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Public Works preps for winter storms

The City's Public Works Department follows a priority system for removing snow and ice from City streets. Crews work 12-hour shifts throughout a winter storm to provide 24-hour coverage. The City has eight trucks working to clear 258 miles of road.

First priority streets are main roadways - high traffic volume multi-lane roads like 75th Street, Mission Road, etc. Second priority streets are collector streets - two-lane streets within neighborhoods like 79th Street and 83rd Street. Third priority streets are residential streets and culs-de-sac, which are plowed after a snowfall and after first and second priority streets are cleared. If plowing is not required, the City will spread materials only.

Here are a few ways you can help when severe winter weather hits:

- Stay back a least 50' from the rear of a plow truck so the driver can see you.
- Park your vehicles in your driveway. If you must park on the street, park on the even-numbered side of the street.
- Avoid placing snow from your driveway back onto the street or the sidewalk.
- Clear sidewalks adjacent to your property. Property owners are responsible for removing ice and snow from the sidewalks abutting their property within 24 hours from the time that the snow or ice storm ends. The City does not plow sidewalks or driveways unless it is part of City-owned property.

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A Message from the Mayor



Dear friends and neighbors,
Congratulations, Prairie Village. Due to external forces, the 70th year of our City's existence may well have been its toughest. Yet here we stand, thriving amidst adversity, like the stalwart "Pioneer Family" in the sculpture near our beloved Prairie Village Shops. We pulled together as a community, with grit.

Make no mistake, even in the best city, we're not through the woods yet with our local share of these global challenges. Your extraordinary vigilance in health measures, support for local business, and civic grace will still be needed in 2021 and beyond before the world, including our little slice of it, truly feels "normal" again.

2020 Highlights. When I look back at 2020's local highlights, I rank first the generosity and compassion shown in our City. Whether it was a long-time resident offering to match all charitable contributions to the Prairie Village Foundation to help our most vulnerable, residents rallying around to support local senior living facilities in their darkest outbreak days, or simple stories of neighbors checking on neighbors, those heart-warming traits will be remembered as how Prairie Village distinguished itself in 2020.

Another positive highlight for 2020 was how our City Staff, Police, Public Works and Governing Body responded and adapted so quickly, efficiently and professionally to this unprecedented crisis. With your cooperation, we declared and implemented unique emergency measures swiftly and effectively. On the fly we re-invented City government and found ways to keep our City running smoothly and safely through it all. In hindsight, we couldn't have timed our new park openings any better as they saw record usage.

We know that many businesses and residents are hurting financially. Fortunately, perhaps the most surprising highlight of 2020 is how successfully we navigated our City's finances. Our strong fiscal position allows us to continue delivering outstanding services, assistance and amenities to businesses and residents including those struggling the most. When we ran projections back in March for municipal budget impact, some reasonable scenarios were dire. We conserved resources, planned aggressively and as a result we are in position to not only avoid those "worst-case" scenarios but to instead actually beat our original 2020 City budget, by a healthy margin.

Looking forward to 2021. For these and other reasons, we have a lot to be excited about for 2021. Our new Public Works building construction is on schedule to open this year with state-of-the-art sustainability and resilience features. While some local businesses have closed, many more exciting new ones are opening. Our updated Village Vision 2.0 comprehensive plan blueprint will guide us into a second seventy years even better than our first.

The prospects of returning, in a safe way and time, to in-person community events is something I also look forward to. While they may not return in the same form right away, events like VillageFest, Arts Fair and JazzFest may again become joyful civic reunions and celebrations, perhaps with deeper gratitude this time around. Soon, hopefully, we will shake hands in person again (or for the first time), as we come together to share where we've been, where we are, and the great places we'll go together in this amazing 70-years-young vessel we call Prairie Village.

Stay healthy,

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

-Eric

Unsure which ward you live in?

Visit www.pvkansas.com/wardmap.



Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Time	Location
1/4	City Council Meeting	6 p.m.	TBD
1/5	Board of Zoning Appeals/ Planning Commission Meeting	6:30 p.m.	TBD
1/18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day City Offices Closed	All Day	City offices
1/19	City Council Meeting	6 p.m.	TBD
2/1	City Council Meeting	6 p.m.	TBD
2/2	Planning Commission Meeting	7 p.m.	TBD
2/15	President's Day City Offices Closed	All day	City offices

As of December 21, City meetings are still taking place via online video conference due to the COVID-19 pandemic. When in-person meetings resume, they will be in the Council Chambers. For a more comprehensive list of upcoming meetings and events as well as their locations, visit pvkansas.com.



