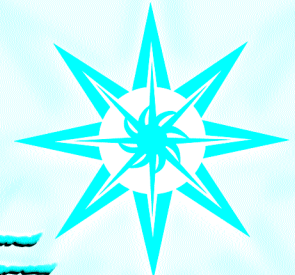


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Public Comment Session, Monday, April 19th, 6:00 pm

In August, 2002 Johnson County voters approved a 1/4 cent sales tax. As required by State law, the County and cities in Johnson County will receive 64% and 36%, respectively, of these funds. The County funds will be "used to fund and award economic development and public benefit grants to public school districts located within Johnson County, Kansas, to be used to maintain educational opportunities, for technology, for special education needs, and for other purposes authorized by state law." Individual cities are to determine the use of the city portion of these funds.

The City of Prairie Village expects to receive \$1.5 million in special sales tax funds.

The Prairie Village City Council is seeking public input regarding possible uses for these funds at a public comment session on Monday, 19 April, 6:00 pm in the Prairie Village City Council Chambers, 7700 Mission Road.

Individuals unable to attend the Public Comment Session may submit written comments through the City Clerk's office or by e-mail at citycouncil@pvkansas.com.

Put a Lid On It



To help keep Prairie Village neighborhoods looking clean, keep these tips in mind when setting your garbage out for collection.

- Set your trash out for collection no earlier than the night before collection.
- Place your trash in barrels or cans rather than bags at the curb for collection.

- When possible, bag your trash, then place the bags in the trash can.
- Cover trash barrels and cans with tight-fitting lids.

Keeping these tips in mind can help keep critters out of your trash and prevent trash from blowing around your neighborhood on windy days.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

As we begin looking forward to Spring's lengthening days and warming temperatures, we should also remain aware of the threat of severe weather, including thunderstorms, tornadoes, and flash flooding.

To prepare for and deal with the effects of severe weather, the City has developed an emergency operations plan to ensure the continuation of essential services, such as traffic control and public safety, during an emergency. Significant investments have also been made in the City's stormwater management program to deal with heavy rains and the resultant street flooding which can occur during severe storms and extended periods of rain.

When preparing yourself and your family for Spring and Summer's severe weather, timely information is critical. One of the best ways to stay informed during severe weather is to purchase and use a NOAA weather radio. The weather radio provides weather hazard warning and watch advisories issued by the National Weather Service.

The Mid America Regional Council's Project Community Alert program, a cooperative effort between the metro area's Emergency Managers, seeks to place 100,000 emergency radios throughout the metro area. Through an agreement with the manufacturer, Midland Radio and local Price Chopper stores, radios are available for sale at cost, \$39.95, at all Kansas City metro area Price Chopper stores. If you don't already own a weather radio, I urge you to purchase one. Even a few minutes of advance warning can make a real difference when severe weather strikes.

To learn more about how you can prepare for an emergency situation, contact Josh Farrar, the City's Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, at 913-381-6464 or send an e-mail to jfarrar@pvkansas.com. He can provide you with a copy of the Emergency Prepared Neighborhood workbook which includes information and tips for keeping yourself and your family safe during an emergency.

Have a great Spring and Summer. . . and stay safe.

Ron Shaffer
Mayor

Arbor Day Celebration April 24th



The Prairie Village Tree Board will celebrate Arbor Day with a program at Porter Park on Saturday, April 24th at 10:00 am.

The program will include:

- The announcement of an arboretum in each of the City parks
- Presentation on tree planting, Champion Tree, and Best of Species program
- Preview of the Tree Board's Fall Tree Seminar
- Memorial Tree Planting - Dedication of a tree for Elgin Smith requested by the Prairie Village Environmental Committee

For more information about this event, contact Bob Pryzby at 913-385-4640 or send an e-mail to bobpr@pvkansas.com

2004 Animal Enumeration



In order to improve the safety of pets in Prairie Village and verify compliance with the City's animal licensing regulations, an animal census will be conducted during April to determine the number and ownership of all dogs and cats in the city.

The animal census will begin in April and conclude by mid-May. We ask for your cooperation in providing this information to our enumerators. **Please respond, even if you have no pets**, to prevent follow-up visits.

If you have any questions, contact the City Clerk's office at 913-381-6464 or send an email to cityclerk@pvkansas.com.



VillageFest 2004 Preview

July 4th is quickly approaching, and that means planning for VillageFest 2004 is underway!

