



The Star of Kansas

The Prairie Village

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Voice

Budget Hearing August 6th

A public hearing will be held on **Monday, August 6th at 7:30 pm** in the City Council Chambers to invite comments and suggestions about the City's **2008 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 6, 2007.



Police Department Receives International Accreditation

The Prairie Village Police Department was recently accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). Our Police Department belongs to an elite group of over 750 law enforcement agencies in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, and Barbados that have received this prestigious, international recognition. Earning this honor has taken an extraordinary effort by all department members and demonstrates the professionalism and pride taken in delivering quality law enforcement services. Prairie Village is one of only seven departments in the metropolitan area to achieve CALEA accreditation.

Accreditation represents a "seal of approval" from CALEA, an independent agency consisting of the four major law enforcement membership associations: International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP); National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE); National Sheriffs' Association (NSA); and Police Executive Research Forum (PERF). The Commission is comprised of Chiefs, Sheriffs, elected officials and community leaders appointed by the four founding organizations. CALEA maintains a body of professional law enforcement standards and administers a voluntary process for participation.

Each law enforcement agency seeking accreditation must enter the program voluntarily. Once eligible, the agency must meet or exceed all applicable standards contained in CALEA's manual of 446 standards. The standards address all areas of administration, operation, and technical support activities. CALEA's rigid standards are met by less than 1% of the law enforcement agencies in the United States.

We should be tremendously proud of the men and women in our Police Department. When you have the chance, (even if you are stopped for a traffic violation) please take a moment to congratulate the members of your Police Department for receiving this prestigious designation.

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Mayor's Message

Regular readers of the *Prairie Village Voice* know that the Village Vision Strategic Investment Plan has been discussed on several occasions in this newsletter over the past two years. The Village Vision process was a significant undertaking for our community.

On May 21st the Prairie Village City Council formally adopted the Village Vision Strategic Investment Plan. Village Vision is the culmination of over two years of work, and it represents the combined efforts of hundreds of Prairie Village residents, a dedicated Steering Committee, elected officials, City staff, and the City's planning consultants.

The Plan addresses a wide range of issues facing our community, and contains 48 recommendations for continuing to make Prairie Village a premier community in the metropolitan area. I encourage you to review the Plan on the City's website, www.pvkansas.com. Over the next several years the City Council will review and consider these recommendations, seeking continued public input before taking any specific actions.

One of the prominent themes in Village Vision is to encourage Prairie Village residents to reinvest in their homes. In order to help you in this respect, Prairie Village, in cooperation with the Mid America Regional Council and CommunityAmerica Credit Union, has developed the **First Suburbs Home Equity Loan Program**. The program provides low-interest, fixed-rate home equity loans to make your home improvement projects more affordable. Loans of up to \$30,000 are available to qualified homeowners.

To learn more about this program, contact CommunityAmerica Credit Union at 913-905-6629.

Neighborhoods are the backbone of Prairie Village, and keeping our housing stock up to date is critical to our community's future success.

Ron Shaffer, Mayor

New Logo

The Municipal Foundation has a new logo. The mission of the Foundation is to provide assistance to persons in need, foster and promote acquisition and/or development of parks and recreation facilities, make available and engage in cultural arts opportunities within the City of Prairie Village. If you would like to "Support your Hometown" contributions are tax-deductible and can be made to the Prairie Village Municipal Foundation and returned to City Offices at 7700 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS 66208.



Upcoming Corinth Library Activities

To celebrate the publication of the last book in the Harry Potter series, Corinth library will be showing all four of the **Harry Potter films on July 27th**, beginning at 10:30 am with "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" and ending the day with "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire." For all ages. No registration required.

On **Tuesday, July 17th, Summerfest**, a classical chamber music ensemble, will tell how their instruments are played, as well as perform short pieces of chamber music for young children and their families. Instruments in the ensemble include the violin, viola, cello, flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon and harp.

Police Chief Appointed

The Prairie Village City Council appointed Wes Jordan Police Chief of Prairie Village and Mission Hills on Monday, June 18th. Wes has been a member of the Prairie Village Police Department since 1988 and was promoted to Captain in 1999. In 2006, Jordan received a Master's Degree in management from Baker University.



City Committees

Would you like to get involved in Prairie Village? A list of committee vacancies is available at www.pvkansas.com/citygov/council/comm_list.shtml or by calling the City Clerk's office at 913-381-6464.

CFL . . . What's That?

CFL stands for "compact fluorescent lamp." CFL's are an alternative to the standard incandescent light bulb and are becoming an increasingly popular, energy efficient lighting choice. Lighting accounts for 20% of the average household's electric bill.

