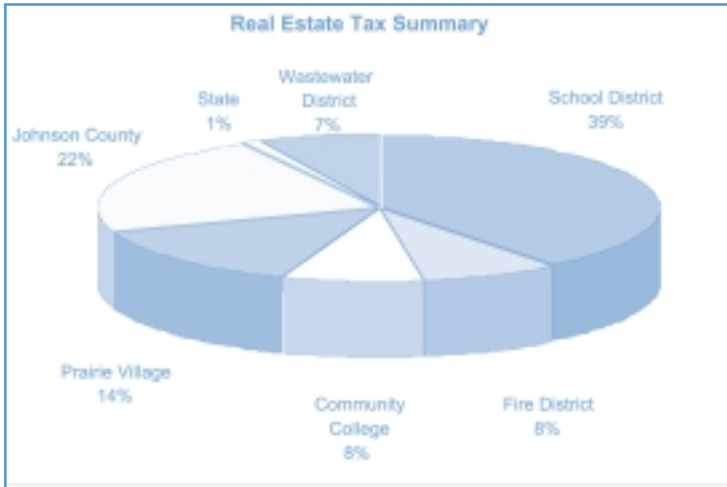


## How the City Spends Your Tax Dollars



Next month, the Johnson County Appraiser's Office will mail Real Estate Tax Summaries to property owners notifying them of the property taxes they will owe next year. These amounts are based on the 2001 appraised values of property. Closely examining your tax bill will help you gain a better understanding of how your property tax dollars are spent.

One of the first things you will notice is that there are several taxing entities represented on the Tax Summary,

including the City of Prairie Village. Each taxing entity sets its own tax rate. The Johnson County Clerk's Office consolidates these rates into a single tax bill.

An examination of the Real Estate Tax Summary will show you where your tax dollars go, including the portion received by Prairie Village. The City will receive approximately 14% of your total tax bill. For the owner of a \$175,000 home, that's about \$315. This goes toward providing City services like 24-hour police protection, maintaining the City's infrastructure, parks, and much more.

When you stop to think about it, Prairie Village residents receive a tremendous value for their tax dollars. Your City Council and City staff remain committed to making sure your tax dollars are spent wisely.

If you have any questions about how the City raises its revenue and spends public funds, please contact the City Clerk's office at 913-381-6464 and request a copy of the City's 2003 Budget in Brief, which provides an overview of the City's annual budget. This document is also available for download at [www.pvkansas.com](http://www.pvkansas.com).

## Chamber of Commerce Auction October 23rd

The Northeast Johnson County Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau will be holding its Annual Auction "Monster Mash" on **Wednesday, October 23rd** at the **Shawnee Mission Community & Conference Center, 6219 Martway** from 6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. The gala evening will include dinner, and silent and live auctions. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door and may be purchased by calling the Chamber at 913-262-2141.



## City to Conduct Animal Census

The City of Prairie Village requires all dogs and cats to be licensed. In an ongoing effort to ensure this is done, enumerators will be going door to door during October.

**Pets can be licensed if they have a current rabies vaccination.** License applications are available at the City Clerk's Office or on-line at [www.pvkansas.com](http://www.pvkansas.com).

Thank you for your cooperation.



# Mayor's Message



In the August, 2002 primary elections, only 30% of registered voters in Johnson County cast ballots. One of the hallmarks of American democracy is the right to elect our political representatives, and one of our most important civic duties is voting. On November 5th we will once again have the opportunity to exercise our

right to select candidates for several public offices, including:

- Governor
- US Senator
- US Representative
- State Representative
- State Attorney General
- County Commission Chair, and more.

Make sure your voice is heard by casting your ballot. But before you vote, it's important to register and learn about the candidates. Registering to vote is easy. Voter registration forms are available at City Hall and on the

Internet at [www.jocoelection.org](http://www.jocoelection.org). To vote on November 5th, **you must be registered by October 21st.**

Learning about the candidates takes a bit more work, but is definitely worth the effort. Read local newspapers about the candidates and issues; attend candidate forums; and when possible, try to meet the candidates and listen to what they have to say about issues that are important to you.

