

Learning About Prairie Village

You've seen the patrol cars on the street and the plows clearing snow in the Winter. Maybe you've obtained a building permit, or even appeared in Court after receiving a traffic ticket. Have you ever wanted to learn how the pieces of city government fit together?

If so, please join us over the next several months for an informative and hopefully entertaining series of discussions about how Prairie Village government works. Each session begins at 7:00 pm in the Municipal Offices' Multi-Purpose Room. The sessions last about 90 minutes and are free and open to the public. Refreshments are provided, too.

Upcoming sessions will include:

- **November 19, 2002** – Public Works, Parks, street improvements, & stormwater management
- **January 31, 2003** – Police Department operations, including Animal Control and Crime Prevention
- **March 18, 2003** – Planning & Zoning, Building permits, Code Enforcement, and the Municipal Court
- **May 20, 2003** – Pool and Tennis programs, business and animal licensing, solid waste & recycling, and everything else.

For more information or to register to attend these sessions, please contact Lori Franke at 913-381-6464 extension 4207 or send an e-mail to lfranke@pvkansas.com.

Park and Recreation Committee Public Forum

The **Parks and Recreation Committee** will hold a **Public Forum** at its monthly meeting on **November 13th**. All residents are encouraged to attend!

The Public Forum will give citizens the opportunity to express their ideas regarding the city's parks and recreational programs for next year. This forum will also help the Committee develop plans for future Parks and Recreation projects. The meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 13th at 7:00 p.m.** in the **City Council Chambers** at the Prairie Village Municipal Offices. Please set aside this date on your calendar to help direct the future of the parks and recreation programs in Prairie Village.

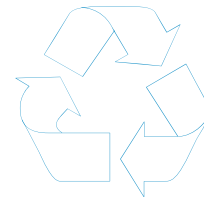
If you have comments or suggestions, but will not be able to attend the Public Forum, contact Brett Wise at 913-381-6464 extension 4206 or send an email to bwise@pvkansas.com. Your comments will be shared with the Park & Recreation Committee.

Recycling Changes Begin January 1st

The new year will bring with it some changes to the City's curbside recycling program. **Starting January 1, 2003, glass will no longer be accepted for curbside recycling** for residents participating in the City's Solid Waste Management Program. However, you will be able to recycle a wider variety of paper products, including corrugated cardboard, chipboard (cereal boxes) and carrier stock paper.

The changes may take a little time to get used to, but they are designed to help control the costs of the City's curbside recycling program.

For more information about the City's Curbside Recycling Program, stop by the Municipal Offices to pick-up a recycling brochure or visit www.pvkansas.com.



Mayor's Message



Make plans now to attend the annual **Mayor's Holiday Tree Lighting Celebration!** Join your City Council representatives and City staff at **6:30 p.m. on Monday, November 25th** at the Municipal Offices, 7700 Mission Road, as I help our special guest from the North Pole light the Holiday Trees.

This annual event is sponsored by the **Prairie Village Municipal Foundation** to support the **Mayor's Holiday Tree Fund**. Three trees in various parts of the City 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 Fund to help our neighbors with these bills. 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 last year's holiday season, Prairie Village residents and businesses contributed over \$9,000 to the Fund. Since its inception, the Mayor's Holiday Tree Fund has provided over \$76,000 for Prairie Village residents in need.

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

Have a happy and safe holiday season.

Ron Shaffer
Mayor

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!

The Prairie Village Arts Council Presents...MidAmerica Pastel Society

The *MidAmerica Pastel Society* (MAPS) will be presenting its Fifth Annual Small Painting Show in the Municipal Offices' R. G. Endres Gallery from November 1st through November 27th.

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There are over 130 *MidAmerica Pastel Society* painters whose works have received national awards and are internationally collected, plus many other fine artists. MAPS is dedicated to the support of community and artist education, plus providing exhibit and networking opportunities for pastel artists throughout the Midwest. You won't want to miss this exhibit.

Gallery hours are Monday-Thursday, 8:00a.m. – 7:00p.m. and Friday, 8:00a.m. – 5:00p.m.

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 you pay helps finance street improvements, Crime Prevention, park maintenance, and more.

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

Peanut Butter Week Ends on a Smooth Note

Prairie Village celebrated its 18th annual Peanut Butter Week Campaign the week of September 16th – 20th and presented The Harvesters Community Food Network with over 6,500 pounds of food and over \$100 in monetary donations. Sponsors of this year's food drive included churches, synagogues, schools, day care providers and Prairie Village's two retirement communities: Claridge Court and Marriott's Brighton Gardens.



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 70 pounds!

Operation ID Needs You



Officer Dawn Clausius

Operation Identification is a **theft deterrent program** designed to assist police in identifying your valuables in the event your home is burglarized and the items are removed. It is very difficult for police to identify stolen property without a serial number, model number or any other identifying marks. As a result, police cannot track the items and stolen property is not

returned. Although it does not guarantee police will be able to trace your items, Operation ID is another tool you have in helping to identify your lost or stolen property.

The Operation ID Program works like this:

1. Contact your Crime Prevention Officer, Dawn Clausius, to check-out an engraver free of charge.
2. Engrave your valuables with the letters KS followed by either a Kansas Drivers License number or any number you will be able to remember. Using a social security

number is **NOT** recommended. Mark anything of value that a burglar could remove. Some items may not be able to be engraved, but you can photograph or videotape these items and keep the photos/videotape in a safe place.

3. Place Operation ID stickers on exterior doors & windows.
4. Record the model and serial numbers of valuable items and keep them in a safe place. Having these numbers will assist the police if the items are removed from your home.

A burglary occurs every 12 minutes and a theft occurs every seven minutes! Operation Identification is one basic step you can take to help prevent theft, but good lighting, locks and other security measures can also be taken to prevent other crimes from occurring.

For additional information or questions please contact the Prairie Village Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit at 913-385-4613. Information provided by the Kansas Bureau of Investigation.

Reminder

City offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 28th & 29th in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. As always, Emergency Services will remain available by calling 9-1-1.


Have a happy and safe Thanksgiving!



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

A *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 th 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.



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Upcoming Trash Holidays

Deffenbaugh, the City's solid waste collection and recycling contractor, will be observing the following holidays over the next few months. If your regular trash day falls on one of these holidays, your trash and recycling will be picked up **one day late that week**.

- Thanksgiving – November 28, 2002
- Christmas – December 25, 2002
- New Year's Day – January 1, 2003
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday, – January 20, 2003

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