

THE PRAIRIE VILLAGE Voice

November 2001

Peanut Butter Week was a Big Success

Prairie Village celebrated its 17th annual Peanut Butter Week Campaign the week of September 17th–21st and presented The Harvesters Community Food Network with over 7,000 pounds of food and approximately \$115 in monetary donations. Sponsors of this year's food drive included churches, synagogues, schools, day care providers and two retirement communities. A special thanks goes to Claridge Court driver

Jermaine Coulter, who personally delivered posters to each of the drop-off locations. This outpouring of kindness, support and goodwill for such a worthwhile cause is truly appreciated.



Children from Pam's Day Care delivered peanut butter to City Hall. They collected 66 pounds! (From left to right): Connor Kinkade, Rian Stallbaumer, Kelsey Kinkade, Jack Auld, Kaylee Mack, Charlotte Barth, Camron Myers, and Paul Hathaway.

Prairie Boy Cleans Up

With the assistance of blow torches and wax, "Prairie Boy", the bronze sculpture in front of the Municipal Offices, was cleaned by Prairie Village residents **Eric Muecke** and **Paul Benson**. Eric, a member of Troop 91, Village Presbyterian Church, is working on his Eagle Scout project with assistance from Mr. Benson, conservator of the Nelson-Atkins Museum. Eric has also cleaned 23 other statues throughout Prairie Village with the assistance of Mr. Benson and other Boy Scouts from Troop 91.

(Left to right) Matt Atlain, Eric Muecke, and Patrick Young from Troop 91 clean "Prairie Boy."



America Recycles Day

America Recycles Day, November 15th, is a national campaign to raise awareness about the benefits of recycling and buying products made with recycled materials. Opportunities for communities and individuals to get involved in local activities are endless. Visit www.marc.org or www.americarecyclesday.org to learn more about America Recycles Day.

To find out more information about the activities and locations, please contact Matt Riggs at 816-474-4240 ext. 413 or mriggs@marc.org.

Meet Author Buck O'Neill



The Corinth Library, in cooperation with Claridge Court, is pleased to invite you to meet baseball legend **Buck O'Neill** on Sunday, November 18th at 3:00 p.m. Buck will talk about his book, *I Was Right on Time*, and share his experiences in baseball for an audience of all ages. His association with the sport includes a career as a first baseman and a manager of the Kansas City Monarchs – the proudest organization in the Negro Leagues; his accomplishments as the first African-American coach in major-league baseball; 25 years of scouting minor-leaguers all over the country; and helping to build the Negro Leagues' Baseball Museum in Kansas City, Missouri. Greet Buck at this benefit appearance for the museum.

The session will be held at 8101 Mission Road. For more information call 913-967-8650.

Mayor's Message



Over the past few months, the City Council Chamber has been a busy place. On several occasions, residents attended Council and Committee meetings to address a variety of issues.

During July, several residents attended meetings to express concerns with parking in their neighborhoods. The City recently adopted an ordinance giving residents the ability to petition for "Residents Only" parking.

On August 20th, the Council Chamber was nearly filled to capacity when residents participated in a public information meeting regarding possible changes to the low-water crossing on 74th Street between Tomahawk Road and Village Drive. The overwhelming response from residents was to leave the existing crossing in place. As a result, the City Council agreed to maintain the low water crossing.

On September 17th, the Council Chamber was again full as residents learned about a proposed design for a roundabout intersection at Tomahawk and Mission Road. After listening to concerns from residents regarding the safety of the proposed roundabout, the City's engineering consultants were directed to research all aspects of the proposed roundabout and report back to the City Council.

In all three instances, residents took time out of their busy schedules to attend a City meeting and make their voices heard. In every case, residents were given an opportunity to address the Council, and their comments were given serious consideration before a decision was made. Even though decisions made by the City Council may not please everyone, the members of the City Council and I appreciate the input and insights you provide. Your comments really do help us make better, more informed decisions.

All City Council meetings are open to the public, and are held on the first and third Mondays of the month at 7:30 p.m. Time is set aside at the beginning of each meeting for residents to address the Council on any issue.

I encourage you to use this opportunity to participate in *your* government.

See you at the next Council Meeting!

Ron Shaffer
Mayor



Mayor's Holiday Tree Lighting

Make plans now to attend the annual **Mayor's Holiday Tree Lighting Celebration!** Join your Council representatives and City staff at **6:30 p.m.** on **Monday evening, November 26, 2001** at the Municipal Offices, 7700 Mission Road, as Mayor Shaffer and Santa light the Holiday Tree.

The annual event is sponsored by the **Prairie Village Municipal Foundation**. Three trees will be lit as a reminder that there are people in our community who may not be able to afford to pay heating/utility bills or make repairs to their homes. To meet the needs of our fellow citizens, the Municipal Foundation makes an annual appeal for contributions to the Mayor's Holiday Tree Fund. If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution, please cut out the donation form included in this issue of the *Prairie Village Voice* and return it to the Municipal Offices at 7700 Mission Road.

