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Prairie Village community center campus study moves forward

The City of Prairie Village, in partnership with the YMCA of Greater Kansas City and Johnson County Library, is moving into the next phase of a multi-year study of a new Community Center Campus in Harmon Park.

This study creates an opportunity to replace the aging Paul Henson Family YMCA with a new facility, operated and programmed by the Y. The study will consider the existing YMCA parcel, as well as sites close to existing amenities like the aquatic center, skate park and municipal buildings. Johnson County Library is

also part of this creative partnership as it considers alternatives for a new branch to replace its Corinth location.

The Prairie Village community is invited to hear more about this study and provide input at a public meeting scheduled for 4-7 p.m. on Thursday, January 25, at the Meadowbrook Park Clubhouse, 9101 Nall Ave. Two additional public meetings will follow.

For more information about the study, public meetings, and engagement opportunities, visit www.pvkansas.com/communitycenter.

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A Message from the Mayor



Dear friends and neighbors,
This New Year is bursting with opportunity for Prairie Village.

As we do every year, we will start early in 2024 building our 2025 budget from the ground up. Finding that balance between efficient use of resources and the increasing investment necessary to deliver the top-quality police, public safety, services, infrastructure and amenities that Prairie Villagers expect is always a challenge. Thanks to our hard-working staff and Council and your input, our collaboration will again produce a budget reflecting our shared values and sustaining our civic excellence.

Also in 2024, we expect to continue developing proposals for major new investment improving our Civic Center Campus. Look for multiple public input opportunities as we create renderings, funding, amenities, and related details envisioning a new City Hall, Police/Justice Center, Community/Indoor Recreation Center, Library, shelter, and more co-located within easy walking distance amidst Harmon Park and our pools.

We will continue to address our housing cost and diversity challenges. Can we retain Prairie Village's historic character as accessible to middle-income workers, such as teachers, nurses, and police, while also preserving and enhancing the other unique, valuable and charming characteristics that we all cherish? Based on resident input, areas of early focus in 2024 are likely to include teardown/rebuild standards, commercial center mixed uses, and short-term rental policy. With each of us dedicated to civility, good faith, transparency, cooperation, and compromise in the process, we will face these challenges and find the best, unique Prairie Village solutions.

Infrastructure projects underway throughout the City will continue with road, drainage and park improvements, along with bike-ped enhancements. These and other work the City does in 2024 and beyond will be in the context of our carbon emission reduction goals.

Many of our 2023 festivals set records; we will build on that success throughout the year at our many City events and festivals. Longer term, we will begin planning for two major events coming in the next few years: Our City's 75th anniversary, and the World Cup.

Your City services are provided for less than \$3 per resident per day...folks used to say "it's about the price of a cup of coffee". Given the price of some coffee now, it's less! I hope you'll agree that's a heck of a value. Nonetheless, we will continue to strive to keep it as low as we responsibly can. To that end, we have plans to expand our several tax rebate programs in 2024 as well, lowering effective tax rates for more residents.

For these and other reasons, I am optimistic that 2024 will be one of Prairie Village's best years yet. I look forward to your help making it so, and enjoying our wonderful quality of life here together.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Mikkelson".

-Eric

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



Holiday tree drop-off available until 1/14

The holidays have come and gone, and it's time to un-deck the halls. Prairie Village residents have multiple options for live tree disposal.

Republic Services will pick up live trees at the curbside for the first two weeks in January 2024. Trees taller than 6 feet must be cut in half prior to removal. The trees will be picked up with other compost/yard waste items on each resident's typical trash pickup date.

Additionally, the City sponsors a tree recycling program which runs from December 22, 2023 to January 14, 2024. Trees can be placed in designated areas of Porter, Franklin, and Taliaferro Parks where they will be turned into wood chips. Residents may take the chips for their own use.

Dates to Note

Date	Event	Time	Location
1/1	New Year's Day observed - City offices closed	All day	City offices
1/9	Planning Commission Meeting	7 p.m.	City Hall
1/10	Arts Council Gallery Reception	7 p.m.	City Hall
1/13	I Have a Dream (Home) Action & Celebration Event	4 p.m.	Village Church
1/15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - City offices closed	All day	City offices
1/16	City Council Meeting	6 p.m.	City Hall
1/25	Community Center Campus Study Public Meeting	4-7 p.m.	Meadowbrook Park Clubhouse
2/5	City Council Meeting	6 p.m.	City Hall
2/6	Planning Commission Meeting	7 p.m.	City Hall
2/19	President's Day - City offices closed	All day	City offices
2/20	City Council Meeting	6 p.m.	City Hall

For a full list of upcoming council and committee meetings, visit pvkansas.com.



Newly elected, re-elected Council members sworn in

Newly-elected and re-elected City Council members were sworn in during the December 4, 2023 City Council meeting.

