

THE PRAIRIE VILLAGE Voice

June 2001

Villagefest 2001

Come celebrate the Fourth of July this year on the Municipal Campus. A full day of activities is planned for all ages. Use the Villagefest 2001 schedule on the next page to help plan your activities throughout the day.

The festivities will begin at 8:00 a.m. with a pancake breakfast by **Chris Cakes**. The cost is \$3.25 per person. After breakfast, stay for a Patriotic Service where Mayor Shaffer will welcome everyone and there will be a dramatic reading of the Declaration of Independence in honor of its 245th anniversary. Once again, **Old Navy** will sponsor bike decorating in the Shawnee Mission East parking lot prior to the start of the children's parade. All veterans are invited to join the children in the parade.



The Elders

Wild West show featuring characters such as Calamity Jane who will interact with audience members while telling her amazing story in her own words. A Chinook-47 helicopter and a Lifenet helicopter will also be on the grounds throughout the day.

As part of the City's **50th Anniversary**, a **Time Capsule** will be on display. It will be buried later this year to be opened in 50 years — the year 2051!

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

The day will culminate with a concert at 4:00 p.m. by the Celtic rock group, **The Elders** band.



Jim Cosgrove

Afternoon activities will include a petting zoo, Wings of Love exotic birds, the Children's Creativity Center, story teller, military demonstrations and exhibits, demonstrations by the Police and Fire Departments, and a special performance by Ride into History, featuring the Little Cowpoke Festival and Joyce Thierer as Calamity Jane. Ride into History is a

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

Everyone is invited to Villagefest 2001. So bring your friends and neighbors. If you need assistance or a reasonable accommodation to participate in Villagefest 2001 please contact the City Clerk's office at 913-381-6464 or TDD 1-800-766-3777 by July 1st to make arrangements.

Villagefest 2001 needs volunteers to help during the day on the Fourth of July. If you are interested, please call Lori Draves at 913-381-6464 extension 4207 or send an e-mail to ldraves@pvkansas.com.

Mayor's Message



Across America, the Fourth of July is a time to celebrate our nation's independence and honor those who have made our freedom possible. Since 1997, the Fourth of July in Prairie Village has also been a special time to celebrate our community.

Each year as I attend Villagefest with my family, I realize one of the most important aspects of Villagefest is its ability to bring our community together. Villagefest also brings families together. My family and I spend the day participating in group activities, playing and spending quality time with each other. Like many of us, our hectic schedules make spending time with our families a challenge at times. I look forward to Villagefest because it provides my family with a chance to be 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 Fourth of July, it's 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 the volunteers!!

So on Wednesday, July 4th, let's show our appreciation for all their hard work by bringing our families for a day of fun and relaxation.

See you at Villagefest!!!!

Ron Shaffer
Mayor

Tentative Villagefest 2001 Schedule

- 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.** Pancake breakfast by Chris Cakes
\$3.25 per person
- 9:00 a.m.** Chinook-47 helicopter arrives
- 10:00 a.m.** Flag raising ceremony & Patriotic service
- 11:15 a.m.** Children's Parade
- Noon** Lifenet helicopter arrives
- Noon – 1:00 p.m.** Jim Cosgrove – Main stage
- Noon – 3:00 p.m.** Children's Center open

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

- Wacky Banana
- Petting Zoo
- Wings of Love – exotic birds
- Face Painting
- Hy-Vee food vendor
- Children's Creativity Center
- Police/Public Works displays & demonstrations
- Fire Department water games
- Military exhibits and demonstrations
- Music provided by Digital Sound



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- 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.** Storyteller
- 1:00 p.m.** Chinook helicopter leaves
Ride into History
- 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.** Dedication of the tile wall at the Prairie Village Community Center
- 4:00 p.m.** Lifenet helicopter leaves
- 4:00 p.m.** *The Elders* – Main stage

Get a Kick Out of Sports

For the second year in a row **Challenger Sports** will be offering children in Prairie Village the opportunity to explore a variety of sports activities. The **FUNDamentals** camp allows kids age 5 to 8 years old to try their hands (and feet) at baseball, basketball, and soccer. "These camps provide kids a chance to find a sport they really love," says Christi Rinella of Challenger Sports. The **FUNDamentals** camp is one week long and runs from 9 a.m. to noon in Meadowlake Park. There will be two sessions of the **FUNDamentals** camp this Summer, the first beginning the week of June 25th and the second starting the week of July 16th. Challenger Sports will also host a Girls Soccer Camp for girls 8 to 13 years old at Meadowlake Park from 9 a.m. to noon starting July 16th. For more information and to register for one of these camps call **Challenger Sports** at (913) 599-4884.

