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The Prairie Village

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Voice

Annual Large Item Pick-Up – April 19th Make large item pick-up part of your spring cleaning.

The City's annual large item pick-up will be on Saturday, April 19th. All items must be at the curb by 7:00 a.m. for collection.

CFC CONTAINERS

There will be a separate collection on Saturday, April 19th for CFC containers including refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, icemakers, and de-humidifiers. Call Deffenbaugh Disposal Service at 913-631-3300 for more information.

LARGE ITEM PICK-UP RULES

- All items must be at the curb by 7:00 a.m. for collection.
- Large item pick-up is for residential properties only, not for apartments or commercial areas.
- Any large pieces of glass need to be broken down and placed in boxes.
- Swing sets must be disassembled.
- No items larger than a household-size refrigerator will be collected.

ITEMS NOT COLLECTED INCLUDE

- Tree limbs or tree stumps (only limbs/branches cut into 4 foot lengths and bundled will be collected).
- Hazardous materials (tires, toxic materials, paint cans, car batteries, fireplace ashes, solvents, or oils).
- Excessive quantities of concrete, rubble, or refuse from remodeling, construction, or demolition of buildings.

This is a FREE service for Prairie Village residents, so take advantage of it. For more information about large item pick-up call 913-381-6464 or visit www.pvkansas.com.

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VillageFest 2008 Volunteers Still Needed

VillageFest, the City's annual 4th of July community celebration, is gearing up for its 12th year. Once again, volunteers are needed to make VillageFest another smashing success. Meetings are held in the Community Center on the fourth Thursday of the month. If you're interested in serving on the VillageFest 2008 committee or would like additional information, please contact Jeanne Koontz at 913-381-6464 or send an email to jkoontz@pvkansas.com.





Mayor's Message

On January 14th, the 2008 session of the Kansas Legislature began in Topeka. For the next several months, Representatives and Senators from across the state will be considering issues affecting the lives of all Kansans, including those of us in Prairie Village.

For over 18 years I have had the pleasure of serving Prairie Village residents, first as a council member serving Ward 1 and, since, 1999, as your Mayor. During this time two of the most important things I've learned regarding the State Legislature are that bills can be proposed, debated, and passed very quickly, and that your state Representatives and Senator value your opinion and would like to hear from you.

There are several ways to stay abreast of developments in the Statehouse. You can follow the Legislature's activities in local newspapers and on the Internet. The Legislature's web site, www.kslegislature.org, provides a wealth of information about bills that have been proposed and their status in the legislative process. The site also provides links to the full text of bills, state statutes, and links to your state legislators. You can even listen-in live to the Legislature while it's in session. A toll-free Legislative Hotline is also available by calling 1-800-432-3924.

Your state legislators take your opinions and concerns seriously, and would like to know what you think about the issues. All can be contacted by either phone or e-mail.

- **Sen. David Wysong (R) - District 7**
785-296-7369
wysong@senate.state.ks.us
- **Rep. Kay Wolf (R) - District 21**
785-296-7655
wolf@house.state.ks.us
- **Rep. Sue Storm (D) - District 22**
785-296-7650
storm@house.state.ks.us
- **Rep. Terrie Huntington (R) - District 25**
785-296-7667
huntington@house.state.ks.us

Becoming and remaining an educated and active citizen requires some effort, but it's very rewarding. Each of us should do our best to stay informed about the issues and communicate with our elected representatives at all levels of government.

Sincerely,
Ron Shaffer, *Mayor*

Brick Order Deadline April 1st, 2008



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 April 1st for the brick to be installed in time for VillageFest 2008. 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@pvkansas.com.

Order forms are available at City Hall or www.pvkansas.com/aboutpv/Pave_the_Patio.shtml.

Honoring your Loved Ones

Looking for a way to honor or remember a loved one? The Prairie Village Municipal Foundation accepts donations just for this purpose. For example, the rose garden at Franklin Park was given in memory of Dan Hollub. Specific funds can be set-up. All donations are tax-deductible.



Prairie Village
MUNICIPAL FOUNDATION
Supporting Your Hometown

For more information about the Prairie Village Municipal Foundation, contact Jeanne Koontz at 913-381-6464 or jkoontz@pvkansas.com.

Part-Time Animal Enumerators Needed

The City of Prairie Village is seeking individuals for temporary employment to conduct a door-to-door animal census within the City. Workers must provide their own transportation and will receive mileage reimbursement. Flexible working hours, including evenings and weekends. Census will be conducted Mid-March to May. Send letter of interest to Human Resources Specialist at 7700 Mission Road, Prairie Village, Kansas 66208 or email jobs@pvkansas.com.

