

VOICE



Council members sworn in

Newly-elected and re-elected City Council members were sworn in during the December 6, 2021 City Council meeting.

Council members, pictured above from left, are Ron Nelson representing Ward 2, Cole Robinson representing Ward 1, Greg Shelton representing Ward 5, Lauren Wolf representing Ward 3, Dave Robinson representing Ward 4, and Terrence Gallagher representing Ward 6.

Contact information for each Council member is available on page 2 of the Village Voice. A ward map, designed to help residents identify their ward, is available under the 'Discover Prairie Village' tab on the City's website,

pvkansas.com.

During the same meeting, outgoing Council members Sheila Myers, Jori Nelson, Tucker Poling, and Dan Runion were recognized for their service to Prairie Village.



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Elected Officials

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Unsure which ward you live in?
Visit www.pvkansas.com/wardmap.

A Message from the Mayor



Dear friends and neighbors,

As we anticipate exciting prospects for 2022, we can recall some of our Prairie Village successes from 2021.

We also remember that we lost some special family, friends, neighbors and public servants in 2021, including community pillars like Rev. Bob Meneilly, Mayor Roe Taliaferro, Rep. Dennis Moore, and Senator Bob Dole. Their legacies inspire a mix of humility and gratitude in making possible many of our recent local accomplishments.

By far, most of what we did at City Hall in 2021 was execution on the fundamental “blocking and tackling” of good government: Policing, roads, infrastructure, codes, fiscal efficiency, etc. Getting those right doesn’t often create headlines. But by nailing those, we again created opportunities for our already-great City to further improve.

1. Meadowbrook Park improvements. This acclaimed public-private partnership keeps getting better. In late 2021, we re-funded our outstanding park bonds, capturing low rates to save our taxpayers over \$1.4 million. We also eliminated related liabilities and obligations from our balance sheet and revenues. The project’s development is entering final phases, including new park amenities and senior living. In every aspect the project has exceeded expectations, transforming our City in a positive way.

2. New Public Works building. We made a once-in-a-lifetime investment to replace our old Public Works building with a state-of-the-art, sustainable (LEED Platinum pending) new facility. Opened late summer 2021, the complex will provide improved public service and returns to our residents for the next half-century.

3. Diversity. We emphasized being a welcoming community to all. Positive strides included a joyful local celebration for the new Juneteenth holiday, Byron Roberson becoming the first African-American Police Chief in Johnson County city history, and steps to preserve housing affordability while enhancing property values for all.

It’s not easy to simultaneously conserve the great things about Prairie Village, and also improve. 2021 proved that with innovation, hard work, courage, resilience, compassion and cooperation, our community can succeed at both.

What will 2022 bring? I could not be more optimistic. We have some new, eager City Council members ready to make Prairie Village the best it can be. Our financial condition has never been better. Our outstanding staff are rededicated to serve you and our Village Vision efficiently and effectively. Tested and forged, we emerge into 2022 from some of the greatest adversity that Prairie Village has ever faced. And we are tempered, stronger, safer, smarter, and better than ever before.

So what specifically for 2022, in addition to the fundamentals? Subject to your input, I foresee development of our new five-year parks plan, resuming engagement on civic center improvements, accelerating decarbonization, mixed-use redevelopment in several of our commercial centers, and optimal housing policy adjustments. I hope you’ll proactively engage with our collective success in 2022, even if just by finding ways to improve your own neighborhood, or frequenting our outstanding local businesses.

With those good-faith, cooperative efforts from you, building on those of our civic foremothers and forefathers, Prairie Village’s 2022 will amaze and fulfill.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Mikkelson".

-Eric



Dates to Note

Date	Event	Time	Location
1/3	City Council Meeting	6 p.m.	City Hall
1/4	Planning Commission Meeting	7 p.m.	City Hall
1/17	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - City offices closed	All day	City offices
1/18	City Council Meeting	6 p.m.	City Hall
2/7	City Council Meeting	6 p.m.	City Hall
2/8	Planning Commission Meeting	7 p.m.	City Hall
2/21	President's Day - City offices closed	All day	City offices
2/22	City Council Meeting	6 p.m.	City Hall

As of December 20, City meetings are taking place in a hybrid format with some members of the Governing Body participating remotely and others participating in the City Council Chambers at City Hall. For a more comprehensive list of upcoming meetings and events as well as their locations, visit pvkansas.com.

