



The Star of Kansas

The Prairie Village

April 2007

Voice

Police Citizens Academy

Applications are now being accepted for a Police Citizens Academy, to begin this Fall. Classes are normally scheduled on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. for a ten-week period.

Past participants have been leaders in the community, interested and concerned citizens, business and academic professionals, and high school students. 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
- Crime Scene Processing

Interested persons may pick up an application at the Police Department or on-line at www.pvkansas.com/police. For questions, please contact Sgt. Craig Caster at 913-385-4623.



2005 Graduating Class

Recreation Memberships On Sale

Now is the time to purchase your 2007 pool membership and register for the City's swimming, diving and tennis teams. Visit the City Clerk's Office at City Hall to purchase your membership for 2007. Normal office hours are Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm. 2006 pool members can renew online at <http://pvkansas.recware.com>.

School Crossing Guards Needed

The City is seeking part-time School Crossing Guards for the 2007-2008 school year. Morning and afternoon sessions daily: 7:30 am to 8:10 am and 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm. The position is for the nine-month school year and pays \$10.74 per session with paid holidays and school breaks. Uniforms and training are provided.

Persons interested in applying should contact Human Resources at 913-381-6464. Applications are also available at www.pvkansas.com.

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Mayor's Message

On Thursday, March 8th over 100 Prairie Village residents and business owners met to review and discuss the draft of the Village Vision Strategic Investment Plan. During this event, residents provided nearly 50 comments and suggestions regarding the draft plan. These comments have been compiled and shared with members of the City Council, Planning Commission, and the Village Vision Steering Committee. To those residents who were able to attend, thank you for your continued interest and concern for our community's future.

On May 1st, the Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing, providing another opportunity for residents to learn more about the Village Vision and provide comments about the draft plan. Another public comment session will be provided when the draft plan is presented to the City Council in late May.

As we all know, Rome wasn't built in a day. Likewise, it will take time, additional study, and more discussion to give full consideration to the 48 action items

included in the Village Vision Plan. However, adopting the plan will give current and future residents, planning commissioners, and elected officials guidance to help direct future development and redevelopment in the City. More importantly, the Plan will help us all understand what makes Prairie Village a special place to live and highlight the actions necessary to keep Prairie Village the type of place we all want to call home

If you would like to learn more about the Village Vision Plan, please visit www.pykansas.com where you can read the draft plan document on-line. Copies of the draft plan are also available for review at the City Clerk's Office and the Corinth Library. For more information, call Doug Luther, Assistant City Administrator at 913-381-6464 or send an e-mail to dluther@pykansas.com.

Ron Shaffer
Mayor

Park and Recreation Public Forum, June 13th

YOUR Park and Recreation Committee wants to hear from you! Please join us for an open discussion about Prairie Village parks and recreational programming. Let us know what we are doing well and what we aren't. Your input is valued.

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, June 13th, 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. RSVPs are not necessary.

Brick Order Deadline, May 1st

The Prairie Village Arts Council continues to sell personalized bricks for the Community Center patio. If you would like to order a brick for yourself or a loved one, your order must be received by May 1st to be installed in the Summer of 2007. Individual bricks are priced at \$35, with a portion of the amount being tax-deductible. Corporate sponsorships begin at \$100.

For more information, contact Jeanne Koontz at 913-381-6464 or send an email to jkoontz@pykansas.com. Order forms are available at City Hall or at www.pykansas.com/aboutpv/Pave_the_Patio.shtml.

Animal Enumeration

Be sure to get your animal(s) licensed now.

The City will be conducting an animal census from April 1st to 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. Prairie Village wants to make sure your pet can be returned safely to its home if lost and that all animals in the City have current rabies vaccinations. We ask for your cooperation in providing this information to our enumerators.

Kacico Dance Performs in Prairie Village

Enjoy an evening of contemporary dancing with the Kacico on **Friday, April 27th, 7:00 pm at Asbury United Methodist Church, 75th St. & Nall.** Kacico will present "The Song and Dance Project." This one-hour performance is an original work with 8 dancers performing to live music by 7 area singers/songwriters. This intimate collaboration of live music and dance will delight all audiences. Folk, rock and humor are playfully combined in an hour of greatly entertaining artistry featuring live guitar and percussion, the singing voice and the human body in motion. Admission is free.

After the performance, you're invited to stay for a post-concert reception hosted by Asbury United Methodist Church.

For more information, contact Kacico Dance at 816-578-4721 or visit www.kacicodance.org.

