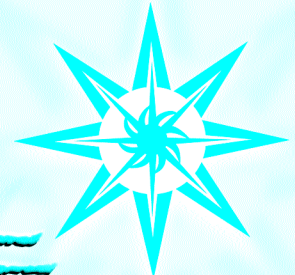


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50 Years in Prairie Village



From left to right: John Rooney, Jr., Dan Miller, Mayor Shaffer, and Nancy Henry.

Mayor Shaffer and the City Council recently recognized three Prairie Village businesses which have been operating in Prairie Village for over 50 years. The businesses are: **Rooney's Phillips 66**, **The Toon Shop**, and **Spangler's**.

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 1 through August 31. Renewal forms for currently licensed businesses will be mailed out this month and should be returned to the City Clerk's office by August 31.

If you have a new business, please contact the City Clerk's office for an application or you may download an application at www.pvkansas.com. 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.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

As many of you know first hand, VillageFest 2004 was a tremendous success with literally thousands of people participating. With great weather all day long, the event started with a pancake breakfast where over 600 plates were served. During the patriotic service, Prairie Village residents Marcia Jacobs and Marilyn Heley were honored with VillageFest Spirit of Community Awards for their contributions to our community.

The day really heated up when Sluggerrr, KC Wolf, balloon tying clowns and Uncle Sam on stilts arrived. Children loved the petting zoo, inflatables, creativity center, and live entertainment. Adults were able to relax by getting away to the quilt show, viewing the artwork of Marie McKee in the Endres Gallery, grabbing a bite to eat for lunch provided by HyVee, and listening to live music.

The highlight of the event was the performance by the Marching Cobras. In all the VillageFest celebrations I've attended throughout the years, I have never seen an entire crowd so fixated on a single event. The Marching Cobras were terrific! It was great to see friends, neighbors and the entire community, gathered together sharing this wonderful experience on this holiday.

For the past eight years, VillageFest has truly been a community-wide event with active participation by the City, the business community, and volunteer organizations. I would also like to give a special "thank you" to the dedicated members of this year's VillageFest Committee, led by its Chairman, Ann Lilak. These dedicated volunteers are the driving force behind VillageFest's continued success. We appreciate all of your hard work.

Mark your calendars now for VillageFest 2005. If you would like to be part of continuing the VillageFest tradition in Prairie Village, or have questions or comments about this year's event, please contact Joshua Farrar at 913-381-6464 or e-mail jfarrar@pvkansas.com.

Ron Shaffer
Mayor



Members of the Police Department Receive Awards

The following members of the Prairie Village Police Department received awards this Spring and Summer:

Cpl. Kyle Shipps received the Bronze Award from the Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police for his investigative work in the arrest of a suspect for the 29-year-old murder of a Prairie Village teenager.

Sgt. Steve Hunter, Ofc. Jason Wakefield and Ofc. Tom Havrilesko received Life Saving awards from Johnson County Med-Act. Through the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED) and CPR, they were able to resuscitate an individual who was having an apparent heart attack.

Sgt. Tim Schwartzkopf is a June graduate of the ten-week Northwestern University Staff and Command School. The course is offered to supervisors of law

enforcement agencies, with the goal of providing them a solid foundation of the theories of police supervision and management.

Det. Steve Taylor and Det. Chad Loughman received awards from the National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO) in July for their investigative efforts, which may have led to the prevention of a bombing of a Shawnee Mission School.

Lt. Wes Jordan will be attending the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy beginning in April 2005. This is an 11-week course taught in Quantico, Virginia, for select members of police agencies around the country. Lt. Jordan will be the third member of the Department to be accepted to attend this prestigious school.



Indian Hills Celebrates 50 Years

Did you attend or serve as a member of the “original staff” of Indian Hills Junior High during 1955 – 1956? Do you know someone who did? If so, make plans now to attend an open house to celebrate the school’s 50th Anniversary during the 2004 – 2005 school year.

As part of the celebration, students and staff who were at Indian Hills during the 1955-56 school year are invited to an Open House at the school on Saturday, September 25th from 2:00p.m. – 5:00p.m.

If you plan on attending, please RSVP by September 15th by contacting the school at 913-993-0500 or by sending an e-mail to ihjh50@yahoo.com.

If you have any memorabilia from those early years at Indian Hills and would like to give (or loan) it to the school, your help would be greatly appreciated.

For more information, contact Clara Allen at 913-993-0500.

Arts

COUNCIL Prairie Village

Presents Richard Joslyn

The Prairie Village Arts Council is pleased to present the work of Richard Joslyn.

An engineer by trade, Richard proves he can use both sides of his brain successfully. His creative side shines through in watercolor scenes created on location in France and Italy.

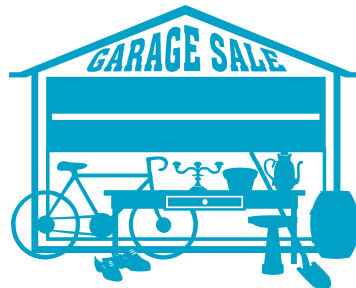
The exhibit will be on display until August 30th.

*The Gallery is located in the
Prairie Village Municipal Offices
and is open*

*Monday through Thursday
8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
and Fridays until 5:00 p.m.*

Neighborhood in Action — Prairie Ridge

For the past 14 years the **Prairie Ridge Homes Association** has sponsored a **neighborhood garage sale**. This year’s sale included 35 homes in the neighborhood between 75th & 79th Streets, Roe to Rosewood Lane. The homes association publicizes the event through signs, banners, placing an ad in the newspaper, and printing maps of sale locations.



Tom Schultz, garage sale coordinator for the past four years, says the event has many benefits. It gives residents a chance to clean out their basements and garages, and make a little money in the process. But just as important, it provides an opportunity for neighbors to meet one another, stopping by to say “hi” during the sale. “It is great to see someone you have never met that lives a couple of blocks away. The next thing you know when you see them again, you call them by their first name.”

If your homes association would like to learn more about hosting a neighborhood garage sale, contact Tom Schultz at 816-235-2724 or send him an e-mail at SchultzTE@umkc.edu.

New Pool Hours Begin August 16th

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 6th.





AirSoft Guns — Are They Toys?

A parent recently contacted me regarding the safety of AirSoft toy guns which are gaining popularity. These are soft air guns, toys capable of firing a small plastic bullet up to 100 yards. These weapons have the same feel, look, and weight as a real handgun. The manufacturer even makes the magazine heavier to help duplicate the feel of an actual weapon.



Although toys, AirSoft guns look very real and are illegal to operate in Prairie Village.

New on the Website

Check out the new Calendar of Events at www.pvkansas.com. This site is a great source of information about upcoming city meetings and events. Keep checking back as the site is updated regularly.

Moonlight Swim - August 13th

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.

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.

One problem is that officers could mistake the toy guns for the real thing, leading to trouble for both the owner of the gun and the police officer. These weapons have an orange cap on the end of their barrel, but the cap can be easily removed, making the toy look like a real weapon. When officers encounter a weapon, they have only a split-second to determine if a threat is real or not, and in that second a life could be lost.

Although the gun's ammunition probably will not penetrate the skin at a safe distance, it could still damage someone's eye. This danger is real and care should be taken in handling these weapons.

I am not advocating for or against these toy guns. However, like any weapon, they must be handled responsibly, with care, and in compliance with City ordinance requirements.

If you have any questions, please contact Crime Prevention Officer Steve Steck at 913-385-4613 or send an e-mail to ssteck@pvkansas.com.



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