Tree drop-off available until January 16

When the holidays have come and gone, and it's time to un-deck the halls, Prairie Village residents have multiple options for live tree disposal.

Republic Services will pick up live trees at the curbside for the first two weeks in January 2022. Trees taller than 6 feet must be cut in half prior to removal. The trees will be picked up with other compost/yard waste items on each resident's typical trash pickup date.

Additionally, the City sponsors a tree recycling program which runs from December 23, 2021 to January 16, 2022. Trees can be placed in designated areas of Porter, Franklin, and Taliaferro Parks. Trees must be free of all lights, ornaments, stands, metal nails, etc. as these items will damage the chipping machine. Residents may take the chips for their own use.

Property tax rebate program to launch Jan. 10

As part of the 2022 budget process, the Governing Body allocated \$20,000 from the City's general fund to a property tax rebate program designed to alleviate some of the burden of home ownership due to rising property values. Qualified residents will be reimbursed 100% of the City's portion of property taxes, excluding special assessments.

Eligibility requirements:

Only property owners that are Prairie Village residents living in owner-occupied homes, are current on payment of their property taxes and special assessments, and meet the income guidelines are eligible for the program.

Eligible applicants must also live in a home that is appraised by the county at or below the previous year's average property value in the City (in 2021, this amount was \$380,419).

Application instructions:

The City Clerk's office will begin accepting applications at 10 a.m. on Monday, January 10, 2022, on a first-come, first-served basis. Applicants will be required to submit proof of their prior year's income for all household members (i.e., tax return and/or social security statement). The types of income that must be

Income Restrictions for Property Tax Rebate Program	
Household Size	Maximum Total Household Income (Not Adjusted Gross Income)
1	\$30,100
2	\$34,400
3	\$38,700
4	\$43,000
5	\$46,450
6	\$49,900
7	\$53,350
8+	\$56,800

reported are available at pvkansas.com/propertytaxrebate.

Applications must be delivered in-person to Prairie Village City Hall.

Refunds will be distributed as funds allow to eligible applicants in the order in which applications were received.

Stay in touch for up-to-date information

eNews

Stay up to date on events, news, projects, jobs, and RFPs through our e-notifications. Notices are sent directly to your e-mail for the categories that you sign up for. You can change your preferences at any time. Register at www.pvkansas.com/enews

NotifyJoCo

Receive notifications from the City, Johnson County and WaterOne via phone, text or email regarding emergencies and non-emergencies affecting locations you care about. Register at www.NotifyJoCo.org



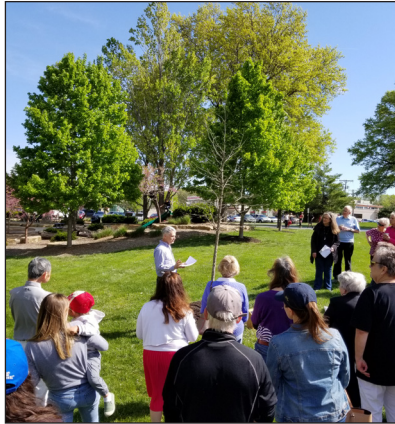
Licenses required for cats and dogs

Do you own a cat or dog over the age of six months? If so, your pet must be licensed with the City. Licensing your furry friend helps keep them safe by ensuring they can be returned to their home if lost, and by certifying all animals in the City have rabies vaccinations. It's also inexpensive, with single-year licenses costing only \$6 for spayed or neutered animals.

Each Prairie Village household is permitted to have a maximum of four pets, with no more than three of one species (dog or cat). Licenses must be renewed every one, two or three years depending on the license purchased. Rabies vaccinations must also be valid for the duration of the license being purchased. If an animal cannot tolerate the rabies vaccination, a letter stating the intolerance must be provided by your veterinarian.

You can download a registration form online at www.pvkansas.com/animals. Please contact Barb Fisher at City Hall with questions at 913-385-4685.

