

# VOICE



## Survey indicates preliminary support for civic center

Wiese Research Group LLC recently completed a feasibility study to measure community support of a new Prairie Village Civic Center and Johnson County Library at Harmon Park.

The study was conducted to assist the City of Prairie Village, in partnership with the YMCA of Greater Kansas City and Johnson County Library, in determining the project's feasibility and market demand based on a statistically validated analysis.

Wiese Research Group presented

the survey findings during a public meeting held in January. While the overall results encompassed a geographic region beyond Prairie Village city limits, the study included 714 Prairie Village residents who completed the survey by phone or online. The results indicated preliminary interest in the project moving to the next planning phase. At the direction of the City Council, City staff is in process of creating an action plan to identify next steps for further Council consideration.

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# A Message from the Mayor

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Dear friends and neighbors,

With spring's warm renewal, consider how fortunate we are to live in our uniquely charming and vibrant City of Prairie Village.

To ensure that high quality of civic life renews for future decades, we are in the midst of an ambitious update to our Village Vision longterm comprehensive plan dubbed "Village Vision 2.0." Through public meetings under the guidance of our staff and other professional suburban planners, we engaged our residents to develop the following five flexible goals and development principles:

1) **Quality Public Space.** Encourage the design of public spaces, including streets, parks and gathering spaces, that support recreation, social/community life, a healthy environment, connectivity, and access. This could, for example, include a new civic center with aquatics, recreation, library, wellness and community spaces. Our recent public survey of residents indicates strong demand and a willingness to financially support such public amenities here.

2) **Strong Neighborhoods.** Allow neighborhoods to evolve in ways that reinforce their defining characteristics, while also supporting the progressing needs of existing and future residents. The "Phase Two" neighborhood design guidelines that took effect last year for residential teardown/rebuilds will improve the design of new homes built in 2020 and beyond. Expansion of our popular Exterior Grant Program encourages new investment in existing homes.

3) **Viable Commercial Centers.** Guide reinvestment in activity centers to support dynamic, walkable, and bike-able places with a diverse offering of commercial, civic, and living opportunities, while responsibly growing the sales and commercial property tax bases. We are blessed with civic fiscal strength, a thriving tax base, and exciting new local businesses opening and thriving here. The City will continue to partner with our local businesses to create a climate that allows them, and thus the City, to succeed.

4) **Sustainability.** Protect our natural and built systems through environmentally sustainable practices. We are leading the region by implementing internal practices that minimize energy consumption and adverse impacts to the environment. One example, the conversion of our streetlights to LED, is saving the City hundreds of thousands of dollars per year on energy costs while simultaneously reducing our carbon footprint.

5) **Productivity.** Ensure our development activities and investments create more community value than liabilities. Because we are not tethered to growth for growth's sake, we can afford to selectively invest only in new development projects that fit our unique character and vision. For example, we expect to open Prairie Village's beautiful new (and only) hotel this spring, receipts from which will help pay down City debt incurred to purchase the adjacent Meadowbrook Park.

Some traditions and City policies are best preserved, while others must adapt to changing times, demographics, and tastes. This Village Vision 2.0 blueprint will be tweaked and finalized in 2020 with your input to find the right balance.

With it, we are thoughtfully creating a resilient future Prairie Village where our happy grandchildren will be as proud to live as we are.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "EM", written over a white background.

Eric



# Arbor Day events to be held at Bennett Park

The Prairie Village Tree Board invites area residents to attend two Arbor Day events at 10 a.m. April 25 at Bennett Park, located at 5100 W 77th Street.

New signage will be dedicated in the playground area where a massive American elm tree once stood. The tree died in 2018 and had to be cut down, but the six-foot-wide stump with a circumference of over 20 feet remains. Arborists estimate that the tree began growing in that spot in the early 1880s, during the area's pioneering days. It was one of the largest elms in Kansas at one time.

For the second event, a disease-resistant American elm will be planted in the park for this year's Arbor Day Honoree. Honorees are recognized for their efforts and contributions in making a difference in Prairie Village.

# Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Time	Location
3/2	Council Meeting	6 p.m.	Council Chambers
3/13	Arts Reception	6 p.m.	City Hall
4/6	Council Meeting	6 p.m.	Council Chambers
4/7	Planning Commission	7 p.m.	Council Chambers
4/10	Arts Reception	6 p.m.	City Hall
4/20	Council Meeting	6 p.m.	Council Chambers
4/25	Arbor Day Celebration	10 a.m.	Bennett Park

# Arts Council presents Second Fridays

*Cities from New York to Honolulu to the Crossroads in Kansas City celebrate the arts during First Friday events, but area residents can also celebrate the arts at Prairie Village's Second Friday Art Events. Every second Friday, City Hall opens its doors to host featured artists and showcase their work with a reception from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.*

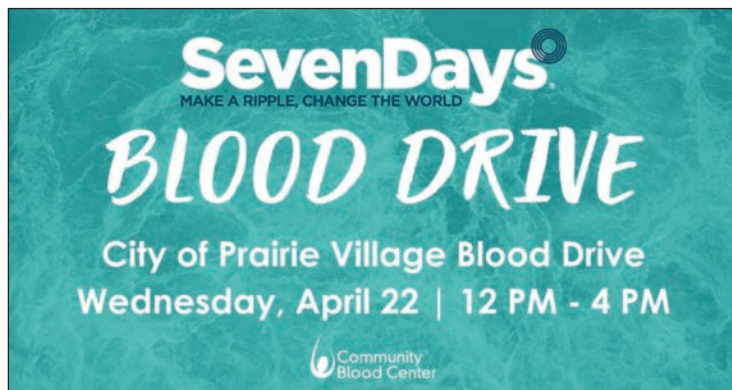
## Friday, March 13

The Prairie Village Arts Council will host local artists Hasna Sal, Katherine Bello, Lori Stanziola, and Emily Johnson. Multi-media artist Emily works freely with acrylics, oils, wax and charcoal, drawing from nature to create remarkable images. Lori layers colors to create prints of depth and detail. Katherine is an abstract painter using mixed media with bold strokes and layered color. Hasna works in glass to create free-standing and wall mounted works inspired by the natural, ethereal world.



## Friday, April 10

The Arts Council will host its annual celebration of the art of the camera during the "Art of Photography" juried show. Awards will be made in three categories: Portraits and People; Landscapes and Architecture, and Abstract/non-traditional. Also our guests will be able to vote for their favorite work in support of the People's Choice award.



# Community blood drive to be 4/22

The City of Prairie Village will host a blood drive from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. April 22 in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 7700 Mission Road, as part of SevenDays 2020.

SevenDays is an annual week-long series of events demonstrating how hatred, bigotry, and ignorance can

be overcome by kindness, respect, and understanding. It's organized by the Faith Always Wins Foundation. For more information visit [faithalway-swins.org](http://faithalway-swins.org).

Donation appointments will be available mid-March at [pvkansas.com](http://pvkansas.com).

# Large item pickup to be March 28, April 4

It's time to get rid of unwanted junk from your garage or basement during Prairie Village's annual large item pick-up. The dates for this year's collection are:

**March 28** - Residents on and north of 75th Street and those east of Belinder

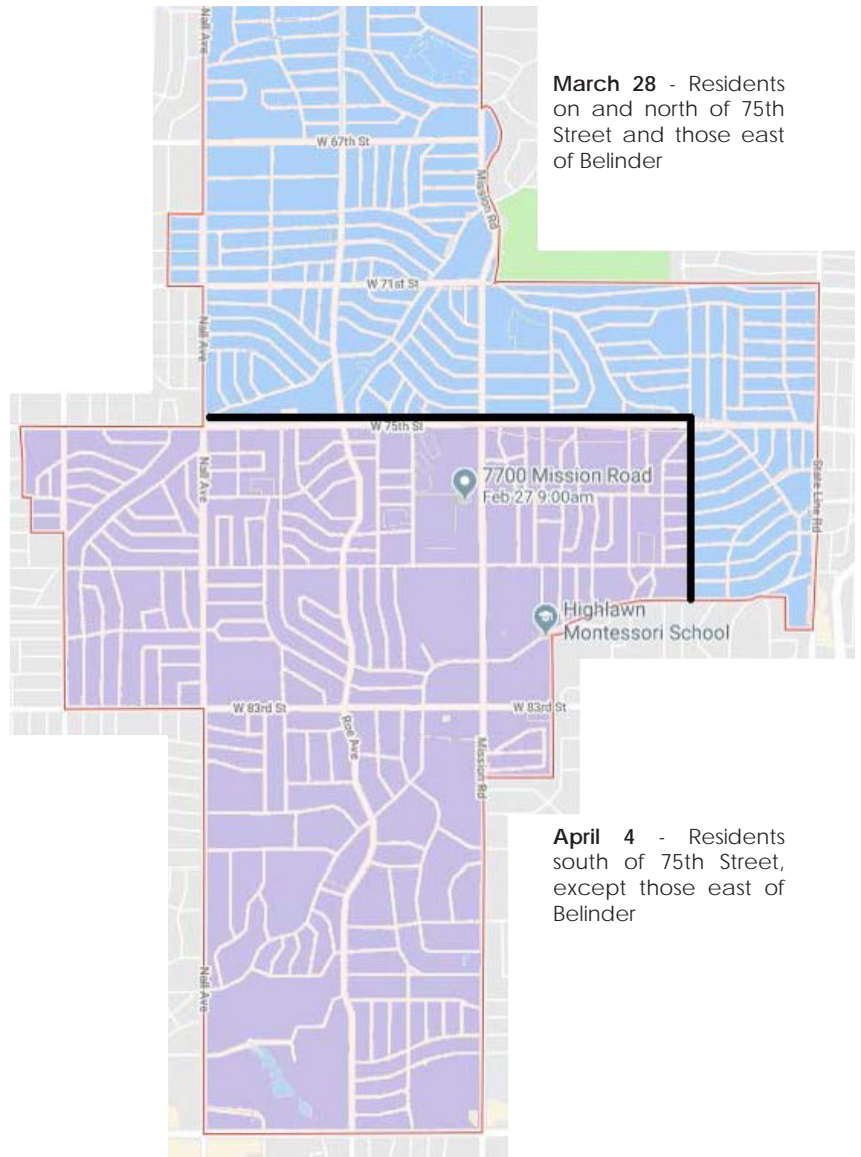
**April 4** - Residents south of 75th Street, except those east of Belinder

