

Safety Corner

Outdoor activities are becoming more popular with the favorable weather change. Many residents are also dusting off their bicycles and preparing for bike trips. Walkers, joggers, and runners are also stretching out for upcoming Summer runs. Skaters, too are updating their boards for Summer fun. With more bicycle, pedestrian, and skateboard traffic on the City streets comes the increased risk of accidents. The City is aware of these risks and wants everyone to enjoy the outdoors this Summer with safety in mind.

Here are some tips for a safer and more enjoyable Summer while cycling, exercising, and skateboarding:

- When cycling and skateboarding, always wear a helmet and knee and elbow pads.
- Stop and check traffic before entering any roadway.

- Don't assume the motorist sees you.
- Whenever possible, avoid riding your bicycle at night.
- Wear reflective clothing when outdoors at night.
- Remember to obey all traffic laws when on a City street.
- If exercising, remember to use the sidewalk if one is available. If no sidewalk is available, go against or facing oncoming traffic.
- If skateboarding or cycling on private property, remember to observe all posted signs. Many business areas have posted signs prohibiting cycling or skateboarding on their busy sidewalks to avoid accidents and property damage.



Dawn Clausius

Following these tips will help us all have a safer, more enjoyable Summer season.

Volunteers Needed

Through a network of over 20 advisory committees, Prairie Village residents have the ability to help make an impact on their community. There are currently vacancies on the following City committees. If you would like more information or are interested in applying for membership on one of these committees, contact the City Clerk's Office at 913-381-6464 for an application form.

- Animal Control Board
- Citizen Advisory Committee
- Environment/Recycle Committee (1 youth position)

- Communications Committee (1 adult and 1 youth position)
- Prairie Village Arts Council (2 youth positions)
- Park & Recreation Committee (members needed from Ward I and V. 2 youth positions)
- Sister City Committee
- Tree Board (members needed from Wards I and II. 2 youth positions)
- Villagefest 2000 (we need lots of volunteers, 2 youth positions)
- 50th Anniversary Committee

Prairie Village Notes

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 1-800-766-3777) at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting time, if possible, to make arrangements.



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Villagefest 2000

Come celebrate the Fourth of July with your neighbors and friends, and make some new friends, too! Join us on the Municipal Campus for a full day of activities for all ages. Use the Villagefest 2000 schedule on page 2 to help plan your activities throughout the day. Villagefest 2000 is listed on the calendar of events for KC 150.

The festivities will begin at 10:30 a.m. with bike decorating, sponsored by **Old Navy**, in the Shawnee Mission East parking lot to prepare for a spectacular Children's Parade at 11:00 a.m. All veterans are invited to join the children in the parade. A flag raising ceremony with a welcome from Mayor Ron Shaffer will follow the parade. A Chinook-47 helicopter, Humvee, and water buffalo truck will also be on the grounds from 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Afternoon activities will include a petting zoo, Wings of Love exotic birds, The Children's Creativity Center, Wacky Banana, Wind Wizards, demonstrations by the Police and Fire Departments, and a special exhibit of Presidential Christmas Cards will be on display in the Municipal Offices' R.G. Endres Gallery.

Don't forget, July 4th is a **Free swim day** at the new Prairie Village Pool for all Prairie Village residents.

Hy-Vee will be selling food and drinks throughout the day. You'll need lots of energy to enjoy all the activities!!

A Patriotic Service will be held at 1:30 p.m. on the front lawn of the Municipal Offices. Special guests will include Rev. Margi Colerick of Cherokee Christian

Church, the Prairie Village Community Choir, and Nashville's rising stars, South Sixty Five will sing the national anthem.

The day will culminate with a concert at 3:00 p.m. with the Atlantic recording artists South Sixty Five. Come hear Brent, Stephen, Jerimy, Lance, and Doug as they sing their way into your hearts & souls.

Everyone is invited to Villagefest 2000. So bring your friends and neighbors. If you need assistance or a reasonable accommodation to participate in Villagefest 2000 please contact the City Clerk's office at 913-381-6464 or TDD 1-800-766-3777 by July 1st to make arrangements.

Villagefest - it just keeps getting better.



Above:
SouthSixtyFive



Right: **Wind Wizards**

Celebrate Villagefest 2000 in Style



Villagefest 2000 T-shirts are now on sale at the Municipal offices. This year's Villagefest logo is the fashion sensation of the Summer. Youth and adult sizes are available, so stop by the Municipal Offices and get one now!

Mayor's Message



Across America, the 4th of July is a time to celebrate the independence of our nation and honor those who have made our freedom possible. Since 1997, the 4th of July in Prairie Village has also been a time to celebrate the city we call home. In just a few short years, **Villagefest**, the City's annual 4th of July celebration, has become a Prairie Village tradition.

During last year's Villagefest I remember standing beneath the flag pole in front of the Municipal Building as we joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. As I looked out across the Municipal Campus and saw the hundreds of people, the children, and the families reciting the Pledge in unison, I realized the most important aspect of Villagefest: its ability to bring our community together.

