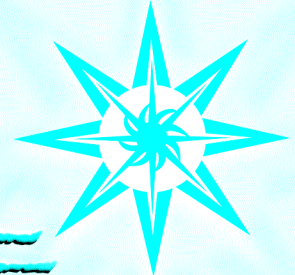


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45th Annual Synchronized Swimming Show

The **45th Annual Synchronized Swimming Show** will be on **Sunday, July 25th at 8:30 p.m.** in the meter pool at the Prairie Village Pool Complex. Admission is free.



The girls are working very hard to put on a spectacular show. Divided into smaller groups, the team will perform routines in the water, all synchronized to music.

This year's theme is "Cruisin' Around the World," featuring songs of

the world, such as *Walk Like an Egyptian*, *California Girls*, and *Buenos Aires*. Refreshments will be available for purchase at the show. Be sure to arrive early with your chairs and blankets for a good seat on the hill.

See you at the show!

Final Call for Animals

This is your last chance. Pet owners who have failed to obtain a 2004 Animal License by July 20th will have their names forwarded to Animal Control Officers.

To avoid a trip to Municipal Court, stop by the Municipal Offices with proof of your pet's current rabies vaccinations. It only takes a few minutes. If you no longer have a pet that was licensed last year and

haven't informed the City, please do so by calling the City Clerk's office at 913-381-6464 or send an email to cityclerk@pvkansas.com.

For more information about animal licensing or to obtain an animal license application form, visit www.pvkansas.com.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

This year the City will spend approximately \$3.9 million in capital infrastructure improvements. That's 22% of the entire City budget which is devoted to maintaining streets, sidewalks, storm drainage systems, parks, and City facilities. Your City Council members and myself understand that investing in the City's infrastructure is critical to maintaining property values and keeping Prairie Village a great place to call home.

As you travel through the City this Summer you will notice a number of public improvement projects, including:

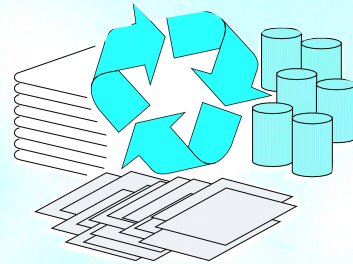
- Replacement of fall zone materials around playground equipment in Harmon Park
- Repairs to drainage channels near Prairie School
- Drainage channel replacement near 95th Street & Roe
- Reconstruction of the low-water crossing at 74th Street & Tomahawk
- Repaving of 71st Street from Cherokee to Belinder
- Repaving of Juniper Lane from Somerset to Rosewood
- Repaving of 90th Street from Catalina to Mission Road
- Repaving of Mission Road from 75th Street to Somerset Drive
- Sidewalk, curb and gutter repairs throughout the City
- Repairs to drainage channels near 75th Street & Roe

For your safety and the safety of construction workers, please slow down and pay attention to construction signs when traveling through construction zones.

Through the **Citizen's "Bill of Rights" for Public Improvement Projects**, available at www.pvkansas.com/pubwork, the City's Public Works staff and contractors strive to keep residents informed about construction activities in their neighborhoods. By completing these projects in a timely manner, staff and contractors strive to keep disruption to a minimum.

If you have questions about these or other infrastructure improvement projects underway this Summer, contact the Public Works Department at 913-385-4647 or send an e-mail to publicworks@pvkansas.com.

Ron Shaffer
Mayor



Curbside Recycling

Many items we use every day can be recycled, and the City's curbside recycling program makes it easy for you to participate. Just follow these steps:

1. **Get a bin** – If you don't have a recycling bin, stop by the Municipal Offices for one. The City will provide one bin to each household participating in the curbside recycling program.
2. **Fill it up** – The following items may be placed in the bin for collection:
 - #1 and #2 plastic containers (must be emptied, rinsed, with caps removed)
 - Newspaper, office paper, magazines, and junk mail
 - Aluminum/steel cans (food & beverage cans only; washed and dried, whole or crushed)

- Chipboard (cereal boxes) and carrier stock
 - Corrugated cardboard should be cut into pieces approximately 2' x 2', bundled, and placed under the bin
3. **Set it out** – Place your bin at the curb on trash day. A Deffenbaugh Recycling truck will do the rest.
 4. **Repeat** – Recyclables are collected every week.

Please note: Wet newspapers, newspapers in plastic "rain bags," glass, and pizza boxes cannot be recycled.

For more information about the City's curbside recycling program, call 913-381-6464 or visit www.pvkansas.com.



Friends of the Prairie Village Arboretum

Our Mission is to enhance the cultural, educational and recreational opportunities for the community within the Parks, while increasing opportunities for citizens to participate and volunteer.