Prairie Village Homes Association Begins Tree Fertilization Program



Tom Legate and Chad Gilliland of Shawnee Mission Tree Service

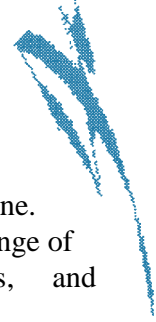
This Spring, the Prairie Village Homes Association began a tree fertilization program to help improve the health of street trees. Over the years, the weather can take its toll on trees. Sometimes the trees need a “boost” to maintain their health.

Working with Shawnee Mission Tree Service, the association fertilized 303 street trees this year through a root zone injection process which involves making between 75 and 100 injections of fertilizer into the ground surrounding the tree trunk. Each tree receives 30 – 40 gallons of fertilizer. The area covered was from Mission Road to Granada Lane between 67th and 69th Streets.

For more information about this program, contact Jim Hanson at 913-262-4188.

June in the R.G. Endres Gallery... Mark Mohr

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The Prairie Village Arts Council is pleased to present the work of Mark Mohr during the month of June. Mark’s watercolors exhibit a broad range of portraits, still lifes, cityscapes, and landscapes.



Mark’s exhibit will include watercolors of local and regional landscapes, cityscapes, and people. The exhibit will remain on display through June 30th.

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.



Put a Lid On It

Although birds and other wildlife may add to the scenery and character of our neighborhoods, they can also make a mess when they get into trash set out for collection. To help keep Prairie Village neighborhoods looking clean, keep these tips in mind when setting your garbage out for collection.

- Set your trash out no earlier than the night before collection.
- Place your trash in barrels or cans rather than bags
- Cover trash barrels and cans with tight-fitting lids.
- If you recycle newspapers, put them at the bottom of your recycling bin. This will help keep papers from blowing out of your bin, and into the street or a neighbor’s yard.

Having a Block Party This Summer?

Planning a block party this Summer? Make contacting the Police Department for road blocks, etc. part of your plan. The City is giving away a special **50th Anniversary Block Party Kit** while supplies last. Come to City Hall to pick up the Block Party & Kit Request form or stop by the Grand Opening of Missouri Bank and Trust in the Prairie Village Shopping Center on Saturday, June 23rd from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Make this a Summer you and your kids will remember for another 50 years!

Remember: Fireworks Are Not Allowed

When celebrating Independence Day this year, remember that City ordinances prohibit the sale or use of fireworks. There will be many professional displays throughout the metro area on July 4th. Rather than running the risk of injuring yourself or damaging your property or your neighbor’s property, take your family and friends to one of these displays and obey the law. Have a happy and safe Fourth of July.



State Line Banners Reflect Cooperative Spirit

Mayors from cities along both sides of State Line Road have worked together on projects such as stormwater, street maintenance and pedestrian safety. Beginning this Spring, banners reflecting this cooperative spirit will line State Line Road from 39th Street to 135th Street.



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.



No Solicitors

It's 6:00 p.m. and your family has just taken their seats for dinner when the doorbell rings. You answer the door and a young solicitor tells you he is your neighbor and is raising money to send himself to Paris for the Summer. The solicitor tells you he has to sell a certain number of magazine subscriptions in order to get to his destination. You tell him "No thanks," and close the door. In the meantime, your food is cold and you wonder why you have a "No Solicitors" sticker on your front door if people will not pay attention to it.

This scenario has played out at many residences all over the City. Every year, officers respond to calls on annoying or overbearing solicitors. Sometimes these calls result in the arrest of a solicitor who has not followed the guidelines set forth by City Ordinances.

The following is a list of some of the guidelines solicitors must follow:

Solicitors must obtain a permit! Individuals must obtain a solicitation permit from the City prior to soliciting. This does not apply to charitable organizations such as the Girl Scouts of America, etc.

"No Solicitors," means no solicitors!

A solicitor should not knock on the door or ring the doorbell for the purpose of selling a service or product for profit, if it is posted "No Solicitors."

Solicitors must follow time guidelines! Solicitors may not solicit prior to 10:00 a.m. or after 8:00 p.m. and between 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on any day.

Solicitors must leave when asked by the homeowner or apartment dweller!

Solicitors must tell you the truth! Solicitors cannot make any statements which misrepresent the purpose of their call, or use any plan or scheme which misrepresents their purpose.



Dawn Clausius

By becoming familiar with the City ordinance on solicitation, residents can contact the Police Department when solicitors do not follow the rules. For a copy of the City's Door to Door Solicitation ordinance contact the Crime Prevention Unit at 913-385-4613.

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