

# VOICE

The Star of Kansas



## VILLAGEFEST 2009



District #2. The schedule of events and map are on pages 5 and 6 of the newsletter. Don't forget to save the flyer and bring it on the 4th!

The Headstrong for Jake bike rodeo will be returning again this year. The bike rodeo is designed to teach bicycle riding skills, as well as educate both children and their parents regarding the importance of always wearing a properly fitted bike helmet. New bicycle helmets will be provided for the first 350 registered participants by the Jake Clough Headstrong Foundation. All who participate need to bring their own bicycle to the bike rodeo.

Everyone is invited to VillageFest 2009! 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](mailto:cityclerk@pvkansas.com), 913-381-6464 or TDD 1-800-766-3777 by July 1st to make arrangements.



Come celebrate Prairie Village's **13th Annual Independence Day Celebration, VillageFest 2009!** The fun begins at 7:30 am on **Saturday, 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 by Chris Cakes (\$5 a person). 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 by the Prairie Village Police Department and Consolidated Fire

### FEATURES:

**3** Soles 4 Souls

**5** Village Fest

**7** 50+ Program



# MAYOR'S MESSAGE



As you review this Village Voice, you will notice the newsletter's new look. The Village Voice was given a makeover thanks to the work of City staff and the Communications Committee. The new look is a full-color, eight page, bi-monthly newsletter. The governing body and city staff desire to provide citizens with a timely, informative newsletter that includes information most pertinent to and for you, our residents. Let us know what you think and what you would like to see. We welcome your feedback.

The many new features are designed to keep you up-to-date on what is going on in our community.

- The Committee Spotlight section will feature the important work of our citizen committees.
- The PV Happenings section will feature upcoming city events, department news and council news.
- The Community Corner section will include non-profit community events and news. In the future, there will also be sections on Project Updates, Green Spotlight and Public Safety news.

We want to tell the story of our City through the eyes and experiences of our residents. Do you have a neighbor or friend who enriches the lives of others in PV? Is so, we want to know.

For more information about the *Village Voice* or to submit story ideas, contact Jeanne Koontz at 913-385-4662 or [jkoontz@pvkansas.com](mailto:jkoontz@pvkansas.com). Also if you would like to receive an electronic copy only, send an email to [jkoontz@pvkansas.com](mailto:jkoontz@pvkansas.com) with your name, address and email.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Ron Shaffer, Mayor

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# Arts

## COUNCIL

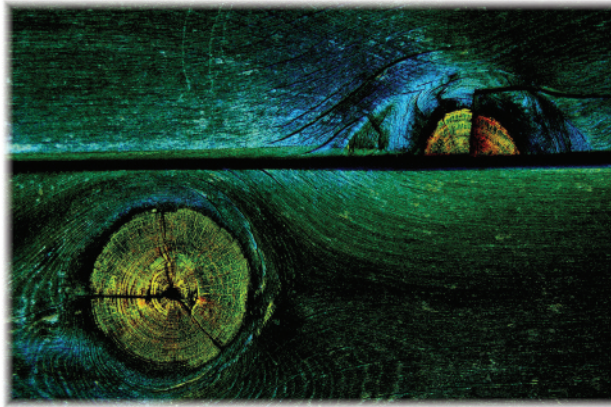
### Prairie Village



Mark your calendars now to view these exhibits and attend opening receptions honoring these talented artists. Gallery hours are Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.

### JULY

Winding up our “Triple Play” of photographic exhibits in the gallery for the year, is **Mark Raynes**. Just when you think you have seen it all, along comes another portrayal of everyday items revamped in such a way that they become works of art. Mark is a returning exhibitor in the gallery and his works make it easy to understand why. Artist Reception is July 10th, 6:30 – 7:30 pm.



“Moondance” by Mark Raynes.

### AUGUST

Over the years, the **Senior Arts Council** has continued to amaze and delight the public with its incredible talent. Their range of media and skills is matched only by their ability to unmask the beauty of ordinary items. Artist Reception is August 14th, 6:30 – 7:30 pm.

## Are You An Artist Or Know An Artist?

The Prairie Village Arts Council encourages you to submit your application for the 2009 Prairie Village State of the Arts juried exhibition. The exhibition is open to artists 21 years of age or older and will be featuring two-dimensional or three-dimensional and wall mounted art. Artwork must be original and executed within the last two years.

