THE PRAIRIE VILLAGE

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PRAIRIE VILLAGE PHOTO CONTEST

The City of Prairie Village is holding a photo contest during the month of January. We're looking for photos of Prairie Village people and places to feature on our website and in the Village Voice. If you like to take pictures or think you have the perfect picture that encapsulates the Spirit of Prairie Village, this photo contest is for you. Submit photos on a CD or other digital format to: PV Photo Contest, 7700 Mission Rd, Prairie Village, KS 66208 by January 31, 2010. Entrants will need to submit appropriate release forms for entries. Forms can be

found on www.pvkansas.com. Winners will be announced on www.pvkansas.com by February 15th.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three photos.

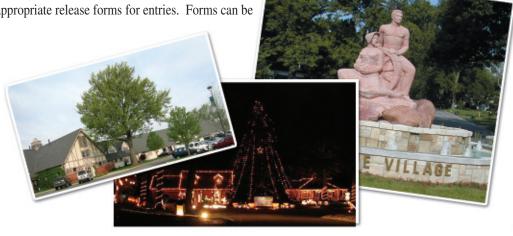
1st Prize: \$150 Gift Certificate

to Prairie Village Shops

2nd Prize: \$100 Gift Certificate

to Prairie Village Shops

3rd Prize: Prairie Village Gift Basket



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Festival
Volunteers

Unclaimed Property



MAYOR'S MESSAGE



I am excited to announce that 2010 will be a very busy year. The City will embark on several major projects in 2010 which will provide many beneficial improvements to our community.

The City Council has approved \$9 million in bond proceeds to implement a major street and storm sewer renovation program. Taking advantage of low interest rates and low construction costs, the City will be able to make

improvements that would normally take 5 years. It is anticipated that the City will save approximately \$1.5 million in construction costs by consolidating the projects. A more detailed article about the improvements can be found on page 8.

In 2009, the City Council also approved a Parks and Recreation Master Plan which outlined possible improvements to your parks system. The City will begin implementing these improvements in 2010. At the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Committee, the City will make improvements to Franklin Park including the construction of a new shelter house, restroom facility, and improvement to existing play areas. The City will be hosting a public forum on proposed improvements on January 13th (see page 3 for more details). In addition, the City will begin exploring the possibility of combining the two parts of Weltner Park by realigning Cambridge Street. This consolidation of the park areas will allow for better use of this park and traffic flow.

The City will also be making changes to its trash, recycling and composting services. The City was proud to announce, in cooperation with Lane-4 and Ripple Glass Recycling, the installation of a glass recycling drop off facility at the Corinth Shopping Center behind the Hen House. In addition, based on concerns that the Johnson County Landfill could reach its capacity by 2027, the City has decided to implement a pay-as-you throw system and limit the ability to combine compostable materials with solid waste. A more detailed article about the changes can be found on pages 6-7.

Finally, the City will begin the search for a new Public Works Director. Bob Pryzby announced his retirement in December. Bob has provided outstanding service to the community for over 15 years and we will miss him dearly. The City wishes Bob all the best as he begins a new stage of his life.

So as the New Year progresses, you will see many enhancements and changes to our wonderful community.

Ron Shaffer, Mayor

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COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

PARK & RECREATION PUBLIC FORUM

The Park and Recreation Committee will be holding a Public Forum at their January meeting to present designs for Franklin Park. The meeting will take place on January 13th at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The 1st Annual Prairie Village Jazz Festival, on September 10th and 11th, 2010, is looking for volunteers to help plan and implement this premier event for our City, as members of the "Friends of PV Jazz Festival" ensemble.

Please join us on Wednesday, January 27, 2010 at 6:30 pm to sign up as a member and learn more about how you can help make this fabulous



opportunity a big success enhancing our City's appreciation of the rich and plentiful jazz culture shared by many in our community.

SAVE THE DATE: Wednesday, January 27, 2010, 6:30 pm, Prairie Village City Hall, 7700 Mission Rd., City Council Chambers.

