

Recycling Changes Begin January 1st

Remember – changes to the City’s curbside recycling program will take place this month. **Starting January 1st, 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.

To prepare items for curbside recycling: Place aluminum cans, steel cans, and plastic containers directly into the recycling bin. Remember to rinse out cans and containers before placing them in the bin.

Newspapers, magazines, telephone books, catalogs, junk mail, and other “slick stock” papers may be placed directly into the recycling bin or into paper grocery sacks. If you choose this method, please separate

newspapers from other types of paper. **Papers or any other recyclables placed in plastic bags WILL NOT be collected.**

Chipboard (cereal boxes) cardboard, and carrier stock paper should be flattened and placed directly into the recycling bin or into paper grocery sacks. **All plastic liner bags found in cereal boxes and other chipboard type boxes should be removed and thrown away in the regular trash.**

Corrugated cartons should be flattened into pieces approximately 2' x 2' and placed **under the recycling bin**. If you have a large amount of corrugated cardboard, please bundle it to keep it from blowing away.

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.

It’s Time to License your Animal for 2003



City ordinance requires the annual licensing of all cats and dogs residing in the City. The ordinance also requires proof of a current rabies vaccination for licensing.

NOTE: The vaccination does not have to be valid throughout the calendar year, but must be valid at the time of licensing. **THEREFORE, ALL PETS SHOULD BE ABLE TO BE LICENSED IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY.** The license fee for a spayed or neutered pet is \$6. The fee for an animal which has not been spayed or neutered is \$12.

Additional information is available on the City’s web site, www.pvkansas.com or you can contact the City Clerk’s office at 913-381-6464 or cityclerk@pvkansas.com.

Mayor's Message



From time to time I hear comments that the State government isn't involved in the day-to-day lives of Prairie Village residents. Nothing could be further from the truth. During my years of service as a Council member, and now as Mayor, I've learned that actions taken in Topeka do, in fact, have a major effect on life in Prairie Village.

Here are just a few ways the State Legislature touches our lives in Prairie Village:

The State provides the bulk of funding to public schools, including the Shawnee Mission School District. Without the full and active participation of the State, it will be difficult for our public schools to maintain their excellent reputations.

The State provides a significant amount of money to local governments, including Prairie Village. In 2003, the City expects to receive over \$250,000 from the State in "demand transfers." These funds help reduce the City's reliance on property taxes as a source of revenue.

This year, the City expects to receive over \$650,000 in Special Highway Funds. This money helps finance the maintenance of City streets. Without this type of assistance

from the State, it would be difficult, if not impossible, to maintain the high quality of the City's streets without significant increases in property taxes.

The Kansas Legislature will begin its 2003 session on January 13th. Given the State's critical financial situation, our State Senators and Representatives will be making some very important, but difficult decisions regarding the State's budget crisis.

This year it will be more important than ever to follow the activities in the Kansas Legislature. But we can all do more than be passive observers. We can and should let our elected officials know how we feel about the issues. Our elected representatives value our opinions. I encourage all Prairie Village residents to contact your State Senator and Representative.

For a listing of the Prairie Village legislative delegation, visit the "links" section of www.pvkansas.com. Updates about this year's legislative session in Topeka are also available at the State's website, www.accesskansas.org.

Ron Shaffer
Mayor

Winter Safety Reminders from the Fire District

Now that winter is approaching we would like to remind everyone to use extreme caution when utilizing home heating equipment. **Home heating equipment is the leading cause of home fires during the months of December, January, and February.**

Common causes of home heating fires are:

- Creosote build-up in wood burning stoves and chimneys, caused by the lack of regular cleaning.
- Placing combustibles too close to home heaters
- Improper fueling of gas heating equipment.

Please follow these safety tips:

Have all wood burning stoves, fireplaces, chimneys, and flues inspected annually by a professional and cleaned accordingly.

