Prairie Village Notes

City Employment Opportunities

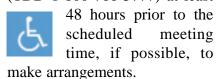
There are currently several employment opportunities with the City of Prairie Village. Both full-time and part-time / seasonal jobs are available. For more information, contact the Personnel Director at 913-385-4642 or call the **Job Information Line** at 913-385-4682 for a recorded listing of job openings.

Volunteer Opportunity

There is a vacancy on the City's Civil Service Commission, which is responsible for assisting the Police Department with the selection of commissioned police officers and other personnel issues related to the Police Department. If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, please contact the City Clerk at 913-381-6464. If you have questions regarding this position, please contact Chief Grover at 913-385-4606.

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



Building on Success - Villagefest 2000

It's hard to think about the hot days of July in March, but planning is already underway for Villagefest 2000. The Villagefest Committee is in the process of taking what made Villagefest '99 great and making it even better for 2000. Prairie Village's annual community celebration will be held on Tuesday, July 4th. Events will begin at 11:30 a.m. and continue until 5:00 p.m. Villagefest 2000 will lead off with a children's parade, followed by a Patriotic Service including the Prairie Village Community Choir, and then will be capped off by a concert held later in the afternoon. Other events will include food, games, and many displays. Villagefest 2000 will be held on the Municipal Campus at 7700 Mission Road. This is an excellent opportunity to have some good family fun and celebrate what makes Prairie Village such a great place to live. We hope to see everyone there!

Volunteer opportunities exist in many areas for anyone interested making this celebration the best ever. For more information, please call Tom Kirk at 913-381-6464 ext. 4206.

LARGE ITEM PICK-UP IS APRIL 15TH



Spring has sprung, and it's time for some Spring cleaning. The City's annual large-item pick-up will be on Saturday, April 15th. This is a free service to Prairie Village residents, so take advantage of it. This is a great time to get those old appliances, pieces of furniture, and other bulky items that cannot be hauled away with your regular trash and that are taking up space in your garage or basement. For more information about large item pick-up call 913-381-6464.

In order for Deffenbaugh to pick up brush or tree limbs, they need to be bundled in four foot lengths and tied, just as they would be for regular pick-up.

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Mayor's Message

Although some of the most visible and important issues facing Prairie Village residents are those which occur close to home, voter turnout in local elections is typically very low. For example, during the City's April elections in 1998, only 10.5% of registered voters in Prairie Village cast their ballots, and voter turnout by Ward ranged from 3.6% to 22.6%.

Voting is more than simply going into a booth and pushing a button. The act of voting involves getting to know your elected officials, and their opponents. It involves learning about your community and wanting to be part of its future. Most importantly, voting is the way we, as individuals, can participate in selecting our representatives for local, state, and federal government office.

Before casting your vote, you need to register. Voter registration forms are available at the Municipal Offices or by contacting the Johnson County Election Office.

The Johnson County Election Office offers several options to make exercising this civic duty more convenient:

1. Advance Voting at the Election Office – You can vote in advance in person beginning 20 days prior to any election from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Johnson County Election Office is located at: 2101 E. Kansas City Road,

in Olathe (South of 119th Street and West of I-35). For 7 days prior to the election, extended voting hours at the Election Office are: Tuesday - Friday, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The deadline for voting in person at the Election Office is 12:00 noon on the Monday prior to Election Day.



- **2. Advance Voting by Mail** You can vote in advance by mail by completing an Application for an Advance Voting Ballot and mailing or faxing it to the Johnson County Election Office. Fax numbers for Applications are: 913-791-8931 or 913-791-8932. Applications are available at city halls, public libraries, voter registration sites and the Election Office.
- **3. Voting at the polls** Polls will be open on April 4th from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. so you can stop by before or after work if necessary. Contact the Election Office to locate your polling place.

For more information about registering to vote and casting your ballot on April 4th, contact the Johnson County Election Office at 913-782-3441 or visit the web site at www.jocoelection.org.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!!!