USAF HEARTLAND OF AMERICA BAND

The Prairie Village Arts Council proudly presents a free performance of the Noteables of the United States Air Force Heartland of America Band. Under the direction of First Lieutenant Michael D. Hoerber, the USAF Heartland American Band, stationed in Offutt Air Force Base near Omaha, Nebraska, represents the finest and most dedicated Air Force professionals, and sets the standard for musical excellence in today's military. The event will be held at the Asbury United Methodist Church on January 31, 2010 from 4:00 - 5:30 pm. The event is free and open to the public. Tickets will be available at City Hall beginning January 4, 2010. For more information contact City Hall at 913-381-6464



or send an email to denslinger@pvkansas.com. For more information Heartland about the of America Band visit http://www.heartlandofamericaband.af.mil.

VILLAGEFEST 2010

The VillageFest 2010 Planning Committee will have its first meeting on Thursday, January 28th at 7:00 pm at City Hall, 7700 Mission Rd, in the Multi-Purpose Room. The Committee will continue to meet on the 4th Thursday of each month. If you would like to participate in planning the event or would like additional information, please contact Jeanne Koontz at 913-385-4662 or send an email to ikoontz@pvkansas.com.



JANUARY

The works of photographer, Anne Nye, will grace the walls of the R.G. Endres Gallery for the month of January. One of her greatest joys is sharing her images. She has participated in the State of the Arts Exhibit, is a member of the Senior Arts Council, and has exhibited at numerous other Kansas City shows. A reception will be held on January 8th from 6:30 – 8:00 pm.

FEBRUARY

Art Students from the Shawnee Mission School District will display their art during the month of February. A reception will be held on February 12th from 6:30 – 7:30 pm.



Locked in Place by Anne Nye

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Unclaimed Property

Did you know that there is more than \$200 million waiting to be claimed by its rightful Kansas owners? The State Treasurer's Office handles all unclaimed property such as a refund check that the recipient never receives. Last year alone the State Treasurer's Office took in over \$21 million in unclaimed property and \$11 million was returned to the rightful owners. Anyone can find out if they have unclaimed property by visiting www.kansascash.com or calling toll free at 800-432-0386. There are no fees or costs levied by the State of Kansas for this service nor are there any fees to claim property. Kansans do not have to pay anything to claim what is rightfully theirs.

Arbor Day Honoree Nominations



The Prairie Village Tree Board is accepting nominations for this year's Arbor Day Honoree. This is an opportunity for the community to recognize the efforts and contributions of outstanding citizens who have made a difference in Prairie Village. Nominees must be current or former Prairie Village residents. Their efforts should have had a positive and lasting impact on the community; they may be living or deceased individuals or couples and may have served the community in any capacity. Nominations will be accepted until February 26, 2010. You may obtain nomination forms online at www.pvkansas.com or at the Municipal Offices. Nominations received after that date will be considered for the following year. Nominations will be considered for three years before being removed from consideration.

City Council Filings

City Council elections will be held for all Wards on April 6, 2010. Persons interested in filing for office should contact the City Clerk's Office at 913-381-6464 or send an email to cityclerk@pvkansas.com. Filing deadline is noon, January 26, 2010.

Receive the Village Voice by Email



To sign-up to receive an **electronic copy** only of the *Village Voice*, contact Jeanne Koontz at jkoontz@pvkansas.com or 913-385-4662. If you are already signed up for this service, please confirm that you would like to continue.

Public Works Director Retires



Bob Pryzby, Public Works Director, retires after 15 years of dedicated service. We thank Bob for his dedication and commitment to the City of Prairie Village. He will be missed.

UPCOMING EVENTS								
DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION	DATE	EVENT	TIME	<u>LOCATION</u>	
January 4th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers	February 1st	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers	
January 18th	Offices Closed	All Day		February 15th	Offices Closed	All Day		
January 19th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers	February 16th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers	

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Lifeguard and Operations Attendant Applications are Being Accepted



The City of Prairie Village is accepting applications for lifeguards and operations attendants for the 2010 pool season. Lifeguard pay starts at \$8.46/hour. Operations attendants begin at \$7.25/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 online at www.pvkansas.com. Please contact Chris Engel at 913-381-6464 or cengel@pvkansas.com for further information.

