

THE PRAIRIE VILLAGE

July/August 2019

VOICE

The Star of Kansas



VILLAGEFEST 2019

Come celebrate Independence Day at the City of Prairie Village's 23rd Annual VillageFest Celebration on Thursday, July 4. Admission is free, and all activities are held on the Municipal Campus at 7700 Mission Road.

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 ceremony will be held at 8:30 a.m. with Kansas City Symphony Chorus member and Prairie Village resident Kristy Lambert singing the National Anthem followed by the presentation of the Community Spirit Awards.

If you like baking, enter the annual pie baking contest for the chance to win a prize and bragging rights for the best pie. Register at www.pvkansas.com/piebakingcontest. This year, the contest will be held in a new location inside City Hall.

Other activities throughout the day run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Returning favorites include a giant slip and slide, children's parade, live music, children's crafts, bounce houses and other inflatables, petting zoo and pony rides, face painters, living history exhibit, and much more. New this year is "The Little Village," a designated area for children aged three years and younger, located near the Community Center. Also, take the opportunity to visit with firefighters from Consolidated Fire District No. 2 and tour their brand new fire station, which will be open to the public during VillageFest.

Everyone is invited to VillageFest 2019; 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 to the event on July 4!

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Friends and neighbors,
I hope your summer is going well.
Would you engage with the City on a long-term planning project for the future of Prairie Village? In the coming months, you will have public meeting opportunities to contribute to an update to our City's comprehensive plan, dubbed "Village Vision 2.0."

The City Council and Planning Commission, in cooperation with our municipal planning consultants, identified five plan components as the preliminary framework upon which to build our collective vision and action plan. With your help, we will ensure that the Prairie Village of the future is as exceptional, vibrant, thriving, and charming in twenty years as it is today.

The Plan Components:

1. Quality Public Space
2. Strong Neighborhoods
3. Viable Commercial Centers
4. Sustainability
5. Productivity

Infused amongst all of these are considerations of how to maintain and improve our high quality of life. Should we be a more connected city for cars, walkers, bikers, electric vehicles and more? Are you concerned about the affordability, character and diversity of housing in Prairie Village? Should we allow more density in our commercial centers and neighborhoods? Should we support sustainable building, energy, transportation, landscaping, recycling and other practices? Should public tax incentives be used to support civic planning goals? Is maintaining relatively low City property tax rates and debt levels important to you? Should we invest in new City amenities, such as an indoor community recreation and wellness center? How should we support the success of our local businesses and entrepreneurship?

Your shared opinions on these and other long-term civic plans will influence Village Vision 2.0. Your voice will shape the future Prairie Village.

For details about upcoming participation opportunities, check our website at pvkansas.com (where you can also sign up for text and email alerts) and local media.

Enjoy your Prairie Village summer!

Best regards,
Eric Mikkelson, Mayor

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UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
July 1	Council Meeting	6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
July 4	Independence Day		Offices Closed
July 4	Village Fest	7:30 a.m.	Municipal Campus
July 15	Council Meeting	6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
August 5	Council Meeting	6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
August 19	Council Meeting	6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers

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PV HAPPENINGS

SAVE THE DATE FOR JAZZFEST

Mark your calendars for the 10th annual Prairie Village Jazz Festival on Saturday, September 7 at Harmon Park. The festival offers our community the opportunity to enjoy world-class entertainment right at home in Prairie Village. The planning committee is pleased to announce the 2019 festival lineup:

- 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. Shawnee Mission East Blue Knights
- 5:00 - 5:50 p.m. Matt Otto Quintet
- 6:20 - 7:10 p.m. Vine Street Rumble
- 7:30 - 8:20 p.m. Marcus Lewis Big Band
- 8:45 - 10:15 p.m. Dan Thomas and the KC All-Star Big Band, featuring Lisa Henry

For more information, visit www.pvkansas.com/jazzfest or contact Meghan Buum at mbuum@pvkansas.com



Prairie Village
State of Senior Arts



ARTS COUNCIL

July: State of the Senior Arts - Celebrate the artistic contributions of seniors in our region in the City's inaugural juried show for senior artists age 60 and over. The show will be displayed July 1-July 31 with a reception and awards ceremony from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, July 12. The gallery will be open during VillageFest July 4 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

August: Artists Joseph Almandariz, oils; Carl D'Amico, photography; Lisa Healy, photography; Susan Kiefer, oils and Wanda Tyner, glass wall art, will display their works August 1-30 with a reception from 6 to 7 p.m. August 9.

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 via e-mail by July 9, contact Barb Fisher in the City Clerk's office at bfisher@pvkansas.com or visit www.pvkansas.com for more information.