Items must be at the curb by 7:00 a.m.

Items collected include:

- Appliances
- Railroad ties (4' or less in length)
- Fencing (cut into 3' x 4' sections. Bundle loose pickets for easy collection.)
- Furniture
- Carpet (cut into 4' x 4' sections)
- Items not collected by regular trash service

Items should be no larger than a standard-size refrigerator. Republic will pick up refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, and ice makers; however, the refrigerant must be removed. Loose items should be bundled. For complete large item pick-up rules visit [www.pvkansas.com/largeitempickup](http://www.pvkansas.com/largeitempickup). If you have additional questions, call Republic Services at 913-281-4343. This is a free service for Prairie Village residents.



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## Newly-elected Council Members sworn in

Newly-elected City Council Members were sworn in during the January 6 council meeting.

New Council Members, pictured from left, are Bonnie Limbird representing Ward 3, Inga Selders representing Ward 2, Ian Graves representing Ward 6, and Piper Reimer representing Ward 4.

Chad Herring representing Ward 1 and Courtney McFadden representing Ward 5 were also sworn in during the ceremony. Both were re-elected in November.

Contact information for each Council Member is available on page 2 of the Village Voice. A ward map, designed to help residents identify their ward, is available under the 'Discover Prairie Village' tab on the City's website, [pvkansas.com](http://pvkansas.com).





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# P Spring/Summer 2020 arks & Recreation Guide



# Prairie Village Pool

7711 Delmar Street 913-385-4650



## Regular Pool Hours

Concession Stand	Noon to 7 p.m.
Leisure Pool and Wading Pool	11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Diving Well, Water Slides and Meter Pool	Noon to 8 p.m.
Adult Pool and Lap Lanes - Weekends	11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Adult Pool and Lap Lanes - Weekdays	Noon to 8 p.m.
Lap Lanes Adults Only Hours	4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The pool may be closed or have reduced hours due to weather conditions, lifeguard availability, scheduled swim and dive meets, other City-sponsored events, maintenance, or safety concerns. For more information, call the Prairie Village Pool at 913-385-4650 after May 23 or City Hall at 913-381-6464 anytime.

## 2020 Pool Calendar

Wednesday, April 1	Registration begins for pool memberships, aquatics teams
Saturday, May 23	Pool opens for the season at 11 a.m.
Wednesday, May 27	First day of dive and swim team practice
Saturday, June 6	Pre-competitive swim meet 8:30 a.m.
Tuesday, June 9	Dive meet - slides and diving well close at 5 p.m.
Friday, June 12	Moonlight swim - pool complex remains open until 10 p.m.
Thursday, June 18	Swim meet - pool complex closes at 5 p.m.
Thursday, June 25	Swim meet - pool complex closes at 5 p.m.
Friday, June 26	Moonlight swim - pool complex remains open until 10 p.m.
Tuesday, June 30	Dive meet - slides and diving well closes at 5 p.m.
Saturday, July 4	VillageFest 2020 - Free Swim - Pool complex closes at 6 p.m.
Thursday, July 9	Swim meet - pool complex closes at 5 p.m.
Friday, July 10	Moonlight swim - pool complex remains open until 10 p.m.
Monday, July 13	Pool memberships are half off for remainder of season
Friday, July 24	Moonlight swim - pool complex remains open until 10 p.m.
Aug. 3-7	Weekday partial hours - pool complex opens at 2 p.m.
Aug. 10-Sept. 4	Weekday reduced hours - pool complex opens at 4:30 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 7	Pool closes for the season at 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 8	Puppy Poolooza (Dog Swim) 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

## Alternative options available when the pool is closed for a swim or dive meet

Prairie Village partners with the cities of Fairway, Leawood, Merriam, Mission and Roeland Park to allow membership holders all-day access to their pools on days the Prairie Village Pool is closed for meets. This service is included in the price of both resident and non-resident pool membership.