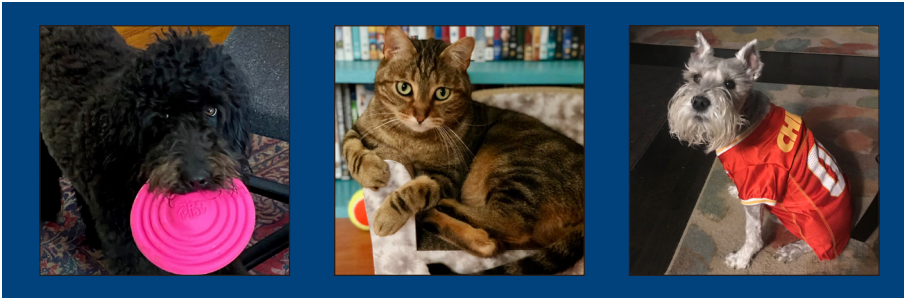
Sydney Newton



Macy Cherra

Congratulations, 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 Macy Cherra and Sydney Newton who were both selected to participate in 2020-2021.

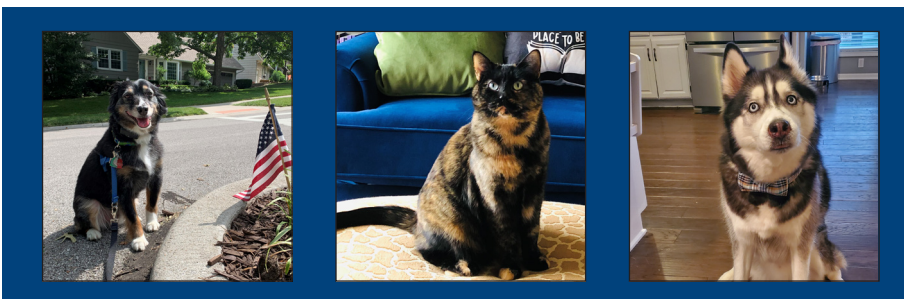


Licenses required for cats & dogs

Do you own a cat or dog over the age of six months? If so, your pet must be licensed with the City. Licensing your furry friend helps keep them safe by ensuring they can be returned to their home if lost, and by certifying all animals in the City have rabies vaccinations. It's also inexpensive, with single-year licenses costing only \$6.00 for spayed or neutered animals.

Each Prairie Village household is permitted to have a maximum of four pets, with no more than three of one species (dog or cat). Licenses must be renewed every one, two or three years depending on the license purchased. Rabies vaccinations must also be valid for the duration of the license being purchased. If an animal cannot tolerate the rabies vaccination, a letter stating the intolerance must be provided by your veterinarian.

You can download a registration form online at www.pvkansas.com/animals. Please contact Barb Fisher at City Hall with questions at 913-385-4685.



PVPD Tip: Don't leave unlocked car running

Did you know it is illegal to leave an unoccupied, unlocked car running according to Prairie Village City Ordinance?

We know it is cold outside, especially in the morning hours before leaving for work, but this is the time criminals are driving side streets looking for cars warming up to steal from your driveway and ruin your day. Don't be an easy victim, and don't make a criminal's day!

Also, before you go in for the night, follow the 9PM Routine!



- Remove valuables
- Lock your car door
- Close garage door
- Turn porch light on

Follow us on social media for more Crime Prevention Tips and 9PM Routine reminders @PVPoliceDept.

Need an arborist?

Now is the time to consider the care of your trees as we move into winter and early spring. Late February through April is the best time to prune deciduous trees. There are a few exceptions to this rule. Birch trees should be pruned from late summer to early autumn to avoid excessive sap loss, and, oak trees should be pruned between November 1 to March 1 to help avoid the potential spread of oak wilt by insects.

A well maintained tree is one of the most valuable assets in the landscape. Conversely a poorly maintained tree can create significant liabilities. Important tree care practices such as pruning, watering, mulching, and fertilizing of small young trees can be accomplished by some homeowners. However, as trees mature and become larger, or incur significant pest and disease issues, the assistance of a professional arborist is desirable.

Arborists are persons that specialize in the management and care of individual trees. It is encouraged to use certified arborists who have demonstrated competency and ethical and technical attributes for tree care. Certified arborists in Kansas have completed training, passed a certification exam, and possess a minimum of two years of practical experience applying sound and proper arboricultural practices. They also maintain property damage and personal liability insurance, and receive continuing education. Most certified arborists have or can obtain the appropriate equipment to do tree work safely.

You can obtain a list of certified arborists from the Kansas Arborists Association (<https://www.kansasarborist.com/search-the-directory.html>), and the International Society of Arboriculture (<https://www.isa-arbor.com/For-the-Public>). The ISA also manages TreesAreGood.org, an educational website that provides the public with quality tree care information.