The Villagefest Planning Committee and the Villagefest volunteers demonstrate how this event is truly a community-wide project. Throughout the year, the Villagefest committee, led by co-chairs Trinda Young Elsloo and Wendy Burton, work tirelessly to build on successes of the past. And on the 4th of July, it is truly amazing to see over one hundred of our neighbors volunteering their time on this holiday to keep the day's events running smoothly. Without these dedicated volunteers, Villagefest would never happen. Thank you to you all!!

So on Tuesday, July 4th, let's show our appreciation for all their hard work by meeting at the Municipal Campus for the parade in which the children of Prairie Village will lead us into the first Villagefest of the new millennium.

See you at Villagefest!!!

Ron Shaffer
Mayor

Tentative Villagefest 2000 Schedule

- 10:30 a.m.** Bike decorating - Shawnee Mission East parking lot (Sponsored by Old Navy)
- 11:00 a.m.** Parade gathering - Shawnee Mission East parking lot
- 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** Chinook 47 helicopter, Humvee, water buffalo truck
- 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Seat Belt "Convincer" demonstration
- 11:15 a.m.** Children's Parade from Shawnee Mission East to City Hall
- 11:45 a.m.** Gathering at the Flag Pole; flag raising ceremony, welcome by Mayor Shaffer
- Noon & 1:00 p.m.** Police Dog Demonstrations (subject to availability)

Noon - 4:00 p.m. Events on the Municipal Campus

- Wacky Banana
- Petting Zoo
- Wind Wizards
- Hy-Vee food vendor
- Wings of Love - exotic birds
- Children's Creativity Center
- Police/Public Works displays
- Fire Department water games
- Christmas in July - Presidential Christmas Cards exhibit
- Music provided by Digital Sound

- 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.** Patriotic Service - Main stage
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Concert by South Sixty Five - Main stage

New Faces on the City Council

At the April 17th City Council meeting, Council members and City staff said good-bye to three long-term colleagues who leave with a total of nearly 30 years of experience and dedicated service to Prairie Village and its citizens.

John Kemp, Ward IV • **Ed Stevens**, Ward III
Steve Carman, Ward V

April 17th was also inauguration day for three new Council members: **Roy True**, Ward III, **Jerry Kelso**, Ward IV, and **Kay Wolf**, Ward V. Retaining their seats on the Council were **Al Herrera**, Ward I, **Ruth Hopkins**, Ward II, and **Diana Ewy Lamberson**, Ward VI.

ANIMAL CONTROL QUESTION OF THE MONTH

What should I do if my pet gets lost?

1. Call Prairie Village Animal Control

If your pet is lost, your first call should be to the Police Dispatch Center at 913-642-5151. A Dispatcher will ask you to provide some general information and alert Prairie Village Animal Control. An Animal Control Officer will contact you to get additional information if needed. Do not call Animal Control direct to report a missing animal as it may be several hours before an Animal Control Officer returns to the office to check voice-mail messages.

2. Contact the "Prairie Village Pound"

Next, contact Animal Medical Center at 204 W. 75th St. (816-333-4484) to see if your animal has already been picked up by Animal Control. Animals picked up by Animal Control are taken to this location if the Animal Control Officer is unable to locate the animal's owner.

3. Contact neighboring cities

If you live on the border of another city, it's a good idea to contact the Animal Control units of those cities. Pets know no boundaries! The following numbers may be used:

Leawood: 913-642-5555
Northeast Animal Control (Fairway & Mission): 913-782-0720
Overland Park: 913-895-6410
Kansas City, MO: 816-513-9800



4. Check the newspapers and notify neighbors

Always check newspapers in the lost/found columns. You may also want to make flyers telling others that your pet is lost. Contact Animal Control as to how to word your flyer for the best results and where to legally post them within the city.

Photo Exhibit in the Endres Gallery



The Prairie Village Arts Council is pleased to sponsor an exhibit featuring photos by members of the **Johnson County Camera Club** in the Municipal Offices' R.G. Endres Gallery during the month of June. While you're out and about in Prairie Village, make it a point to stop by to see this display of local photographic talent.

Several photographers featured in the exhibit have considerable exhibition experience, their works receiving awards in numerous juried competitions and featured in both regional and national exhibitions.

Founded in 1963 and with a current membership of 25 talented photographers, the **Johnson County Camera Club** holds meetings on the second Monday in September and on the first Monday of each following month (October through June) 7:00-9:00pm. The meetings are in the "Sunflower Room" at the Shawnee Mission Medical Center in Merriam, Kansas.

For more information about the Johnson County Camera Club, call Marla Craven at 913-649-1257.

MACC Night at the Royals - July 17th



On **Monday, July 17th** the Mission Area Chamber of Commerce will host its annual "Night At the Royals." This game against Sammy Sosa and the Chicago Cubs is sure to be a sell-out, so get your tickets now. Tickets are \$12 each and include your game ticket, food and beverage at the pre-game picnic at Mission Center Mall beginning at 5:00 p.m., and transportation to and from the game.

To reserve your seat now contact the Mission Area Chamber of Commerce at 913-262-2141.

KCPL Line Clearing Program Underway

KCPL is trimming trees around power lines throughout the City. Residents in the trimming area will receive a door hanger advising them of when crews will be in their neighborhoods. Residents should not hire their own tree trimming contractor to trim within ten feet of electrical transmission lines. This work must be done by specially trained crews. For more information and to report illegal trimming, call 816-471-KCPL.