

# THE PRAIRIE VILLAGE Voice

December 2002

## Holiday Safety



Officer Dawn Clausius

The signs of the holiday season are everywhere. People are hustling and bustling trying to get their holiday shopping done, front porches are decorated with brightly colored lights and the winter weather is here to stay. With the holiday season in full swing, many residents will be in and out of their homes for extended periods of time traveling, shopping or visiting friends and relatives. The Crime Prevention Unit is aware of this, *and so are criminals*. Here are a few suggestions, which may keep you safe and secure this holiday season.

- Remember to keep all doors and windows locked at all times. Most burglaries occur through insecure doors or windows.
- Use timers both inside and outside of your home. This will make your home look occupied. This includes holiday and tree lighting.
- Have a neighbor or friend pick up your newspapers

from the driveway and mail from the mailbox. Be sure to have snow removed from the porch and driveway.

- If traveling alone, remember to keep your car doors locked at all times and your vehicle properly serviced.
- Remember to park in a well-lit area and be aware of your surroundings. Keep packages in the trunk and out of sight.
- Do not leave your purse or wallet inside your vehicle. Criminals specifically target these items.
- Try not to carry large amounts of cash. Pay with a credit card, check or travelers check.

This holiday season should be a time of fun, festivities and sharing. It should not be spoiled by a would-be thief or burglar. These tips and suggestions should help make the holiday season more safe and secure for you and less joyful for criminals.

For questions or comments please contact the Crime Prevention Unit at 913-385-4613 or send an email to [dclausius@pvkansas.com](mailto:dclausius@pvkansas.com).

## Order Your Brick for the Holidays!!!

Personalized bricks make great holiday gifts for those who have everything! The Prairie Village Arts Council is selling personalized bricks, which will be installed in the patio of the Community Center. Prices for individual bricks are \$35 and corporate sponsorships begin at \$100. Funds raised through the "Pave the Patio" project will cover the costs of engraving and installing the bricks, and help support continued cultural arts programs for the community. For more information or to receive an order form call Lori Franke at 913-381-6464 or email [lfranke@pvkansas.com](mailto:lfranke@pvkansas.com).

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## Upcoming Trash Holidays

Deffenbaugh, the City's solid waste collection and recycling contractor, will be observing the following holidays during December, 2002 and January, 2003. If your regular trash day falls on one of these holidays or after, your trash and recycling will be picked up **one day late that week**.

Christmas	December 25th
New Year's Day	January 1st
Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday	January 20th

## Mayor's Message



As 2002 comes to a close, I'd like to share some of Prairie Village's successes this year.

Early in the year, January 29th to be exact, Prairie Village was hit with one of the worst ice storms in the City's history. Trees toppled down from the weight of the ice and most residents were without electricity for several days. Like most of you, my family and I spent days in the dark waiting for power to be restored. Our Public Works crews worked long hours to free the streets from debris and our Police Officers kept intersections safe by directing traffic. Our City prevailed during this ordeal and we grew closer to our neighbors.

In March, the Police Department received the honor of reaccreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). This honor is given to only 4% of the police agencies in the United States that meet CALEA's rigid standards. It is a great honor to know that our Police Department is dedicated to serving each of us with a commitment to excellence.

2002 also brought new businesses and development to the City. The new office building at 75th & Reinhardt opened earlier this year. It has become the new home to Nearing, Staats, Prelogar and Jones, an architectural firm and to Coulson & Company, L.L.C., a real estate development business. Several new restaurants also opened in Prairie Village, including the Blue Moose Bar & Grill, Michael Forbes Grill, and Johnny's. There were a total of 12 new businesses licensed by the city this year. We are pleased to have these businesses make their home in Prairie Village.

In August, the 50th Anniversary Book *Prairie Village: Our Story* was released. This book contains information

about the early settlers of the area, the visionaries who shaped the City, and the notable events in the City's history. Make sure to stop by City Hall and purchase your copy.

If you've been by the Tomahawk and Mission Road intersection lately, you've noticed the new landmark in Prairie Village. The intersection was redesigned to improve traffic flow and increase safety. The centerpiece of the fountain is the Prairie Family statue which was moved from its previous location in the Prairie Village Shopping Center. This new landmark definitely makes a statement when you enter the City.

As part of the City's Golden Anniversary, a time capsule was assembled and buried. The capsule contains many different items, including a 2001 budget, police badge, salary list, an animal tag and a street sign. The capsule will be opened in 50 years – the year 2051!

As you can see, this has been an exciting year. Many changes have taken place in and around Prairie Village. I look forward to the New Year and the many opportunities that lie ahead. 2002 was a challenging but rewarding year, however 2003 will bring with it new challenges and opportunities. As a community, I'm confident we will face these challenges head-on and continue to make Prairie Village a great place to call home.

I wish you and your family a happy and safe holiday season!