Take care of your Pets

During the winter remember to take care of your pets. Following are some guidelines from the United States Humane Society for protecting your pets from the winter cold.

- Pets who spend a lot of time outdoors need more food in the winter because keeping warm depletes energy. Routinely check your pet's water dish to make certain the water is fresh and unfrozen. Use plastic food and water bowls rather than metal; when the temperature is low, your pet's tongue can stick and freeze to metal.
- Warm engines in parked cars attract cats and small wildlife, who may crawl up under the hood. To avoid injuring any hidden animals, bang your car's hood to scare them away before starting your engine.
- No matter what the temperature, wind chill can threaten a pet's life. A dog or cat is happiest and healthiest when kept indoors. If your dog is an outdoor dog, however, he/she must be protected by a dry, draft-free doghouse that is large enough to allow the dog to sit and lie down comfortably, but small enough to hold in his/her body heat.
- The salt and other chemicals used to melt snow and ice can irritate the pads of your pet's feet. Wipe the feet with a damp towel before your pet licks them and irritates his/her mouth.
- Don't leave dogs outdoors when the temperature drops. Most dogs, and all cats are safer indoors, except when taken out for exercise.



Also remember to license your pets. Renew before March 1 to avoid a penalty. Neutered/spayed animals are \$6 and Non-neutered/spayed animals are \$12. Download a license application at www.pvkansas.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Insurance Committee is seeking volunteers with experience and knowledge of commercial insurance.

The Animal Control Advisory Board is seeking 2 committee members.

The Park and Recreation Committee is seeking a committee member to represent Ward 4.

The Communication Committee is seeking committee members to represent Wards 2, 3 & 5.

The Sister City Committee is also seeking committee members.

If you would like more info 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.

Arts COUNCIL Prairie Village

PRESENTS

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

FEBRUARY

Portrait artist, **Mark Glover** has a very unique style. While most artists labor over the details, his works speak volumes with just a few simple strokes. His use of shadows and boldly contrasting colors define his subject's expressions and feelings, and sets his works apart from the ordinary. Using acrylics and oils as his medium, his works are a contemporary marvel. Mark was one of thirty-one finalists in the 2007 State of the Arts exhibit.

MARCH

To Be Announced

APRIL

Margaret Godfrey, Acrylics
Opening Reception April 11th,
6:30 pm

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

Lifeguard & Operations Attendant Applications Being Accepted

The City of Prairie Village is now accepting applications for lifeguards and operations attendants for the 2008 pool season. Lifeguard pay starts at \$8.46/hour. Operations attendants begin at \$6.55/hour. The American Red Cross will once again be offering lifeguard certification courses starting in late winter and early spring. All Prairie Village lifeguards must be Red Cross certified before they can start. Applications are available at City Hall or on-line at www.pvkansas.com under 'Job Openings.' Please contact Chris Engel at 913-381-6464 or cengel@pvkansas.com for further information.



Prairie Village Notes



Crime Prevention with Officer Dan Robles

Look Before You Build

Offices Closed

City Offices will be closed in observance of President's Day on Monday, February 18, 2008.

Come to a Council Meeting

The Prairie Village City Council meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. If you have issues you would like to share with the Mayor and City Council, or questions you would like to ask, please come to a meeting.

On the Friday before each meeting, an information packet, including the meeting agenda, is available online at www.pvkansas.com.

Tax Forms available at Municipal Building

2007 Kansas State Individual Income Tax and Food Sales Tax Refund and 2007 Corporate Income Tax Forms are available in the lobby of the Municipal Offices, 7700 Mission Road, Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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.



Are home repairs, remodeling or homebuilding in your future plans? If so, this month's crime prevention article addresses some things you may want to contemplate before you dust off that hammer. Below is a check list that may save you and your wallet some unexpected expenses as you repair, update or build your new home.

- Always check the references of persons whom you choose to work on your home.
- Ask a friend or neighbor which contractors they have used who they know and trust and who are reliable.
- Trust your instincts; especially if you feel uncomfortable with the workers you chose.
- Remember it is your home whom you are allowing a stranger into so trust is a must.
- Store away any items of value while work is being done so you don't have to worry about the potential of "missing" property.
- Try to avoid leaving your house unlocked for expecting workmen, instead leave a house key with the contractor supervisor.

These are easy tips to follow and they may be even easier on your pocketbook as you move forward with the construction project on your home. It is always better to plan ahead and be security conscience when you are having construction work performed on one of the biggest investments you ever made; your home. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at drobles@pvkansas.com or call me at 913-385-4613.

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