



The Star of Kansas

The Prairie Village

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Voice



Quarter Cent Sales Tax

The economic development/school quarter cent sales tax in effect since 2002 will sunset on December 31, 2008. On August 5, Johnson County voters will vote to renew the existing quarter-cent sales tax for public safety projects. The \$19.6 million in county funds annually generated by the sales tax would:

- Build and Operate a New Crime Laboratory
- Build and Operate a Juvenile Services Complex
- Fund a Jail Expansion and Future Operations

The City of Prairie Village will receive a portion of the sales tax. The City's portion in 2009 will be used for technology projects, most of which are related to public safety.

For more information, go to www.jocogov.org or call 913-715-0446.

VillageFest Award Winners

Student Poster Contest

Students in Elementary and Middle Schools in Prairie Village were asked to depict their favorite thing to do on the 4th of July. Thank you to all the students who participated in the contest. The winners were:

- 1st Kate Smeltzer, St. Ann's School
- 2nd Bryce Flora, Highlands Elementary School
- 3rd Jenna Beckerle, Highlands Elementary School

Community Spirit Awards

Community Spirit Awards are given to citizens and businesses in Prairie Village who have demonstrated a commitment to improve the quality of life in our community.

Four Prairie Village Community Spirit Awards were given out this year:

- ★ Sally Holmes - Youth Community Spirit Award
- ★ Randy Kronblad - Resident Community Spirit Award
- ★ Margaret Thomas - Resident Community Spirit Award
- ★ Ben Munday - Lifetime Community Spirit Award

Congratulations & thanks for all you do for the community!

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A Newsletter published for the residents of the City of Prairie Village

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Mayor's Message

As the summer winds down and we approach the new school year, many of you have questioned the construction work underway at Shawnee Mission East High School. Indeed, our high school is being expanded/renovated by the Shawnee Mission School District for the benefit of our students and community. The work will take approximately two years. As part of the work, you will notice the south senior parking lot expansion. This portion of the project is a joint project between the City and the School District. When finished, the expanded parking lot will create critically needed additional parking spaces.

The new construction process will certainly create inconveniences, especially at school events and when dropping off or picking up students. Though the School District and the City have anticipated and planned for these changes, the unexpected is always present. It will be critical for students, parents, and

staff, as well as our Mission Road travelers, to be as flexible as possible and be ready to alter plans as changes occur.

Thank you in advance for your patience as our high school is improved, and remember, construction is always temporary.

Sincerely,

Ron Shaffer, *Mayor*

Best of Species and Champion Trees of Prairie Village

The City of Prairie Village Tree Board is now accepting nominations for Best of Species and Champion Trees located in Prairie Village. Residents may submit their nominations to the Tree Board at 3535 Somerset Drive, Prairie Village, KS 66208, email to publicworks@pvkansas.com, or call (913) 385-4647. The nomination must contain the street address, species of tree and location on the property, i.e. back yard, side yard or front yard. Additionally, the name, address and phone number of the nominator is helpful for future contact. After receiving nominations the City will take measurements and pictures of the tree for the Tree Board selection. The deadline for nominations is September 15, 2008.

Annual Fall Tree Seminar

The City of Prairie Village Tree Board is planning its annual Fall Tree Seminar for October 1, 2008, at 7 PM in the City Hall Council Chamber. Look for more information in upcoming Village Voice Newsletters.



Attn: Homes Based Businesses

City Ordinance requires 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 in August and should be returned to the City Clerk's office as soon as possible.

If you have a new home-based business, please contact the City Clerk's office for an application or download one at www.pvkansas.com. If you have any questions, call 913-381-6464 or send an email to cityclerk@pvkansas.com.

Questions about Trash, Recycling, and Yard Waste Pickup?

With the recent sale of Deffenbaugh Industries, the City has had a number of inquiries about changes to the City's trash collection services. Currently the City of Prairie Village contracts with Deffenbaugh to pick up trash for most neighborhoods within Prairie Village. (Town and Country, Countryside East and Normandy Square contract for trash service separately). The current contract with Deffenbaugh runs through the end of 2009 and no changes to the current provisions have been approved. Below are some quick tips to assist in the proper pick-up of materials.

General Tips

- Solid waste, recyclables, and yard waste collection is made once per week. You can find a schedule online at www.pvkansas.com
- Trash cans, trash bags, recycling bins, etc. must be placed within 10 feet of the curb. Please do not block sidewalks or place containers in the street.
- There is no limit of the amount of trash, recyclables or yard waste you may leave for the collector to pick up as long as it is properly placed.
- Put solid waste on one side of your driveway and recycling/composting on the other side of the driveway to prevent confusion as to which items are solid waste or recycling/composting
- Solid waste, recyclables, and yard waste should be set out no later than 7:30 am on your regular pickup day. The hauler cannot collect on arterial streets before 9:00 am or between 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm on weekdays.

