



The Star of Kansas

The Prairie Village

June 2008

Voice

VillageFest 2008



Come celebrate Prairie Village's 12th Annual Independence Day Celebration, **VillageFest 2008!** The fun begins at 7:30 am on **Friday, July 4th**. Admission is **FREE** and all activities will be held on the Municipal Campus, 7700 Mission Road.

The festivities will begin with a pancake breakfast provided by Chris Cakes. Other activities throughout the day will include a Patriotic Service, a Children's Parade, live music, a Family Creativity Center, inflatables for children, and displays and demonstrations by the Prairie Village Police Department, Prairie Village Public Works, and Consolidated Fire District #2.

RETURNING THIS YEAR: The Chinook Helicopter will be here again this year and will land at 8:15 am west of the skate park.

Everyone is invited to VillageFest 2008! Bring your family, friends, and neighbors! If you need assistance or reasonable accommodation to participate in VillageFest, please contact the City Clerk's office at cityclerk@pvkansas.com, 913-381-6464 or TDD 1-800-766-3777 by July 1st to make arrangements.

All events are tentative and subject to change. Visit www.pvkansas.com for details or call 913-381-6464.

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Preliminary 2008 VillageFest Schedule

7:30 am - 11:00 am	Pancake Breakfast provided by Chris Cakes (\$5 adults; \$4 kids)
9:00 am - 2:00 pm	Train Show
9:30 am - 10:00 am	Dino O'Dell and the Veloci-Rappers
10:00 am - 11:00 am	Jim "Mr. Stinky Feet" Cosgrove and the Hiccups
10:00 am - 2:00 pm	Inflatables
10:00 am - 2:30 pm	Beaks N Wings (Exotic Bird Demonstration)
10:00 am - 2:30 pm	Petting Zoo & Pony Rides
10:30 am - 2:30 pm	HyVee Food Station
11:00 am - 11:30 am	Children's Parade
11:00 am - 11:30 am	Marching Cobras
10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Appearance by Slugger, Sizzle, and KC Wolf
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Jessica Horn Band
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Michael Beers Band
12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30	Scott Klamm - Children's and Old-Time Music
10:20, 11:20, 12:45, 1:20	Puppet Shows

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Mayor's Message

It's Summertime in Prairie Village!!

Temperatures are rising, children are out of school, and families throughout Prairie Village are spending more time outdoors working and playing in their yards. The Pool Complex is open, the City's parks are busy, and the Skate Park once again serves as a gathering place for our City's youth.

This summer, I challenge Prairie Village residents to make the most of this season. Enjoy the time outdoors with family and friends. Enjoy the pride that comes from working in the yard or garden. And, most importantly, use this time to connect with your neighbors.

Strong neighborhoods are a defining feature of Prairie Village, as are the City's many homes associations. They contribute to our sense of community, and can even help improve safety when neighbors look out for each other.

Sponsoring a block party is a great way to get to know your neighbors. A block party will let

you close off the street, providing more room for you and your neighbors to enjoy each other's company, as well as a large, safe area for children to play.

In order to close the street, you'll need to obtain a block party permit, and the City will provide the barricades. The permit is free, and you can often get members of the Police and Fire Departments to stop by and join in your neighborhood celebration.

Block party permit forms are available from the City Clerk's Office and online at www.pvkansas.com.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Sincerely,

Ron Shaffer, *Mayor*

VillageFest Community Spirit Awards

It's that time of year again when the VillageFest Committee seeks your input! Each year, VillageFest committee members recognize community members with a VillageFest Community Spirit Award. Let us know who to honor this year with a Community Spirit Award by nominating them today! Nomination forms are available online at www.pvkansas.com or contact Jeanne Koontz at 913-381-6464. **All nominations must be submitted by June 13, 2008.**

75th Street Corridor Study

The City of Prairie Village kicked-off its first public workshop on the 75th Street Corridor Study on April 22nd. Over 100 individuals came and participated by sharing their ideas and visions for 75th Street. Many of the participants took a tour of key intersections and noted positive and negative characteristics of the corridor. After the tour, the participants broke into smaller groups which looked at issues related to the types of uses individuals would like to see along the corridor, transportation ideas/concerns, pedestrian connectivity, visual enhancement ideas, and then overall general visions for the corridor. Some of the ideas generated included: having more retail options serve as centers of interest or destination locations, bury utility lines, provide bike lanes, connect into transit through neighboring

communities, and add new trees along street. You can see all of the ideas generated at the workshop at www.villagevision75.com.

HNTB Corporation, the consultant selected to assist with the study, will take the ideas and develop plan alternative concepts for areas along the corridor. These concepts will be presented at three separate public workshops:

Tuesday, June 17, 2008, 7-9 p.m.

Thursday, June 19, 2008, 7-9 p.m.

Saturday, June 21, 2008, 9-11 a.m.

All of the workshops will take place at Asbury United Methodist Church in Hager Hall (5400 West 75th Street). We hope you will be able to attend one of the workshops to continue vision and help determine the future of this important corridor. If you have comments about the 75th Street Corridor Study, send an email to 75@pvkansas.com.



