

The Prairie Village Tree Board is Hunting for a "FEW GOOD TREES"



White Oak located at 3607 W. 84th Terrace

Attention all tree enthusiasts. The Prairie Village Tree Board is accepting nominations for the 2001 Champion Trees. Trees are judged within their species. Applications and additional information may be obtained from Public Works at 3535 Somerset, by calling 913-381-4640, or by sending an e-mail to publicworks@pvkansas.com. Nominations must be received by **August 15, 2001** for consideration. The Tree Board and Public Works will determine if the trees nominated are Champions.

2001 -- A Musical Odyssey

Come join us as we take a musical journey through the twentieth century at the Prairie Village Synchronized Swimming Team's **42nd Annual Water Show!** Since early June, over fifty girls have been practicing their synchronized swimming routines in preparation for the annual Water Show.

This light, sound, *and water* extravaganza will be held on **Sunday, July 29th, 8:30 p.m.** at the **Prairie Village Pool**, 7711 Delmar. Admission is **FREE**.



Budget Hearing August 6th

A public hearing will be held on **Monday, August 6th** at 8:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers to receive public comments and suggestions about the City's budget and programs for 2002.

A copy of the proposed budget will be available at the City Clerk's office by August 1, 2001.

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this public hearing or any other City meetings, events, or programs, contact the City Clerk's Office at 913-381-6464 or TDD 1-800-766-3777 or send an e-mail to cityclerk@pvkansas.com at least 48 hours prior to the meeting to make arrangements for the accommodation.

Mayor's Message



Developing the City's annual budget is one of the most difficult and important tasks performed by your Mayor and City Council. Planning for Prairie Village's 2002 Annual Budget began in January with a full day goal setting workshop. At the end of the day, the following goals were established to guide the 2002 Budget:

- Maintain the fiscal strength of the City
- Maintain a high level of City services
- Maintain a "sense of place" and a "sense of community"
- Maintain parks, open spaces and create recreation opportunities
- Accommodate appropriate redevelopment while maintaining a balance between redevelopment and our neighborhoods
- Maintain/improve property values

For the past several months, Council members have participated in budget worksessions. During these meetings, the proposed budget for every City program is examined to make sure the program budget for 2002 is able to achieve the goals set by the City Council. The next difficult task is deciding how the City will obtain funds to support the budget. "Making ends meet" in a city is a challenge just as it is in a household. These are difficult questions, and the City Council, the staff, and I struggle with them.

There will be a public hearing to discuss the 2002 budget on Monday, August 6th at 8:00 p.m. We encourage you to attend. This will be your opportunity to ask questions and learn how and where your City tax dollars are spent. Your comments and suggestions are essential.

Hope to see you on August 6th.

Ron Shaffer
Mayor

Voice of Paddington Bear at the Corinth Library

A Bear Called Paddington, by Michael Bond, will be brought to life with character voices provided by guest reader, Pat Dunn at 2:00 p.m. on July 19th, July 26th, and August 2nd. Different chapters will be read at each program, which lasts approximately 40 minutes. No registration required.

For more information, contact the Corinth Library at 913-967-8650.

Driving Tips to Conserve Gasoline

Do gas prices have you pulling your hair out these days? Here are a few tips to help avoid some stops at the local gas station.

- Combine short trips. The worst gasoline mileage is on trips of 10 miles or less from a cold start. Plan your trips and combine errands.
- Keep tires properly inflated. Under-inflated tires waste fuel and increase tire wear.
- Keep your car properly tuned. Two bad spark plugs can reduce gas mileage by 20%.
- Try carpooling or riding the bus. You can save between \$300 and \$1,000 annually by sharing a ride to work or by riding the bus.

* Take a Dip After Da Moonlight Swim *

The Prairie Village Pool will stay open until 10:00 p.m. on **Friday, July 20th** and **Friday, August 10th**. This is a great opportunity to get together with friends and enjoy an evening by the Pool. So come join your friends and neighbors for some night-time fun and make a splash!

Maintaining Your Lawn



Summer in Prairie Village. This means it's mid-June, and the last thing you want to do is spend the afternoon mowing the yard. Lawn care is a lot of work, but it improves the appearance of your home and the entire neighborhood.

City ordinances require that grass and weeds not exceed eight inches in height. This includes weeds along creek banks, fence lines, and easement areas. If a property owner fails to keep his or her yard in compliance with City Codes, the City has the authority to cut the weeds and grass, assessing the cost to the property owner.

