

2001 Street Resurfacing Projects Announced

High Quality streets are but one of the many things that make Prairie Village a beautiful place to live. During 2001 the City plans to make street improvements at twenty locations throughout the City. Street resurfacing is an ongoing program, and construction on these projects will begin during the Spring and continue throughout the year at the following locations:

- 65th Street cul-de-sac-South of 66th Street
- 76th Place-Colonial to Lamar Avenue
- 77th Terrace cul-de-sac-North of 77th
- 77th Terrace-Windsor Drive to Pawnee
- 78th Place-Juniper Drive to 79th Street
- 83rd Terrace-Roe Avenue to Briar Lane
- 87th Terrace cul-de-sac-North of Somerset
- 87th Place-Catalina to Roe Avenue
- 91st Street-Mission Road to Delmar
- 87th Terrace-Catalina to Roe Avenue
- 93rd Terrace-Delmar to Roe Avenue
- 91st Street-Delmar to Roe Avenue
- Chadwick Drive-Cherokee Drive to 75th St.
- Belinder Ave.-Somerset Dr. to North City Limit
- Granada Drive-63rd Street to Homestead
- Granada Drive-Homestead Drive to 66th Street
- Nall Avenue cul-de-sac-South
- Rosewood Drive-77th Street to 79th Street
- Windsor Drive-77th Street to 79th Street
- Windsor Drive-Falmouth to 77th Street

For more information about the City's 2001 Street Resurfacing Program, contact the Public Works Department at 913-385-4647 or send an e-mail to publicworks@pvkansas.com

Public Works...Working For You – City Policy on Clearing Streets

There is a saying that if you don't like the weather, just wait five minutes and it will change. These weather extremes and changes bring a special challenge to Public Works employees who are responsible for making sure your streets are usable in the Winter months. The City's program is designed to use the available resources effectively and economically. These resources are long labor hours, special equipment, and chemicals such as salt and magnesium chloride.

When a storm is forecast, Public Works staff formulates an operation plan considering time of day, type of weather, temperature, wind, length of storm, etc. Crews are split into two groups and plan to work 12-hour shifts. Their priorities are:

1. Maintain bare pavement on arterial streets
2. Have bare pavement on collector streets

3. Maintain public building sidewalks
4. Plow or salt one lane on residential streets
5. Maintain sidewalks at the parks.

The normal procedure is to pre-salt the trouble spots, begin applying salt at first precipitation, and begin plowing when the accumulation is at least two inches. Operations continue around the clock.

The City does not remove ice or snow from private property. Crews will not remove snow deposited by snow plows in driveways or on sidewalks. During a storm event, crews will follow their routes and only respond to special requests for emergency calls by the fire, ambulance or police.

To contact the Public Works Department, call 913-385-4647 or send an e-mail to publicworks@pvkansas.com.

Mayor's Message



The beginning of a new year provides an opportunity to reflect on the past and look toward the future. Last year, the City undertook a strategic planning process to develop a plan for the community's future over the next several years. As you may recall, this process involved several well attended community

meetings which provided valuable information and insights about the vision Prairie Village residents have for our community.

Through this series of meetings and review and discussion, the City Council adopted the following **Community Vision Statement:**

The City of Prairie Village preserves the ambiance of a village with the livability of a neighborhood. The "village" lifestyle is enhanced by quality education and a variety of housing, recreation, and local commerce in pedestrian friendly centers.

To help realize this vision for the future, six broad implementation strategies were identified, with specific items which will be addressed and discussed by the City Council. These implementation strategies are:

- Maintain a "Sense of Place" and a "Sense of Community" in the Village.
- Accommodate redevelopment while protecting architectural integrity and preserving the residential

scale to maintain a balance between redevelopment and the quality of life.

- Maintain parks and open space and create recreation opportunities for the residents.
- Encourage development and redevelopment with a defined municipal role and implementation plan.
- Maintain the City's financial strength and increase the tax base without increasing property taxes.
- Maintain or improve property values through effective Code Enforcement.

As the City Council looks toward the community's future in evaluating city budgets, programs, and services, these strategies will provide a framework for future decision making.

An informative brochure identifying these strategies and listing specific steps to be considered in realizing the City's vision for the future has been prepared and is available at the Municipal Offices or by calling the City Clerk's Office at 913-381-6464.

I would like to thank all the Prairie Village residents who participated in the strategic planning process. Your thoughts and comments formed the foundation upon which these strategies were built.

Ron Shaffer
Mayor



CLEAR THE WAY

Even in cold, wintry weather, Prairie Village residents are out and about on the City's sidewalks, especially those used by children to walk to and from school.

City ordinances require that residents clear "all accumulations of ice and also all accumulations of snow when the same becomes four or more inches deep." This ordinance is enforced by the Prairie Village Police Department.

So please, be a good neighbor - and obey the law. Clear the way.