Nominations open for Arbor Day Honoree

The Prairie Village Tree Board is accepting nominations for this year's Arbor Day Honoree. This is an opportunity for the community to recognize the efforts and contributions of outstanding citizens who have made a difference in Prairie Village. Their efforts should have had a positive and lasting impact on the community; they may be living or deceased individuals or couples and may have served the community in any capacity. Nominations will be accepted until February 28, 2021. You may obtain nomination forms online at www.pvkansas.com/treeboard.



Tree drop-off available in select parks until Jan. 17

The holidays have come and gone, and the time to un-deck the halls has arrived. Prairie Village residents have multiple options for live tree disposal.

Republic Services will pick up live trees at the curbside for the first two weeks in January 2021. Trees taller than 6 feet must be cut in half prior to removal. The trees will be picked up with other compost/yard waste items on each resident's typical trash pickup date.

Additionally, the City sponsors a tree recycling program which runs through January 17. Trees can be placed in designated areas of Porter, Franklin, and Taliaferro Parks. Trees must be free of all lights, ornaments, stands, metal nails, etc. as these items will damage the chipping machine used in the recycling process. Residents may take the chips for their own use.

Volunteers help plant trees in PV

As a "Tree City USA," Prairie Village and the Prairie Village Tree Board held the fourth annual street tree planting event in an effort to promote the value of trees in the community. With the assistance of the Heartland Tree Alliance and a few volunteers, 15 trees were planted this fall in the area of Roe Blvd. and 68th-72nd street.

A diverse range of tree species, including Swamp White Oak, Blackgum, and Tulip, were planted in the city right-of-way with personal commitments gained from



each homeowner to water and care for the trees over the two-year critical growing period.

Studies have shown that trees provide numerous benefits to the community, including reductions in particulate

matter concentrations, reductions in ambient air temperatures, reductions in crime, and improved health and psychological benefits.

Thank you to the volunteers who helped!



Arts Council announces 2020 State of the Arts winners



The Secret Garden by Grace Roberts



Close Quarters by Roland Escalona

The Prairie Village Arts Council is proud to announce the winners of the State of the Arts juried art show. Best in Show was awarded to Grace Roberts for her colored pencil piece *The Secret Garden*. The People's Choice winner was Roland Escalona's *Close Quarters* drawn in pen, ink, and colored pencil on drawing paper.

This is the 14th year of the State of the Arts show, and the first virtual show. Artists from across the country submitted 450 entries. The show's juror, Dr. Lori Phillips, narrowed the entries to 75 pieces to be included. She then selected eight award-winning pieces, including one best of show, two merit awards, and five honorable mentions. The People's Choice winner was selected by those who visited the show online and voted for their favorite piece. To view the show, including the winning entries, visit www.artspv.org.

Phillips shared a summary of her thoughts about the winners on the Arts Council's website. "In my role as artist-juror, I initially choose pieces that I have a strong aesthetic response to at first glance," Phillips wrote. "This helped me to narrow the collection of 450 entries to the 75 pieces you will see in the show."

Phillips praised the entries and explained her judging process, describing what in particular caught her eye for the winning entries. When jurying an art show, she said she looks for artistic merit, which she considers a combination of: artistic ambition, developed sensitivity in material handling - not necessarily the same thing as technical ability, avoidance of clichés, artworks that take a critical stance in relation to the culture at large, and developing artistic and creative maturity. Visit www.artspv.org/blog to read Phillips's entire critique.

The Prairie Village Arts Council is proud and thankful to have been able to put on this show even in the absence of a gallery or reception to feature the artwork. Artists were great to work with, and we hope you enjoyed browsing the work and voting for your favorites. Thank you for taking the time to enjoy and participate in the show. We look forward to (hopefully) being able to see you in person next year.

Back-to-school program assists Prairie Village families

The Prairie Village Foundation's "Back to School with a Firefighter" program helped more children in the fall of 2020 than ever before. Although the event looked a little different due to COVID-19, the Foundation was able to reach out to children and families in need. The Foundation worked with area school principals and social workers who pinpointed 13 children in four families who would benefit from this program.

These Prairie Village families were provided Target gift cards to purchase brand new school supplies and clothing items for the start of the school year. The Foundation believes starting the school year off right is crucial to success for children to grow and prosper.

The program also took on an extra challenge, paying partial December and January rent for two families as well. It was the Foundation's hope this gift would provide additional relief to each family in these difficult times.

The Prairie Village Foundation would like to thank those who helped make the rent payments a reality. These individuals donated cheerfully and generously. Thank you to Greg Justice of AYC Health & Fitness, AJ LoScalzo, Ann Lilak, Mayor Eric Mikkelson and former Prairie Village Mayors Laura Wassmer, Sue Weltner, and Ron Shaffer.

The Prairie Village Foundation has high hopes for students today and in the future. We hope with our gifts, students will



be empowered and confident in classes whether in an online or in-person class setting.