# 2020 Pool Memberships & Admission Fees

Annual pool memberships go on sale April 1 online and at the City Clerk's Office in City Hall, 7700 Mission Road. Normal office hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Please note:

- Pool memberships are non-refundable and non-transferable.
- The Prairie Village Pool does not sell memberships on-site.
- New for 2020, children under 2 years old do not require a membership and will be admitted to the pool free of charge.
- To purchase pool memberships, all household members over 18 years old may be required to show identification and/or proof of residency (verified by driver's license, utility bill or credit card bill.)
- Daily admission fees and five-swim cards will not be applied to the purchase of a membership.
- Five-swim cards are only valid for the season in which they are purchased.
- The Prairie Village Pool does not sell family memberships. All members of the family must purchase individual memberships. However, SuperPass upgrades are available at individual or family rates (for up to five family members.)
- Business owners with an active administrative/retail license in Prairie Village may purchase memberships at resident rates.
- Pool membership cards are required for all pool members. New members must obtain their photo pool membership cards in the City Clerk's Office. Existing members can use their renewed card or obtain a new one. Cards must be presented upon entering the pool complex by only the person to whom the card is issued. Any violations or "pass backs" of membership ID cards may result in forfeiture of membership privileges for the remainder of the season.

## Prairie Village Resident

Individual Membership	\$50
Senior Citizen Membership	\$45
Swim Card with Five Admissions*	\$35

\* Early bird special / half price rates do not apply

## Non-Resident

Individual Membership	\$80
Senior Citizen Membership	\$70
Swim Card with Five Admissions*	\$40

**Purchase memberships in April to receive \$10 off per person. Memberships are half price starting July 13!**

## Other Fees

Daily Gate Fee	\$10
Twilight Admission Fee (after 4:30 p.m.)	\$5
Lost Membership Card Replacement	\$3

## Upgrade your membership with a SuperPass

Are you interested in visiting additional pools this summer? With the SuperPass, your annual Prairie Village pool membership will allow you unlimited access to the following partnering pools: Fairway, Leawood, Mission, and Roeland Park. To be eligible for a SuperPass upgrade, you must first purchase a Prairie Village Pool membership for each interested family member.

## Prairie Village Resident

SuperPass individual upgrade	\$25
SuperPass family upgrade (max 5 people)	\$60
-Each additional household family member	\$5

## Non-Resident

SuperPass individual upgrade	\$30
SuperPass family upgrade (max 5 people)	\$65
-Each additional household family member	\$5

SuperPass rates are in addition to the individual pool membership rates listed above.

## Pool Rentals

Those interested may rent the Leisure Pool, Slide Pool, and Diving Well as a package any available evening June 1 to July 31, subject to available staffing. Parties may be held from 8:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. after the pool closes to the public. The rental fee is \$350. For more information, ask a pool manager on duty or contact the City Clerk's Office at 913-381-6464.



# Aquatics Programs

## Swim & Dive Teams

Swim and dive teams are open to youth ages 6 to 18. The aquatics team season begins Wednesday, May 27. The last day to register is Friday, May 8. A pre-season team orientation will be held in the Prairie Village City Council Chambers Monday, May 11 at 6 p.m. All team members should plan to attend.

### Aquatic Team Registration Fees

Resident	\$110
Resident, second child on team	\$105
Non-resident with Prairie Village Pool Membership*	\$115
Non-resident without Prairie Village Pool Membership*	\$165

### Important Dates

Last day to register: May 8
Team orientation: May 11
New member eval: May 16
All City Meet: July 15

Team registration includes:

- T-shirt and swim cap
- Friday Fun Days during designated practices
- Personal and group curriculum and assessments
- Team awards banquet
- Access to private and semi-private instruction after practice (at an additional charge)

\*Prairie Village is a member of the Johnson County Swim and Dive League (JCSDL). JCSDL Bylaws state that individuals must compete for the city in which they reside, if that city has a JCSDL member team. Exceptions are 1) the participant lives closer to the Prairie Village pool than they pool in their residential city or 2) the participant competed on the Prairie Village team for the last two consecutive seasons. (These rules affect residents of Fairway, Lenexa, Prairie Village, Overland Park, Shawnee, Merriam, Roeland Park, and Olathe.)

