

THE PRAIRIE VILLAGE Voice

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“*Prairie Village: Our Story* chronicles the transformation of the City from a resting place along a dusty trail to an enduring community. It’s a celebration of the people who’ve made Prairie Village what it is today: a first-class city with the spirit of a village. In these pages, you’ll learn about early settlers of the area, the visionaries who shaped the City, and the notable events in its history – all told through the eyes of Prairie Village’s past and present residents, developers, public officials, and merchants, sharing their fondest memories.”

Celebrate Prairie Village’s 50th Anniversary by purchasing [Prairie Village: Our Story](#)

Available Soon!

Contact: Jan Marsh – 913-262-7335 or janmar@msn.com

Attention All Home-Based Businesses

The City of Prairie Village requires all home-based businesses, including home day cares, to obtain a home occupation license. The licensing year is September 1st through August 31st. Renewal forms for currently licensed businesses will be mailed out this month and should be returned to the City Clerk’s Office by **September 30th**. If you have a new business, please contact the City Clerk’s office for an application form.

If you have any questions regarding home occupation or day care licenses, please contact the City Clerk’s office at 913-381-6464 or e-mail cityclerk@pvkansas.com.

Take a Dip After Dark!! Moonlight Swim on August 9th

Come join your friends and neighbors for the last **Moonlight Swim** of the season. The Pool Complex will be open until **10:00 p.m.** to let you cool off in the August heat.



Tips from the Codes Department

Believe it or not, Summer’s almost over. Before you know it, school will be starting, leaves will be falling, and temperatures will drop.

Before this happens, take some time to look around your property and do any fix-up or clean-up projects that need to be addressed.

Here is a **checklist** to help you out:

- Remove all dead limb debris and brush piles. These can be set out for collection by cutting brush and limbs into four-foot lengths, bundling, and placing at the curb for collection.
- Check for any areas on your house or outbuildings that need painting or repair. These repairs are best made during good weather.
- Remove all trash and debris from your property.
- Clean out garages and sheds to allow for proper storage of yard tools and other miscellaneous items.

Mayor's Message



Prairie Village has a rich history of being a welcoming, friendly place to live, work, and play. A short drive through the City reveals the well paved streets, sidewalks, and most importantly, the well-kept neighborhoods. One facet of Prairie Village that may be overlooked however, is the abundance of outdoor art and landmarks. Whether it's the clock tower at the Prairie Village Shopping Center, the Hollub Memorial Rose Garden at Franklin Park, or the numerous statues on neighborhood traffic islands, these pieces of outdoor art enhance the beauty of our community.

In the coming weeks, a familiar but somewhat hidden landmark will reappear in a new and more important location. The Prairie Family statue will move from its current location in the Prairie Village Shopping Center to a more visible location.

If you've been by the Tomahawk and Mission Road intersection in the past month or so, you've undoubtedly noticed the construction activity. As part of a project to redesign the intersection to improve traffic flow and increase safety, a fountain is being constructed on the

Northwest corner of this intersection in an area known as Prairie Park. The centerpiece of the fountain will be the Prairie Family statue, which will be moved to its new location later this month. The entire project is scheduled for completion by Labor Day.

This project will accomplish several goals: it will improve the intersection at Tomahawk and Mission Road. It will create a new landmark in Prairie Village. And it will bring a beautiful piece of statuary into a much more visible location for all to enjoy.

The next time you're driving through Prairie Village, slow down and take a few moments to enjoy the scenery, observe the new construction, as well as the often overlooked outdoor art that gives Prairie Village neighborhoods some of their charm.

Ron Shaffer
Mayor



50 Plus Program



Get fit right in your neighborhood. No long trips to the health club or membership fees to pay! The Johnson County 50 Plus program will be offering a **Total Body Workout** class in the Prairie Village

Community Center beginning the week of September 4th. Class will include a combination of aerobics, Yoga, Pilates and strength training. Class fee will be approximately \$40 for 12, 50 minute sessions. Christy Ghrist (who is certified in a variety of fitness programs) will help you meet your fitness goals. All ages are welcome. The class will meet twice a week - days and times to be announced.

For more information, contact the Roeland Park 50 Plus program at 913-236-4343.

Info To Go Kits at Your Library

The **Johnson County Library** is offering a new series of multimedia, theme-based "**Info to Go Kits**" available for check-out to the public. Kits contain three books, two audiovisual items and an information sheet for locating other resources, including related Web sites, online periodical databases, and additional books.

"Info to Go Kits" are available on the topics of:

Adult Fitness • Basic Computing • Job Search

Personal Finance • Public Speaking

Weddings • Weight Loss

Other kits will be added to the collection.

Kits are available at most Johnson County Library locations. They may also be requested for pickup at any library location by phone or online through the Library's website at www.jocolibrary.org by searching for "Info To Go Kits." For more information, call (913) 495-2400 or visit any Johnson County Library location, including the Corinth Library at 8100 Mission Road.

