

VOICE



You're invited: VillageFest 2023

Celebrate Independence Day at the City of Prairie Village's 27th Annual VillageFest Celebration on Tuesday, July 4. Activities are held on the Municipal Campus at 7700 Mission Road and in Harmon Park.

The festivities begin with a pancake breakfast hosted by Chris Cakes from 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Harmon Park Pavilion. Breakfast is \$6 per person. The patriotic ceremony will be held at 8:30 a.m. with Kansas City Symphony Chorus member and Prairie Village resident Kristy Lambert singing the National Anthem followed by the presentation of the Community Spirit Awards.

If you like baking, enter the annual pie baking contest for the chance to win a prize and bragging rights for the best

pie. Register at www.pvkansas.com/piebakingcontest.

Other activities throughout the day run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Returning favorites include a giant slip and slide, children's parade, live music, children's crafts, bounce houses and other inflatables, petting zoo and pony rides, face painters, history exhibit, and much more. "The Little Village," a designated area for children aged three years and younger will be located near the Community Center. Admission and activities are free.

Everyone is invited to VillageFest 2023. The schedule of events and map are on pages 4 and 5 of this newsletter. Save the enclosed flier and bring it to the event on the Fourth of July!

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Unsure which ward you live in?
Visit www.pvkansas.com/wardmap.

A Message from the Mayor



Dear friends and neighbors,

Festival season is off to a strong start in Prairie Village. On the long list of what makes this the best (and most popular!) small city in America, our fun, unifying festivals are right up there.

The Prairie Village Arts Show celebrated its 66th year with packed crowds, amazing art, delicious food and drink, activities, live music and more. What an opportunity to connect with old friends, make new ones, and enjoy a savory slice of Americana. For many, this is their favorite event of the year and the best arts show in the region. Thanks to First Washington, sponsors and volunteers, including our Prairie Village Arts

Council, for making it such a success.

While that show has been around almost as long as the City, the Meadowbrook Park Festival is still in its infancy. That baby, too, however provided a wonderful evening filled with local artists, food trucks, games and live music on the stunning Great Lawn of our world-class Meadowbrook Park. The new art (Gateway) and playground framed children's laughter filling the air. Thanks to the Johnson County Parks & Recreation Department and its Foundation for partnering with the City. Proceeds from that event support public art.

By the time this hits mailboxes, our annual Juneteenth celebration will be in the record books. Local children created dozens of inspiring, colorful posters with visions of what Juneteenth Freedom means to them. They were all so good; I'm glad I didn't have to be a judge for that contest! We are grateful for the volunteers, staff and sponsors, including Stand Up for Black Lives+PV, the Johnson County NAACP, Village Church and our PV Diversity Committee for bringing us this fun celebration.

Also a historic favorite, especially with the children, our beloved, patriotic VillageFest celebration kicks off with a pancake breakfast at 7:30 am on July 4 at Harmon Park. Our hard-working VillageFest volunteers prepared tons of free, family-friendly activities from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. including a giant slip-and-slide, history display, petting zoo, pony rides, pie baking contest, bounce houses, bike parade, Mr. Bones, arts and crafts, police and fire demonstrations, music, food trucks and more.

You might mark your calendars for JazzFest September 9 from 3-10 p.m. also at Harmon Park...one of the region's best jazz festivals. Our recently-renovated outdoor theater awaits for you to enjoy what we expect to be a magical evening of smooth, cool jazz.

And to beat the heat between your festival-hopping and other activities, our updated multi-pool complex provides a daily summer festival of cool water relief, relaxation, slides and fun for all ages.

So for an antidote from the grind, a local vacation from the ordinary, respite from the rancor, high value for your entertainment spend, and something to make you and your loved ones smile and laugh, Prairie Village delivers. Come out, relax, connect with neighbors, and elevate your summer at our Prairie Village festivals.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Best regards,

-Eric



PRAIRIE VILLAGE
JAZZ
FESTIVAL

September 9
3 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Harmon Park

Save the date!