### Swim Team Practice

(Monday-Thursday)

8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.	Ages 12 & Up Competitive
9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.	Ages 11 & Under Competitive
9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	Pre-competitive

### Dive Team Practice

(Monday-Thursday)

8 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.	Ages 6-11
9:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	Ages 12-18

### Team Lessons

Lessons are open to any youth participating on the 2020 Prairie Village Swim or Dive Team. Lessons are taught in a semi-private format, and are intended to aid in skill and technique development. Lessons are purchased in packages of five 30-minute lessons for \$45. Lessons for aquatics team members are held Monday-Friday between 10:30 a.m. to noon. The day and time of lessons must be pre-arranged between the team member and coach.

### New Team Member Evaluation

An evaluation to determine placement on the competitive or pre-competitive team for new team members will be May 16 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Shawnee Mission East Pool Complex.

### Aquatic Program Refunds

Team fees, including fees for lessons not taken are refundable up to one week after team practice begins minus a \$15 administrative fee.





# Tennis Programs

## Kansas City Junior Tennis League

Prairie Village is a member of the Kansas City Junior Tennis League (KCJTL). In this program, youth ages 8-18 develop, improve, and refine their tennis skills. The League consists of weekly clinics, challenge days, weekly team matches, and an end-of-year tournament. Visit [www.kcjtl.org](http://www.kcjtl.org) for more information. Register online at [www.pvkansas.com](http://www.pvkansas.com) or at City Hall, 7700 Mission Road.

### JTL Fees

\$105 per participant

\$100 per additional child on team

### Important Dates

Last day to register: May 13

League Play: June 1 - July 9

End-of-year tournament: July 13-17

## Cardio Tennis

Taught by a professional tennis teacher, cardio tennis is a group activity for all ages featuring drills for players of all abilities. Classes include warm-up, cardio workout, and cool down phases. Sessions will be held from 8-9 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Harmon Park. Register online at [www.pvkansas.com](http://www.pvkansas.com) or at City Hall, 7700 Mission Road.

### Cardio Tennis Details

Session 1 – June 2-18

Session 2 – June 23 - July 9

\$90 per session. There are six 50-minute lessons per session.

## Private & Semi-Private Lessons

Lessons are available Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday between the hours of 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The day and time of the lessons must be pre-arranged between the player and tennis pro. Lessons should be booked in advance at City Hall, 7700 Mission Road.

**Private Lessons** allow instructors the opportunity to work with players on individual needs. The fee is \$25 per person for a 30-minute lesson.

**Semi-Private Lessons** for two persons are structured to meet individual needs. The fee is \$20 per person for a 30-minute lesson.

**Three and a Pro** is a program for youth. You bring two friends and play with the pro. The cost is \$20 per player for 60 minutes.

## Skateboarding

Skateboarding classes will not be offered in Prairie Village this summer as the skate park at Harmon Park is scheduled for reconstruction. The skate park will be closed for the duration of reconstruction project. Visit [pvkansas.com/pvskatepark](http://pvkansas.com/pvskatepark) to learn more.

## Recreation Program Fee Assistance

Scholarships are available to qualified Prairie Village residents for pool memberships and team fees. Scholarships are available to adults and all children living in the household. All scholarship applicants will be required to provide the City with their previous year's federal tax return as part of the application. For more information, contact the Assistant City Administrator at 913-385-4662.



# Programs Offered by Other Organizations

## JCPRD Programs

Register online at [www.jcprd.com](http://www.jcprd.com)

### JCPRD Swim Lessons

Swim lessons for non-swim team participants are provided at the Prairie Village Pool by the Johnson County Park & Recreation District (JCPRD). You do not need to be a member of the Prairie Village Pool to take swimming lessons through Johnson County Parks and Recreation. Lessons are offered Monday through Thursday with Friday as a make-up day. Registration for lessons and programs will be taken through JCPRD, 6501 Antioch, Merriam, Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Registration is also available by phone at 913-831-3359 between 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information about JCPRD programs, visit their website at [www.jcprd.com](http://www.jcprd.com).

#### Courses Offered

Parent Tot (6 months - 2 ½ years)  
Aqua Tot (2 ½ - 5 years)  
Novice (5-12 years)  
Advanced Novice (5-12 years)  
Intermediate (6-12 years)

#### Session Dates

Session 1 – June 8-18  
Session 2 – June 22-July 2  
Session 3 – July 6-16  
Session 4 – July 20-30

Lesson times are 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
There are eight 30-minute lessons per session.

Courses may be canceled due to low-enrollment or unavailability of instructors.

#### Fees (per eight-lesson session)

Johnson County Resident \$60  
Non-Johnson County Resident \$66

### JCPRD Tennis Lessons

JCPRD offers group tennis lessons for kids ages 5-8, 9-12, and 11-14 at Harmon Park in Prairie Village. Lessons begin June 2 and are held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. For more information, or to register, visit [www.jcprd.com](http://www.jcprd.com).

