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THE PRAIRIE VILLAGE VOICE



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Visioning Workshops A Success

More than 250 Prairie Village residents participated in four Community Visioning Workshops in late April and early May. Participants identified over 550 ideas to make Prairie Village the best community it can be in the coming years. They also identified areas of the City perceived as strong and weak in areas such as community appearance, housing, commerce, and parks. The ideas provided at the meetings are available on-line at www.pvkansas.com.

The Village Vision Steering Committee is developing goals for the City's future based on the ideas provided during the workshops. In September, a Community Choices Workshop will be

held to obtain feedback, public input, and more ideas about how these ideas can be implemented.

To learn more about the Village Vision, contact Doug Luther at 913-381-6464, send an e-mail to dluther@pvkansas.com, or visit www.pvkansas.com.



Budget Hearing August 1st

A public hearing will be held on **Monday, August 1st, 7:30 p.m.** in the City Council Chambers to invite comments and suggestions about the City's 2006 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 1, 2005.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE



After more than three years of planning, fundraising, design, and construction, the Prairie Village Skatepark in Harmon Park opened to the public on June 7th. Within just a few minutes the park was filled with skaters of all ages testing out Prairie Village's newest recreation spot. Fueled by hot dogs from Johnny's and frozen custard from Culver's, skaters remained at the park for the rest of the evening.

Reflecting on the series of events culminating in the skatepark's opening, I'm reminded that the process which brought about the skatepark exemplifies some of our community's best qualities:

- **Volunteerism** – From the beginning, December 12th, 2001 to be exact, the skatepark project was spearheaded by residents who wanted to see the City develop a place for youth to skateboard that would be accessible, safe, and not damage public or private property. These dedicated volunteers were instrumental in planning, fundraising and sustaining enthusiasm for the skatepark.
- **Cooperation** – The Prairie Village skatepark is truly a community-wide effort. Local businesses, organizations, individuals, and neighboring

cities all made financial contributions to the skatepark project. In fact, more than \$65,000 in cash and in-kind contributions were generated to help make the skatepark a reality.

- **Inclusion** – From its inception, people of all ages were involved in the skatepark project. Students attended public meetings and donated their bills and coins to the project. Parents helped with organizing events, and skaters of all ages and abilities participated in developing the skatepark design. The skatepark, as constructed, boasts features that are enjoyable and challenging for all skaters.

I would like to give a special thank you to all the youth who were involved in planning and building the skatepark. Your energy and determination made the difference. You are the reason Prairie Village has a first-class skatepark.

If you haven't yet visited the skatepark, plan to do so. Even if you don't skate, you'll enjoy watching those who do.

Skate Safe!!

Ron Shaffer, Mayor



Meet Author Dr. Grant Clothier

The Corinth Library, in cooperation with Claridge Court, invites you to meet Dr. Grant Clothier on Sunday, August 14th, 3:00 p.m. at Claridge Court, 8101 Mission Road. In *Seeking the Promised Land: Portraits of the Chancy Clothier Family*, Clothier recounts the journey of his pioneer ancestors from the eastern seaboard to the heartland.

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.



Attention Home-Based Businesses

City ordinances require 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 download one at www.pvkansas.com. If you have any questions, contact the City Clerk's office at 913-381-6464 or email cityclerk@pvkansas.com.



Police Citizens Academy

Applications are being accepted for the Prairie Village Police Citizens Academy, a ten-week course that meets one day each week in the evenings. The Academy is a community-involved program designed to provide citizens with firsthand knowledge of the day-to-day operations of a modern police department. Its goal is to improve the relationship between the community and its police officers by "personalizing" the Department. The Academy will feature lectures, visual aids and hands-on fieldwork, giving attendees the ultimate insight into the functions of the Prairie Village Police Department.

The Academy takes a hands-on approach to learning, and classes offer a unique opportunity to involve participants in discussing the Department's methods of operation, philosophies and goals. Some of the topics covered include Traffic Enforcement, Officer Safety Tactics, Shoot/Don't Shoot, Kansas Law, United States Law, Crime Scene Processing, Communications and Processing Records.