Dates to Note

Date	Event	Time	Location
7/4	Independence Day - City offices closed	All day	All City offices
7/4	VillageFest	7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Harmon Park
7/11	BZA/Planning Commission	6:30 p.m.	City Hall
7/12	Arts Reception	7 p.m.	City Hall
7/13	Housing Forum	4-7 p.m.	Meadowbrook Park
7/17	Council Meeting	6 p.m.	City Hall
8/1	Planning Commission	7 p.m.	City Hall
8/7	Council Meeting	6 p.m.	City Hall
8/21	Council Meeting	6 p.m.	City Hall

Back to School with a Firefighter



The Prairie Village Foundation and CFD2 are at work planning the 2023 Back to School with a Firefighter event. Before school starts, firefighters will take nine children on a Target shopping spree for school supplies. Then they'll have a pizza party at the fire station.

This event is made possible through contributions to the Prairie Village Foundation. Please consider using the QR code on the back of this newsletter to make a donation today!



shannon brook

opening reception

R.G. ENDRES GALLERY
7700 MISSION RD

july 12, 2023
7:00 PM

R.G. ENDRES: JULY 8-SEPT 9
MEADOWBROOK: JULY 8-NOV 4

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PRAIRIE VILLAGE ARTS COUNCIL

Call for Entry

STATE OF THE ARTS 2023

4 CATEGORIES
3 ENTRIES ALLOWED
\$3,500 IN PRIZES

SUBMISSIONS: JUN 30 - JUL 23
ENTER: ARTSPV.ORG/SOTA2023

The Prairie Village Diversity Committee invites you to

Meet your neighbor



Jyoti Mukharji

Jyoti Mukharji is a retired physician living in Prairie Village with her husband and oldest son. She has a passion for cooking, and enjoys sharing that passion with others.

How long have you lived in Prairie Village?

Since 1995

What made you move to Prairie Village?

My family was living in Lenexa and we were looking for a home closer to my two younger sons' school - Pembroke.

What do you like about living in Prairie Village?

I love Prairie Village. I love how open Prairie Village is. I love living close to Franklin Park. I love the City Hall art gallery. Prairie Village is in a central location close to the plaza, and I enjoyed raising children here. I've met wonderful people and have lovely neighbors.

What are your favorite restaurants and things to do in PV?

- R.G. Endres art gallery at City Hall
- Cafe Provence
- Story
- Caffeteria
- Salty Iguana
- BRGR
- French market
- Verbena

Do you feel that PV is a diverse place to live?

Five years ago, I would have said no, but today I think so. My neighbors are Albanian, mixed race couple. There has been more diversity now than there ever has been.

How would you describe Prairie Village?

Prairie Village is a beautiful place to raise children. It's centrally located and offers a lot of good schools, good restaurants, good neighbors, good parks and the arts.

2024 BUDGET

Work is well underway on the 2024 budget. Learn more and view the budget calendar online at: pvkansas.com/budgetcalendar



Green Team recognized for Arbor Day

The Green Team, a group of more than 20 fourth to sixth grade students at Prairie Elementary School, was named 2023 Arbor Day honoree by the Prairie Village Tree Board. On April 29, many of the students and their parents gathered in Porter Park where a shagbark hickory was planted to honor the team.

Another Prairie Village Tree named State Champion

Prairie Village is now home to a Kansas State Champion English oak tree estimated at over 100 years old, dating back to the early part of the 20th century.

The tree is in the backyard of residents Lindsay and Skip Voitik and was measured in late April by Kim Bomberger of Kansas Forest Service, Prairie Village Urban Forestry Specialist Bridget Tolle, and members of the Prairie Village Tree Board.

The tree has a height of 74 feet; with a crown spread of 74 feet; and a circumference (measured 4.5 feet off the ground) of 12 feet, 5 inches.

The Voitik's were notified of the award in late May. Prairie Village now has six Kansas State Champion trees, second in Johnson County to Olathe's



seven Champion trees.