January 2001 in the R.G. Endres Gallery: The Kansas City Metro Photographer's Association

Arts
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Start the New Year off right and feed your creativity by stopping by the Municipal Offices' R.G. Endres Gallery to view photographs by members of the **Kansas City Metro Photographer's Association**. The Gallery is open Monday through Thursday from 8am - 7 pm and on Fridays from 8am - 5pm. This exhibit will be on display throughout the month of January.

Winter Driving Tips



We have jumped headfirst into the Winter season. With the first major snow and ice storm now behind us, it is a good time to renew some safe driving habits for inclement weather. Most of the winter driving tips are good practices to use year-round. However, they become more important when the roads are covered with snow and ice. The most important piece of advice I can offer to all motorists is: **slow down and take your time**. A few extra minutes can save time, money and reduce your stress level.

Here are a few reminders concerning Winter driving:

Slow down — When the roads are covered with snow and ice, the posted speed limit is often too fast for the current road conditions.

Allow Additional Time — Allow a little more time to reach your destination. It will take you a bit longer to reach your destination, but you will probably find yourself in front of the trouble.

Pre-Plan Your Route — Is there a large hill to drive up or down, are the roads narrow or usually congested in normal traffic, and have there been any reports of major accidents? Many times alternate routes can provide a more suitable way to reach your destination.

Increase Your Following Distance — Look further ahead as you drive and check for obstructions, hazards or a secondary “escape” route. Try to anticipate problems that may present themselves as you drive. Increase your following distance behind other cars. This additional space increases your reaction time. Increasing the distance between you and other traffic also increases your stopping distance on snow and ice.

I hope these few reminders will keep you and your family safe while driving this winter season. Although, if you are involved in an accident, contact the local police department immediately and exchange insurance and driver information with those involved.

Sgt. Curt Winn
Driving Instructor
Prairie Village Police Department



Your Kitty in the City. . .



How to be a Responsible Cat Owner



Most cat owners in Prairie Village are aware that cats are held accountable under the city’s leash law just as dogs. Unless your cat stays on your property, it needs to be “leashed” (kept under your control by means other than voice control).

Allowing cats outdoors is hazardous to cats, wildlife and humans. General hazards to free-roaming cats include: cars, poisoning, other animals, human abuse, traps, and over-population of unneutered pets. Disease risks include: rabies, feline leukemia virus, feline panleukopenia, feline infectious peritonitis, feline immunodeficiency virus, and feline viral upper respiratory disease. While there are vaccines for many of these, no vaccine provides 100% protection.

Cats also transmit parasites and diseases to wildlife and humans, including: cat-scratch disease, toxoplasmosis, lyme disease, round and hookworms. While letting cats outdoors may seem the natural thing to do, the hazards cats face when they leave home are numerous.

How can you make your outdoor cat a happy indoor cat? Substitute outside excursions with periods of special playtime. An outdoor cat may welcome the indoors if she gets more love, attention and play. Offer interesting toys, trim nails to prevent damage to furniture, keep the litter box clean, and consider adopting a kitty “friend” to keep your cat company while you’re away.

What if your neighbor’s cat is straying into your yard? Speak to your neighbor and explain your concerns. Show them this article or suggest they call Prairie Village Animal Control at 913-642-6868 for help in teaching their cat to live happily inside.



If all else fails, contact animal control for a humane live trap. We are here for animals’ and citizens’ safety.



Moments In Time - Fifty Years of Prairie Village History

This year we will be celebrating 50 years of Prairie Village heritage. As part of this celebration *The Prairie Village Voice* will feature a monthly column highlighting the many fascinating aspects of Prairie Village history and updating you about upcoming Golden Anniversary celebration events.

This month we feature some fun facts about Prairie Village to whet your appetite for future installments of Moments in Time. Did you know...

- When it was first incorporated as a city in 1951, Prairie Village stretched from Mission Road to Roe Blvd., from 67th to 69th street!
- Prairie School first opened its doors to local students in 1866.

- Prairie Village can lay claim to being the birthplace of the 1938 Kentucky Derby champion thoroughbred Lauren.
- The Mayor of Prairie Village and City Council Members are paid a grand total \$1 per year . Their check is laminated.
- The current Municipal Building was constructed in 1970. Before that, "City Hall" was located under the Safeway Store in the Prairie Village Shopping Center. Before that, the City Council met at Council Member Carl Schliffke's home.

We hope you enjoyed this brief look at Prairie Village history. Look for the next installment of *Moments in Time* in February's *Prairie Village Voice*.

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) or send an e-mail to cityclerk@pvkansas.com at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting time, if possible, to make arrangements.



Holiday Tree Recycling in the Parks

The City is again offering a tree recycling program to Prairie Village residents. Trees may be dropped in the designated areas at Porter, Franklin, Harmon, and Meadowlake Parks. The trees must be free of all lights, ornaments, stands and any metal nails, etc. as these items will damage the chipping machine. Residents may take the chips for their own use.

The program will continue until January 21st

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