Tree Board Events

Arbor Day Observance – April 28, 10 am at Bennett Park.

- Plant a tree to recognize efforts and contributions of an outstanding citizen who has made a difference in Prairie Village
- Identify specimen trees in the park as part of its Park Arboretum project.

Fall Seminar – First Wednesday in October

- Learn helpful information on the proper selection, planting and care of trees on private property
- Recognition of Champion Trees growing in Prairie Village
- Drawing for several trees and shrubs

The Tree Board accepts requests for planting new trees on City property at any time by contacting Public Works at 913-385-4647 or publicworks@pvkansas.com.

Do Not Call List

The Kansas Attorney General is reminding those who registered for the Kansas No-Call List when it was started five years ago to re-register. Paul Morrison said the registration is only good for five years and will expire soon.

Cell phone numbers can also be registered on the no-call list. To register for the list, visit www.donotcall.gov. Kansans can also call toll-free 1-888-382-1222 (or 1-866-290-4236 for TTY), but they must call from the number they wish to register with the list.

Annual Large Item Pick-up April 28th



The City's annual large item pick-up will be on Saturday, April 28th. All items must be at the curb by 7:00 a.m. for collection. There will be a separate collection on the same date for CFC containers including refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, icemakers, and de-humidifiers. Call Deffenbaugh Disposal Service at 913-631-3300 for more information. For Large Item Pick-up Rules visit www.pvkansas.com/citygov/item_pickup.shtml. This is a free service for Prairie Village residents, so take advantage of it.

Arts COUNCIL Prairie Village

PRESENTS

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

APRIL

Kay Trieb, Photography

MAY

David Payne, Oil Paintings
Opening Reception – May 11th

JUNE

Jack O'Hara, Watercolors
Opening Reception – June 8th

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

Restaurant will be Swarming with Police

Johnny's in Corinth Square will be full of police on May 18th, but all for a great cause! Members of the Prairie Village Police Department will trade in their handcuffs and badges for menus and serving trays to benefit Special Olympics Kansas. Join us at Johnny's, 8262 Mission Road Prairie Village, from 5 to 9 p.m. for "Tip-A-Cop".

"The Prairie Village Police Department is very excited to partner with Johnny's to raise money for Special Olympics. Johnny's has always been a very strong community supporter," stated Officer Adam Taylor with the Prairie Village Police Department. "We look forward to volunteering for such a great cause."

Prairie Village *Notes*

Remodeling Tips

Did you know that last year, permits were issued for over 130 residential remodeling projects worth a total of over \$6.5 million in construction value?

With remodeling and construction season underway, the City's Codes Administration Department has a few reminders for residents wishing to update, expand, and renovate their homes:

- 1) The City, the Mid-America Regional Council's First Suburbs Coalition, and Community America Credit Union have partnered to provide low interest home equity loans for home improvement projects to qualified Prairie Village residents. To learn more, contact Community America Credit Union at 913-905-6629.
- 2) The First Suburbs Coalition Idea Book is on sale at City Hall for \$10. This book provides ideas, sample floor plans, and more to help jump-start your home improvement project.
- 3) Before starting your project, contact the Codes Administration Department at 913-381-6464 to determine if your project requires a permit.
- 4) If you plan on hiring a contractor, make sure they have a City license. Tips for selecting a professional contractor are available in the Idea Book and from NARI, the National Association of the Remodeling Industry, at www.nari.org.

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.



Police Officer receives Award

At the February 20 City Council meeting, Detective Ivan Washington received the Police Department's Supervisory Recognition award for his efforts over the last 18 months at both Mission Valley and Indian Hills Middle Schools.

Det. Washington was responsible for envisioning and organizing a skateboard competition between the two schools last Spring at the City's skate park. This year's event is scheduled for April 20 at 3 p.m. and all residents are invited to come out and watch.

One of the most significant endeavors undertaken by Det. Washington surrounds his efforts to educate parents and students on the issue of bullying. Most of us recall the teenage struggles we faced in 7th and 8th grade and what a tremendously difficult time in life that was. Det. Washington, in conjunction with IT personnel at the school district, created a website where



parents and students could log on and learn more about the topic.

More importantly, the website allows individuals the opportunity to anonymously report problems they are experiencing at school, whether it is related to bullying or not. The website receives dozens of hits each week and two to three complaints are filed each week that staff and Det. Washington partner together to address. Based on the feedback received, the sites are a tremendous success and we encourage you take a look at <http://www.smsd.org/custom/indianhills/SRO/>.

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