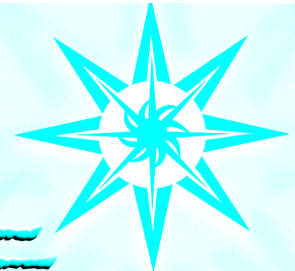


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Fourth Annual Earth Fair



Saturday, April 10, 9 AM – 2 PM
Shawnee Mission East Gym, 75th and Mission Rd
FREE AND FUN for all ages

Mark your calendars! The **Prairie Village Environmental Committee** is once again teaming up with the **Shawnee Mission East Environmental Club** to bring you the Fourth Annual Earth Fair on Saturday, April 10th. It's both fun and informative as you learn about the state of our environment locally, regionally, and nationally.



This year's Earth Fair will have fun activities for the entire family. Exhibits and displays will include:

- Cars of the future on display (including hybrids, all-electric, and even a solar race car!)
- Master gardener presentations on butterfly gardening and low-maintenance landscaping
- Native perennials and vegetables for sale
- Five hours of award-winning films
- Local bands
- Organic lunches available for sale
- **HUGE** used book sale
- The Briarwood Performers
- Solar and wind energy alternatives
- Eco-friendly handcrafted gifts
- Awesome live animals
- Sign-up for organic produce from local family farms
- Walk through a Kansas prairie
- Terrific big baskets of door prizes every hour
- And MORE, MORE, MORE!!!

To learn more about how you can participate in this year's Earth Fair Celebration, contact Margaret Thomas at 913-341-5805 or send an e-mail to mgt84roe@aol.com.

Pool Applications Being Accepted

The City of Prairie Village is accepting applications for **lifeguards** and **concession stand workers** for the 2004 Pool Season. Download an application at www.pvkansas.com or for more information contact Joshua Farrar at 913-381-6464 or send an email to jfarrar@pvkansas.com.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

The 2004 election season is well underway. If you've been following the news, or even if you haven't, it's been difficult to miss the reporting and advertising in newspapers, radio and television. However, there is more to this year's elections than the November Presidential, Congressional and State races.

On Tuesday, April 6th, Prairie Village voters will have an opportunity to participate in elections for City Council members in each of the City's six wards. The April ballot will also include a ballot question regarding the issuance of up to \$184,000,000 in general obligation bonds by the Shawnee Mission School District for construction and other capital improvements to facilities throughout the district.

I encourage all Prairie Village voters to learn about the candidates running for office and become informed about the School District's proposed bond issue. Becoming informed about the candidates and issues takes time, but it's definitely worth the effort. You will not only develop a deeper understanding of the issues, but you will also learn about your community.

To vote in the April 6th election, you must register by March 22nd. Registering to vote is easy. Voter registration forms are available at Prairie Village City Hall. The Johnson County Election Office also provides information about voter registration. For more information, call the Election Office at 913-782-3441 or visit www.jocoelection.org.

See you at the polls on April 6th.

Ron Shaffer
Mayor

Signs, Signs, Everywhere Signs!

Spring is upon us, and that means garage and home sale season is about to start in Prairie Village. As you plan the sale of your house or a garage sale this year, please keep the following city ordinance requirements regarding the placement of Garage Sale, For Rent, and For Sale signs in mind:

- Signs may not be placed on public property (parks) traffic islands, or public rights-of-way
- Signs may be placed on private property with the property owner's permission.
- Real estate signs are limited to eight square feet in size
- Garage Sale signs are limited to five square feet in size
- A maximum of one sign is permitted per property.

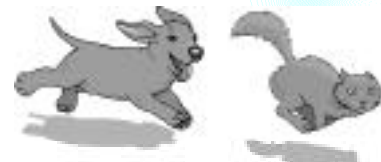
For more information about the City's For Sale, For Rent, and Garage Sale sign regulations, contact Marcia Gradinger at 913-385-4605 or send an e-mail to mgradinger@pvkansas.com.

Welcome New CSO Officer

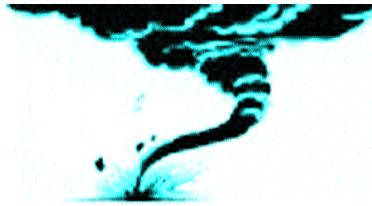


We would like to welcome **Dennis Brungardt** back to Prairie Village as our newest Community Service Officer. Dennis was previously employed in the Police Department from 1976 until 1998, serving as a Sergeant from 1987 until his retirement in 1998. With his vast knowledge of the City and police department procedures, Dennis will be a great asset to the community.

If you have any questions concerning animal control issues, feel free to give Dennis a call at 913-642-6868 or send an email to dbrungardt@pvkansas.com.



Emergency Preparedness Tip



March is the beginning of tornado season in Kansas, and it's important to be prepared. Kansas has averaged 48 tornados annually since 1950, and in 1991 there were 116 statewide. There are a number of things you can do to be better prepared if a tornado were to touch down in Prairie Village.