Ball Field Reservation Applications Due

Baseball season will be here before you know it, and ball fields in Prairie Village are always in demand. Make plans now to reserve a practice field for your team.

The City of Prairie Village allows reservations of ball fields for soccer, baseball, and softball practices. Prairie Village teams (those with a majority of players who are Prairie Village residents or attend school in Prairie Village) will be given priority for field reservations, but any team may apply to reserve a field. Teams can reserve two

practice times per week for up to 1 1/2 hours. Fields are available in Porter, Franklin, Windsor and Meadowlake Parks. The Baseball Field at Franklin Park will not be available due to park enhancements.

If your team reserved a field during 2009, your coach should receive a 2010 application form soon. You may also obtain one at the Municipal Offices or online at www.pvkansas.com/parks. There is a \$75 reservation fee per team that must be submitted with your application.

Holiday Tree Recycling Program



The City will once again sponsor a Holiday Tree Recycling Program for Prairie Village residents. Trees may be placed in the designated areas of Porter, Franklin, and Meadowlake Parks, and in the Harmon Park parking lot near the water tower. Trees must be free of all lights, ornaments, stands and any metal nails, etc. as these items will damage the chipping machine. Residents may take the chips for their own use. The program will be available from December 26, 2009 to January 17, 2010.

CITY CONTACT INFORMATION

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Dennis Enslinger, Assistant City Administrator

Joyce Hagen Mundy, City Clerk

Bettina Jamerson, Municipal Court Administrator

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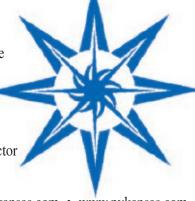
Wes Jordan, Chief of Police

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WASTE MANAGEMENT CHANGES

As we approach the New Year, the City of Prairie Village wanted to update you on the upcoming changes to the solid waste, recycling and composting regulations under the City's program. Please note that if your homes association currently provides trash services you should check with your association to see if any changes have been proposed to your service.

The Johnson County Landfill is the current location for all solid waste material collected under the City's contract with Deffenbaugh Industries. In December of 2007, Johnson County adopted a new County Solid Waste Management Plan which is one of the principal driving forces behind the changes to the City's program.

Our new contract with Deffenbaugh Industries, Inc. is the result of long negotiations, thorough assessment of our solid waste, recycling, and composting needs, and pending changes in our regions regulations. The City understands several of the changes will require

The Johnson County Solid Waste Management Plan states that to keep the Johnson County Landfill viable until its closure in 2027:

- The region must increase curbside recycling
- The region must eliminate disposal of yard waste in the landfill by 2011
- The region must work towards implementing a countywide volume-based waste collection rate structure

adjustments to your current practices. THE CHANGES WILL BEGIN ON MAY 3, 2010.

Prior to the implementation of the changes to the program, the City will host several informational sessions during which you will be able to ask questions; see the types of containers, first hand, prior to picking the size of your solid waste container; and pick up free yard waste bags.

The City along with Deffenbaugh Industries will be sending a special addition of the *Prairie Village Voice* in March of 2010 to provide you with additional information. You will also receive postcards reminding you of key dates during the process. In addition, the City's website www.pvkansas.com

will provide more information on the changes.

If you have questions or if you would like someone to speak at a Homes Association meeting regarding the proposed changes, please contact Dennis J. Enslinger at denslinger@pvkansas.com or 913-385-4603.

The following homes associations provide their own waste management services:

Countryside East Corinth Downs Normandy Square Paddock Court Town and Country

So if you live in one of these neighborhoods, you should contact your homes association to see if any changes have been made to your service.

