



# THE PRAIRIE VILLAGE VOICE

A newsletter published for the residents of the City of Prairie Village  
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## Prairie Village Recreational Program Wrap-Up

All three Prairie Village recreational teams: the Prairie Village Piranhas Swim Team, the Prairie Village Synchronized Swim Team, and the Prairie Village Junior Tennis League Team had successful 2003 seasons!

### Piranhas

The Prairie Village Piranhas had 130 members on this year's Competitive and Pre-Competitive Teams. Led by head coach **Kevin Ryan** and assistant coaches **Cathy Houts**, **Mary Wyrsh**, and **Molly Cobb**, the Piranhas finished their season with a third place finish at the All-City Swim Meet on July 22nd. Each team brought their four fastest swimmers in each age group and event to the meet. The Piranhas brought a stellar team that won nine events. The Piranhas were ecstatic over their success at the meet. Individual and Relay event winners are as follows in no particular order:

- **Kayleigh Koster** - 13 & Under Girls 50 Freestyle and Backstroke
- **Katie Brown** - 15 & Under Girls 50 Breaststroke
- **Amchelle Clendenin** - 9 & Under Girls 50 Butterfly
- **Taylor Meny** - 13 & Under Boys 50 Butterfly
- **Darcy Letourneau** - 13 & Under Girls 50 Butterfly
- **Webb, Calvert, Meny, Matthews** - 13 & Under Boys Medley Relay
- **Koster, Schall, Letourneau, Munsch** - 13 & Under Girls Medley Relay
- **Garcipaz, Brown, McCarthy, Magoon** - 15 & Under Girls Medley Relay

### Synchronized Swim Team

The Prairie Village Synchronized Swim Team finished their season on July 27th with the **44th Annual Water Show**. Once again, the Water Show was a success with the crowd and the swimmers. The team, made up of 50 swimmers age 16 and under, performed several routines in the water, all synchronized to music. This year's theme was "**Dancin' in the Moonlight**." The coaches for this year's team included: **Jennifer Holland**, Head Coach, and **Kelly Malarkey** and **Molly Cobb**, Assistant Coaches.

### Junior Tennis League (JTL)

The Prairie Village JTL Teams also performed well throughout the season. As a whole, the team finished sixth among twenty city and country club teams. The Prairie Village boys 11 and Under Ads Division team, the boys 13 and Under Aces team, and the boys 18 and Under High School Aces Division team each finished fourth in the overall standings for their division. The Girls teams had strong 5th place finishes in both the 11 and Under Aces and High School Aces Divisions.

In the KCJTL Metro Tournament, Prairie Village's **Justin Anderson** won the boys high school Division singles championship; Justin and teammate **Kyle Aaron** received second place in the boys high school doubles division. **Madeline Morris** also received second place in the girls high school singles Division. **Megan McMahon** and **Samantha Waeckerle** won the girls 11 and Under Aces Division doubles championship.

The teams would like to express their gratitude to all of 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 2003 an outstanding year for all three teams!

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For the 19th year in a row, the City of Prairie Village is teaming up with Harvesters Community Food Network in sponsoring this year's Peanut Butter Week food drive from September 15th-19th.



Harvesters estimates there are "141,000 people in our community that are food insecure or at risk of being hungry." As members of a caring community, Prairie Village residents want to help others in need. This year, Peanut Butter Week provides a convenient way to help relieve hunger in our community.

There are several ways you can donate to Harvesters during Peanut Butter Week:

- Bring jars of peanut butter to City Hall between September 15th and the 19th. The City Hall offices are open from 8-7 Monday – Thursday and from 8-5 on Friday.
- Complete the contribution card in this issue of the *Prairie Village Voice* and mail it in, along with your contribution, to 7700 Mission Road.
- Contribute on-line at [www.harvesters.org](http://www.harvesters.org) using your credit card.

Hunger is a persistent problem in our community, even right here in Prairie Village. With your help and the hard work of organizations like Harvesters, we can work together to improve the lives of our neighbors in need.

Ron Shaffer  
Mayor  
City of Prairie Village

**Please complete this form if you wish to make a monetary contribution for Harvesters to purchase peanut butter:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Contribution Amount \$

**Make check payable to Harvesters.**

**Mail to: City of Prairie Village  
Attn: Peanut Butter Week  
7700 Mission Road  
Prairie Village, KS 66208**

# MAYOR'S MESSAGE

## Tax Value Illustration

Prairie Village residents will soon be receiving their property tax bills from the County Appraiser's Office.



