



THE PRAIRIE VILLAGE VOICE

A newsletter published for the residents of the City of Prairie Village
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Food for Thought

For most of us, the cooler weather and anticipation of the upcoming holidays is a wonderful time of the year. But for some older residents, the changing leaves bring anxiety about spending the holidays alone. Many older residents do not have family in the area and find the holidays a difficult and lonely time of year. The Johnson County Division of Human Services and Aging has developed a program to help these residents.

The **Senior Nutrition Program** is for senior citizens age 60 and older and their spouses (regardless of age). There are nine Neighborhood Centers throughout the county including the **Prairie Village Community Center** at 7720 Mission Road. Seniors meet and enjoy a hot nutritional meal, visit with friends, and take part in a variety of special activities.

For many seniors, getting out of the house and having a chance to visit with friends is a good excuse to come to lunch. They also benefit from good food and not having to cook or clean up afterward. Around the holidays, the need to spend time with others and interact is stronger than ever. The Neighborhood Center provides seniors a safe and secure place to do that.

There is a suggested donation of \$2.25 per meal, but **no one is denied service because of an inability to donate**. However, those under 60 are asked to donate the full cost of the meal. Participants are asked to contact the Neighborhood Center Coordinator before 11:30 a.m. a day in advance to reserve a meal. Monthly menus are available and weekly menus are printed in the *Kansas City Star* and the *Johnson County Sun* newspapers.

For seniors who are homebound, the "Meals on Wheels" program is available. Meals are delivered by caring volunteers who provide a nutritious meal as well as a personal link to the community. The need for meals is growing, and volunteers are needed. Please join in this effort to help many older adults remain independent in their homes.

Volunteers deliver meals once a week or when available (Monday - Friday, 10:45 a.m. -11:45 a.m.) Meals can be delivered by individuals, civic groups, faith community teams, or employee teams. Children are welcome to accompany parents on their route.

For more information on volunteering to deliver meals, contact the Johnson County Area Agency on Aging Volunteer Coordinator at 913-477-8174.

To attend or reserve your meal at the Prairie Village Community Center contact the Coordinator at 913-341-4012. For other questions or concerns contact the Prairie Village Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit at 913-642-6868.

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Join Us for Lunch!

Who: Men and women, 60 years and older

When: Monday through Friday, Noon to 1:00 p.m.

Where: 7720 Mission Rd., Prairie Village, KS, phone 913-341-4012

Why: Good food, fun activities and friendly people!

Officer Dawn Clausius



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Make plans now to attend the annual **Mayor's Holiday Tree Lighting Celebration!** Join your City Council representatives and City staff from **6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** on **Monday, December 1st** 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. 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 their utility bills or make repairs to their homes. To meet the needs of our fellow citizens, the Prairie Village Municipal Foundation makes an annual appeal for contributions to the Fund to help our neighbors. If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution, please cut out the donation form below and return it to the Municipal Offices at 7700 Mission Road.

During last year's holiday season, Prairie Village residents and businesses contributed over \$9,500 to the Fund. Since its inception, the Mayor's Holiday Tree Fund has raised over \$85,500 for Prairie Village residents in need.

The trees, located on the Municipal Campus in Porter Park, in Franklin 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: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone #: _____

Work Phone #: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: **Prairie Village Municipal Foundation**
and mail with this form to: **Mayor's Holiday Tree Fund**
City of Prairie Village, 7700 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS 66208

Johnson County Appraiser's Office Updating Digital Photography

The Johnson County Appraiser's Office has hired Mobile Video Services, Inc. to digitally photograph the exterior of every residence and business in Johnson County. The county uses the images and data collected to improve the overall quality of property appraisals and provide more efficiency in the property tax administration process. The images and data are also used to assist property owners with "before" images in case of losses and to enhance emergency management

recovery reports crucial for state and federal assistance.

Mobile Video will be traveling throughout the county until February 15, 2004, capturing the necessary images, approximately 160,000. Mobile Video personnel will be driving white vans clearly identified with a sign reading "Johnson County Property and Address Verification" followed by contact information and the county's Website address. Personnel, who will take the images through a window,

will also be wearing identification.

Anyone with questions should contact Jeremy Smoot, Public Information Officer for the Appraiser's Office, at 913-715-0009, or may look at the Appraiser's Website for a picture of the Mobile Video van at <http://appraiser.jocogov.org>.



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

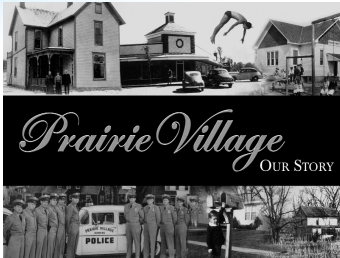
finance street improvements, Crime Prevention, park maintenance, and more.