Arbor Day Honoree nominations open



The Prairie Village Tree Board is accepting nominations for this year's Arbor Day Honoree. This is an opportunity for the community to recognize the efforts and contributions of outstanding citizens who have made a difference in Prairie Village. Their efforts should have had a positive and lasting impact on the community; they may be living or deceased individuals or couples and may have served the community in any capacity. Nominations will be accepted until February 28, 2022. You may obtain nomination forms online at www.pvkansas.com/treeboard.



Volunteers help plant trees

The Heartland Tree Alliance and the Prairie Village Tree Board held their fifth annual fall street planting event to promote the value of trees in the community.

HTA Program Manager Joe Wheelock and Kansas City Wildlands Program Coordinator Jacob Canyon demonstrated the best way to plant trees before volunteers started digging on a frosty morning in November. Most volunteers planting trees were employees of the UL, formerly known as Underwriters Laboratories, in Overland Park.

The snow flurries stopped and the sun came out later that morning just as the volunteers finished planting trees in the Indian Fields neighborhood. With homeowners' prior approval, they planted 11 tulip trees, two swamp white oaks, and two Redmond lindens.

Homeowners committed to water and care for the trees over the two-year



critical growing period.

Studies show that trees provide many benefits including reductions in particulate matter concentrations, the lowering of ambient air temperatures, reductions in crime, and improved health and psychological benefits.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the fall planting!



Shop with a cop benefits local students

The eleventh annual Shop with a Cop event was held in early December. Sponsored by The Prairie Village Foundation, Shop with a Cop is a chance for the Prairie Village Police Department to team up with deserving children in our community.

The Police Department hosted ten elementary school children identified by school counselors and the Police Department D.A.R.E. officer to be part of the program. The children were taken to Target in Mission to shop for themselves and family members. After shopping, each child was treated to a pizza and ice cream party, while volunteers wrapped their packages.



Thank you!

The Police Department would like to thank the following for their generous contributions to what has been the most successful year yet for the Shop with a Cop program:

- Atha Family Foundation
- Hartley Family Foundation
- WireCo World Group
- Johnny's Tavern – Prairie Village
- The Learning Tree – Prairie Village
- Notes to Self, LLC
- SCHEELS All Sports
- The Bank of Prairie Village
- B-Bop Comics and Games
- Bijin Salon & Day Spa
- Target – Mission, Kansas
- Salty Iguana-Prairie Village
- QuikTrip
- Hy-Vee Prairie Village
- Prairie Village Dentists – Grant R. Smith DDS
- Chill in the Village
- Subway – Prairie Village
- Many anonymous contributors and volunteers



Prairie Village commits to global climate initiative

The City of Prairie Village has signed on to the City's Race to Zero, a global campaign backed by the United Nations targeting a 50% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030. The goal, through rigorous and immediate action, is to deliver a healthier, fairer, net zero carbon world for all. This is in alignment with the Paris Climate Accord goal of holding the Earth at no more than 1.5° C warming.

But what exactly does net zero emissions mean? Net zero looks at achieving an overall balance between emissions produced and emissions taken out of the atmosphere. Greenhouse gases can be removed via nature, as trees take carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, or through new technology or changing industrial processes.

The Cities Race to Zero is the city-specific campaign in which municipalities commit to carbon targets that align with the specific aspects of their communities. The climate pledge is a non-binding commitment with the following components:

- Publicly endorse the following principles: recognize the global climate emergency, commit to keeping global heating below the 1.5° C goal, put inclusive climate action at the center of all decision-making, creating thriving and equitable communities for everyone, and invite our partners to help us deliver on science-based action.
- Pledge to reach net-zero in the 2040's or sooner, but no later than mid-century.
- Explain what steps will be taken toward achieving net zero. Set an interim target to achieve in the next decade.
- Immediately proceed to planning at least one inclusive

and equitable climate action that helps place us on a resilient pathway consistent with the 1.5° goal and begin implementation no later than 2022.