Final Call for Animals

This is your last chance. Pet owners who have failed to obtain a 2001 Animal license by **August 1st** will be issued citations.

To avoid a trip to Municipal Court, stop by the Municipal Offices at 7700 Mission Road with proof of your pet's current rabies vaccinations. It only takes a few minutes. If you no longer have a pet that was licensed last year and haven't informed the City, please do so by calling the City Clerk's office at 913-381-6464.



Reserve a Park for Your Next Group Event

Prairie Village residents, business owners, schools, churches, and synagogues can reserve pavilions at six of the City's parks free of charge. Shelters are available between 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. seven days per week, for up to six hours.

All it takes to reserve a pavilion is a permit, and these are available at the Municipal Building, 7700 Mission Road. Permit applications are also available by mail or fax. For more information about reserving a park pavilion, call the Municipal Building at 913-381-6464.

Bennett Park - 77th & Rosewood

- Shelter & 1 table
- 1 grill & 4 tables scattered through park
- No lighting, no electrical outlets
- 2 small playgrounds
- Sandbox

Harmon Park - 77th Place & Delmar

- Lighted pavilion -
- 14 tables & 6 grills
- 4 electrical dual outlet boxes
- Large playground
- Restrooms
- 10 lighted tennis courts



Harmon Park Pavilion

Meadowlake Park - 2900 W. 79th Street

- Shelter with 4 tables & 2 grills
- 8 tables & several grills throughout park
- 1 dual electrical outlet
- Large playground
- 2 lighted tennis courts
- 1 basketball goal (free throw only)
- Walking path

Santa Fe Pavilion - 7805 Delmar

- Lighted enclosed shelter
- 4 tables & 2 grills
- 2 electrical outlets
- Fireplace

Windsor Park - 71st Terrace & Windsor

- Shelter with 4 tables & large grill
- No lighting or electrical outlets in shelter
- 2 lighted tennis courts
- 3 grills & several tables in park
- 1 sand volleyball with poles for net (*resident provides own net & equipment*)

Porter Park - 4601 Tomahawk

- 2 grills & 4 tables
- Lighted shelter with 1 electrical outlet
- 2 side-by-side playgrounds
- 1 basketball goal (free throw only)
- 2 baseball diamonds
- 2 soccer fields
- Walking path

Prairie Village on the Net
www.pvkansas.com



Have you visited the City's website lately? If not, log-on. www.pvkansas.com is a great source of information about City programs and services, like actions taken at City Council meetings, building permit requirements, swimming pool information, job openings, and past issues of the *Prairie Village Voice*. You can also e-mail your elected officials and City staff, and find links to other government and school resources.



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.



Reporting Suspicious Activity

When a crime occurs, officers go door-to-door to interview any possible witnesses. Many people have information about suspects, vehicles, or may have even witnessed the crime occur. When asked why they did not call the police, people will tell officers they thought what they had seen was "out of the ordinary," but did not want to "bother" police by calling them. Many people tell officers they did not know "for sure" if something was wrong, so they did not call the police when they witnessed it.



Dawn Clausius

The following is a list of tips on reporting suspicious activity:

What is Suspicious Activity? Suspicious activity can be anything that appears "out of the ordinary" or different than "normal" (e.g., you know your neighbors are out of town, but you see a large moving van in their driveway.)

When do I report suspicious activity? When you see it. It is important to report what you see **immediately**. A delay in reporting could prevent officers from being able to contact the suspicious parties. The Police Department has officers on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to handle calls for service.

Who do I report the activity to? If you believe it is an emergency situation, you may call "911" or you may call 913-642-5151, the Police Department's non-emergency phone number.

What information should I provide to the police? You will want to let the dispatcher know what is going on, the address of the activity, suspect descriptions, vehicle descriptions, and any other pertinent information.

Can I remain anonymous? Yes. Depending on the nature of the suspicious activity, it is recommended a caller provide the dispatcher with a call back number in the event additional information is needed.

Remember, immediately reporting suspicious activity is important. Your call may help prevent a crime from occurring in your neighborhood or catch a suspect. Take a proactive approach to crime prevention and report suspicious activity when you see it!

For questions or comments contact the
Crime Prevention Unit
At 913-385-4613

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