During the last holiday season, Prairie Village residents and businesses contributed over \$10,000 to the Fund. The Municipal Foundation hopes to exceed this amount for the 2001 season.

The three trees, located on the Municipal Campus, at Porter Park, and at the corner of Cherokee & 75th Street, will glow, bringing warmth to both contributors and families needing assistance.

Have a happy and safe holiday season.

Yes...I want to help!

Enclosed is my tax deductible contribution to the
Mayor's Holiday Tree Fund

Name

Address

Home Phone

Work Phone

Please make your check payable to
Prairie Village Municipal Foundation
and mail with this form to
7700 Mission Rd., Prairie Village, KS 66208

Thank you for your support!

Code Corner: Keep Sidewalk Free From Snow & Ice



The colder weather reminds us that Winter will soon be upon us. During the Winter months walkers and joggers are still outdoors getting their exercise, and children are still walking to school. Prairie Village property owners are responsible for removing ice and snow from the sidewalks abutting their property.

Please be a good neighbor and keep sidewalks clear of ice, snow, and other obstructions. This will help keep your friends and neighbors off the streets, and out of harm's way. Besides, it's the law.



Shop Prairie Village for the Holidays!

Savvy shoppers can complete their holiday shopping without leaving Prairie Village! Between the **Prairie Village Shops, Corinth Square, the Hy-Vee Center** on State Line, and the City's other retail destinations, you can find unique gifts without fighting the crowds at a greater Kansas City area shopping mall.

Shopping in Prairie Village is not only convenient, it also enriches local businesses, neighbors, and the community at large. Each time you make a purchase in Prairie Village, the money you spend helps support local merchants, and a portion of the sales tax helps fund City services and programs.

Remember – **Shop Prairie Village for the Holidays!**

November Tree Tips from the Tree Board



- Don't fertilize newly planted trees. Wait at least a year to feed newly planted trees.
- Newly planted trees can be protected from strong winds by wrapping the trunk in burlap.
- When contemplating the addition of trees on your property, remember that a windbreak provided by trees can lower heating bills by 10% to 20%.

Key Chains and Water Bottles Make Great Holiday Gifts!

In honor of the City's 50th Anniversary, key chains and water bottles are on sale at the City Clerk's office.

Key chains are \$3.00 and Water bottles are \$2.00. These small items will make great last minute holiday gifts for the person who has everything. Stop by and get yours while supplies last!



Volunteers Needed

The City is currently seeking volunteers from Wards 1 and 2 to serve on the Park and Recreation Committee. Ward 1 boundaries are 63rd Street south to 71st Street, Mission Road west to Nall. Ward 2 boundaries are Nall Avenue east to Tomahawk Drive, 71st Street south to 75th Street, south to Juniper to 79th Street, west to Lamar, north to 78th Street, west to Walmer and north to 75th Street.

Committee volunteers will need to attend monthly meetings at which they will recommend policies and guidelines to the Governing Body on matters pertaining to:

- recreational activities in the parks
- use of park system facilities
- development of park system facilities
- short and long-range plans for city parks
- operations and activities related to the park system.
- intergovernmental agreements pertaining to parks and recreation facilities.

Wards 1 & 2



If you are interested in serving on the Park and Recreation Committee, please call 913-381-6464 or fill out a volunteer application form on-line at www.pvkansas.com.

Roundabout Informational Meeting November 19th

The Public Works Department and the City's Engineering Consultants will present preliminary plans for the construction of a roundabout at Tomahawk Road and Mission Road at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 19th in the City Council Chambers.

The plans will address pedestrian and design issues raised at the public information meeting on September 17th.

For more information, contact Bob Pryzby at 913-385-4640 or send an e-mail to publicworks@pvkansas.com

Prairie Village Notes

Get Carried awayREAD!

Reading can take you to the most amazing places! Celebrate **Children's Book Week** from November 12-18, 2001. Call the Corinth Library at 913-967-8650 for details on Children's Book Week activities.



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.



Prairie Village Police Department Public Notice

The Prairie Village Police Department is scheduled for an On-Site Assessment December 1st - 5th, as part of its process to achieve international reaccreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). The accreditation program requires the Department to comply with 443 state-of-the-art standards in four basic areas: policies and procedures, administration, operations, and support services.

The Assessment Team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from similar, but out-of-state, agencies. The Assessors will review written materials, interview individuals and officers, and visit sites where compliance can be witnessed.

As part of the On-Site Assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a Public Information Session on Monday, December 3, 2001, from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the Prairie Village Council Chambers. Agency employees and the public are also invited to offer comments to the Assessment Team by calling 913-642-6868 ext. 4718 on December 3, 2001, between 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Anyone requesting additional information may contact the Police Department's Accreditation Manager, Lt. Wes Jordan, at 913-385-4621 or by sending an e-mail to ltjordan@pvkansas.com.

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