This year's Independence Day celebration will include:

- ★ A pancake breakfast featuring Chris Cakes
- ★ Mascots from area sports teams
- ★ Arts and crafts in the Family Creativity Center
- ★ Live music
- ★ A children's parade
- ★ KU Medical Center Mobile Unit
- ★ Free Swim for Prairie Village residents at the pool
- ★ Child fingerprinting and videotaping by the Prairie Village Police
- ★ The 2nd Annual VillageFest Quilt Show
- ★ AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!

For more information on the quilt show contact:

- Ann 913-385-9610, or
- Katie at 913-262-6861

For VillageFest information or to volunteer contact Josh Farrar 913-381-6464 or send an e-mail to jfarrar@pvkansas.com.

Reel Bard Film Festival



The Prairie Village Arts Council, in partnership with the Corinth Library, will be part of the "Reel Bard Film Festival" presented by the Friends of the Heart of America Shakespeare Festival.

We will show the 1970 Stuart Burge production of *Julius Caesar* with Charlton Heston as Marc Antony.

The film will be shown on **Wednesday, May 19th, 6:30 pm** in the Council Chambers of the Prairie Village Municipal Offices, 7700 Mission Road.

Admission is free! For more information, call the Corinth Library at 913-967-8650.

Meet Author Patricia Clothier



The Corinth Library, in cooperation with Claridge Court, is pleased to present, Prairie Village resident, Patricia Wilson Clothier on **Sunday, June 13th, 3:00 p.m.** at Claridge Court, 8101 Mission Road.

Clothier spent the first 14 years of her life on the Wilson Ranch in Big Bend, Texas. In her newly published book *Beneath the Window: Early Ranch Life in the Big Bend Country*, she recalls the 1930's and 40's, when Big Bend was her cherished and treasured backyard. This true story of western life ended with the formation of Big Bend National Park.

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.



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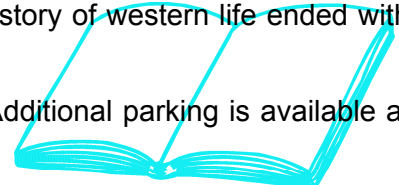
COUNCIL Prairie Village Marilyn York in the R.G. Endres Gallery

After 26 years as an accounting professional, Marilyn York began painting full time, leading to a new phase in her artistic career. Marilyn not only participated in the Kansas City Cow Parade by painting two cows, but also contributed her skills to the 2002 March of the Teddy Bears event. One of her works was recently presented as a gift to Olathe's sister city, Chur, Switzerland.

Marilyn's current works feature subjects from studies done in 2002 while in Arizona.

The exhibit will be on display from April 2nd – 29th.

The Gallery is located in the Prairie Village Municipal Offices at 7700 Mission Road and is open Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Fridays until 5:00 p.m.





2003 Annual Report

The 2003 Annual Report is now available on-line. Visit www.pvkansas.com to view a copy.

2004 Park & Recreation Brochure Coming in May

The 2004 edition of the Prairie Village Park & Recreation Brochure will be published next month. The brochure will contain information on pool memberships, swim lessons, tennis lessons, swim teams and Junior Tennis League, park facility reservations, and non-City sports programs.

Pool memberships go on sale May 3rd.

Park Dedication

State Line Park at 78th Street and State Line Road will be rededicated as Weltner Park, honoring former Mayor Sue Weltner, on Saturday, May 1st, 3:00 p.m. The dedication will be on the park grounds. Everyone is invited to attend.

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.



Summer Learn-to-Swim Program

Johnson County Parks and Recreation District employees will be available at the Roeland Park Aquatics Center on **Sunday, April 25th**, from 1:00 – 4:00 pm, to discuss the Learn to Swim program that will be offered at the Prairie Village Pool this Summer.

The Roeland Park Aquatic center will also be open on April 25th if you would like to take a swim before or after the program.

For more information, contact Karen Dees at 913-362-7672.

2004 Street Resurfacing Projects Announced



Our high quality streets are just one of the features that make Prairie Village a beautiful place to live. Street resurfacing is an ongoing program. Construction on these projects will begin soon and continue throughout the year. The following is tentative list of streets scheduled for improvement during this year's construction season:

- Birch – 69th Terrace to 70th Terrace
- 71st Street – Cherokee Drive to Belinder Avenue
- Walmer – 75th Street to 77th Street
- Juniper Lane – Rosewood Drive to Somerset Drive
- Catalina – 89th Street to 90th Street
- 90th Street – Catalina to Mission Road
- 71st Street – Nall Avenue to Roe Avenue
- Mission Road – 75th Street to Somerset Drive

For more information about the City's 2004 Street Resurfacing Program, contact the Public Works Department at 913-385-4647 or send an e-mail to publicworks@pvkansas.com.

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