- Report progress annually, beginning no later than 2022.
- The pledge also requires commitment to at least one inclusive climate action by each city. Those actions are:

- Create a more inclusive society
- Create green and healthy streets
- Reduce air pollution & ensure clean air
- Develop zero-carbon buildings
- Move toward resilient sustainable energy systems
- Advance toward zero waste
- Create sustainable food systems
- Divest from fossil fuels & invest in a sustainable future
- Move Towards resilient and sustainable construction systems

Buildings are responsible for nearly 40% of greenhouse gas emissions globally, even greater in Prairie Village, and renewable energy is one of the top solutions for reducing emissions. Therefore, the Prairie Village Environmental Committee has recommended focusing on buildings and renewable energy. To determine a roadmap forward on these initiatives, a first step is to conduct a building-needs assessment to understand what it would take from a remodeling or rebuilding standpoint to achieve net-zero carbon municipal buildings and assets.

For more about Cities Race to Zero and other climate initiatives, visit www.c40knowledgehub.org.

The Environmental Committee strives to educate residents on a variety of environmental issues. For more information, contact Council members Ian Graves or Piper Reimer using the contact information on page 2.

Solid Waste Collection 2022

Large Item Pickup:

April 23 - Homes west of Roe and north of 79th Street
 April 30 - Homes west of Roe and south of 79th Street
 May 7 - Homes east of Roe and north of 75th Street
 May 14 - Homes east of Roe and south of 75th Street

Denotes Bulky Item & Holiday Delay

Denotes Small Bulky Item Week

Denotes Holiday Delay

January 12 Yard Waste Items						
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March 12 Yard Waste Items						
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April 12 Yard Waste Items						
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December 12 Yard Waste Items						
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For more information, visit republicservices.com/residents or download the Republic Services "My Resources" app.

Small bulky item guidelines and guidelines for the large item pickup can be found online at pvkansas.com/trash.

ARTS

PRAIRIE VILLAGE ARTS COUNCIL
2022 CALENDAR
 ARTIST RECEPTIONS, EVENT KICK-OFFS, EXHIBITS & MORE!

FEBRUARY 2, 6-8PM
STRENGTH IN DIVERSITY
 MEADOWBROOK PARK CLUBHOUSE GALLERY
 EXHIBIT: 1/19 - 4/1

MARCH 11, 6-7PM
CURATED SHOW
 RG ENDRES GALLERY, PV CITY HALL
 EXHIBIT: 3/11 - 5/6

TBA: APRIL
PV ARTWALK KICKOFF & HEART PARADE**
 MEADOWBROOK PARK
 EVENT DURATION: APR.-JULY

MAY 13, 6-8PM
ART OF PHOTOGRAPHY*-MAIN
 RG ENDRES GALLERY, PV CITY HALL
JURIED EXHIBIT: 5/13 - 6/24

JUNE 1, 6-8PM
ART OF PHOTOGRAPHY-JOCO
 MEADOWBROOK PARK CLUBHOUSE GALLERY
 EXHIBIT: 4/6 - 6/24

JULY 8, 6-8PM (ENDRES)
SENIOR ARTS SHOW*
 BOTH GALLERIES - ENDRES & MEADOWBROOK
 EXHIBIT: 6/29 - 9/3 & 9/30

SEPTEMBER 9, 6-8PM
STATE OF THE ARTS 2022*
 RG ENDRES GALLERY, PV CITY HALL
JURIED EXHIBIT: 9/9 - 11/4
SOTA WINNER SHOWCASE
 MEADOWBROOK PARK CLUBHOUSE GALLERY
 EXHIBIT: 10/5 - 10/28

NOVEMBER 2, 6-8PM
CURATED SHOW
 MEADOWBROOK PARK CLUBHOUSE GALLERY
 EXHIBIT: 11/2 - 12/30

APRIL 3, 4-5PM
SHOOTING STARS GALA**
 JOHNSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

JUNE 10-12
PRAIRIE VILLAGE ART FAIR**
 THE SHOPS AT THE VILLAGE

JUNE
JCPRD SCULPTURE RIBBONCUTTING**
 MEADOWBROOK PARK

JULY 4, 7:30AM-1PM
VILLAGEFEST**
 PV MUNICIPAL COMPLEX / HARMON PARK

SEPTEMBER
ADIRONDACK CHAIR AUCTION**
 CORINTH SQUARE

SEPTEMBER 10, 3-10PM
PRAIRIE VILLAGE JAZZFEST**
 HARMON PARK

*ANNUAL JURIED COMPETITIONS
 **EVENT BY OTHER, PVAC WILL HAVE A ROLE TBD

Staff Spotlight

Name: **Angela Villanueva**
 Position: **Codes Support Specialist**
 Years with the City: **3**



