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THE PRAIRIE VILLAGE VOICE



VOICE

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Fifth Annual Earth Fair

Saturday, April 9th, 10:00am – 3:00pm
Shawnee Mission East Gym, 75th and Mission Road

FREE AND FUN FOR ALL AGES

The fair will feature over 25 displays and activities for all ages including a solar race car, a walk-through prairie, a huge used book sale, hybrid cars, master gardener presentations, wild animals, musical performances, and a dialogue on the moral imperative of the environmental crisis.

SHOP AT EARTH FAIR

Native perennials, organic vegetable starts, and organic clothing will be for sale. Fair trade gifts will be available from Ten Thousand Villages. The program features five hours of award winning environmental films, a local band, and singers from three schools. Attendees may purchase organic lunches.

The tentative schedule for special events is as follows:

- 10:30am Low-water landscaping presentation
- 11:00am Corinth Singers
- 11:30am Shade Gardening presentation
- 12:30pm Briarwood Singers
- 12:30pm Dialogue in the auditorium: "Religions of the World Unite – The Moral Imperative of the Environmental Crisis"
- 1:30pm Belinder Singers

Earth Fair is a joint project of the Prairie Village Environmental Committee and the Shawnee Mission East High School Environmental Club.



Remodeled Homes Tour



APRIL 16-17

Is your home in need of a makeover? Are you looking for new ideas for updating and modernizing your home? If so, join the Mid America Regional Council's **First Suburbs Coalition** and the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) in the 8th

annual Remodeled Homes Tour April 16th & 17th. The tour will feature homes throughout the metro area, including first suburbs like Prairie Village.

For more information, visit the First Suburbs Coalition website at www.marc.org/firstsuburbs or call 816-474-4240.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

For over fifty years, Prairie Village has been a jewel in the Kansas City area. Our community's success has been, in large part, a result of the vision held by J.C. Nichols and the early families who chose to call Prairie Village home. As the metro area has developed around us, Prairie Village has remained a premier community with much to offer its residents and businesses. But, just as time does not stand still, neither should Prairie Village. It is now time to look to the future and determine what kind of community we want to become.

A great American philosopher once said, "When you come to a fork in the road, take it." Well, Yogi Berra may not qualify as a great philosopher, but this "Yogi-ism" says much about change, challenges, and opportunities. Although change can be frustrating and even scary at times, it is inevitable. The question is not, "Will change happen?" but rather "How will change affect me?"



Early this year, the City embarked on a community-wide visioning process. Led by a Steering Committee comprised of City Council members, Planning Commissioners, and residents, this group will be working earnestly over the next ten

months or so to join with the greater Prairie Village community in plotting a course for our future.

A vital part of this process will be a series of community meetings to be held this Spring. These meetings will be public "brainstorming" sessions where Prairie Village residents can share their thoughts and feelings about Prairie Village's past, present and future. Your comments will serve as the foundation upon which this vision will be built.

Yes, Prairie Village is going to take the fork in the road. However, it's up to you to determine which one our community will take. I encourage you to be thinking about what you would like to see in Prairie Village's future and share it during these meetings.

Stay tuned to upcoming issues of this newsletter, local newspapers, and the City's website, www.pvkansas.com for the dates and times of these community meetings.

Ron Shaffer, Mayor



A Great Gift... Any Time of Year!

The Prairie Village Gift Card is a great way to share Prairie Village with friends, family, or colleagues. And, using the Prairie Village Gift Card helps support local merchants. Prairie Village...the perfect gift!

Gift Cards are on sale at the Municipal Offices, the Prairie Village Merchants Association in the Prairie Village Shopping Center, and at US Bank and Missouri Bank & Trust, both located in the Prairie Village Shopping Center.

To learn more about the Prairie Village Gift Card, call 913-381-6464 or visit www.pvkansas.com.



Brick Order Deadline April 1st

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 1st for the brick to be installed in time for VillageFest 2005. Individual bricks are priced at \$35, with a portion of the amount being tax-deductible. Corporate sponsorships begin at \$100.

To receive an order form call Lori Franke at 913-381-6464, send an email to lfanke@pvkansas.com or download the form at http://www.pvkansas.com/aboutpv/Pave_the_Patio.shtml.



Annual Large Item Pick-Up

MAY 14

The City's annual large-item pick-up will be on **Saturday, May 14**. All items must be at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on May 14 for collection.

WHAT GETS PICKED UP AND WHAT DOESN'T

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

CFC CONTAINERS

There will be a separate special pick-up scheduled for **Saturday, May 14** for items containing CFC conditioners including refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, icemakers, and de-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 May 14 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.



Animal Census Begins April 1

The City will be conducting an animal census from April 1st - May 15th to account for the number and ownership of all dogs and cats in the City. The census will help keep your animals safe and protected. The Animal Control Officer wants to make sure your pet can be returned safely to its home if lost and that all animals in Prairie Village have current rabies vaccinations. We ask for your cooperation in providing this information to our enumerators.

Arts COUNCIL Prairie Village

PRESENTS

MARCH

The Prairie Village Arts Council is pleased to present a collection of city-owned artwork and the work of Sister Cities International Young Artists in the R.G. Endres Gallery. The theme of this year's competition is "Connecting Global Villages." The winning entry will be sent to Washington D.C. to compete in an international competition.

APRIL

"Designs From Nature," an exhibit of photographs by Kevin Sink, will be featured in the R.G. Endres Gallery during April. Kevin captures the natural landscapes of the world around us "one moment at a time". The view of life through this talented photographer's lens is a must-see event.

*The Gallery is located in the
Prairie Village Municipal Offices
at 7700 Mission Road
and is open
Monday through Friday
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.*



2004 Annual Report

The 2004 Annual Report is now available on-line. Visit www.pvkansas.com to view a copy.

2005 Park & Recreation Brochure Coming in May

The 2005 edition of the Prairie Village Park & Recreation Brochure will be published in May. 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 2nd.

Tax Forms Available at the Municipal Building

2004 Kansas State Individual Income Tax, 2004 Kansas Homestead and 2004 Corporate Income Tax Forms are available in the lobby of the Municipal Offices, 7700 Mission Road, Monday – 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 1-800-766-2777) at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting time, if possible, to make arrangements.



VillageFest 2005 Preview

July 4th is quickly approaching, and planning for VillageFest 2005 is underway. Mark your calendars today. Make plans to stay in Prairie Village for the holiday and attend this FREE event on the 4th of July.

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 3rd Annual VillageFest Quilt Show
- AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!

A detailed listing and schedule of VillageFest 2005 events will be available on the Prairie Village website (www.pvkansas.com) in late May or early June. For VillageFest information or to volunteer, contact Josh Farrar 913-381-6464 or send an e-mail to jfarrar@pvkansas.com.



Quilts Needed

Quilts from city residents for the 3rd annual quilt show during VillageFest are being sought. Contact Ann at 913-385-9610 to share your quilt or donate time for the Quilt Show.

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