Three prizes of \$1000 will be awarded, including the R.G. Endres Memorial Best of Show Award. Artists may submit up to three (3) works of art. Only one may be accepted for exhibition. Digital images must be submitted with the Entry Form either online through [www.pvkansasarts.com](http://www.pvkansasarts.com), or on CD. Applications and additional requirements can be found at [www.pvkansasarts.org](http://www.pvkansasarts.org) or [www.pvkansas.com](http://www.pvkansas.com). In addition, you can contact Connie Walsh at 913-381-6464 for more information. Submission deadline for the exhibition is July 31, 2009. The State of the Arts Exhibition is held the month of October with an award reception on October 9, 2009.

## COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

### ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

### SOLES4SOULS RESULTS

Thank you to everyone who donated shoes to the Soles4Souls collection event. The final number of shoes collected was 13,254 pairs. The shoes were shipped in 333 boxes and sent to Soles4Souls in **Nashville!** This was a **collective effort** by many volunteers and donors who supported it in only a few months, but with wonderful results! The drive could not have been so successful without the generous donations from Scott-Rice Office Works, Ryan Transportation, Zimmer Realty, Elite Feet, and the boundless energy and input from the Shawnee Mission East Environmental students and their advisor, Kristin Carmody.



Soles4Souls Volunteers: Cheryl Landes, Margaret Goldstein, Savannah Duby, Qi Chen, Margaret Thomas.



## PV HAPPENINGS

### Fun In The Sun



Pool Season is in full swing at the Prairie Village Pool. The daily fee is \$6. Regular Hours are 11:00 am to 8:30 pm. Still don't have that pool membership? Starting July 16th pool memberships go half price. Beginning August 17th the pool opens at 4:30 pm and closes for the season on September 7th. Mark these upcoming events on your calendar:

- July 4th – VillageFest – Free swim for all Prairie Village residents
- July 10th – Moonlight Swim – pool remains open until 10:00 pm
- July 26th – 50th Annual Water Show – 8:30 pm
- August 7th – Moonlight Swim – pool remains open until 10:00 pm

### Budget Hearing August 3rd

A public hearing will be held on **Monday, August 3rd at 7:30 pm** in the City Council Chambers to invite comments and suggestions about the City's **2010 Budget**. If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this public hearing or any other City meetings, events, or programs, contact the City Clerk's Office at 913-381-6464 or TDD 1-800-766-3777 or send an email to [cityclerk@pvkansas.com](mailto:cityclerk@pvkansas.com) at least 48 hours prior to the meeting to make arrangements for the accommodation. A copy of the proposed budget will be available on the City's website and at the City Clerk's office by August 3, 2009.

### Ball Field Reservations Due

Applications for Fall soccer and baseball practice times will be received until July 24th. If you do not receive an application in the mail by July 10th, contact the City Clerk's office at 913-381-6464 or visit [www.pvkansas.com](http://www.pvkansas.com).



## CITY CONTACT INFORMATION

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Joyce Hagen Mundy, City Clerk  
Bettina Jamerson, Court Clerk

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# PRAIRIE VILLAGE, KANSAS

# VILLAGEFEST

## 2009

### FOURTH OF JULY

**Saturday, July 4th**  
**7:30 am – 2:00 pm**

Prairie Village Municipal Campus, 7700 Mission Road



## CELEBRATION SCHEDULE



### All Day Events.....9:00–2:00

**Information Booth**.....*Front of City Hall*  
**Skate Board Facility**.....*Near City Hall Parking Lot*  
**R.G. Endres Art Gallery**.....*Inside City Hall*  
**Train Show**.....*Inside City Hall (Council Chambers)*  
**Climbing Wall**.....*City Hall Parking Lot*  
**Kiddie Ferris Wheel**.....*City Hall Parking Lot*

### Food for Purchase

**Chris Cakes** *Harmon Park Pavilion* .....7:30–11:00  
*Hosted by Old Mission Masonic Lodge #153*  
**The Treat Trike** (Ice Cream) *City Hall Park Lot*.....10:00–2:00  
**Hy-Vee** *Community Center Lawn*.....10:30–2:00

### Displays

**City Committee & Sponsor Displays**.....9:00–2:00  
*Community Center Lawn*  
**Police Dept/Med-Act/Fire Dept** .....9:00–2:00  
*City Hall Parking Lot*