Council members, pictured above from left, are Terry O'Toole representing Ward 1, Inga Selders representing Ward 2, Tyler Agniel representing Ward 4, Nick Reddell representing Ward 5 and Ian Graves

representing Ward 6. Not pictured is Lori Sharp representing Ward 3. Sharp joined the meeting via Zoom.

Contact information for each Council member is available on page 2 of each edition of the Village Voice. A ward map, designed to help residents identify their ward, is available under the 'Discover

Prairie Village' tab on the City's website, www.pvkansas.com.

During the same City Council meeting in December, outgoing Council members Chad Herring, Bonnie Limbird, Piper Reimer, and Courtney McFadden were recognized for their service to Prairie Village.



STAND UP FOR BLACK LIVES+ PV CITY OF PV PV DIVERSITY COMMITTEE
JOHNSON COUNTY NAACP VILLAGE CHURCH 2 THE MAAXE

PRAIRIE VILLAGE 3RD ANNUAL
"I HAVE A DREAM (VOTE)" EVENT
HONORING
REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

1.13.24 4-5:30 PM

VILLAGE CHURCH 6641 MISSION RD.

ALL AGES WELCOME
STUDENTS EARN 1.5 SERVICE HOURS

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

BERNARD FRANKLIN, PHD - MANAGING DIRECTOR OF UNCORNERED
REP. SHARICE DAVIDS - KANSAS U.S. SENATOR, 3RD DISTRICT

GUEST PRESENTERS

MAYOR MICHAEL POPPA, REV. DR. DIONNE BOYICE, REV. DR. RODGER NISHIOKA,
DR. GEORGE WILLIAMS, JAMES WARD BAND, KC BOYS & GIRLS CHOIR,
DJ ICE KOLE & TROY SANDERS

IN-PERSON OR LIVESTREAM
WWW.VILLAGEPRES.ORG/ONLINE



Arbor Day Honoree nominations open

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 or organizations who have made a difference in Prairie Village. 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 29, 2024. You can obtain nomination forms online at www.pvkansas.com/tree-board and scroll down to 'Arbor Day.'

MLK event to be Jan. 13

As a part of the city's ongoing efforts to better know and welcome our diverse neighbors, Stand-Up for Black Lives+, City of Prairie Village, Prairie Village Diversity Committee, JCNAACP Village Church, and 2 The Maaxe are pleased to sponsor an event honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his message of service and inclusion. The event will be held at 4 p.m. January 13 at Village Church. All are invited.



Police Citizen's Academy

Graduates of the 2023 Prairie Village Police Department Citizen's Academy were recognized during a City Council meeting in November. The Academy is a 10-week course that meets on Wednesday evenings from September through November. Course topics include: traffic enforcement, Kansas law, officer safety tactics, crime scenes, communications, and use of force. Those interested in Citizen's Academy must be able to commit both time and energy, must possess a concern for law enforcement service in our community, and must be at least 18 years of age.

UPDATED 12-4-2023

PRAIRIE VILLAGE ARTS COUNCIL
2024 CALENDAR
ARTIST EXHIBITS, RECEPTION & MORE!

All receptions below to be at R.G. Endres Gallery at Prairie Village City Hall.

JANUARY 10, 7-8PM
JANICE MUDD, HEATHER LOWE & AMANDA MCCOLLUM
[R.G. ENDRES GALLERY](#) | 01/06 - 03/02/2024

MARCH 6, 7-8PM
CAROL KIEFER JOHNSON, BRYCE HOLT & DAVID COSS
[R.G. ENDRES GALLERY](#) | 03/02 - 05/04/2024
[MEADOWBROOK CLUBHOUSE](#) | 03/02 - 07/06/2024

MAY 8, 7-8:30PM
ART OF PHOTOGRAPHY JURIED COMPETITION 2024*
[R.G. ENDRES GALLERY](#) | 05/04 - 07/06/2024

JULY 10, 7-8PM
ROBERT KLAUSING, LARRY DEGRAFF & GREG LARSON
[R.G. ENDRES GALLERY](#) | 07/06 - 09/07/2024
[MEADOWBROOK CLUBHOUSE](#) | 07/06 - 11/02/2024

SEPTEMBER 11, 7-8:30PM
STATE OF THE ARTS JURIED COMPETITION 2024*
[R.G. ENDRES GALLERY](#) | 09/07 - 11/02/2024

NOVEMBER 6, 7-8PM
AIMEE FRESIA, LISA HEALEY & JEAN MCGUIRE
[R.G. ENDRES GALLERY](#) | 11/02/2024 - JAN. 2025
[MEADOWBROOK CLUBHOUSE](#) | 11/02/2024 - MAR. 2025