#### Fees

Ages 9-14, eight 50-minute lessons  
Johnson County Resident \$84  
Non-Johnson County Resident \$94

Ages 5-8, four 50-min. lessons  
Johnson County Resident \$42  
Non-Johnson County Resident \$47

### Johnson County Summer Day Camp

(Ages 6-10)

Summer Day Camp will be held at the Harmon Park Pavilion Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., beginning June 3 running through August 2. The day camp is fully licensed by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Camp registration is accepted online at [www.jcprd.com](http://www.jcprd.com) or by mail, fax, or in person. Phone registration is not available.





# Challenger Sports

Register online at [challenger.configio.com](http://challenger.configio.com)

## TinyTykes

TinyTykes is a program focusing on the development of children ages 2-5. The soccer experts at Challenger Sports and child development experts have designed an innovative curriculum that introduces young players to the basic skills needed in soccer as well as developing motor, social, and psychological skills. Programs include a ball and uniform, Lenny toy, or a backpack. Register online at [challenger.configio.com](http://challenger.configio.com).

Thursday mornings; April 2 - May 7

Taliaferro Park

\$90

Tiny Tykes Cubs - ages 2-3; 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

TinyTykes Lions - ages 4-5; 9:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

## International Soccer Camp

International Soccer Camp provides players of all abilities with the rare opportunity to receive high-level soccer coaching from a team of international experts. Each day includes individual foot skills, technical drills, tactical practices, small-sided games, coached scrimmages, and a daily tournament. Equally important, the Challenger coaching staff provides your child with lessons in respect, responsibility, integrity, sportsmanship and leadership. Camp programs include a free ball and shirt and a free jersey for online registrations at least 45 days prior to camp! Register online at [challenger.configio.com](http://challenger.configio.com).

June 15 - 19

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Taliaferro Park

\$159

Ages 5-14





# Parks, Facilities & Reservations

## Park Pavilions

Pavilions in City parks may be reserved throughout the year for use between 7 a.m. and 11 p.m. Pavilions are available in Franklin, Harmon, Taliaferro, Porter, Wassmer, Weltner, Windsor, and Bennett Parks, as well as the Santa Fe Pavilion in Harmon Park. The fee for most pavilion reservations is \$8 per hour for Prairie Village residents and \$15 per hour for non-residents.

Santa Fe Pavilion and Franklin Park Pavilion are each split in half for facility rentals. However, they can also be reserved in whole. The fee for these reservations is \$12 per hour for Prairie Village residents and \$22.50 per hour for non-residents. Check pavilion availability and reserve online [pvkansas.com](http://pvkansas.com). Reservations can also be made in person at City Hall.

## Ball Fields

Ball fields are first come, first serve for the public and are also available for reservation. Written requests to reserve ball fields must be filed with the City Clerk's office prior to the date of use. Applications are available at City Hall. The City Clerk accepts team applications for the spring and summer in January and for the fall season in August.

## Tennis Courts

Tennis courts are first come, first serve for the public, and are also available for reservation. If you would like to hold a tournament, or reserve a court, stop by the City Clerk's Office inside City Hall. Tournament reservations must be made at least one week in advance. Applications are available for download from the City's website.

## Park Locations (Hours 7 a.m. - 11 p.m.)

- Bennett Park - 77th Street & Rosewood Drive
- Brenizer Park - Tomahawk Road & Prairie Lane
- Franklin Park - Somerset Drive & Roe Avenue
- Harmon Park - 77th Place & Delmar Street
- McCrum Park - 69th Terrace & Roe Avenue
- Meadowbrook Park - 9101 Nall Avenue \*
- Porter Park - Tomahawk Road & Roe Avenue
- Santa Fe Trail Park - 7727 Delmar Street
- Schliffke Park - 6845 Mission Road
- Shaffer Park - Tomahawk Road & Mission Road
- Taliaferro Park - 2900 W. 79th Street
- Wassmer Park - 67th Street & Roe Avenue
- Weltner Park - 78th Street & State Line Road
- Windsor Park - 71st Terrace & Windsor Street

\* While Meadowbrook Park is located in Prairie Village, it is a Johnson County property. To make reservations at Meadowbrook Park, contact the Johnson County Park & Recreation District.







## Prairie Village celebrates sixth annual Future of the Arts

Prairie Village celebrated the creativity and talent of Kansas City children during the Prairie Village Arts Council's sixth annual "Future of the Arts" event in January.

The event garnered nearly 100 fine art submissions from children grades 1-12, including a record eight literary entries.

The Gala Celebration on January 10 brought a record crowd of nearly 300 people despite the daunting weather. All ages enjoyed make-and-take art, scav-

enger hunts, Spin Pizza, and ice cream while taking in the art.