Ron Shaffer  
Mayor

## 2003 Animal Licensing Begins Soon

2003 animal registration forms will be mailed shortly. City ordinance requires the annual licensing of all cats and dogs residing in the City. The ordinance also requires proof of a current rabies vaccination for licensing.

NOTE: The vaccination does not have to be valid throughout the calendar year, but must be valid at the time of licensing. **THEREFORE, ALL PETS SHOULD BE ABLE TO BE LICENSED IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY.** The license fee for a spayed or neutered pet is \$6. The fee for an animal which has not been spayed or neutered is \$12.

Additional information is available on the City's web site, [www.pvkansas.com](http://www.pvkansas.com) or you can contact the City Clerk's office at 913-381-6464 or [cityclerk@pvkansas.com](mailto:cityclerk@pvkansas.com).



# 2003 R.G. Endres Gallery Schedule



2003 will be a banner year for the **R.G. Endres Gallery**, with something for every taste.

- **January** will feature photographer **Mike McMullen**.
- Watercolor artist and former art director for Hallmark Cards, **Richard Fanolio** will exhibit in **February**.
- The **Johnson County Developmental Services Group** will arrive in **March** with abstract paintings.
- **April** features artist **Sheryl Levene**, with her oil and pastel paintings.
- Photographer **Wayne Hickox** will have a solo exhibit in **May**.
- The summer months, **June, July** and **August** will host three different watercolor artists; **Joseph Smith, Sandy Schaffer**, and **Jerry Ellis** respectively.
- Our fall line-up begins with the **Senior Arts Council's** mixed media exhibit in **September**.
- The **Mid-America Pastel Society** returns next year in **October**.
- Watercolor artist **Susan Minter** will show in **November**.
- The year will end with photographer **Gloria Hawkins'** display of one-room schoolhouses from around the country.

The **Gallery** is located in the Prairie Village Municipal Offices at 7700 Mission Road and is open Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Fridays until 5:00 p.m.

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## Shop Prairie Village for the Holidays



As the holiday season approaches, remember to **Shop Prairie Village**.

Savvy shoppers can complete their holiday shopping right here in Prairie Village. Between the **Prairie Village Shops, Corinth Square, the Hy-Vee Center** on State Line, **Meadowbrook Village** at 95th & Nall, and the City's other retail destinations, you're sure to find unique gifts for family and friends.

In addition to being convenient, making your purchases in Prairie Village helps local businesses and provides needed funding for City services. The money you spend helps keep Prairie Village's merchants in business, and a portion of the sales tax revenue helps to finance street improvements, Crime Prevention, park maintenance, and more.

So remember – **Shop Prairie Village for the Holidays!!**

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## Applications for Lifeguards and Concession Workers Now Being Accepted


The City of Prairie Village is accepting applications for lifeguards and concession workers for the 2003 pool season. Lifeguard pay begins at \$8/hour. Concession workers begin at \$5.50/hour. Applicants must be 16 years of age or older at time of hire to work as a lifeguard or concession worker. Interviews will begin in February, so apply now. Returning lifeguards and concession workers must also submit an application. Applications are available at the City Clerk's office at 7700 Mission Road or on-line at [www.pvkansas.com](http://www.pvkansas.com). If you have questions, contact Brett Wise at 913-381-6464 or email to [bwise@pvkansas.com](mailto:bwise@pvkansas.com).

The American Red Cross will once again be offering lifeguard certification courses in the late Winter and early Spring. Please contact Michelle Jantz at 816-931-8400 for further information on certification courses. All Prairie Village lifeguards must be Red Cross certified at time of hire.

# Pick up your copy of the book, *Prairie Village: Our Story*

*Prairie Village: Our Story* is the perfect Holiday gift. *Prairie Village: Our Story* is a 50th Anniversary book celebrating the history of Prairie Village. It's a celebration of the people who have made Prairie Village what it is today. The pages are filled with stories and photos of Prairie Village past and present.

The book is now available in the City Clerk's Office. Stop by and purchase your copy today or mail in the order form below. The cost per book if purchased at City Hall is \$21.38. The cost per book if mailed is \$25.75 – this includes shipping.

	Name: _____
	Address: _____ _____
	Phone #: _____
	Driver's License Number: _____
Cost per book is \$25.75 which includes tax and shipping & handling in the continental US only.	Quantity Ordered: _____
Checks payable to: City of Prairie Village	\$ Amount Enclosed: _____
Mail order form to:	50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book City of Prairie Village 7700 Mission Road Prairie Village, KS 66208



## 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.



### PV Notes

#### Date Correction

Please note that an incorrect date was published for the **Learning About Prairie Village** session in the November issue of the *Prairie Village Voice*.

The correct date for the session covering Police Department operations, including Animal Control and Crime Prevention is January 28th, 2003. This session will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Offices' Multi-Purpose Room.

For more information or to register to attend any of the upcoming sessions, please contact Lori Franke at 913-381-6464 or send an e-mail to [lfranke@pvkansas.com](mailto:lfranke@pvkansas.com).

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