• SUMMER 2024 | ART THERAPY WORKSHOPS - TBA

• APRIL 7
SHOOTING STARS GALA**
NERMAN MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART, 3CCC
WWW.ARTS3000.ORG FOR TIME & MORE INFO

• JULY 4
VILLAGEFEST**
PV MUNICIPAL COMPLEX / HARMON PARK
WWW.PVKANSAS.COM

• MAY 31 - JUNE 2
PRAIRIE VILLAGE ART SHOW**
SHOPS AT THE VILLAGE | WWW.PVARTSHOW.COM

• SEPTEMBER 7
PRAIRIE VILLAGE JAZZFEST**
HARMON PARK | WWW.PVKANSAS.COM

*ANNUAL JURIED COMPETITIONS
**EVENT BY OTHER, PVAC WILL HAVE A ROLE AS SPONSOR OR PARTICIPANT.

Community Development Department offers trio of grant opportunities

Exterior Grant

The 2024 Exterior Grant program will begin accepting applications on February 1. Applications will be reviewed in the order they are received until all grant funds are exhausted.

Eligible improvements include but are not limited to: complete exterior house painting or siding, door/window repair and replacement, new roof, gutters, shutters, front-facing concrete work (driveways, sidewalks & stoop), and foundation repairs. In order to qualify, the property must be owner-occupied or have a current rental property license in place for the previous 365 days prior to approval.

Eligible homes can be located anywhere within City boundaries and must have a Johnson County appraised value of \$400,000 or less for 2023. The City will provide a 25% match for exterior improvements with a minimum \$2,000 investment by the property owner. Reimbursement amounts from the City will be a minimum of \$500 and a maximum of \$2,500.

Applications must include proof of current homeowner's insurance.

Sustainability Grant

The 2024 Sustainability Grant program will begin accepting applications on February 1. Applications will be reviewed in the order they are received until all grant funds are exhausted.

Energy-saving improvements must meet the 2021 International Energy Conservation Code. Eligible improvements include, but are not limited to the following: home energy audit by a certified auditor, solar power, wind power, energy-efficient HVAC or water heater, energy-

efficient windows or doors, insulation, geothermal heating and cooling, and duct sealing.

The City will provide a 25% match for energy efficiency improvements for one- and two-family dwellings with a minimum \$2,000 investment by the property owner. Reimbursement amounts from the City will be a minimum of \$500 and a maximum of \$2,500. New in 2023, insulation-only projects require a \$1,000 minimum investment and will match 50% of project costs.

Applications must include bids for the improvements, including project specification sheets, and proof of current homeowner's insurance.

Exterior Grant for Trash Container Screening

The 2024 Exterior Grant Trash Container Screening program accepts applications year round. Trash containers must be stored behind the front building line and screened from street view. The City will reimburse trash container screening projects at 50% of the construction costs up to \$100 maximum reimbursement.

Eligible homes can be located anywhere within City boundaries and must have a Johnson County appraised value of \$400,000 or less for 2023.

Applications must include a description of the screening and estimated costs.

Applications for all three grant opportunities will be accepted online at <https://prairievillageks.portal.opengov.com/>. For more information on these programs visit www.pvkansas.com/grants or call 913-385-4604.

Staff Spotlight

Name: **Stephen Albright**
Position: **Accountant**
Years with the City: **24**

Responsibilities: **I'm responsible for daily and monthly accounting responsibilities, this includes things like accounts payable, accounts receivable, journal entries, and payroll.**

Favorite thing about working for Prairie Village: **I enjoy the responsibilities of the job itself, and I like working with my fellow employees.**



Name: **Jeff Gouvion**
Position: **Street/Drainage Maintenance**
Years with the City: **27**

Responsibilities: **My responsibilities are varied but include: pool, concrete and asphalt work, snow removal, and pot hole repair. Public Works is generally responsible for everything to help keep the city going.**

Favorite thing about working for Prairie Village: **I enjoy meeting with residents and talking to them.**



Name: **Stephanie Whitaker**
Position: **Records Clerk**
Years with the City: **16**

Responsibilities: **I handle any walk-ins at the Police Department's front window, proofread and complete police reports. I answer calls from citizens, attorneys and other police agencies. I also fingerprint citizens for employment. I provide background checks on potential employees for different companies.**

Favorite thing about working for Prairie Village: **I love the people I work with. I feel like we are just one big family.**



Solid Waste Collection 2024

Large Item Pickup:

April 20 - Homes west of Roe and south of 79th Street
 April 27 - Homes east of Roe and south of 75th Street
 May 4 - Homes west of Roe and north of 79th Street
 May 11 - Homes east of Roe and north of 75th Street

Denotes Bulky Item & Holiday Delay

Denotes Small Bulky Item Week

Denotes Holiday Delay

January 12 Yard Waste Items						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

February 12 Yard Waste Items						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

March 12 Yard Waste Items						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

April 12 Yard Waste Items						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

May 12 Yard Waste Items						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

June 12 Yard Waste Items						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

July 12 Yard Waste Items						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

August 12 Yard Waste Items						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

September 12 Yard Waste Items						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

October 12 Yard Waste Items						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

November 12 Yard Waste Items						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

December 12 Yard Waste Items						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Small bulky item: Residents are allowed to set out one bulky item each month during the first full week of the month. Items cannot be larger than 2' by 2' and should weigh less than 45 pounds. For more information visit pvkansas.com/trash.