TREE TRIMMING TO MITIGATE POWER OUTAGES

Prairie Village enjoys a beautiful tree canopy. According to KCP&L, there are an average of 168 trees per mile in Prairie Village. In KCP&L's entire service territory, the average number of trees per mile is 58. The same trees that provide beauty and shade throughout the year can also become problematic during inclement weather. To help prevent sustained power outages it's important to keep trees trimmed.

When trees interfere with the power line that connects directly to your house, trimming is your responsibility. Safety is KCP&L's first priority, so if you have vegetation near the power line that runs from the pole to your meter, fill out an online vegetation request at www.kcpl.com or call 888-471-5275 to schedule a line clearance request. Within five to seven days, barring inclement weather, KCP&L will send a crew member to review the vegetation's proximity to the power line. If the crew member determines the vegetation doesn't pose a threat to electrical service, no further action is necessary. If the crew member determines the vegetation poses a threat to electrical service, they'll work with you to schedule a time to disconnect—and then reconnect—your service line so you or your contractor can trim around the line.

If you see a potential issue with vegetation on the lines that run from pole to pole near your house, let KCP&L know by filling out an online vegetation request or calling the number above. KCP&L will send a crew member to review the vegetation's proximity to the power line and take action if appropriate.

To learn more about KCP&L's tree trimming practices, please visit www.kcpl.com/treetrimming.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

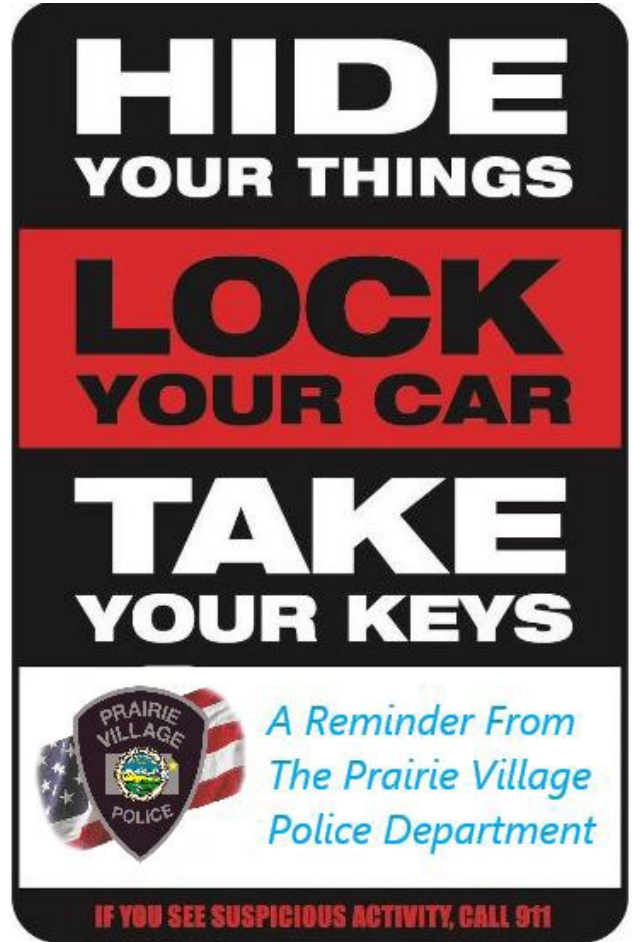
PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

As the weather is becoming more pleasant and school is out for the summer, you will see many more pedestrians out enjoying the parks, commercial areas, and city facilities while out on foot.

We want all public areas to be safe and accessible to those who choose to walk or ride instead of drive. This would be a good time to address pedestrian safety for both those walking and those driving.

In the City of Prairie Village, if a sidewalk is available along a public roadway, pedestrians shall use the sidewalk provided. Pedestrians crossing the roadway at marked crosswalks shall have the right of way if they are entering into or in the crosswalk and vehicles shall yield to those pedestrians. However, pedestrians should also exercise due care and shall not suddenly leave a curb or sidewalk and walk or run into the path of a vehicle that is so close as to constitute an immediate hazard. Pedestrians crossing the roadway at a location without a marked or unmarked crosswalk shall yield the right of way to all vehicles upon the roadway.


All drivers should exercise care when driving on City streets and keep an eye out for walkers and bicyclists. Pedestrians should use the provided pedestrian pathways when in City parks, on City sidewalks, and in City retail areas, to be more visible to drivers. We want everyone to be safe and enjoy all areas of Prairie Village.