DO:

- Go to the lowest level possible in a structure.
- Put as many walls between you and the outside as you can.
- Avoid window and glass.
- Purchase a NOAA Weather Radio (available at participating Price Chopper stores)

DO NOT:

- Open windows to "equalize" pressure, instead, get to the lowest level possible as quickly as possible.
- Hide under a bridge or overpass. Instead, find the lowest point possible, often a gully or drainage ditch if you are near the highway, and get there as quickly as possible.
- "Chase" the tornado.

All of this information and more can be found in the Emergency Prepared Neighborhood workbook prepared by the Johnson County Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security. To pick up a copy of the workbook, or for more information, contact Joshua Farrar (913) 381-6464 or send an email to jfarrar@pvkansas.com.

Brick Order Deadline April 2nd

The Prairie Village Arts Council continues to sell personalized bricks for the Community Center patio, but time is running out! If you would like to order a brick for yourself or a loved one, your order must be received by April 2nd for the brick to be installed in time for VillageFest 2004. Individual bricks are priced at \$35, with a portion of the amount being tax-deductible. Corporate sponsorships begin at \$100.

Simply cut out the order form and mail in your order to have your personalized message "Carved in Stone." For more information about the Prairie Village Arts Council's Pave the Patio Project, call Doug Luther at 913-385-4603 or send an e-mail to dluther@pvkansas.com.

Arts

COUNCIL
Prairie Village

Students to Exhibit in the R.G. Endres Gallery

Come see the talents of some of Prairie Village's young artists in a special **student art exhibition.**

Students from **Indian Hills Middle School, Kansas City Christian School, St. Ann's School & Shawnee Mission East High School** will present a mixed-media exhibit highlighting both their talents and the creative arts programming in their schools.

The exhibit will be on display until March 30th.

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 on Fridays until 5:00 p.m.

Pave the Patio Order Form

Name _____
Company or Individual

Contact _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Day Phone _____

Line 1

Line 2

Maximum 30 characters per brick

Attach copy of corporate logo if applicable
 Attach additional pages for multi-brick orders

- q **\$35** Individual Donor
- q **\$100** Corporate Donor logo in 2 bricks
- q **\$300** Corporate Patron 6 bricks (including logo)
- q **\$500** Corporate Sponsor 10 bricks (including logo)
- q Gift Certificate for the above individual

Checks payable to Prairie Village Arts Council

Mail to: City of Prairie Village
 Pave the Patio Project
 7700 Mission Road
 Prairie Village, KS 66208

Questions call Doug Luther
 913-385-4603

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Don't Forget!

Second Annual Quilt Show

VillageFest 2004 will be hosting its Second Annual Quilt Show on Independence Day. Quilts will be displayed for viewing only.

More information will follow in the coming months.

Tax Forms Available at the Municipal Building

2003 Kansas State Individual Income Tax, 2003 Kansas Homestead and Food Sales Tax Claim and 2003 Corporate Income Tax Forms are available in the lobby of the Municipal Offices, 7700 Mission Road, Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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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Annual Large Item Pick-Up April 3rd

The City's annual large-item pick-up will be on **Saturday, April 3rd**. All items must be at the curb by **7:00 a.m.** on April 3rd for collection.

What Gets Picked Up and What Doesn't

Small appliances, furniture, toys (disassemble your swing sets), and carpets are among the things you can dispose of during this year's large item pick-up. Remember, nothing larger than a household refrigerator will be picked up.

Make large item pick-up part of the year's spring cleaning.

CFC Containers

There will be a separate special pick-up scheduled for April 3rd for items containing CFC conditioners including refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, icemakers, and humidifiers. Call Deffenbaugh Disposal Service at 913-631-3300 for more information.

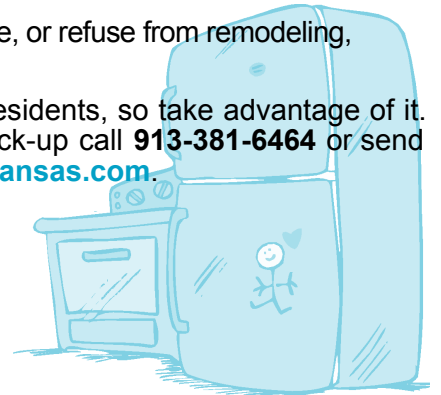
Large Item Pick-Up Rules

- All items must be at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on April 3rd for collection.
- Large Item pick-up is for residential properties only, not for apartments or commercial areas.
- Any large pieces of glass need to be broken down and placed in boxes.
- Swing sets must be disassembled.
- No items larger than a household-size refrigerator will be collected.

Items Not Collected Include

- Tree limbs or tree stumps (only limbs/branches cut into 4 foot lengths and bundled will be collected).
- Hazardous materials (tires, toxic materials, paint cans, car batteries, fireplace ashes, solvents, or oils).
- Excessive quantities of concrete, rubble, or refuse from remodeling, construction, or demolition of buildings.

This is a free service for Prairie Village residents, so take advantage of it. For more information about large item pick-up call **913-381-6464** or send an email to Doug Luther at dluther@pvkansas.com.



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