To be considered a candidate for the Academy, you:

- * Must be able to commit both time and energy
- * Must possess a concern for law enforcement service in our community
- * Must be at least 16 years of age
- * Must be a citizen, high school student, or business owner in Prairie Village or Mission Hills

Interested? Download an application at www.pvkansas.com or pick up an application at the Police Department. For questions, contact Sgt. Craig Caster at 913-385-4623 or e-mail ccaster@pvkansas.com.



Remodeling Idea Book Now Available

Thinking about expanding or remodeling your home but don't know where to begin? The Mid-America Regional Council's First Suburbs Coalition Idea Book is a great place to start.

The First Suburbs Coalition Idea Book examines four of the most common housing types found in first suburbs such as Prairie Village – Ranch, Split Level, Two Story, and Cape Cod – and provides dozens of ideas for appropriate ways to update and make additions to them. The 40-page, folio-sized book offers color illustrations of each design and the elements which can be renovated or added.

The book also addresses windows, doors and garages as well as other basics of exterior appearance. Considerations such as energy efficiency, financing and universal design are also discussed in the book along with a section of guidelines for selecting and working with reliable contractors.

A copy of the book is available for review at the Codes Administration counter in the Municipal Offices. Books may also be purchased for \$10. Visit www.marc.org/firstsuburbs or call the Mid-America Regional Council at 816-474-4240 for ordering information.

Arts COUNCIL Prairie Village

PRESENTS

JULY

The Prairie Village Arts Council is pleased to feature **Marearl Denning** in the R.G. Endres Gallery. Since 1976, Denning has divided her time between working with clay and capturing the textures and vistas of nature on film.

AUGUST

The R.G. Endres Gallery celebrates the arrival of another first time exhibitor in August. Mixed media artist, **Lynn Hodgman**, combines her talent in calligraphy and papermaking. The results are an incredible exhibit of her unique gifts.

Gallery hours are Mon – Fri
8:00am – 5:00pm.

R.G. ENDRES GALLERY SCHEDULE

September 2005

Senior Arts Council – Mixed Media
Reception to be held Sept. 9th.

October 2005

Ted Defeo – Underwater Photography
Reception to be held Oct. 14th.

November 2005

Mid America Pastel Society
Reception to be held Nov. 11th.

December 2005

Julie Johnson – Photography
Reception to be held Dec. 9th.

Receptions are 6:30pm to 7:30pm.



Prairie Village NOTES

Ball Field Reservations Due

Applications for Fall soccer and baseball practice times will be received until July 22. If you do not receive an application in the mail by July 8, contact the City Clerk's office at 913-381-6464 or visit www.pvkansas.com.

Take a Dip After Dark

Weather permitting, the pool complex will stay open until 10:00 p.m. on July 15 and August 12.

New Pool Hours August 15th

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 – 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 5th.

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 1-800-766-2777) at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting time, if possible, to make arrangements.



Prairie Village Residents Pick Up the Pace with Curbside Recycling

Last year, Prairie Village residents diverted over 5 million pounds of materials from the landfill through the curbside recycling program. This is a 36% increase from the program's 2003 level. Keep up the good work!!

To learn more about the City's curbside recycling program, including a list of which items can be recycled, visit www.pvkansas.com.



Lawn Renovation Seminar

Sponsored by Water One

Is this summer leaving your yard brown and full of bare spots? If so, this seminar will provide step by step over seeding instructions and take home materials on how to renovate your existing lawn into a beautiful carpet of green. More information is available at www.waterone.org or call 913-895-5500.

Saturday, August 27th, 10:00 a.m to 11:30 a.m.

WaterOne Administration Building, 10747 Renner Blvd., Lenexa



Seeking Best of Species and Champion Trees

The Prairie Village Tree Board is accepting nominations for Best of Species and Champion Trees. Application forms are available at www.pvkansas.com. The deadline for nominations is August 31st.

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