the country. The next census launches on April 1, 2020. Let's start talking about the importance of EVERYONE being counted with the Count Me in JoCo campaign. For more information, visit www.countmeinjoco.org.



Count Me In JoCo
Everyone counts for the 2020 Census

EXTERIOR GRANT FOR TRASH SCREENING

In Prairie Village, trash cans must be stored behind the front building line and screened from street view. New in 2019, funds are available to help qualified residents build trash can screens. There is no application fee to apply for this grant; however, eligibility restrictions apply. The application and more details can be found online at www.pvkansas.com.



SUMMARY OF STORM CLEANUP

On March 25, crews completed a 10-week cleanup of storm debris after a winter storm dumped heavy snowfall throughout the area Jan. 12 knocking down tree limbs and causing mass power outages. The City coordinated curbside pickup of storm debris with Arbor Masters and Republic Services. Throughout the cleanup, Arbor Masters picked up 166 loads totaling approximately 9,960 cubic yards of debris. Republic Services hauled off 129.36 tons of storm debris. The combined costs of the cleanup effort totaled \$184,000.

Prairie Village enjoys a beautiful tree canopy. However, the same canopy that provides beauty and shade throughout the year can also become problematic during inclement weather. To help reduce power outages caused by downed tree limbs, it is important to keep trees trimmed.

KCP&L works year-round to manage the impact of trees on power lines, trimming trees when necessary. However, when trees interfere with the power line that connects directly to a residence, trimming is the property owner's responsibility. To learn more about KCP&L's tree trimming practices, please visit www.kcpl.com/involvement/safety.

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PUBLIC WORKS

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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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