Portable space heaters need a three foot clearance from anything that can burn and should always be turned off when leaving the room or going to sleep.

Portable kerosene heaters must be fueled only in a well ventilated area, free from other heat sources and open flames, and only after the device has cooled completely. Use only the type of kerosene specified by the manufacturer for that device. **NEVER SUBSTITUTE GASOLINE FOR KEROSENE.**

If you would like more information, or would like a free home safety inspection please contact your fire department at 913-432-1105.



Chief Ron Graham
Fire District #2

A Reminder from the United States Postal Service

The United States Postal Service would like to remind residents to keep their sidewalks and areas around their mailboxes free from snow and ice this winter season.

With the winter season approaching, frigid temperatures can bring significant snow and ice. Unfortunately, inclement weather may cause mail delivery service to be delayed or curtailed when streets or walkways present hazardous conditions to postal carriers and/or vehicles. Letter carriers cannot make door or curbside deliveries when the approach to the mailbox is hazardous because of a heavy buildup of snow or ice on sidewalks, steps or porches. And they are not allowed to dismount for curbside boxes or cluster boxes blocked by snow and ice buildup.

By clearing a path when the snow falls, proper access is provided to mailboxes. Proper access includes the removal of large accumulations of snow from the area approximately six feet on both sides of the mailbox or cluster box unit so the carrier may approach and leave without backing up his or her vehicle. Customers are responsible for ensuring proper access is provided to their mailbox. Without such access, the safety of the carrier is jeopardized and delivery service may be delayed or curtailed.

Remember that City ordinances also require property owners to remove ice and snow from sidewalks abutting their property.



Holiday Tree Recycling Program

The City will once again sponsor a Holiday Tree Recycling Program for Prairie Village residents. Trees may be dropped in the designated areas of **Porter, Franklin, and Meadowlake Parks**, and in the **Harmon Park parking lot near the water tower**. The trees must be free of all lights, ornaments, stands, and any metal nails, etc. as these items will damage the chipping machine. Residents may take the chips for their own use.

The program will continue until Monday, January 20th.

Ballfield Reservation Applications Due

Baseball Spring training will be here before you know it, and ballfields in Prairie Village are always in demand. Make plans **NOW** to reserve a field for your team.

The City of Prairie Village allows reservations of ballfields for soccer, baseball, and softball practices. Prairie Village teams (those with a majority of players who are Prairie Village residents or attend school in Prairie Village) will be given priority for field reservations, but any team may apply to reserve a field.



Teams can reserve two practice times per week for up to 1½ hours. Fields are available in Porter, Franklin, Windsor, and Meadowlake parks.

If your team reserved a field during 2002, your coach should receive a 2003 application form soon, or you may obtain one at the Municipal Offices, 7700 Mission Road. The deadline for submitting applications is **January 17, 2003**.

50 Plus Program

Get in shape after the holidays! Keep your New Year's resolution by getting a complete fitness workout with a combination of aerobics, Yoga, Pilates and strength training in the Total Body Workout class taught by Christy Ghrist.

Exercises will stretch and tone your body as well as give you a cardiovascular workout (and burn calories!).



Class meets Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:00 a.m. at the Prairie Village Community Center (7720 Mission Rd.) and the next session begins Jan. 21 (classes are ongoing and you may register at any time). Fee: \$33 (\$36 for non-Johnson county residents) for 10-50 min. classes. Call 913-236-4343 for more information or to register.

Meet Author John Mark Eberhart

The Corinth Library, in cooperation with Claridge Court, is pleased to invite you to meet Author **John Mark Eberhart** on Sunday, January 12th at 3:00 p.m. at Claridge Court, 8101 Mission Road. Book editor of the *Kansas City Star*, Eberhart will share "What is New in the Book World in 2003?" Eberhart will also share some of his poetry with the audience.

Accessible parking for persons with disabilities is available at Claridge Court. Additional parking is available at the Library and the Mission Bank building at Somerset and Mission Road.