When it comes time to vote, the Johnson County Election Office provides several options including Advance Voting, which begins October 16th, voting by mail, and voting at the polls with the new touch-screen voting machines. To learn more about your voting options, contact the Johnson County Election Office at 913-782-3441 or visit [www.jocoelection.org](http://www.jocoelection.org)

See you at the polls!!!

Ron Shaffer  
Mayor

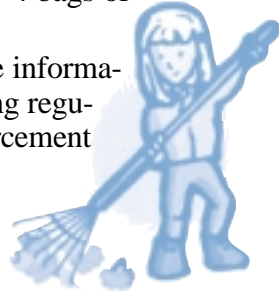
## Send Your Leaves to a Mulch Better Place

**Recycling Goal for Fall:** Reduce or eliminate the amount of bagged leaves left at your curb.

- A regular lawnmower is all you need to mulch leaves. Sharpen the blades and run the mower a couple of times over the leaves. They will be mulched enough to remain on the yard.
- Mow often enough to prevent large piles of leaves from accumulating.
- The blend of grass and leaf clippings is perfect food for the yard and mulch for gardens.
- Keep the leaves under bushes to act as mulch.

### Still too Many Leaves?

- Be sure to crush leaves while packing them in bags.
- Use paper yard waste bags. These can be composted along with the leaves.
- Share your shredder with a neighbor or rent one together. A shredder reduces 3-4 bags of leaves to one.
- Start a compost pile. For more information about the City's composting regulations, contact the Code Enforcement Officer at 913-385-4605.



**And please don't rake or blow your leaves into the street.**

## Wildlife in Prairie Village

Animal Control receives numerous calls regarding wildlife. Prairie Village's mature trees and landscaped yards provide an excellent habitat for all kinds of wildlife. Squirrels, chipmunks, opossums, raccoons, groundhogs, foxes, hawks, and the occasional deer all call Prairie Village home.

**Wildlife should be left alone.** They are part of our environment and some are protected by Federal law. Occasionally, a wild animal becomes a nuisance when it damages property or gets inside a residence.

The Animal Control Officers have a limited number of live animal traps to loan to residents for up to two weeks. Officers will show you how to operate the trap. Residents are encouraged to relocate the animal to a wooded area away from the City.

Loaning of live animal traps are for the purpose of removing **nuisance** animals only. Do not attempt to capture all the wild animals in your neighborhood. Once you remove a wild animal from its habitat, a new one that lives close by often moves into the void left from the removed animal.

Animal Control can assist homeowners with other ways to discourage animals from damaging their property. Please give us a call at 913-642-6868, extension 4898. We would be happy to help you!

# Prairie Village Recreational Program Wrap-Up

The Prairie Village Piranhas Swim Team, the Prairie Village Synchronized Swim Team, and the Prairie Village Junior Tennis League had a successful 2002 season!

The **Piranhas** had 117 members on this year's Competitive and Pre-Competitive Teams. The team, led by head coach Kevin Ryan and assistant coaches Cathy Houts, Adam Sechrist and Nick Roa, finished their season with a fourth place finish out of eight teams at the All-City Swim Meet. Among the individual honors were: three first place finishes for Anthony Roa, and first place finish for Kayleigh Koster and Hannah Munsch. The Mixed Relay team of Mathieu Roa, Hannah Munsch, Elisabeth Brown and Anthony Roa finished first. Prairie Village swimmers also took home four second place finishes and five third place finishes.

The **Synchronized Swim Team** finished their season with their 43rd Annual Watershow. Once again, the Watershow was a success. The team, made up of 50 swimmers, performed several routines synchronized to music. This year's theme was "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun!" The coaches for this year's team included:

Jennifer Holland, Head Coach, and Kelly Malarkey and Molly Cobb, Assistant Coaches.