Disposing of Hazardous Waste

It's that time of year when many Prairie Village residents are working on projects around the house or on the car. Remember that chemicals, used motor oil, and other pollutants should **never** be disposed of by pouring them down the drain or into a storm sewer.

The Public Works Department has a container for used motor oil which can be accessed 24 hours a day. The container is located on the Southeast side of the Public Works building, 3535 Somerset Drive. **Only motor oil will be accepted at this site.**

Other hazardous materials or chemicals may be taken to the Johnson County hazardous waste collection facility, located at I-35 and Lamar in Mission. The Johnson County hazardous waste collection facility accepts items such as: *car batteries, cleaning products, insecticides, solvents, paint, kerosene, brake fluid*, and other environmentally dangerous materials.

For more information about how to use this service, call 913-492-0402. Hearing impaired residents may call 1-800-766-3777. Residents who are homebound may call to arrange for pick-up of materials at their home.

Remember, pouring hazardous chemicals or materials down the drain or into storm sewers pollutes our environment. Besides....it's against the law!

The Prairie Village Arts Council Presents...Karen Golmer



A new exhibit will grace the halls of the Municipal Offices' R.G. Endres Gallery during the month of August. The **Prairie Village Arts Council** will host an exhibit of the works of **Karen Golmer**. Karen is a realistic watercolor and pen/ink artist who portrays life in everyday scenes. Her work is displayed in corporate and private collections. Some of Karen's popular paintings are available as Giclee prints and a few are also available on note cards.

Karen's Giclee (pronounced zhee-clay) prints are limited edition, signed and numbered on watercolor paper. They are archival, museum quality and hand-pulled. Giclee

prints are made by scanning the original painting or a photographic transparency into a computer. A digital image is formed, allowing ink to be sprayed onto water-color paper.

The exhibit will be on display in the R.G. Endres Gallery located at the Prairie Village Municipal Offices at 7700 Mission Road from August 1st – August 30th. Gallery hours are Monday – Thursday 8am – 7pm & Friday 8am–5pm.

Coming Up in the Gallery

The **Prairie Village Arts Council** will feature four more exhibits during the remaining months of 2002. Artist receptions are usually on the first Friday of the featured month from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Month	Artists	Medium
September	Senior Arts Council	Mixed
October	John Roush & M.L. Moseman	Pastels
November	Mid-America Pastel Society	Pastels
December	Susan McCarthy	Pastels

The Prairie Village Tree Board is Hunting for a "FEW GOOD TREES"

The Prairie Village Tree Board is accepting nominations for the 2002 **Champion Trees**. Applications and additional information may be obtained from Public Works at 3535 Somerset, by calling 913-381-4640, or by sending

an e-mail to publicworks@pvkansas.com. Nominations must be received by **September 13, 2002** for consideration. The Tree Board and Public Works will determine if the trees nominated are Champions.

New Pool Hours Begin August 15th

Due to the start of school for Shawnee Mission students, the pools will be operating on a reduced schedule. The new Pool hours will be:

Monday – Friday
4:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
depending on lifeguard availability

Saturday 11:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Sunday 11:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.

The Pool will close for the season at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 2nd.



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.



Door-To-Door Solicitation Guidelines

Warm weather may bring an increased number of door-to-door solicitors into your neighborhood. The City's door-to-door solicitation ordinance limits the times these persons may come to your home. City ordinances state that door-to-door solicitors:

MAY call on residences between **10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., and from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.** They **MAY NOT** solicit between 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

MUST obtain a **permit** from the City and display it at the door.

MUST possess **photo identification** and furnish it to residents upon request.

MAY NOT call on or approach any residence posted "No Solicitation" or "No Trespassing."

"No Solicitors" stickers are available at the Municipal Offices free of charge. For persons with disabilities who are unable to pick up stickers at the Municipal Offices, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 913-381-6464 or TDD 1-800-766-3777 and stickers will be mailed to you. If your house is posted "No Solicitors" and a solicitor comes to your door, call the police by dialing 9-1-1.

Please note that these requirements do not apply to not-for-profit organizations.

Take the Kansas City Clean Air Pledge



The **Prairie Village Environmental Committee** needs you to join us and the Kansas City region in making the **Kansas City Clean Air Pledge (KC CAP)**. KC CAP asks each participant to pledge to use alternative form of transportation for at least one trip that would ordinarily be by car anytime until **AUGUST 31st**.

It's easy!! There's no minimum commitment and no cost to you. Everyone who makes a pledge will be entered in a drawing for prizes.

You can register online at www.marc.org/alt-trans.htm or call MARC at 816-474-4240. Pledge Cards are also available at the Municipal Offices. Your pledge can be as simple as walking to the store on an Ozone Alert day instead of driving.

Thanks for making a difference!

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