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# THE PRAIRIE VILLAGE VOICE



A Newsletter published for the residents of the City of Prairie Village  
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## Snow and Ice Removal

The variety of winter storms and weather extremes create a special challenge to Public Works employees who strive to keep your streets usable in the winter months.

With winter approaching, Public Works is prepared for the ritual of removing snow and ice from city streets. All personnel have received refresher training on equipment and procedures. Procedures and practices for plowing and salting have been reviewed and updated. The barn is stocked with 2,000 tons of salt and ready for winter.

When a winter storm is forecast, Public Works staff develops an operation plan considering time of day, type of weather, temperature, wind, length of storm, etc. Crews are generally scheduled to work in 12 hour shifts to clear streets.

The work priorities are:

- ❄️ Maintain bare pavement on arterial streets
- ❄️ Maintain bare pavement on collector streets
- ❄️ Maintain public building sidewalks
- ❄️ Plow or salt one lane on residential streets
- ❄️ Maintain sidewalks and parking lots in the parks.



The City does not remove ice or snow from private property. Property owners are responsible for removing ice and snow from the sidewalks abutting their property within 24 hours from the time that the snow or ice storm ends. If the snow falls or ice accumulates upon the sidewalks in the night time, removal of it must be within 24 hours after sunrise.

Snow removed from private property may not be placed in the street or on the sidewalk. If you hire someone to clear your driveway and sidewalks, inform them of this City ordinance requirement. As the property owner, you are responsible for the conduct of the hired company.

If you have any questions about the City's snow removal program, contact the Public Works Department at 913-385-4647 or send an e-mail to [publicworks@pvkansas.com](mailto:publicworks@pvkansas.com).

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## Shop Prairie Village for the Holidays

Gift cards are on sale at the Municipal Offices, the PV Merchants Association in the PV Shopping Center, and online at [www.pvkansas.com](http://www.pvkansas.com).



# MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Make plans now to attend the annual Mayor's Holiday Tree Lighting Celebration! Join your City Council representatives and City staff at **6:30 p.m. on Monday, November 27th** at the Municipal Offices, 7700 Mission Road, as I help our special guest from the North Pole light the Holiday Trees.

This is an annual event sponsored by the Prairie Village Municipal Foundation. Trees in various parts of the City will be lit as a reminder that there are people in our community who may not be able to afford to pay their utility bills or make repairs to their homes. To meet the needs of our fellow citizens, the Prairie Village Municipal Foundation makes an annual appeal for contributions to the Fund to help our neighbors. If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution, please cut out the donation form and return it to the Municipal Offices at 7700 Mission Road.

During last year's holiday season Prairie Village residents and businesses contributed over \$7,800 to the Fund. Since its inception, the Mayor's Holiday Tree Fund has raised over \$114,000 for Prairie Village residents in need.

The trees, located on the Municipal Campus, in Porter Park, in Franklin Park, and at the corner of Cherokee & 75th Street, will glow during

this holiday season, bringing warmth to both contributors and families needing assistance.

Sincerely,



Ron Shaffer, Mayor

## MY TAX-DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE MAYOR'S HOLIDAY TREE FUND IS ENCLOSED

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Work) \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check payable and return it to:

Prairie Village Municipal Foundation  
7700 Mission Rd, Prairie Village, KS 66208.

*Thank you for your generosity to those in need.*



## Fit for the Holidays

Stretch, tone and strengthen your core, muscles and cardiovascular system with a mix of Pilates, Yoga, Strength Training and Hi-Low Aerobics. Join the Total Body Workout Class (**Fifty Plus Fit and Feisty**) sponsored by the Johnson County Recreation 50+ Program.

Classes are held Monday-Thursday, from 7:15 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. at the Prairie Village Community Center. For more details, contact the 50 Plus Coordinator, Michelle Alexander at 913-236-4343.

## RECYCLESPOT ORG Your Spot for Recycling

Although putting used or unwanted items out for the trash may seem to be the easiest solution, it's not the best solution for the environment. Many items can be reused even if they are old or in need of repair. The Mid-America Regional Council has created a new website, [www.recyclespot.org](http://www.recyclespot.org), for recycling in the Kansas City region.

## News from Animal Control

You may have noticed an increased presence of the Police Department's Community Service Officers around the City. This unit is responsible for animal control services, and is normally available seven days a week. The Community Service Officers are here to assist you, and answer your questions. They can be reached by phone or email. **C.S.O. Micki Barnett**, 913-642-6868 ext. 4828, [mbarnett@pvkansas.com](mailto:mbarnett@pvkansas.com), or **C.S.O. Roger Blanchard**, 913-642-6868 ext. 4898, [rblanchard@pvkansas.com](mailto:rblanchard@pvkansas.com). The direct office line is 913-385-4631, and messages can be left at any of the numbers. If you have an immediate problem, please call Police Communications at 913-642-6868 for assistance.

The Community Service Officers want to remind you to be responsible pet owners. Please remember to use a leash when walking or taking your dog to City parks, and to always clean up after your pet. If interested, information on pet adoption can be found at [www.animalmedicalcenterkc.com](http://www.animalmedicalcenterkc.com). For more information on animal issues, visit the City's website at [www.pvkansas.com](http://www.pvkansas.com).