**HIDE
YOUR THINGS**

**LOCK
YOUR CAR**

**TAKE
YOUR KEYS**

 *A Reminder From
The Prairie Village
Police Department*

IF YOU SEE SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY, CALL 911



RING NEIGHBORS

Hello Prairie Village Community! This is Detective Caroline Van Cil with the Prairie Village Police Department. We are excited to announce we are joining the Neighbors by Ring App in an effort to reduce crime in our community.

This app will allow the department to alert our community of real time crime and safety events so you can always stay informed. The Neighbors by Ring App also allows you, the user, to see something and share it directly with the Prairie Village Police Department.

You do not need a Ring device to participate and anyone, with any camera system, can upload content to the Neighbors by Ring App. We are encouraging everyone to spread the word about the partnership between the Prairie Village PD and the Neighbors by Ring App.



NATIONAL POLICE WEEK: The Prairie Village Police Department held a Peace Officer's Memorial Ceremony during National Police Week to honor and remember fallen law enforcement officers nationwide. Thank you to all who participated.

By partnering with the Neighbors app, in conjunction with the Village Video Cooperative, the PVPD is excited about working to reduce crime in our great community.

Neighbors is a free app anyone can download and use, whether they own a home surveillance system or not. Please feel free to contact me with any questions related to the Neighbors by Ring App, or the Village Video Cooperative Program, at 913-385-4012 or cvancil@pvkansas.com.



VillageFest

23rd ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION SCHEDULE

Thursday, July 4 ★ 7:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m. ★ PV Municipal Campus ★ 7700 Mission Road

Attractions

9 a.m. — 1 p.m.

- Trackless TrainCity Hall Parking Lot
- Quad Jump.....City Hall Parking Lot
- Nuclear Meltdown..... City Hall Parking Lot
- Tornado.....City Hall Parking Lot
- Mechanical Bull.....City Hall Parking Lot
- Sister Act Face PaintingCity Hall Grounds
- Balloons by Alex.....City Hall Grounds
- Human Hamster BallsEast of Main Stage
- Child Craft CenterCommunity Center
- Young Kids Area.....Community Center Lawn
- Inflatables.....Community Center Lawn
- Petting Zoo.....Community Center Lawn
- Pony RidesCommunity Center Lawn
- Skate Board Facility.....Near City Hall Parking Lot
- Craft Booths.....City Hall Parking Lot
- Slip 'N Slide..... The Hill
- Yard Games..... City Hall Parking Lot
- Mr. Bones.....Roaming

Displays

9 a.m. — 1 p.m.

- City Committees & Sponsors....Comm. Center Lawn
- Police Department / Med-Act...City Hall Parking Lot
- Fire Department Open HouseCFD2
- Historical Display.....Inside City Hall

Entertainment

Harmon Park Pavilion

- Patriotic Ceremony 8:30 - 8:45
- Welcome by Mayor & Pledge of Allegiance
- Star Spangled Banner sung by Kristy Lambert
- Community Spirit Awards

Main Stage—Across from City Hall

- Janie Next Door9:25-9:50
- Jim “Mr. Stinky Feet” Cosgrove
and the Hiccups10:15-11:00
- MultiPhonics.....11:30-1:00

South of Community Center

- Clement McCrae Puppets.....9, 10, 11, 12

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

Questions?

Visit the **Information Booth**
located in front of City Hall.

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

Special Events

- Pie Baking Contest..... City Hall
Registration/Submission..... 8:30
Results.....10:30
www.pvkansas.com/piebakingcontest
- Children's Parade Front of City Hall.....11:00
Decorate your bikes, trikes & wagons and
meet at City Hall by 11:00. All are welcome
to participate. No registration necessary.
- Beyond the Circle Native American Dancers
Various locations.....9, 10, 11

Food for Purchase

- Chris Cakes..... 7:30-11:00
Harmon Park Pavilion
- Treats by Rex Nolan.....9:00-1:00
City Hall Parking Lot
- HyVee.....9:00-1:00
Community Center Lawn
- Polar Oasis.....9:00-1:00
City Hall Parking Lot
- Taco Republic.....9:00-1:00
City Hall Parking Lot
- Nothing Bundt Cakes9:00-1:00
City Hall Parking Lot

Lost & Found

Visit the **Information Booth**
located in front of City Hall.