Current Programs:

- Tree Signage within P.V. Parks
- Friendship and Memory Contributions
- Arbor Day Recognition Event
- Development of Wildlife Habitat

If you would like to make a tax deductible donation to the development of the Prairie Village Arboretum, please make checks payable to Prairie Village Municipal Foundation.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

City _____

State and Zip: _____

Amount: _____

Mail Check to:

Friends of the Prairie Village Arboretum
7700 Mission Road
Prairie Village, Kansas 66208

For more information, contact Bob Pryzby at 913-385-4640 or send an email to bobpr@pvkansas.com.

Arts

COUNCIL Prairie Village

Presents Marie McKee

The Prairie Village Arts Council will honor long time resident and local artist, the late **Marie McKee**, with a retrospective exhibition of her work.

The collection begins with selected designs from her work as an art student at the University of Kansas in the 1940's and ends with her final painting of a favorite family retreat, Rockbridge, Missouri, dated 2001.

The exhibit will be on display until July 29th.

*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.*

Budget Hearing August 2nd

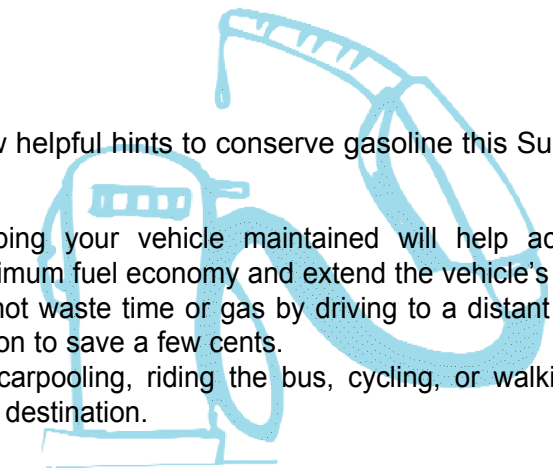
A public hearing will be held on **Monday, August 2nd, 7:30 p.m.** in the City Council Chambers to invite comments and suggestions about the City's 2005 Budget.

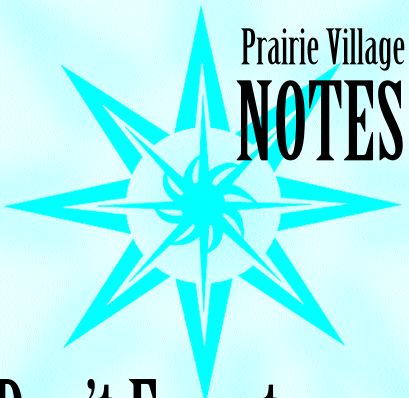
If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this public hearing or any other City meetings, events, or programs, contact the City Clerk's Office at 913-381-6464 or TDD 1-800-766-3777 or send an email to cityclerk@pvkansas.com at least 48 hours prior to the meeting to make arrangements for the accommodation. A copy of the proposed budget will be available at the City Clerk's office by August 2, 2004.

Fuel Conserving Tips

Don't let high gas prices spoil your Summer fun. Here are a few helpful hints to conserve gasoline this Summer and throughout the year.

- Reset your odometer each time you fill your gas tank. If miles driven per tank are less than what you are used to, your vehicle may not be operating at peak performance and should be inspected.
- Shop where you can buy groceries, do banking and other chores in one place, like the Prairie Village Shopping Center, Corinth Square, or the Hy-Vee Center on State Line.
- Keeping your vehicle maintained will help achieve maximum fuel economy and extend the vehicle's life.
- Do not waste time or gas by driving to a distant filling station to save a few cents.
- Try carpooling, riding the bus, cycling, or walking to your destination.





Prairie Village
NOTES

Don't Forget

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.

Ball Field Reservation Applications Due

Applications for Fall soccer and baseball practice times will be received until July 23rd. If you do not receive an application in the mail by July 16th, contact the City Clerk's office at 913-381-6464 or visit www.pvkansas.com

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.



Beware When You BBQ



The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) indicates that BBQ grills are involved in an average of 1,500 structure fires and 4,800 outdoor fires every year.

A fire in the grill is a welcome sight during the Summer, but fire anywhere else can make your celebration memorable for all the wrong reasons.

Here are some cookout safety tips:

- Never use gasoline to start a fire. Use only charcoal starter fluids designed for barbecue grills and do not add fluid after coals have been lit. Store the starter fluid out of reach of children and away from heat sources.
- Don't operate a grill on combustible balconies within 10 feet of combustible construction. Grilling on the deck of an apartment complex is against the law and also very dangerous.
- Soak coals in water after use. Coals can reignite for several days after a fire.
- Clean and maintain your grill before use. If you have a propane grill, check the propane cylinder hose for leaks before using it.
- All propane cylinders manufactured after April 2002 must have overfill protection devices (OPD). OPDs shut off the flow of propane before capacity is reached, limiting the potential for the release of propane gas if the cylinder heats up. OPDs are easily identified by their triangular-shaped hand wheel.
- Always supervise a barbecue grill when in use.

By following these simple steps, we can all keep Summer cookouts fun and fire-safe.

For more information on this or other fire safety issues, please contact Consolidated Fire District No. 2 during regular business hours at 913-432-1105.

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