Changes to Regular Trash Collection (Solid Waste)

- Each household will be provided with one 65 gallon or 35 gallon trash cart. You will be able to choose the appropriate size for your needs.
- The trash carts will be delivered in April of 2010. These green containers with black lids can be wheeled to the curb on your collection day and stored in your garage or behind the front building line of your home.
- Solid waste (regular trash) will be limited to what fits in the trash cart. Any excess can be set out in standard trash bags but will require an overflow waste sticker at a cost of \$1.25 per bag. Items must fit in a standard trash bag. Overflow waste stickers will be available at several locations.



(WASTE MANAGEMENT CHANGES)

Changes to Recycling Collection



- Each household will be provided with one 65 gallon recycling cart
- The recycling carts will be delivered in April of 2010. These green containers with yellow lids can be wheeled to the curb on your collection day and stored in your garage or behind the front building line of your home.
- Recycling will continue to be unlimited. You may place your excess in your old recycling bin, or any other container labeled with the word "recycling" or the universal symbol for recycling.
- The list of recyclable material will not be changing.

Changes to Yard Waste Collection (Compostable Material)

- Yard waste must be placed in a biodegradable paper bag or a 35 gallon or less rigid container. Standard bundles of 4 feet in length and less than 18 inches in circumference are also allowed.
- Yard waste will not be allowed in the regular trash container or in plastic bags.
- You will be allowed 8 items (any combination of bags, containers, or bundles) during the months of January, February, May, June, July, and December.
- You will be allowed 12 items during the months of March, April, August, September, October and November.
- Any excess can be set out in approved containers, bags, or bundles but will require an overflow waste sticker at a cost of \$1.25 per item.
 Overflow waste stickers will be made available at several locations.



Changes to Bulky Item Pickup



- The City will still hold a City-wide annual Bulky Item Pickup in April. In 2010 it is scheduled for Saturday, April 24th.
- You will also be allowed one bulky-item each month. Monthly bulky-items must be smaller items such as rugs, counter top appliances, or small furniture.
- The following items are excluded from bulky item pickup: construction materials, automotive parts, tires, batteries, hazardous waste, etc.
- If you have more than one bulky item you will still be able to schedule a bulky item pickup with Deffenbaugh for a separate fee.

I PUBLIC WORKS

Busy Construction Season for Public Works in 2010



The next year and a half will be very busy for the Public Works Department. The City is currently embarking on a major street and sewer renovation program. The Public Works Department will be coordinating the construction of more than three times the number of street and storm sewer projects than normally constructed.

In December, the City issued just over \$9 million in bonds to finance the improvements. Taking advantage of low interest rates and low construction costs, the City will be able to make improvements that would normally take 5 years. It is anticipated that the City will save approximately \$1.5 million in construction costs by consolidating the projects. The overall renovation program includes street construction, replacing metal pipes with concrete pipes, and adding storm sewers to two streets that do not currently have a storm sewer system.

The street construction will include work on many streets throughout the City. The improvements range from complete street reconstructions that include all new pavement, curbs, sidewalks and driveway approaches to smaller street projects which include mill and overlay with repair to the curbs, sidewalks and driveways.

The storm sewer work involves the replacement of old corrugated metal drainage pipes with new concrete pipes. Many of the existing metal pipes have outlasted their useful life and by replacing them the overall quality of the storm water drainage system will be improved. Two other storm sewer projects will add new storm sewers to streets that currently do not have them.

In addition to the work, the City will be conducting its normal maintenance projects which include the Concrete program, Drainage program, Slurry Seal program, Crack Seal program, Asphalt Repair program, and the Pavement Marking program. As you can see, there will be significant construction activity in 2010 in the City. For more detailed information related to these projects including a map of all scheduled activity, visit the Prairie Village website at www.pvkansas.com/pubwork.