If you would like to provide monetary support for our "Back to School with a Firefighter" program, please call City Hall at 913-381-6464 or donate online at prairievillagefoundation.com.

Solid Waste Collection 2021

Large Item Pickup:
 The 2021 Large Item Pickup dates have not been set.
 Visit www.pvkansas.com/largeitempickup for updated information.

Denotes Bulky Item/Holiday Delay

Denotes Small Bulky Item Week

Denotes Holiday Delay

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For more information, visit republicservices.com/residents or download the Republic Services "My Resources" app. Small bulky item guidelines and guidelines for the large item pickup can be found online at pvkansas.com/trash.

Evergy provides severe weather safety tips

When extremely cold temperatures are in the forecast, consider staying indoors, keep your phones charged and utilize the following cold weather safety tips. If you do experience an outage, report it online at Evergy.com.

Safety Tips for Cold Weather

Prevent frozen pipes: Run water at a trickle and open cabinet doors to prevent pipes from freezing.

Avoid heating with a stove: For safety reasons, never use a stove or oven to heat your home.

Operate generators outside: Don't operate a generator inside the home, including in the basement or garage.

Wear layers: Several layers of clothing will keep you warm. Gloves and a hat will help prevent losing body heat.

Watch space heater placement: If you are using a space heater, place it on a level, hard surface. Keep anything flammable at least three feet away.

Bring pets indoors: If they can't come inside, make sure they have enough shelter to keep them warm and access to unfrozen water.

Have an emergency kit: Stay severe-weather and storm ready by making an emergency kit. Get more info on building yours at Evergy.com.

Winter Storm Health Hazards

Two potentially life-threatening dangers occur in freezing conditions—frostbite and hypothermia. Wear warm, loose-fitting, layered clothing to help protect yourself and your family from these conditions, and learn to recognize their symptoms.

Frostbite is the freezing of toes, fingers and other body parts. Its symptoms include cold, waxy or discolored skin, ranging from flushed to white, gray, yellow or blue, and loss of feeling in the affected areas. If you suspect frostbite has occurred, move the person to a warm place and get medical assistance as soon as possible. Warm but do not rub the affected areas.

Hypothermia is a shut-down of the body's warming system. Its symptoms include shivering, weakness, numbness, confusion and unconsciousness. Move the person to a warm place, replace any wet clothing with warm, dry clothes and call 911.

Curbside Glass Recycling & Food Compost

In an ongoing effort to be good stewards of our environment, the City has negotiated discounted rates for residents who would like to sign up for food compost and glass recycling collection. Learn more online.

www.pvkansas.com



Staff Spotlight

Name: **Derek Wright**
Position: **Code Enforcement Officer**
Years with the City: **6**



Responsibilities: I am one of two code enforcement officers tasked with enforcing city ordinances and zoning regulations. We respond to complaints regarding property maintenance and regularly patrol the City to identify violations.

Favorite thing about working for Prairie Village: I enjoy working with city staff and getting to meet the citizens of Prairie Village.

Name: **Suzanne Lownes**
Position: **Public Works Office Manager**
Years with the City: **23**



Responsibilities: I work closely with the Public Works Director and department staff in planning and coordinating the day-to-day operations including; accounting, budgeting, personnel, permitting and other administrative functions.

Favorite thing about working for Prairie Village: At Prairie Village, no two days are the same and the employees work well together, helping to make Prairie Village a great place to live and work.

Name: **Luke Roth**
Position: **Patrol Operations Sergeant**
Years with the City: **23**



Responsibilities: I manage our department's patrol vehicle fleet and operations. I also manage off-duty assignments contracted to our city and assist with the planning of special events within the city. I also supervise the Community Service and Directive Patrol Units.

Favorite thing about working for Prairie Village: I enjoy the close friendships I've made during my career. The camaraderie at the police department is rewarding and continues to make coming to work enjoyable.

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Reader Feedback
Please send your comments to:
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Exterior Grant Program



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

The 2021 grant program will begin accepting applications
March 1 at 8 a.m. on a first come, first served basis.
Grant guidelines will be posted online when they are available.

Learn more at
www.pvkansas.com/exteriorgrant

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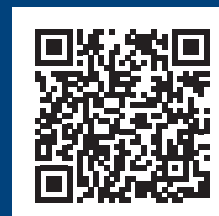
SOCIAL MEDIA

Are you on social media? Follow the City of Prairie Village and the Police Department for the most up-to-date information on City happenings.



DONATE

If you would like to make a donation to the Prairie Village Foundation, open your smartphone's camera and hover over this QR Code. A page will pop up directing you to the Foundation's website.



EVERYONE MAY PARTICIPATE

If anyone 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.