# Stormwater Guidelines

The City Council recently adopted an ordinance which establishes requirements relating to stormwater pollution prevention. The Council passed this ordinance to prevent hazardous and harmful pollutants from entering the stormwater system. These pollutants can damage drinking water, streams, lakes, rivers and wetlands. The entire ordinance is included in Chapter 13, Article 9 of the Municipal Code and is available online at [www.pvkansas.com/citygov/Mun\\_Code.shtml](http://www.pvkansas.com/citygov/Mun_Code.shtml). Below is a list of a few common substances.

## Not a violation of Ordinance:

1. Discharges from potable water sources
2. Individual Residential Car Washing
3. De-chlorinated swimming pool discharges excluding filter backwash – you must wait for your swimming pool water to free of chemicals (= 0.0 ppm) before draining your pool
4. Foundation drains
5. Air conditioning condensate

## Prohibited substances: These substances cannot be dumped in streets, gutters, catch basins, etc.

1. Any petroleum product or oil
2. Any hazardous substance or waste
3. Any garbage, rubbish, or other waste
4. Any new or used paints, including latex-based paints, oil-based paints, stains, varnish, and primers, as well as cleaning solvents and other associated products
5. Any yard wastes, which have been moved or gathered by a person
6. Any wastewater from commercial floor, rug, or carpet cleaning
7. Any runoff, wash-down water or waste from any animal pen, kennel, fowl or livestock containment area or any pet wastes
8. Any filter backwash from a swimming pool or fountain, except that nothing in this ordinance shall be construed as to require the alteration of the filter discharge plumbing of an existing swimming pool, fountain or spa if such plumbing was compliant with applicable state, federal, and local regulations at the time of construction
9. Any waste from a carwash or commercial vehicle repair facility

# Arts COUNCIL Prairie Village

## PRESENTS

Mark your calendars now to view these exhibits and attend opening receptions honoring these talented artists.

### **November**

MidAmerica Pastel Society

### **December**

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Opening reception –  
Friday, December 8th  
6:30 – 7:30 pm

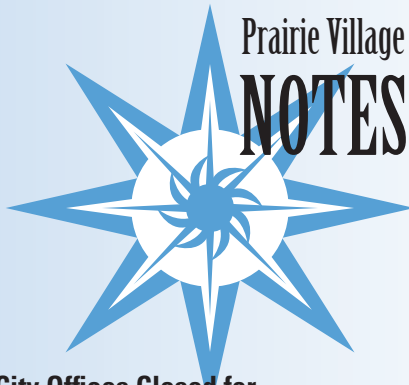
If you would like to receive more information about upcoming exhibits in the R.G. Endres Gallery or are an artist interested in exhibiting in the Gallery, contact Connie Walsh at 913-381-6464 or via e-mail at [cmwalsh@pvkansas.com](mailto:cmwalsh@pvkansas.com)

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

## ORDER YOUR BRICK FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Personalized bricks make great Holiday gifts for those who have everything! The Prairie Village Arts Council continues to sell personalized bricks, which will be installed in the patio of the Community Center during June, 2007. Prices for individual bricks are \$35 and corporate sponsorships begin at \$100. Funds raised through the "Pave the Patio" project will cover the costs of engraving and installing the bricks, and will help support continued cultural arts programs for the community.

For additional information or to receive an order form, call Jeanne Koontz at 913-381-6464, email to [jkoontz@pvkansas.com](mailto:jkoontz@pvkansas.com) or download the form at [www.pvkansas.com/aboutpv/Pave\\_the\\_Patio.shtml](http://www.pvkansas.com/aboutpv/Pave_the_Patio.shtml).



### **City Offices Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday**

City offices will close at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, November 22nd and will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 23rd and 24th in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. As always, emergency services will remain available by calling 9-1-1.

### **Upcoming Trash Holidays**

Deffenbaugh, the City's solid waste collection and recycling contractor, will be observing the Thanksgiving Holiday which falls on Thursday, November 23rd. If this is your normal pick-up day, your solid waste, yard waste, and recyclables will be collected one day later that week.

### **Your Holiday Lights May Require a Permit**

If your Holiday decorating includes stringing lights across City streets, public rights-of-way, or storm drainage channels, please contact the Public Works department first. A right-of-way permit is required for electrical and traffic safety.

For more information contact the Public Works Department at 913-385-4640 or send an email to [publicworks@pvkansas.com](mailto:publicworks@pvkansas.com).

### **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.



## **Holiday Safety Awareness**

**DAN ROBLES**

*Crime Prevention Officer*

With the changing season now in full swing, thoughts of pumpkin pie and the sugar plum fairies are not too far away. The cooler weather will bring more residents indoors as some people prepare their homes for winter and the holidays.

As a reminder, this month's newsletter addresses home security and suggests residents perform a residential security survey of their homes. A residential security survey involves simply looking for weak entry points into your home which a potential burglar may use to gain access into your home.

Listed below are some security suggestions to consider as you prepare your home for the winter.

- ❄ All outside doors should be made of solid wood or metal construction.
- ❄ Replace worn out window hardware such as latches, locks, screws and pins.
- ❄ All outside doors and inside garage doors should have securely mounted deadbolt locks with a minimum one inch deadbolt.
- ❄ Strike plates should be affixed to the door frame with a minimum of two fully threaded three inch screws.
- ❄ All points of entry into your home should be properly illuminated and clear of obstructions.
- ❄ Try to keep valuables out of sight from the windows.
- ❄ Let a trusted neighbor know if you are going out of town so they can keep an eye on your home.

As you prepare your home to keep out the cold, also prepare your home to keep out potential burglars this holiday season. Do not hesitate to dial 911 if you see any suspicious activity.

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