### Attractions

**YMCA Kids Tumbling Area** *CC Lawn*.....9:00–2:00  
**Creativity Center** *Community Center*.....10:00–2:00  
**Petting Zoo** *Community Center Lawn* .....10:00–2:00  
**Pony Rides** *South of Community Center* .....10:00–2:00  
**Wacky Banana Inflatables** *CC Lawn* .....10:00–2:00  
**Sister Act Face Painting** *CC Lawn* .....10:00–1:00  
**Beaks & Wings** *Community Center Lawn*.....10:00–2:00

### Special Events

**Chinook Helicopter Landing** .....8:30  
*West of Skate Board Facility*.....**Takeoff at 2:00**  
**Child ID Program (CHIPS) Police Station**.....9:00–1:00  
**Bike Rodeo** *City Hall Parking Lot*.....10:00–Noon  
**Free Swim** *Prairie Village Pool Complex*.....11:00–6:00  
**Children's Parade** *In Front of City Hall* .....11:00  
*Decorate your bikes, trikes and wagons and meet east of City Hall by 10:45. All are welcome to participate. No registration needed.*  
**Joel's Flying Lawn Mower Brigade** *In Front of City Hall, following the Children's Parade*.....11:30–11:50

### Entertainment

*Main Stage – Directly Across From City Hall*  
**Funky Mama** .....9:30–10:00  
**Jim "Mr. Stinky Feet" Cosgrove and the Hiccups!** .....10:00–11:00  
**Billy Ebeling & the Late for Dinner Band** ....Noon–1:30  
*South of Community Center*  
**Clement McCrae Puppets** 10:20, 11:20, 12:20, 1:20  
*At the Harmon Park Pavilion*  
**Patriotic Service** .....9:00–9:45  

- Welcome by Mayor / Pledge of Allegiance
- Star Spangled Banner
- Reenactment of Benjamin Franklin, Founding Father, by Frederick Krebs
- Sing-a-long
- Student Poster Contest Winners
- Community Spirit Awards

**Miller Marley Minitainers** .....10:00–10:30  
**Rolland Love as Silas Goodrich, Expert Fisherman of the Lewis & Clark Expedition** .....10:45–11:45

### Special Guests

**Scott Klamm Music Demonstration** .....9:00–10:30  
**KC Wolf** .....10:00–Noon  
**Uncle Sam** .....10:00–Noon  
**Shriner Clowns** .....10:00–1:00  
**Roving Magician** .....11:30–1:00

### Free Parking:

Shawnee Mission East High School  
*7500 Mission Road*  
Mission Road Bible Church  
*7820 Mission Road*  
Mission Road Community of Christ Church  
*7842 Mission Road*

### Restrooms:

City Hall Police Department Community Center  
Harmon Park Pavilion Prairie Village Pool Complex

### Lost and Found:

Information Booth located in front of City Hall

### For More Information:

Call City Hall at 913-381-6464 or visit...

[www.pvkansas.com](http://www.pvkansas.com)

Day of event – Look for volunteers

in VillageFest shirts / vests

*Schedule is subject to change.*

**Don't Forget to Bring Blankets or Lawn Chairs!**

**VillageFest 2009 thanks the following sponsors:**



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**PRAIRIE VILLAGE, KANSAS**  
**VILLAGEFEST**  
**FOURTH OF JULY 2009**

**MISSION ROAD**

Parking



Entrance Closed

Children's Parade Staging Area and Starting Point

City Hall  
RESTROOMS

Water Station

Info Booth & Volunteer Check-In

Main Stage Directly Across From City Hall

*Children's Parade  
 Joel's Flying Lawn Mower Brigade*

Police Station  
RESTROOMS

Community Center Lawn

Prairie Village Pool Complex  
 Free Swim 11:00-6:00  
 RESTROOMS

Water Station

Community Center  
RESTROOMS

City Hall Parking Lot Area

HyVee Food Station

Harmon Park Pavilion  
 Chris Cakes Pancake Breakfast  
 Patriotic Service

RESTROOMS

Skate Board Facility

Water Station

Disabled Entrance Only

ADA Parking

Chinook Helicopter Landing Zone

**MISSION ROAD**

# COMMUNITY CORNER

## FOURTH FRIDAY CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Live music and free food are center stage at the Fourth Friday Concerts! Join us for a great summer evening relaxing with friends and listening to live music at Franklin Park from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Bring a blanket or a lawn chair and join the fun. Kids can enjoy Kevo the K Clown, face painting and balloon animals!