(PUBLIC SAFETY)

Technology Upgrades in the Police Department

In 2009, the City Council approved two significant technology enhancements within the Police Department; Intergraph, which is our new records management and computer aided dispatch system and ICOP, our new in-car digital system. When Prairie Village transitioned to Intergraph, we joined a consortium that includes most cities in Johnson County. The system promotes better information sharing and collaboration between other law enforcement agencies. Providing mobile data terminals inside the patrol car keeps officers in the field where they can respond to calls for service more effectively. Report writing is streamlined as officers are able to send the reports via a secure internet connection to supervisors, and then

have the same report uploaded to the records management system, which eliminates dual entry by Records personnel. The ICOP in-car digital video system is the third system the Police Department has implemented since the mid 1990s. This system gives us the ability to store in-car video recordings on a server which improves our efficiency. In addition to better quality recordings, the system has other features that improve overall maintenance, and further help our mission of serving the public. The next time you have the opportunity, take a look at a squad car and see how we are making improvements to better serve the community.

THE COMFORT OF COMPOST

You have three 50-year-old trees on your property, your street is lined with oak trees, and you've just learned that the Region is moving towards a pay as you throw system. So, what is the solution? Learn the comfort of compost!

Compost is a soil-like material that is formed when plant and other organic matter decompose through the beneficial action of insects, earthworms, bacteria and fungi. Making and using compost reduces both the quantity of materials going into landfills and the need to add man-made chemicals to gardens.

Compost DO'S and DON'TS:

- DON'T create a fire hazard, nuisance or health hazard
- · DO include yard waste
- DON'T include kitchen scraps, food items and garbage
- DO locate in the rear yard at least 15 feet from any building and at least 5 feet from the property line, in an area where water will not stand
- DON'T exceed 150 cubic feet in volume and 4 feet in height
- DO enclose on three sides
- DO keep moistened
- DO layer repeatedly 2-3 inches of sand or soil, 6-8 inches of yard waste, 1-2 inches of fertilizer or manure
- DON'T have more than one pile per acre of property
- DON'T compost: black walnut leaves or twigs, coal or charcoal ash, diseased or insect-ridden plants, pet wastes, yard trimmings treated with chemical pesticides or herbicides

TIPS for a successful compost pile:

- Pick a shady spot
- Include a mix of "browns" (dead leaves, twigs) and "greens" (grass clippings) in your compost
- Chop or shred larger materials. Warning: whole oak leaves last forever
- · Periodically turn materials to distribute air and moisture



COMMUNITY CORNER

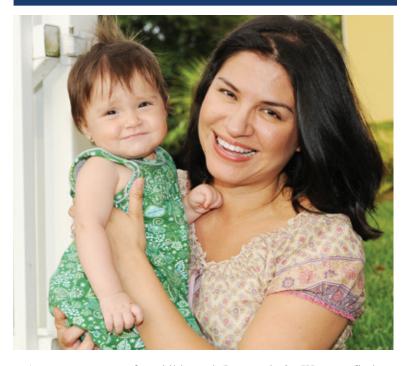
Resident Spotlight

Ruth Bell, a Prairie Village resident, celebrated her 100th birthday in November 2009. Her former co-workers and officials from the Shawnee Mission and Blue Valley school districts celebrated the milestone with her. Ruth retired in 1995 as director of Blue Valley Media Services and dedicated many years to the school libraries in Johnson County. The Blue Valley school district was recognized as School Library Media Program of the Year in 1981 by the



Encyclopedia Britannica Educational Corporation and the American Association of School Librarians. Happy Birthday, Ruth!

MOPS – Mothers of **Preschoolers**



Are you a mom of a child aged 5 or under? Want to find a community of moms to share in the journey of motherhood? Nall Avenue Baptist Church MOPS group is now registering for the Spring semester. Mothers of Preschoolers is led by mothers themselves and designed for mothers. We meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 9:30 - 11:30 am. For more information and the spring schedule contact us at children@nallave.org or call the church at (913) 432-4141. Don't attend Nall Avenue Baptist church? Not a problem. MOPS is for all moms of preschoolers.