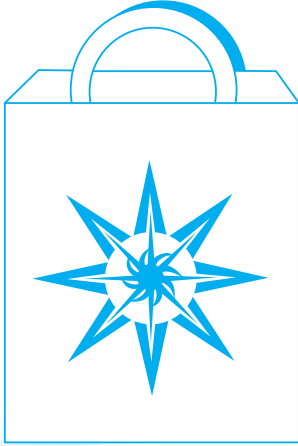
As you review your bill, note that the City's portion of the bill is about 16% of the total. For the owner of a \$150,000 home, that's approximately \$272 a year or \$23 a month.

What does \$23 month purchase?:

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Public Parks                | Economic Development Activities |
| Public Swimming Pool        | Police Protection               |
| Governmental Administration | Snow Removal                    |
| City Planning               | Traffic Control                 |
| Municipal Court             | Animal Control                  |
| Community Activities        | Road Maintenance                |
| Legal Counsel/Prosecution   | Drug Prevention Education       |
| Code Enforcement            | Sidewalk Repair                 |
| Community Center            | Street Lighting                 |
| Building Inspection         | Major Road Maintenance          |

All this for less than the cost of a cell phone or cable television.

# Why Shop Prairie Village??



Local business owners have made an investment in Prairie Village. Help show them they've made a good investment by frequenting their businesses.

services like police, road construction, and park improvements. Healthy sales tax revenues can also help reduce the City's reliance on property taxes.

These are just a few of the reasons to shop Prairie Village year-round. So the next time you go shopping, remember to shop Prairie Village. And, when you see a local business owner, take a moment to say "thank you" for their contributions to our community.

Good question. With stores all over the metro area, why shop Prairie Village? There are several reasons making your purchases close to home benefits both yourself and your community.

**Prairie Village merchants provide virtually everything you and your family need.** At stores in the **Prairie Village Shops, Corinth Square, the Hy-Vee Center on State Line, Meadowbrook Village at 95th & Nall, and Ranch Mart at 95th & Mission**, you can buy groceries, clothes, gifts, hardware, enjoy dining out, get your laundry cleaned, and much, much more. Why fight traffic when the necessities, and many luxuries, are right in your own back yard?

**Shopping in Prairie Village helps the local economy, too.** Just like neighborhoods, businesses are an important part of the community. They need your support to remain vibrant. Local business owners have made an investment in Prairie Village. Help show them they've made a good investment by frequenting their businesses.

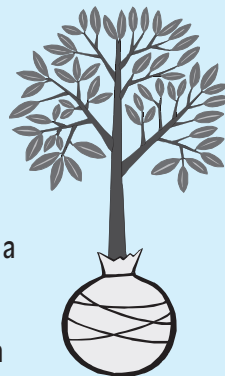
**The money you spend stays in Prairie Village.** When you shop Prairie Village, a portion of the sales tax you pay is returned to the City. Sales taxes help fund City

## September Tip From The Tree Board

Fall is tree planting time. For vibrant fall color, consider red maple and for spring color, consider flowering crab trees. Both are fast growing and tolerate various soil types. Evergreen trees stay green year round and provide great wildlife habitat, good windbreaks and screening for backyards.

The Tree Board's Fall Seminar will be held on October 1, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Center. Speaker will be Kim Bomberger, District Community Kansas Forester. There will be a raffle of trees and shrubs for Prairie Village residents.

Don't forget the City's Tree Board is now accepting nominations for Best of Species and Champion Trees located in Prairie Village. Residents may submit their nominations to the Tree Board at 3535 Somerset Drive, Prairie Village, KS 66208, or email to [publicworks@pvkansas.com](mailto:publicworks@pvkansas.com), or call (913) 385-4647. The nomination must contain the street address, species of tree and location on the property, i.e. back yard, side yard or front yard. Additionally, the name, address and phone number of the nominator is helpful for future contact. After receiving nominations the City will take measurements and pictures of the tree for the Tree Board selection. The deadline for nominations is September 15, 2003.



# Arts

## COUNCIL Prairie Village

Presents...

### Senior Arts Council

The Senior Arts Council will exhibit in the Municipal Offices'

R.G. Endres Gallery this month.

Enjoy the experience of seeing the world through their eyes.

With a profusion of media and subjects, this group offers something for everyone.