So remember - Shop Prairie Village for the Holidays!!

Prairie Village: Our Story — The Perfect Gift!

Prairie Village: Our Story is a 50th Anniversary book celebrating the history of Prairie Village. The pages are filled with stories and photos of past and present.

The book is 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 \$21.43. The cost per book if mailed is \$25.75 – this cost includes shipping.



Cost per book is \$25.75 which includes tax, shipping & handling in the continental U.S. only.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Driver's License #: _____

Quantity Ordered: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Checks payable to: City of Prairie Village

Mail order form to: 50th Anniversary Book
City of Prairie Village
7700 Mission Road
Prairie Village, KS 66208

Arts

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Prairie Village

Susan Minter to Exhibit in the R.G. Endres Gallery

The Prairie Village Arts Council welcomes local artist Susan Minter to the R.G. Endres Gallery for the month of November. Susan's transparent watercolors depict the rural landscape of southern Johnson County, Kansas, as well as scenes from her travels throughout the United States, Europe and the Bahamas. Susan feels her paintings, from photographs taken during her travels, "make the trips last longer."

The exhibit will be on display in the Municipal Offices' R. G. Endres Gallery from November 4 to November 25.

If you have any questions, contact Doug Luther at 913-385-4603 or e-mail dluther@pvkansas.com.

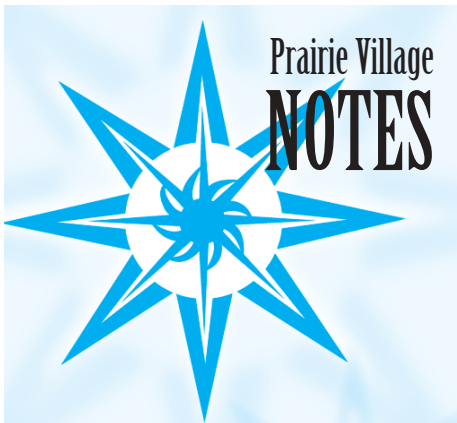
Order Your Brick for the Holidays!

Personalized bricks make great holiday gifts for those who have everything!

The Prairie Village Arts Council continues to sell 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 will help support continued cultural arts programs for the community.

For further information or to receive an order form call Lori Franke at 913-381-6464 or email lfranke@pvkansas.com.





Prairie Village
NOTES

City Offices Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

City offices will close at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 26th and will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 27th & 28th in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. As always, Emergency Services will remain available by calling 9-1-1.

Have a happy and safe Thanksgiving!

Upcoming Trash Holidays

Deffenbaugh, the City's solid waste collection and recycling contractor, will be observing the following holidays over the next few months. Should one of these holidays fall on or before your normal pick-up day, your solid waste, yard waste, and recyclables will be collected **one day later that week.**

- Thanksgiving – November 27, 2003
- Christmas – December 25, 2003
- New Year's Day – January 1, 2004
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday – January 19, 2004

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.



Peanut Butter Week is a Success!

Prairie Village celebrated its 19th annual Peanut Butter Week Campaign the week of September 15th – 19th and presented The Harvesters Community Food Network with over 6,000 pounds of peanut butter and over \$150 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 greatly appreciated.

Children from Pam's Day Care delivered peanut butter to City Hall. They collected 75 pounds!



Winter Weather Preparation

Winter is fast approaching. Ice, snow and frigid winds can be harmful to your home. The following precautions can help prevent damage to your home this winter:

Clean your gutters. Remove leaves and debris from your gutters. If water can not drain through the gutters, "ice damming" can occur causing water to seep into the house and drip from the ceiling and walls.

Check insulation. Attics without enough insulation allow heat to escape, causing snow and ice to melt on the roof. The water will re-freeze creating "ice damming". Properly insulated basements and crawl spaces will help protect pipes from freezing.

Protect pipes. Drain and protect all outside faucets. Wrap any exposed pipes (such as pipes located in unfinished garages) with heat tape or insulate the unfinished area to protect pipes from freezing. Learn the location of the plumbing system's shut-off valve. Time is of the essence in closing pipes off in the event they freeze

Check and service heating system. It is recommended that the heating system (furnace, boiler or fireplace) be checked and serviced at least once a year. Make sure that all smoke detectors are operating properly.

Take extra precautions if you will be away for an extended period. If you will be away from your residence for a time, drain the water system to protect pipes. Have someone check the house periodically.

By performing these preventative measures, you can rest assured that your home survives another blast from old man winter. For more information contact Jim Brown, the City's Building Official at 913-381-6464, extension 4202 or email jbrown@pvkansas.com.



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