In most cases, CFL's use 2/3 less energy and operate 70% cooler than an incandescent bulb. A 13 watt CFL can produce light comparable to a 60 watt standard bulb.

Yes, CFL's are more expensive than standard bulbs. But, over time, the energy savings make them an affordable option for many lighting needs.

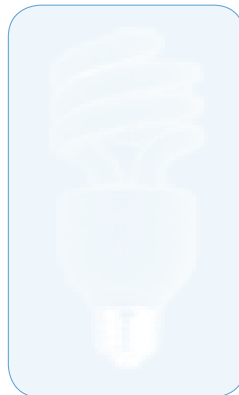
One note, though. Mercury is one of the components that make CFL's so energy efficient. Each bulb contains about 5 mg of mercury, which means you should take care when disposing CFL's when they finally burn out. Do not throw a

used CFL in the trash if a recycling option is available.

While CFL's are not accepted in the City's curbside recycling program, a few recycling facilities are available in the metro area. For more information check out www.recyclespot.org.

To learn more about CFL's and other energy saving alternatives, visit www.18seconds.org or www.lamprecycle.org.

Conserving energy - it's as easy as changing a light bulb.



Johnson County Area Agency on Aging Seeks Volunteers

Visit their web site at, <http://humanservices-aging.jocogov.org/>

Meals on Wheels: Volunteers are needed to deliver meals to homebound seniors throughout the County. Meals are delivered Monday - Friday from 10:45-11:45 a.m. Meals may be delivered by individuals, civic and other groups, faith community teams, and employee teams. Children are allowed to accompany parents on the route. For information call 913-715-8895.

Catch-A-Ride Program: Get a lift by giving a lift! The Catch-A-Ride program needs volunteers to provide rides for older adults and people with disabilities who need to get their Dr. appointments. Routes available in your neighborhood in Johnson County.



Individual drivers are needed, or captain a team with your church, civic organization, or corporation. For information call 913-715-8901.

SHICK: Senior Health Insurance Counseling for Kansas

Computer savvy counselors needed to help people with Medicare questions. A three day training sponsored by the State of Kansas SHICK program (administered through the Johnson County Area Agency on Aging) is being held on July 24 - 26. Reservations for the training must be made by Monday, July 16. For information call 913-715-8859

Arts COUNCIL Prairie Village

PRESENTS

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

JULY

It's nice to know there are still some things one can count on. And one of these is Senior Arts Council's ability to provide an incredible display of art from a variety of media. This talented group of people step up to the plate again during July in the R.G. Endres Gallery. Once again they manage to leave their marks in the world of art in watercolors, pastels, oils and photography.

AUGUST

Shawn Bohs, Photography
Opening Reception
August 10th, 6:30 pm

SEPTEMBER

Barney Newcom, Oil Painting
Opening Reception
September 14th, 6:30 pm

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

Prairie Village Notes

Upcoming Aquatic Events

The **48th Annual Synchronized Swimming Show** will be on Sunday, July 29th at 8:30 pm at the Prairie Village Pool Complex Admission is free.

The **All-City Swim Meet** will be on July 17th at the Prairie Village Pool Complex. The pool will be closed all day to the public.

Moonlight Swims *Take a Dip After Dark*

There's no better way to end a hot summer day than with a relaxing swim in the Prairie Village Pool. The pool complex is open until 8:30 pm every night, but will stay open late - until 10:00 pm, on **Friday, July 13th and Friday, August 10th.**

Ball Field Reservations Due

Applications for Fall soccer and baseball practice times will be received until **July 20th**. If you do not receive an application in the mail by July 10th, contact the City Clerk's office at 913-381-6464 or visit www.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.



Crime Prevention *with Officer Dan Robles*

Street Smart Safety Awareness

When I'm out driving during the evening hours or heading in early to work, I have seen an increasing number of people walking, jogging and bike riding in the warm weather. Unfortunately this allows more opportunity for criminals who prey on people who are out and about. They usually don't plan out their scheme, Instead they simply wait for the victim to put themselves in a position which may make them more vulnerable.

The Crime Prevention Unit suggests keeping the following in mind when you're out and about for that early morning jog or late evening walk:

- Always stay alert to your surroundings no matter what your comfort zone is.
- Use the "Buddy System" and take a friend with you instead of going alone.
- Walk, talk and carry yourself in an assertive, confident manner!

- Don't use shortcuts when walking, jogging or running from one location to another.
- Avoid locations that make you feel uncomfortable and trust your senses and instincts.
- Leave your headphones at home when you're out walking or exercising so you can hear what is going on around you.
- Take your cell phone with you and dial 911 if you observe a suspicious vehicle or person that you may feel threatened by.

Remember, while you are out exercising and taking care of yourself physically you must still make your own personal safety just as high of a priority.

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