50 Plus Program Activities

No experience necessary in this absolute Basic Beginner Painting class for 50 PLUS! Your instructor, Barbara O'Leary, discusses the different painting mediums and how they act and react. Learn to sketch and then paint a work of art. Classes meet at Prairie Village Community Center Wednesdays at 10 am beginning January 27th.



Now Forming! Utilize light hand weights with basic yoga

poses to reshape your body and mind in one total body workout known as Iron Yoga. Classes will meet at the Prairie Village Community Center Thursdays at 8:30 am. Please call 913-826-3160 for more information.

Get Fit and Feisty with an energizing morning workout of low impact aerobics, Pilates and strength training. Exercises stretch and tone your body while providing an effective cardiovascular workout. Classes meet at Prairie Village Community Center Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:15 am.

These programs are brought to you by the Johnson County Park & Recreation District 50 Plus Program. Sign up for any program at least a week ahead of time at the Roeland Park office by calling (913) 826-3160.



(PV HAPPENINGS)

Prairie Village Citizens' Police Academy

The Prairie Village Citizens' Police Academy is a community-involved program designed to provide citizens with firsthand knowledge of the day-to-day operations of a modern police department.

The goal of the academy is to improve the relationship between the community and its police officers by "personalizing" the Department.

The Academy achieves this goal through lectures, visual aids and hands-on field work to give the attendees the ultimate insight into the functions of the Prairie Village Police Department.

The Academy is an 11-week course and meets one day each week. If you are interested in attending the Citizens' Police Academy, download the application from the city website, www.pvkansas.com, and return it to the Prairie Village Police Department. Contact Sgt. Myron Ward at 913-385-4623 for further information.

The next Citizens Police Academy will meet from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings starting in *February 2010*.



Large Item Pick Up



The City's Annual Large Item Pickup will be on Saturday, April 24th. All items must be at the curb by 7:00 am for collection. There will be a separate collection on the same date for CFC containers including refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, icemakers, and dehumidifiers. For Large Item Pickup Rules visit www.pvkansas.com. This is a free service for Prairie Village residents, so take advantage to clean up!

2010 Street Projects

The following streets are scheduled for construction in 2010. For more details visit www.pvkansas.com or contact Public Works at 913-385-4647.

Aberdeen Street (77th Street to 79th Street) Cambridge Drive (78th Street to Somerset Drive) Canterbury Drive (77th Street to end of CDS) Cedar Street (70th Terrace to 71st Street) El Monte Street (74th Terrace to 75th Street) Fontana Street (75th Street to 79th Street) High Drive (71st Terrace to 73rd Street) Juniper Lane (83rd Street to 86th Street) Somerset Drive (Mission Road to Roe Avenue) 67th Street (Mission Road to Roe Avenue) 72nd Terrace (Tomahawk Road to Nall Avenue) 75th Place (Booth St to Belinder Avenue) 76th Street (State Line Road to Booth Drive) 79th Street (Booth Street to Belinder Avenue) 79th Street (Cambridge Street to Booth Drive) 79th Street (Roe Avenue to Nall Avenue) 79th Terrace (Rosewood Drive to Nall Avenue) 80th Terrace (Rosewood Drive to 81st Street) 83rd Street (Nall Avenue to Roe Avenue) 87th Street (Somerset Drive to Nall Avenue) 90th Street (Roe Avenue to Somerset Drive) 93rd Street (Delmar Road to Roe Avenue)

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(VILLAGE GREEN)

Glass Recycling



Glass recycling is now available in Prairie Village! Look for the purple bin from Ripple Glass behind the Corinth Hen House. Ripple Glass is building a state-of-the-art glass processing plant and developing a metro-wide collection network. A local company will convert the recycled glass into fiberglass insulation, saving massive amounts of energy while producing a product that saves more energy.

Glass Recycling DO'S and DON'TS:

- No need to sort the glass
- No need to remove the labels
- DON'T recycle plate glass, mirrors, Pyrex, Corning ware, ceramics, or dishes
- DO recycle all glass food and beverage containers, of any color (including mason jars)

Visit www.rippleglasskc.com for more information.