The **Junior Tennis League** Teams also performed well throughout the season. The team as a whole finished eighth out of 19 city and country club teams. The boys (18 and under) team finished fourth in the Ads Division, the girls (13 and under) and girls (11 and under) teams each finished third in the Aces Division. In the KCJTL Metro Tournament, Prairie Village's Justin Anderson defeated teammate Kyle Westphal in the Championship match in the Boys 18 and under Ads Division; Justin and Kyle also won the Doubles Championship. Prairie Village players also brought home a third place finish, two fourth place finishes, and won four consolation brackets.

The teams would like to express their gratitude to all the parent volunteers who worked tirelessly and dedicated so much of their time to help make each team's season a success. Without the support of the volunteer parents, these opportunities for the youth would not exist. Thank you to all involved for making 2002 an outstanding year for all three teams!

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## The Prairie Village Arts Council Presents...M.L. Moseman & John Roush

The **Prairie Village Arts Council** is pleased to present the works of **M.L. Moseman** and **John Roush** during the month of October.

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Moseman's paintings express feelings about the demise of our agrarian heritage after his parents' farm was lost in the 1980s farm crisis. Mr. Moseman uses pastels to add strong light and color to the dramatic poses of his figures.

Roush's paintings are a visual autobiography of his own experiences and heritage. This Kansas native was born to farming parents and maintains an enduring respect for the land. Most of his paintings originate close to his home, but many are derived from yearly painting trips to the coast of Maine.

Moseman and Roush are signature members of the Pastel Society of America.

The exhibit will be on display in the R.G. Endres Gallery located at the Prairie Village Municipal Offices at 7700 Mission Road from October 1st – October 31st. Gallery hours are Monday – Thursday 8am – 7pm & Friday 8am – 5pm.

## Pitch Your Paper for the Schools!

Now that school has started, remember to **take your paper to local school recycling bins**. Again this year, Prairie Village schools will be collecting paper of all kinds for recycling. The schools need money more than ever, and this is a great way to help them out. When you take your newspapers, magazines, catalogues, office paper, etc. to a recycling bin at one of our schools, the paper will be recycled and schools will earn money.



To date, this program has recycled over 400 tons of paper and paid schools in Prairie Village over \$5,000! This is a great way to teach students about recycling, get involved with your neighborhood school, and earn money for the schools.

Please do not place cans, glass, plastic or paper with food on it (like pizza boxes) in the school recycling bins. These items can be placed in your green plastic bin for curbside recycling. Corrugated cardboard can be dropped off at the large bins in the Prairie Village or Corinth shopping centers, or taken to CLO at 80th & Metcalf. Remember, our community benefits when we pitch our paper into local school recycling bins.

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

*Prairie Village: Our Story* is a 50th Anniversary book celebrating the history of Prairie Village. It's a celebration of the people who've 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.



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Cost per book is \$25.75 which includes tax and shipping & handling in the continental US only.

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City of Prairie Village  
7700 Mission Road  
Prairie Village, KS 66208

## PV Notes

Reservations for the Prairie Village Community Center for calendar year 2003 are now being accepted. For reservation forms and more information contact the City Clerk's office at 913-381-6464. Reservation forms are also available on-line at [www.pvkanas.com](http://www.pvkanas.com).

## Tree Board Fall Seminar

The **Prairie Village Tree Board Fall Seminar** is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>** in the City Hall Council Chamber from 7:00pm – 8:30pm. The following topics will be discussed: how to prune damaged trees, how to observe tree distress caused by ice storms, and how to help trees recover from ice damage.

The 2002 Champion Trees and Best of Species will be awarded. There will also be a drawing for trees to be given away during the seminar.



*This Champion Tree is a black walnut located at 4630 West 79th 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.



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