Free Swim

11 a.m. — 6 p.m. at the Prairie Village Pool

For More Information

Call City Hall at 913-381-6464
Like us on Facebook—Prairie Village City Hall
www.pvkansas.com/VillageFest

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VillageFest

MISSION ROAD

Parking

Entrance Closed



City Hall
RESTROOMS
Historic Display
Pie Baking Contest

Children's Parade
Staging Area and
Starting Point

Balloon Twister
Face Painters

Prairie Village
Pool Complex
Free Swim 11:00-6:00
RESTROOMS

Main Stage
Directly Across
From City Hall

Police Station
RESTROOMS

Info Booth
& Volunteer
Check-In

Inflatables

Food
Vendors

Community Center
Lawn

Water
Station

Parking Lot
Area

Food
Vendors

Community Center
RESTROOMS

Harmon Park Pavilion

Chris Cakes Pancake Breakfast
Patriotic Service

RESTROOMS

Skate
Board
Facility

Rides

Police Department/
Med-Act Display

Craft Booths

Hy-Vee
Food Station

Vendor
Entrance
Only

Pony Rides

Puppet Shows

CFD#2 Fire Department
Open House & Display

MISSION ROAD

VILLAGEFEST – ADA PARKING LOCATIONS



PV HAPPENINGS

ARBOR DAY 2019



The City of Prairie Village celebrated Arbor Day on April 27 by planting two trees at Weltner Park. The City planted an Overcup Oak in memory of Marilyn Uppman and a Willow Oak honoring Kristin Riott. Mrs. Riott has been a leader in our community for over a decade promoting climate change awareness. Over her lifetime, Mrs. Uppman served Prairie Village in many ways. She was a six-year City Council Member and sat on the Prairie Village Municipal Foundation and Parks and Recreation Boards. If you would like to nominate someone who has had a positive impact on Prairie Village as an Arbor Day 2020 honoree, please submit a nomination form found at

www.pvkansas.com/city-government/city-committees/tree-board. Planting a tree is the perfect way to honor our outstanding residents.

HALF PRICE POOL MEMBERSHIPS

Starting July 15, pool memberships are half priced. Stop by the City Clerk's Office in City Hall or purchase online. Reduced prices only apply to memberships. Swim cards and Super Passes are not reduced.

RESIDENT	PRICE	NON-RESIDENT	PRICE
Individual Membership	\$25	Individual Membership	\$40
Senior Citizen (60+)	\$22.50	Senior Citizen (60+)	\$35

TRAFFIC ISLAND PLANTINGS

Many Prairie Village residents contribute to the beautification of our community by planting flowers or other plants in urns and statues in traffic islands. It's important that there is no direct contact between plants and the statuary. Plant roots can grow into the pores of the stone and secrete acids, which can dissolve the stone leading to increased porosity. Water within the pores can freeze in the winter, expand, and cause additional deterioration of the stone. If you intend to plant in one of these urns or statues, please use a liner or pot to avoid direct contact. Pots can easily be removed when the flowers die or become dormant.



30 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

In April, Public Works Crew Leader Ryan King celebrated his 30th anniversary with the City of Prairie Village. Ryan, thank you for the years of hard work, dedication, leadership, and integrity you have given Prairie Village. You are one of the reasons Prairie Village is such a great place to live, work, and visit!



**THANK
YOU,
RYAN!**

For 30 years of service to our community. Happy anniversary!

CONSOLIDATED FIRE DISTRICT #2

OPEN HOUSE

FIRE STATION 23
7810 MISSION RD.
PRAIRIE VILLAGE, KS

9AM-NOON
THURSDAY
JULY 4th

LOCAL 1271

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Alley Porter, Assistant City Administrator
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Lisa Santa Maria, Finance Director

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PUBLIC WORKS

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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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Do you follow the City of Prairie Village on social media?
If not, here are a few things you may have missed.
Be sure to follow us to stay up-to-date with your local government.



CITY HALL TOUR: In May, City Hall welcomed visitors from a local elementary school. The third grade students toured City Hall and the Police Station and took part in a mock City Council Meeting.



PROTECT & SERVE: In May, Community Service Officer Allie Jasminski, along with fellow PVPD officers, rescued ducklings that had fallen into a sewer drain and become trapped.



PORTER PARK: Heartland Tree Alliance and CommunityAmerica Credit Union helped mulch trees and spruce up Porter Park this spring.



TORCH RUN: The Prairie Village Police Department participated in the 2019 Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics May 28.



DOGGIE DASH: The third annual Doggie Dash 3K run/walk was held in Prairie Village May 11.



CFD2: City officials had a chance to formally welcome our new neighbors Consolidated Fire District No. 2 during a ribbon cutting at their new station hosted by NEJC Chamber.



TOUCH-A-TRUCK: The Public Works Department held its annual touch-a-truck event May 15. The event provided a free opportunities for families to check out equipment and watch a demonstration.