Johnson County, with 28 Kansas State Champion trees has the most in the state of Kansas. There are 139 champion trees statewide. For more information, go to the Kansas Forest Service Champion Tree Report at kansasforests.org.





VillageFest

July 4, 7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Prairie Village Municipal Campus, 7700 Mission Road

Special Events

Patriotic Ceremony & Community Spirit Awards

Harmon Park Pavilion - 8:30

Star Spangled Banner performed by Kristy Lambert

Mayor's Welcome - 9:00

From the CFD2 Bucket Truck on the Skate Park Lawn

Pie Baking Contest

Registration and pie drop off inside City Hall - 8:30

Results on the mainstage - 11:00

www.pvkansas.com/piebakingcontest

Children's Parade

Decorate your bikes, trikes & wagons and meet at City Hall by 11. Parade will be at 11:15.

All are welcome to participate.

No registration necessary.

Entertainment

Main Stage—Across from City Hall

10 a.m. - "Mr. Stinky Feet" and the Hiccups

11 a.m. - MultiPhonic

Harmon Pavilion & City Hall Parking Lot

Sterling Silver Sound DJ

Free Parking

Shawnee Mission East High School, 7500 Mission Road

Mission Road Bible Church, 7820 Mission Road

Mission Road Community of Christ, 7842 Mission Road

ADA Parking is available in the Shawnee Mission East lot or at City Hall.

Restrooms

City Hall

Police Department

Harmon Park Pavilion

Pool Complex

Food for Purchase

Harmon Pavilion

7:30-11:00

Chris Cakes

Parking Lot

9:00 - 1:00

Treats by Rex Nolan

Polar Oasis

Morty's KC

WaterOne Quench Buggy
(FREE)

Free Swim

12 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Prairie Village Pool

Questions

Visit the Information Booth located in front of City Hall.

Don't forget to bring a reusable water bottle and blankets or lawn chairs!

Attractions & Displays 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

City Hall Parking Lot

Trackless Train

Quad Jump

Climbing Wall

15-Foot Slide

Tornado

Yard Games

Police Department

Med-Act

Huey Helicopter

City Hall Grounds

Bubble Guy

Balloon Twister

Community

Center Lawn

Face/Hair Painting

Young Kids Area

Inflatables

Petting Zoo

Pony Rides

Harmon Park

Skate Park

Slip 'N Slide

Basketball Court

Environmental Committee

Children's Crafts

Roaming

Mr. Bones

KC Wolf

CFD2

Fire Department

Inside City Hall

Historical Display

R.G. Endres Art Gallery



Parking

ADA
Parking

ADA
Parking

Entrance
Closed

ADA
Parking

MAIN STAGE

Inflatables

Petting Zoo

Face & Hair
Painting

COMMUNITY
CENTER LAWN

Environmental
Committee
Craft Tent

Inflatables

Vendor
Entrance
Only

Pony Rides

Parking

CFD2
FIRE STATION

VillageFest



POOL COMPLEX
Restrooms
Free Swim 12-6

HARMON PARK
PAVILION
Chris Cakes
Pancakes
Patriotic Service

Restrooms

Slip 'n Slide

SKATE PARK

Rides

PARKING LOT
AREA

Police
Department
Med-Act
Huey
Helicopter

Food
Vendors

Food
Vendors

POLICE
STATION
Restrooms

Balloon Twister
Bubble Guy

Historic Display

Contest
Pie Baking

Art Gallery
Restrooms

CITY HALL

INFO BOOTH
Volunteer
Check-In

Children's
Parade Starting
Point

Crime Prevention Detective strives for informed, resilient community

The Prairie Village Police Department proudly welcomes Detective Seth Meyer as the newest Crime Prevention Detective. With a 23-year career in law enforcement and a diverse range of assignments, Detective Meyer brings a wealth of experience and expertise to the community. Throughout his career, he has served in various capacities, including patrol officer, School Resource Officer, Detective, and Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT) member.