**The exhibit will be on display from September 2nd – September 30th.**

**Gallery Hours:**

**Monday–Thursday 8:00am–7:00pm**

**Friday 8:00am–5:00pm**

## Don't Throw Away Your 2003 Prairie Village Pool ID Cards! Recycle Them!

When you buy your 2004 pool membership next May, you will be able to use your pool ID card from the 2003 season. This will allow you and your family to register for your pool membership by mail, avoiding any potential delays registering at City Hall. This is how it works:

All 2003 season pool memberships expired on September 1st. The City's membership registration system keeps your photo and contact information in its database. If you buy a pool membership for 2004 your card will be "reactivated" and you will be able to use it to enter the pool. If you do not purchase a 2004 membership your 2003 pool ID card will not be accepted at the pool. If you lost your 2003 pool membership card or threw it away, don't worry. New cards can be printed at City Hall and mailed to you. If you did not have your picture taken for a 2003 season pool ID card you will need to register at City Hall.



# Prairie Village NOTES

## Part-Time Animal Enumerators

The City of Prairie Village is seeking individuals for temporary employment to conduct a door-to-door animal census within the City. Workers must provide their own transportation and will receive mileage reimbursement. Flexible working hours from approximately September 26th to November 9th, including evenings and weekends. \$9.00 per hour. Send letter of interest to City Clerk at 7700 Mission Road, Prairie Village, Kansas 66208 or e-mail [cityclerk@pvkansas.com](mailto:cityclerk@pvkansas.com). EOE.

## Attention Homes Associations!!!

Does your homeowner's association have a web site? If so, please let us know so the City can place a link to it on [www.pvkansas.com](http://www.pvkansas.com). For more information, contact Doug Luther at 913-385-4603 or send an e-mail with your homes association's web address to [dluther@pvkansas.com](mailto:dluther@pvkansas.com).



# Animal Enumeration To Take Place

The Governing Body of the City of Prairie Village has authorized an animal census in accordance with Prairie Village Municipal Code 6.04.210. The enumeration will account for the number and ownership of all dogs and cats residing within the City of Prairie Village.

This census will help keep your animals safe and protected. Our Animal Control Officers want to make sure your pet can be returned safely to its home if lost and that all animals within the City have current rabies vaccinations.

The animal census will begin the end of September and continue through October. We ask for your cooperation in providing this information to our enumerators.

If you are interested in working as an enumerator for the City, contact the City Clerk at 913-385-4616 or at [jhmundy@pvkansas.com](mailto:jhmundy@pvkansas.com).



## Prairie Village: Our Story Still Available

What are you waiting for? Pick up a copy of *Prairie Village: Our Story*, the City's 50th Anniversary Book now. The book chronicles the transformation of the City from a resting place along a dusty trail to the enduring community we call home.

The cost per book is \$21.43 available at the City Clerk's office.

Presorted Standard  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Permit No. 549  
Shawnee Mission  
Kansas



## WHAT CAN I PUT IN MY CURBSIDE RECYCLING BIN?

**NEWSPAPER & PAPER PRODUCTS**  
**PLASTICS (#1 PETE and #2 HDPE bottles)**  
**ALUMINUM & TIN CANS**

Newspaper (remove from plastic bags) • Junk mail  
Magazines • Catalogs • Office paper • “slick” ad inserts  
Scrap paper Chipboard boxes (cereal, cracker, Kleenex, etc.)  
Milk bottles • Soda bottles • Condiment bottles

**TO BE PLACED UNDER THE BIN:**  
**CORRUGATED CARDBOARD BOXES**  
(broken down and folded into 2' x 2' pieces)

### RECYCLING REMINDERS:

Check the bottom of the container for recycling number.  
Rinse out bottles and remove caps.  
Rinse out cans before placing the can and lid in the bin.

### GLASS IS NO LONGER ACCEPTED AT CURBSIDE!

Take glass to the **CLO Recycling Center:**  
6900 W. 80th Street (just east of Metcalf.)

## PLEASE DO NOT PUT THESE ITEMS IN THE RECYCLING BINS!

### GLASS OF ANY KIND!

Margarine Tubs • Prescription/Vitamin Bottles •  
Auto Product Containers • Microwave Trays  
Scrap Metal • Deli “Clamshells” • Motor Oil Bottles  
Shredded Paper • Drink Pouches/Boxes  
Paper Plates/Cups • Styrofoam • Paper Towels  
Pizza Boxes • Tissue Paper • Film Canisters  
Waxed Cardboard • Trash • Aluminum Foil  
Gift Wrap • Frozen food/juice containers  
Cereal box liners • Yogurt Containers • Plastic bags  
Plastic lids • 6-Pack Plastic Holders • Hanging Folders  
Wet newspaper • Books (paperback or hardback)  
Household Hazardous Waste

### QUESTIONS???

Call City Hall at 913-381-6464  
or send an e-mail to  
[dluther@pvkansas.com](mailto:dluther@pvkansas.com)

Thanks for keeping Prairie Village #1 at recycling!!!



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Take a moment to  
read these  
**RECYCLING DOS & DON'TS.**