The gala featured several live literary and musical performances with an awards presentation for each age group and fine art categories.

Judges for this year's competition were visual artist and teacher Abby Yemm, social justice professional writer Kelly Flanagan and local musician and vocalist Melissa Geffert.

Thank you to our artists and judges.

The Prairie Village Arts Council is pleased to announce the following Future Of The Arts winners:

### Visual Artists

1-3rd grades

Honorable mention: Nate Brown's painting "Start of Winter"

Winner: Orion Seiz's "The Spotted Hike"

4-6th grades

Aadi Malhotra's spray-painting "Imagine"

7-9th grades

Nevaeh Dull's Colored Pencil Drawing "Sapphire"

10-12th grades

Honorable Mention: Sydni William's "Unexpected Return"

Winner: Alysia Martinez's mixed media collage "Tranquility"

### Literary Artists

7-9th grades

Tie: Anna Golian for "One Mistake" & Zahra Parsons for "Dysfunctional"

10-12th grades

Justice Thompson for "Relax"

### Piano Performance

4-6th grades

Conner Vickers playing "Thinking Out Loud"

### Vocal Performance

4-6th grades

Kara Parrett writing, composing, and singing "Once Upon a Time"

## City launches glass recycling, food compost pilot program

The City is always looking for ways to be better stewards of our environment. One of the ways in which we are doing that is through our recent launch of a pilot program where randomly selected households in the City can now place food compost and glass recycling at the curb for pickup.

The City has partnered with Republic Services, GlassBandit, and Compost Collective KC to provide these services, and the program will run from February through the end of July. This spring,

we will survey the residents who participated in the program to see how it's going and determine if they would like the City to provide this as a permanent service to our residents.

Residents have already been selected for our pilot program, but if you would like to sign up for curbside food compost or glass recycling pickup, you can reach out to GlassBandit or Compost Collective KC directly and let them know you'd like to take advantage of the City of Prairie Village's discounted rate.

# Budget Calendar

Each year, the City reviews the budget phases and sets the budget calendar. To view the 2021 budget calendar, visit [pvkansas.com/budgetcalendar](http://pvkansas.com/budgetcalendar).

## VillageFest 2020

Accepting nominations for:

### Community Spirit Awards

The Community Spirit Award recognizes Prairie Village residents and businesses that exemplify a caring spirit for our community.

**Nominate someone today!**

[www.pvkansas.com/villagefest](http://www.pvkansas.com/villagefest)

**2020 Exterior Grant  
Now Open**



**Are you making an improvement to your residence? You may be eligible for grant funding.**

**Applications open at 8 a.m. March 2 at City Hall**  
(first come, first served)

**2019 Appraised Value must be \$250,000 or less**

The City Council increased the budget to \$68,000 this year due to increased interest in grant funding

**Learn more at [www.pvkansas.com/exteriorgrant](http://www.pvkansas.com/exteriorgrant)**

## Residents asked to help keep community beautiful

We're working to keep Prairie Village beautiful by encouraging good property maintenance practices citywide. The Prairie Village code enforcement team will be in your neighborhood in the coming weeks looking for common code violations. Below are a few tips to help 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 items accumulating outside

### Storage

- Yard tools and equipment, lumber, and other items must be inside or screened in back yard
- No inoperable or unlicensed vehicles outside
- No recreational vehicles stored in front yard. Such vehicles 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

### Trash Storage

- Trash cans must be stored behind the front building line and screened from view from the street at all times, except the evening before the day of your scheduled trash collection.
- Grants are available to help homeowners screen trash containers. More information is available online at [pvkansas.com/homemaintenanceprograms](http://pvkansas.com/homemaintenanceprograms).

## Tree trimming guidelines provided by Evergy

Managing the impact of trees on power lines helps prevent outages and severe weather issues.

If you have any sort of vegetation (trees, branches, bushes, etc.) near the power line that runs from the pole to your meter, please fill out a vegetation request at [Evergy.com](http://Evergy.com) or call Evergy customer service to schedule a line clearance request. Evergy will send a crew member to review your request.

If a crew member finds vegetation doesn't pose a threat to your energy service, no further action is needed. However, if a crew member finds vegetation does pose a threat, Evergy will 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.

When a power outage occurs, Evergy's immediate priority is to restore power to customers. If trimming is necessary to get the lights back on, Evergy will:

- Perform a courtesy knock to let you know Evergy is on your property.
- Clear vegetation that interferes with power lines and equipment to ensure restoration is performed safely and quickly.
- Ask you to clean up the outage debris so Evergy can focus on the work of restoring power to the community.

If you need help, check online or in a local directory for a reliable tree or lawn care service company.