Responsibilities: **I am responsible for the maintenance of permit files, answering questions and requests from customers regarding the City's building, property maintenance and zoning codes as well as providing general support to the department.**

Favorite thing about working for Prairie Village: **My favorite thing about working for the City is the opportunity to work alongside my colleagues. I have been lucky enough to form really great friendships.**

Name: **Chris Kraft**
 Position: **Mechanic II**
 Years with the City: **4**



Responsibilities: **I'm responsible for repair and maintenance of all City-owned vehicles and equipment for the Police Department, Public Works, and City Administration.**

Favorite thing about working for Prairie Village: **My favorite thing about working for the City is getting to interact with all of the City's employees and the variety of vehicles and equipment that I get to work on. Every day is different.**

Name: **Joel Porter**
 Position: **Professional Standards Sergeant**
 Years with the City: **16**



Responsibilities: **I am responsible for all Police Department recruiting, hiring, and training. In addition, I am in charge of the department Honor Guard and Crisis Negotiations Team.**

Favorite thing about working for Prairie Village: **I enjoy the people I work with, both my co-workers and all others I have the opportunity to meet throughout the course of my duties. I am glad to have the opportunity to serve others and come alongside people when they are going through a difficult experience.**

Exterior Grant Program



Are you making an improvement to your residence? You may be eligible for grant funding.

The 2022 grant program will begin accepting applications March 1 at 8 a.m. on a first come, first served basis at 3535 Somerset Drive. Grant guidelines will be posted online when they are available.

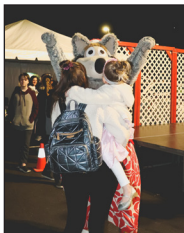
Learn more at www.pvkansas.com/exteriorgrant

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Reader Feedback
Please send your comments to:
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Tree lighting event raises awareness for PV Foundation

Perfect weather brought out the largest crowd ever at the Mayor's Holiday Tree Lighting. The crowd was entertained by Dancerz Unlimited and the Shawnee Mission East Chamber Choir. KC Wolf, the Shawnee Mission East Lancer, the Prairie Panther, the Briarwood Bulldog and Olaf joined Santa on stage to help Mayor Mikkelson and Alex Nyhan, CEO of First Washington Realty, flip the switch to light the tree. The tree is lit as a symbol of hope for families in Prairie Village who find themselves in need. The funds raised for the Mayor's Holiday Tree Fund help pay utilities, rental assistance and fund local food pantries. Donations to the Mayor's Tree Fund at the Prairie Village Foundation can be made by scanning the QR code at the bottom of this page or at www.prairievillagefoundation.com. We would like to thank Hen House, Hattie's Coffee, Social Suppers, Great Harvest Bakery and Laura Little's Fudge for providing the delicious treats that we enjoyed during the lighting ceremony.



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CITY HALL AND MUNICIPAL COURT

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Jamie Robichaud, Deputy City Administrator

Meghan Buum, Assistant City Administrator

Tim Schwartzkopf, Assistant City Administrator

Adam Geffert, City Clerk

Nickie Lee, Finance Director

POLICE DEPARTMENT

7710 Mission Road

Byron Roberson, Chief of Police

PUBLIC WORKS (Facility now home to Building Codes)

3535 Somerset Drive

Keith Bredehoeft, Public Works Director

SOCIAL MEDIA

Are you on social media? Follow the City of Prairie Village and the Police Department for the most up-to-date information on City happenings.



DONATE

If you would like to make a donation to the Prairie Village Foundation, open your smartphone's camera and hover over this QR Code. A page will pop up directing you to the Foundation's website.



EVERYONE MAY PARTICIPATE

If anyone requires an accommodation to participate in public meetings, contact the City Clerk's office at 913-381-6464 (TDD 800-766-2777) at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting time, if possible, to make arrangements.