For more information call 913-967-8650. The meeting is free and open to the public. No registration is required.

The Prairie Village Arts Council Presents: Mike McMullen

The R.G. Endres Gallery rings in the New Year with local photographer, **Mike McMullen**. Come and enjoy the view of historical and local landmarks as seen through the lens of his camera.



Mike has captured in dramatic black and white scenes the light, shadows, and textures of various architectural landscapes, national parks and other scenic vistas. This exhibit will be on display January 2nd through the 31st.



UNION STATION

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

Upcoming Trash Holidays

Deffenbaugh, the City's solid waste collection and recycling contractor, will be observing the following holidays during January, 2003. If your regular trash day falls on one of these holidays or after, your trash and recycling will be picked up **one day late that week**.

Martin Luther King, Jr.
Holiday January 20

Learning About Prairie Village

If you've ever wanted to learn about Police Department operations, including Animal Control and Crime Prevention – now's your chance! The City will be hosting an informative session on January 28th starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Offices' Multi-Purpose Room. The session will last about 90 minutes and is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be provided.

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

Make a Note: City Offices Will Be Closed

City offices will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday on **Monday, January 20, 2003**.

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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Are You Ready For the communicator!™?

The Prairie Village Police Department has added The Communicator notification system to its emergency communications network.

What is The Communicator?

The Communicator is a high-speed notification system capable of notifying the community of a potential threat to public safety in a matter of minutes. In addition to emergency notifications, The Communicator can also be used to notify residents of priority criminal activity, lost children or missing Alzheimer patients in their neighborhoods. Communities can then assist police in locating the missing parties or by calling in suspicious activity.

How does the system work?

The system runs off of **published** telephone numbers only. Those numbers are programmed into the mapping software, and when a particular area of the map is highlighted, the system will deliver a pre-recorded message to those residences, businesses or schools in that area. If you have a non-published number, your information will not be in the computer, and you will not receive a call. The use of The Communicator will be strictly limited to only send you messages regarding public safety, and it is not meant to relay messages of non-essential matters.

What do I do when I receive a call?

Residents are asked to take a few moments and listen to the pre-recorded message. The message will contain important information and instructions. Should you receive a message, and have information for the police, please call 913-642-5151 to inform the dispatcher. If you do not have any further information contact with the Department is not necessary.

What if my number is non-published and I want to be notified by The Communicator?

If you would like to be included in, or excluded from, The Communicator, please fill out the enclosed insert and follow the instructions on the form. If you would like to receive notifications on your cell phone instead of your home phone, please fill out the enclosed insert. All numbers provided will only be used by the Prairie Village Police Department and the lists of telephone numbers will not be given or sold to any other party(ies) outside of the Department.

The Communicator provides the Prairie Village Police Department a way to deliver accurate, time sensitive information, and solicit help from residents when it is needed.

For questions or concerns pertaining to The Communicator, please contact the Crime Prevention Officer at 913-385-4613 or by e-mail to dclausius@pvkansas.com.

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The City of Prairie Village
7700 Mission Road
Prairie Village, Kansas 66208

Place
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Here

Prairie Village Police Department
Attention: Crime Prevention Officer
7710 Mission Road
Prairie Village, KS 66208

the communicator!™

Please fill out all of the requested information on this form to include your signature. If you have any questions or concerns regarding “The Communicator,” please contact the Crime Prevention Officer at 913/385-4613 or by e-mail at dclausius@pvkansas.com.

I wish to have my non-published number added to The Communicator System.

Please contact me using the following method:

Telephone #: _____

Cell Phone #: _____

I wish to be removed from The Communicator System.

I prefer to be contacted by another means.

Currently my listed number is: _____

Please change it to: _____

Printed Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Signature _____

Date _____



Please return to:
The Prairie Village Police Department
Attention Crime Prevention Officer
7710 Mission Road
Prairie Village, KS 66208