Ronald L. Shaffer, Mayor



Strategic Planning Meeting March 29th

(Above) The City Council chambers were full as Mayor Shaffer discusses the strategic planning process on February 15th

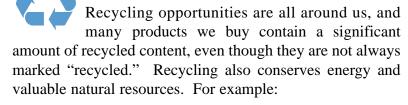
Building on the successful community-wide meeting on February 15th in which over 130 people provided their insights and input to the City's strategic planning process, a second city-wide strategic planning meeting will be held on **Wednesday**, **March 29th** at **7:00 p.m.** in the City Council Chambers.

This evening will be devoted to reviewing the issues identified at the February meeting and developing strategies for achieving the goals set for the City's future in areas such as:

- Maintaining a high quality of life in Prairie Village.
- Keeping the community economically and fiscally viable.
- Focusing on sound community planning.
- Maintaining the City's commitment to the community's infrastructure.

So mark your calendars now and make plans to attend this important meeting. Even if you were not able to attend the meeting on February 15th, your thoughts and ideas are needed as we work together to chart a course for the future of Prairie Village.

Why Recycle?



- Glass bottles and jars Recycling ONE glass bottle saves enough electricity to light a 100 watt light bulb for 4 hours.
- Steel, including nails and food cans You can't make new steel without old steel, which can be reused again and again. Every ton of steel recycled saves 2,500 pounds of iron ore, 1,400 pounds of coal, and 120 pounds of limestone.
- **Aluminum** Aluminum beverage cans contain about 50% recycled aluminum. The energy saved in one year of recycling aluminum cans in the United States could light a city the size of Kansas City for 6 years.

These are just a few of the many benefits of recycling. For more information about recycling, call:

- Prairie Village Municipal Offices 913-381-6464
- Bridging the Gap 816-561-1090
- Mid America Regional Council Recycling Hotline 816-474-TEAM (8326)

The Prairie Village Arts Council Presents. . .



A new exhibit will grace the halls of the Municipal Offices' R.G. Endres Gallery during the month of March. The Prairie Village Arts Council will host an exhibit of the works of William Gray "Bill" Mills. Bill creates exciting multi-dimensional art, and does not consider a piece finished until he has created the right frame. His frame creations not only surround but also become an integral part of his work.

This unique approach to art and his style evolved as a result of studying various media, including oils, water color, acrylic, collage and sculpture. Bill's award-winning work is displayed at galleries in northern California, on the eastern shore of Maryland, and in private collections throughout the United States.

The exhibit will remain on display through March 31st. Gallery hours are 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, and 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Fridays.

Brick Order Deadline March 17th

The Prairie Village Arts Council continues to sell personalized bricks for the Community Center patio, but time is running out! If you would like to join your friends, neighbors, and local businesses who already have their bricks in the patio, your order must be received by March 17th for the brick to be installed in time for

Villagefest 2000. Individual bricks are priced at \$35, with a portion of the amount being tax-deductible. Corporate sponsorships begin at \$100.

Simply cut out the form below and mail in your order to have your personalized message "Carved in Stone". For more information about the Prairie Village Arts Council's Pave the Patio Project, call Doug Luther at 913-385-4603.

Pave the Patio Order Form	
Name:	35 Individual Donor
Company or Individual Contact:	\$100 Corporate Donor logo in 2 bricks
Address:————	\$300 Corporate Patron 6 bricks (including logo)
City: Zip:	\$500 Corporate Sponsor 10 bricks (including logo)
Day Phone:	Gift Certificate For the above individual
Line 1	Checks payable to Prairie Village Arts Council
Line 2 Maximum 30 characters per brick Attach copy of corporate logo if applicable	Mail to: City of Prairie Village Pave the Patio Project 7700 Mission Road Prairie Village, KS 66208
Attach additional pages for multi-brick orders	Questions? call Doug Luther 385-4603