## Breed-specific language removed from City Code

At its February 3 meeting, the Prairie Village City Council voted to remove breed-specific language from the City's Code of Ordinances, repealing a citywide ban on pit bulls in city limits. The change to the ordinance became effective upon publication February 11.



# Staff Spotlight



## Police Department helps identify risks for business and home owners

It's time to spring clean! After you finish cleaning out the garage, dusting the cobwebs, and donating that recliner you haven't sat on in three years, consider having a residential/business survey done on your home or business.

The purpose of a residential/business survey is to assist residents and business owners in recognizing and identifying potential areas that may pose a security risk. To increase the security of a residence/business, the PVPD Crime Prevention Unit will address the locks, lighting and overall effective-

ness as it pertains to security to your residence or business.

The survey will note areas that may present a security weakness. The main objective is to attempt to make your residence/business less inviting to a burglar and more resistant to a potential break-in. Recommendations for security improvements are in the interest of reducing the opportunity of a burglary.

If you have any questions about this survey, please contact Detective. Van Cil the Crime Prevention Unit at 913-385-4012 or [cvancil@pvkansas.com](mailto:cvancil@pvkansas.com).

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## Identify theft prevention tips

The number of police reports involving identity theft and scams rises every year near tax season. The Crime Prevention Unit of the Prairie Village Police Department would like to remind residents of the following Identity Theft Prevention Tips:

- Shred all documents with sensitive information and go "paperless" if possible
- When purchasing online, verify the website is secure
- Review debit card/bank account activity frequently
- Use a credit monitoring service
- Pay inside at gas stations to avoid possible skimmers at the gas pump
- If you receive a telephone call, never give out any personal information over the phone

For more information on how to protect yourself from becoming a victim of identity theft, visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

Name: **Wes Jordan**  
Position: **City Administrator**  
Years with the City: **31**



Responsibilities: **In general, I oversee all city operations and am fortunate to work with a talented team to implement the goals & objectives of the Governing Body.**

Favorite thing about working for Prairie Village: **I would have to say sense of community. I began my law enforcement career in Prairie Village in 1988 and worked my way through the ranks of the Police Department before being appointed to my current role in 2017. I feel very blessed to have spent an entire career working with our residents, fellow employees, and elected officials in building upon the foundation of those that came before us and the promise of a bright future.**

Name: **Keith Bredehoeft**  
Position: **Public Works Director**  
Years with the City: **10**



Responsibilities: **I am responsible for the overall work completed by the Public Works Department.**

Favorite thing about working for Prairie Village: **"Working with a great group of people, including city staff, elected officials, and residents, each and every day to make Prairie Village a better place."**

Name: **Tim Schwartzkopf**  
Position: **Chief of Police**  
Years with the City: **26**



Responsibilities: **I am responsible for all activities of the Police Department to include administration and police operations. I also work with the other City departments, Governing Body, and Mayor on issues that affect the City as a whole and what role the PD can play in improving the quality of life for our residents.**

Favorite thing about working for Prairie Village: **My favorite thing about working for the City is the opportunity to work with a great group of women and men. Specifically, the women and men of the Police Department who work 24/7 to make Prairie Village and Mission Hills safe and secure for our residents, and who put others before themselves in the service to our Community.**

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7700 Mission Road  
Prairie Village, KS 66208

Reader Feedback  
Please send your comments to:  
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913-385-4674

## Do you follow?

If you don't follow the City of Prairie Village on social media, here are a few things you may have missed. Be sure to follow us on Instagram, Facebook, Twitter and Nextdoor to stay up-to-date with your local government. The Prairie Village Police Department has its own presence on each platform as well.



**Thank you, Fielding!**  
*City Treasurer Fielding Norton retired after 38 years of service to Prairie Village.*



**Throwback Thursdays**  
*On select Thursdays, we share pictures of Prairie Village's history (like this photo of the 600th home sold in Prairie Village).*



**Tacky Sweaters**  
*City staff sported their best and brightest holiday sweaters during an employee appreciation lunch in December.*



**Baby Shower**  
*The Public Works Department held a surprise baby shower for arborist Bridget Tolle.*



**Red Friday**  
*City Hall staff wore red to cheer the Kansas City Chiefs to victory in Super Bowl LIV.*



**Thank you, Council!**  
*In January, the City Council recognized outgoing members Ted Odell, Andrew Wang, Serena Schermoly, and Brooke Morehead.*

## City Contact Information

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Jamie Robichaud, Deputy City Administrator  
Meghan Buom, Assistant City Administrator  
Adam Geffert, City Clerk  
Lisa Santa Maria, Finance Director

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
7710 Mission Road  
Tim Schwartzkopf, Chief of Police

**PUBLIC WORKS**  
3535 Somerset Drive  
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 800-766-2777) at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting time, if possible, to make arrangements.

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