- June 26th – featuring Recess (Rock & Roll)
- July 24th – featuring KC Rain Dogs (Old Country Blues, Boogi-Woogie, and early Rock & Roll)
- August 28th – featuring Prairie Pocket Pickers (Bluegrass)



For more information call Janet at 913-901-2312 or visit [www.HillcrestCovenant.org](http://www.HillcrestCovenant.org). Fourth Friday Concerts are sponsored by Hillcrest Covenant Church.

## Shape Up For Summer

Stretch, tone and strengthen your core, muscles and cardiovascular system with a combination of Pilates, Strength Training, Hi-Low Aerobics and Agility Training. Join the Total Body Workout Class (Fifty Plus Fit and Feisty) sponsored by the Johnson County Recreation 50+ Program. Classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 7:15 am to 8:15 am at the Prairie Village Community Center located at 7700 Mission Road in Prairie Village.



Get fit and have fun at the same time with the Aqua Arthritis Class. Enjoy this fast-paced water class that is sure to leave you feeling more energized than ever! Resistance equipment challenges those hard-to-get muscles. Classes are held Mondays and Wednesdays, from 5:30 – 6:20 pm at the Prairie Village Swimming Pool located at 7711 Delmar. Registration Deadline is June 29th.

For more details, contact the 50 Plus Coordinator, Michelle Alexander at (913) 236-4343.

## Free Friday Night Movies

Prairie Village Shops and Corinth Square Shops will be showing movies on Friday nights this summer. Movies begin at Twilight. Bring a lawn chair and be ready for a great evening under the stars.

- June 26th: “Wizard of Oz” at Prairie Village Shops
- July 10th: “Raiders of the Lost Ark” at Corinth Square Shops
- July 24th: “ET” at Prairie Village Shops

## Submit Your Community Event

The Community Corner Section will feature events, articles and news from non-profit community organizations in Prairie Village. Non-profit organizations may submit articles, photos (high-resolution) and events to [jkoontz@pvkansas.com](mailto:jkoontz@pvkansas.com) for inclusion in the Community Corner.

## Resident Spotlight



Jan Durr

The City recognized **Jan Durr** at the June 1st City Council Meeting by presenting her with the Police Department’s Supervisory Recognition Award for her exemplary performance on December 1, 2008.

Jan has been faithfully and safely crossing children over the course of twenty-four years. On December 1, 2008, three vehicles turned onto Belinder Avenue traveling at rapid speeds. Jan heard the Police Car siren and shut down the crosswalk at Belinder Elementary School and stopped vehicle traffic from moving. Jan moved children from harms way as the vehicles drove erratically through the crossing. The City of Prairie Village is grateful for Jan’s exemplary work.

## Submit Your Photos

**We’re looking for pictures of Prairie Village residents, community groups, and landmarks to feature in the Village Voice. If you would like your pictures to be featured, submit a high-resolution jpeg to [jkoontz@pvkansas.com](mailto:jkoontz@pvkansas.com).**

# SISTER CITY VISIT

The Prairie Village Sister City Committee welcomed a delegation of visitors from our sister city, Dolyna, Ukraine, during the first week of June. The visit was arranged through the Open World Program of the Library of Congress and hosted by the International Visitors Council of Greater Kansas City. The delegation consisted of five city representatives and a facilitator. Prairie Village residents hosted the visitors in their homes during their stay.

The visitors spent a day observing Prairie Village government operations and attended a city council meeting. Also on the agenda were visits to the Prairie Village Public Works, the Shawnee Mission School District, Johnson County Community Services, Board of Elections, and meetings with local state legislators. The group visited the State Capitol, the Kansas State Museum and Library, and KU's Center for Russian, Eastern European and Eurasian Studies.

Next year the Sister City Committee is planning a Ukrainian art exhibit. The director of the Dolyna museum is interested in collecting children's drawings from Prairie Village for display. One of the purposes of sister cities is to stimulate environments through which communities will creatively learn, work, and solve problems through reciprocal cultural, educational, municipal, business, professional and technical exchanges and projects and the Sister City



Deputy Mayor Victor presenting the traditional "Oberih" to Mayor Shaffer. The Oberih is a traditional Ukrainian symbol of "good luck", much like the horse shoe is in our American tradition.

Committee hopes the Ukrainian art exhibit will help bring our two communities closer.

For more details and pictures of the visit, go to [www.pvkansas.com](http://www.pvkansas.com).

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