Solid Waste Tips

- Solid waste containers must not exceed 35 gallons in size and 65 pounds in weight. It is recommended that lids be placed on containers. Disposable plastic and paper bags are also acceptable.

Yard Waste Tips

- Although not required, yard waste should be separated from your normal household trash. Please place yard waste and recyclables on one side of your driveway and household trash on the other side.
- You may put yard waste in plastic bags, but plastic bags cannot go into the compost site. We suggest you use biodegradable paper bags for yard waste. These may be purchased at local hardware stores.
- Tree limbs less than four inches in diameter and brush should be securely tied in bundles (not larger than 48 inches long and 18 inches in diameter when not placed in storage containers.)
- Note: Tree limbs or branches more than four inches in diameter will not be collected.

Recycling Tips

- #1 and #2 plastic containers (must be emptied, rinsed, and have caps removed.)
- Newspaper, office paper, magazines, and junk mail
- Aluminum/steel cans (food & beverage cans only; washed and dried, whole or crushed)
- Corrugated cardboard, chipboard, and carrier stock
- Wet newspapers, glass, plastic bags, and pizza boxes cannot be recycled.

Bulky Item Pickup

- If a special pickup is required for large items, contact a hauler directly at 913-248-3665. They may require an additional charge for this service. If residents leave unsuitable items for pickup, the contractor will notify the resident by a tag system that special pickup is required.

What should I do if my Solid Waste, Recycling or Yard Waste is not Picked up?

Contact City Hall at 913-381-6464. Someone will be happy to take your information and follow-up with the hauler to find out why there is a problem. The hauler should be back to collect missed trash, recyclables, or yard waste within 24 hours of your call.

You can find more information at: www.pvkansas.com/citygov/trash

Arts COUNCIL Prairie Village

PRESENTS

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

August

Just as in nature, **Venus Auxier** feels no two of her works are alike. Her unique arrangement of botanical forms is the reason behind this thinking. She currently conducts workshops at Powell Gardens. The Opening Reception will be August 8th at 6:30 p.m.

September

Images Group, Mixed Media
Opening Reception September 12th, 6:30 p.m.

October

State of the Arts Exhibition
Opening Reception October 10th, 6:00 p.m.

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





Prairie Village Notes



Crime Prevention with Officer Dan Robles

I Want You! (To Be Crime Prevention Aware)

New Pool Hours

Beginning August 11th the pool will be operating on reduced hours.

Monday-Friday 4:30-8:30 pm

Saturday & Sunday 11:00 am-3:30 pm

The pool will close for the season at 6:00 pm on Monday September 1st.

City Offices Closed

City Offices will be closed in observance of Labor Day on Monday, September 1, 2008. 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 Labor Day Holiday on Monday September 1st. As a result trash and recycling collection will be one day late during the week of September 1st.

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.

When I review police reports and other crime prevention information that I receive on a daily basis, I occasionally notice a concerned citizen who had called the police to report suspicious activity. This person may have observed something that seemed out of the ordinary or they did not recognize a particular person at a neighbor's home and they called the police.

I have listed some of the more significant occurrences that you as a concerned and interested citizen may observe in your neighborhood.

SITUATION	POSSIBLE SIGNIFICANCE
Vehicle moving slowly and aimlessly in a repetitive manner up and down a street.	The vehicle occupants could be casing a home or vehicle to burglarize or vandalize.
A parked vehicle containing one or more persons especially at an unusual hour or secluded location.	The persons inside could be lookouts for an accomplice involved in a home or auto burglary in progress.
Subjects are observed loading up a vehicle with valuables at a neighbor's home or a business.	This could be a burglary or theft in progress.
An abandoned vehicle is parked in your neighborhood with or without a license plate or vehicle damage.	This could be a stolen vehicle used in the commission of a crime and the vehicle was left abandoned.
Subject loitering around a parked car located in a neighborhood or business.	Auto burglar waiting to enter or steal a vehicle or vandalize the auto.
A "Business Transaction" conducted in a park, around a school or neighborhood.	Possible drug sales transaction or sale of stolen items.
High volume of people in and out of a residence.	Drug sales, vice activities or the sale of stolen items.

The Crime Prevention Unit suggests you contact the police when you observe suspicious activity because what may concern you does concern the Prairie Village Police Department. Remember, I Want You To Be Crime Prevention Aware!

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