CODE CORNER

by Marcia Gradinger, Code Enforcement Officer

Summer is here and people are out and about walking, running, playing, working in the yard and enjoying the weather. Please review the following City codes and help keep your property and our City clean, safe, and attractive for all.

- Keep trees healthy with regular pruning to remove any dead, broken or overgrown limbs and remove any limb debris which has fallen into the yard. Trees that are dead need to be removed.
- Check trees and shrubs regularly to ensure they do not protrude into the City street or hang low and impede traffic. Limbs must be at least 14 ft over the street.
- Property owners are required to maintain the sidewalks in front of their property free from any debris which may fall upon them. Please check sidewalks regularly and remove any debris which has fallen upon on them.
- Also check to make sure shrubs & trees do not protrude into the sidewalk and limbs are at least 9ft high over the sidewalk. Please help to keep our sidewalks pedestrian friendly and safe.
- City ordinance requires that grass, including weeds and grass in and along the sidewalk, right of way, and curbing, be maintained to 8" or less. Any noxious weeds such as poison ivy are to be removed.
- Maintain easements and drainage channels free from over grown thickets, brush, weeds and grass, leaves or any other debris. Overgrown vegetation can attract insects and vermin.
- One female mosquito can lay 100-300 eggs at a time in just a small amount of standing water, and eggs may hatch within 7 to 12 days. Please check and eliminate stagnate water in areas such as gutters, buckets, bird baths, small swimming pools or any other receptacle that water may stagnate in. For more information on mosquitoes you may check the K-State website at www.oznet.k-state.edu/library/ENTML2/MF2571.pdf
- Make sure trash cans are secured with lids, stored behind the front building line out of public view, not set out until the night before pickup and returned to a proper storage area after pick up.
- Trailers, RV's, and boats may not be parked or stored in the front yard setback.
- Vehicles must be legally licensed and in an operable condition.

If you have any questions regarding any of these issues or others, you may contact me at 913-385-4605 or go to our website at www.pvkansas.com

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping to make Prairie Village a great place to live.

Arts COUNCIL Prairie Village

PRESENTS

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

June

Steve Karol has his own philosophy about art. It should express three things: beauty, emotion and an idea. All three of these are evident in the works he produces. His current favorite media of expression is digitally enhanced photography; however, he has also mastered the use of oils, acrylics and watercolors. Opening Reception June 13th, 6:30 pm

July

Senior Arts Council, Mixed Media Opening Reception July 11th, 6:30 pm

August

Venus Auxier, Botanical Art Opening Reception August 8th, 6:30 pm

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

Exterior Home Grant Program

The Prairie Village Exterior Grant Program has begun and the City has approved 12 grants and has only a limited number of remaining grants available. To qualify you must be in one of three eligible areas (see <http://www.pvkansas.com/codes/ExteriorGrantProgram.shtml>), a minimum of \$5,000 invest is required to be eligible. The grants range from \$1,000 to \$2,500 and are awarded as a 20% reimbursement of eligible total costs of construction and/or materials. For more information Contact the Codes Department of City Hall 913-381-6464 or www.pvkansas.com.

Prairie Village...Needs You!

Volunteers make Prairie Village work! Through a network of over 20 advisory committees, Prairie Village residents have the ability to help make an impact on our community. There are currently vacancies on the following City committees: Communications Committee, Park and Recreation Committee, and Sister City Committee. If you would like more information or are interested in applying for membership on one of these committees, contact the City Clerk's office at 913-381-6464 or download a volunteer application form at www.pvkansas.com.



Prairie Village Notes

Public Forum

The Parks and Recreation Public Forum is on Wednesday, June 11th at 7 pm in Council Chambers at City Hall. Let your voice be heard!

Take a Dip After Dark – Moonlight Swims

The Prairie Village Pool will stay open until 10:00 p.m. on three evenings this Summer. This is a great opportunity to get together with friends and enjoy an evening at the Pool.

Weather permitting, moonlight swims will be on:

- June 20
- July 11
- August 8

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

Home Security Matters

While I was recently reviewing some police reports I noticed similarities in some of the burglary reports. I noted some doors and windows were left unlocked, some alarm systems were not activated and a few homes were not properly illuminated.

While you are performing your spring cleaning be sure to take a look at your home like a burglar might do, and try to make your home more resistant to an intruder. I have listed a security check list which may assist you as you take on this important task.

It is okay to take on an "Us against Them" attitude when it comes to home security and your personal safety because home security really does matter.

- Examine your front and back door locks and make sure they are properly working. The doors are a burglar's most common means of entry.
- Know that a solid core door, not a hollow core door, is more resistant to forced entry.
- Replace a push button knob lock with a deadbolt lock to add more resistance.
- Many homes have double hung windows which can be "pinned" by installing a pin in the lower window sash.
- Keep your garage door closed when the garage is unattended.
- An open garage door is an open invitation for any thief.
- Illuminate the exterior entrances to your home. No burglar wants to be illuminated as they walk around a home.

If you plan on heading out of town and will be away from your home for even a few days, be sure to let a trusted neighbor or friend know so they can attend to your home. Their duties may include picking up newspapers, mail or even turning on different lights inside of your home. Questions or concerns? Please don't hesitate in contacting me at drobles@pykansas.com or by phone at 913-385-4613. Have an endless summer!

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