A core aspect of Meyer's role will be community education on crime prevention. He firmly believes that an informed community is a more resilient one. Through various outreach programs, workshops, and community events, Meyer will educate residents on practical ways to minimize the risk of becoming victims of crime. He aims to create a community that actively participates in its safety by empowering individuals with knowledge and skills.

Through various online platforms, Meyer will inform residents about crime trends, safety tips, and community events, ensuring that Prairie Village remains a safe and closely-knit neighborhood.

Meyer will also conduct property threat risk assessments and build solid relationships and partnerships with local businesses, retirement communities, apartment complex management, and homeowners' associations. By working closely with these key stakeholders, he hopes to establish a proactive approach to crime prevention, emphasizing the importance of cooperation between law enforcement and the community.

The Prairie Village Police Department is confident that Meyer's dedication and expertise will significantly contribute to the overall safety and security of the community. With his extensive law enforcement background, passion for crime prevention, and commitment to fostering strong relationships with the community, Meyer is poised to make a lasting impact on Prairie Village.

For further inquiries or to get in touch with Detective Meyer, please call the Prairie Village Police Department at 913-385-4657.



Team ball field reservations begin soon

Applications for soccer and baseball fields for the fall season will be accepted beginning July 3. Fields will be assigned beginning July 17. If you do not receive an application via e-mail by July 10, contact Barb Fisher in the City Clerk's office at bfisher@pvkansas.com or visit www.pvkansas.com for more information.

Staff Spotlight

Name: **Mitch Dringman**
Position: **Building Official**
Years with the City: **9**

Responsibilities: **The building official is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the City's Codes Administration Department. Responsibilities include performing inspections of residential and commercial buildings during all phases of construction to ensure that they are compliant with the building code and zoning ordinances of the City, reviewing plans submitted to the city to ensure they are designed code compliant, providing logical, common sense explanations of building code and zoning regulation requirements to contractors, design professionals and homeowners, and supervision of the Codes Administration staff.**

Favorite thing about working for Prairie Village: **I enjoy working with all of the staff in my department and in the City.**



Name: **Daniel Timmons**
Position: **Maintenance Worker 3**
Years with the City: **25**

Responsibilities: **I help with landscaping and maintenance on City property. I cut grass, clean up leaves, plant flowers, plow snow, and assist with trash in the parks.**

Favorite thing about working for Prairie Village: **Among all of my responsibilities, two of my favorites are cutting grass and plowing snow.**



Name: **Seth Meyer**
Position: **Crime Prevention Detective**
Years with the City: **19**

Responsibilities: **Community education on crime prevention, curate PD social media content, property threat risk assessments, and building solid relationships and partnerships with local businesses, retirement communities, apartment complex management, and homeowners' associations.**

Favorite thing about working for Prairie Village: **My favorite thing about working for Prairie Village is that it feels like you are one big family.**



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Reader Feedback
Please send your comments to:
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TOUCH-A-TRUCK

The Prairie Village Public Works Department hosted a touch-a-truck event May 25 for area children. Staff displayed and demonstrated a skid steer, dump truck, wheel loader, street sweeper and more. A new addition at this year's event was a floral plow blade painted by Public Works Crew Member Jessie Pohl. Jessie helped other young artists paint two additional plow blades during the event.



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Adam Geffert, City Clerk

Jason Hannaman, Finance Director

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7710 Mission Road

Byron Roberson, Chief of Police

PUBLIC WORKS (Facility now home to Building Codes)

3535 Somerset Drive

Keith Bredehoeft, Public Works Director

SOCIAL MEDIA

Are you on social media? Follow the City of Prairie Village and the Police Department for the most up-to-date information on City happenings.



DONATE

If you would like to make a donation to the Prairie Village Foundation, open your smartphone's camera and hover over this QR Code. A page will pop up directing you to the Foundation's website.



EVERYONE MAY PARTICIPATE

If anyone requires an accommodation to participate in public meetings, contact the City Clerk's office at 913-381-6464 (TDD 800-766-2777) at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting time, if possible, to make arrangements.