Remove staples to keep this calendar and recycling guide for future reference.



Recycle Better

YES

These items go in your recycling bin:



Opaque Plastic Bottles
(replace lids and caps)



Clear Plastic Bottles
(replace lids and caps)



Spray Bottles
(discard nozzles)



Plastic Tub
(replace lids)



Plastic Buckets
(5 gal. and smaller)



Aluminum Cans



Steel Cans



Aerosol Cans
(empty, no "hiss")



Aluminum Foil
(clean and crumple)



Metal Tins



Cardboard Boxes
(flatten)



Pizza Boxes
(recycle clean side)



Paperboard Boxes



Paper Rolls



Paper Bags



Paper Trays



Paper Cartons



Junk Mail



Magazines
& Catalogs



Newspaper



Office Paper



Paperback Books



Phone Books



Wrapping Paper
(discard ribbons/bows)

NO

Do NOT place these items in your recycling bin:



Plastic Bags & Film*



Bagged Recyclables



Food



Liquids



Styrofoam
Blocks & Molds*



Styrofoam Food
& Beverage



Fast Food &
Takeout Containers



Disposable
Dishware



Plastic Cutlery
& Straws



Paper Frozen
Food Containers



Plastic Clamshells



Plastic Cups



Microwave Trays



Food Trays



Small Items
(smaller than 2" x 2")



Tanglers
(long, stringy items)



Plastic Tubes



Shredded Paper



Pill Containers



Batteries*



Pressurized Tanks*



Glass*



Scrap Metal*



Household
Hazardous Waste*



Tissue Paper



Clothes*



Electronics*



Appliances*



Medical & Hygiene



Yard Waste*

*Other recycling options listed on RecycleSpot.org



Visit RecycleSpot.org or call 816-474-TEAM



The Prairie Village Diversity Committee invites you to

Meet your neighbor



Lilian Jeannette Valdez

I was born and raised in Los Angeles, California. My father is Mexican, and my mother is Salvadoran. They moved to Olathe in 2014, my mom was a teacher at SMSD and I followed. I am currently at the University of Kansas and work at Advent Health. You'll find me running around Prairie Village with my two goldendoodles, Astra(right) and Atlas(left).

How long have you lived in Prairie Village?

Since 2018

What made you move to Prairie Village?

A guy! My fiancé Kyle Shipps has lived here since 2013.

What do you like about living in Prairie Village?

The trees, the parks, and its central location. Has the small town feel, but 20 minutes will get you anywhere.

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

- Story
- Cafe Provence
- Verbena
- Market at Meadowbrook

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

It's gotten better since I moved here. My living here is proof of its evolution in the last 20+ years. But trying to backtrack on some established histories is hard, and will take time and work.

How would you describe Prairie Village?

A unique adapting city. It's unique in that it's at the brink of transformation, of adapting the old and the new. For those of us that could not be a part of the community before, it's exciting to participate in creating a Prairie Village for all.

Police Department offers winter safety tips

As winter settles in, the Prairie Village Police Department is committed to ensuring the safety of our community members, especially when it comes to navigating the roads during challenging weather conditions. Winter driving requires extra caution and preparedness to handle the potential hazards associated with icy and snowy conditions.

To enhance your safety and the safety of those around you, we'd like to share some essential winter driving tips:

1. **Slow Down:** Reduce your speed and increase your following distance to allow for longer stopping distances on icy or snow-covered roads.
2. **Maintain Your Vehicle:** Ensure your vehicle is in good condition with regular maintenance checks. This includes checking your brakes, tires, battery, and fluids.
3. **Use Winter Tires:** Consider investing in winter tires for improved traction on icy or snow-covered roads. They are designed to perform better in cold temperatures.
4. **Stay Informed:** Monitor weather forecasts and road conditions before heading out. If conditions are severe, consider delaying your trip or finding an alternative route.
5. **Clear All Snow and Ice:** Before driving, remove all snow and ice from your vehicle, including windows, lights, and the roof. This ensures visibility and prevents ice from dislodging while driving.
6. **Pack an Emergency Kit:** Keep a well-stocked emergency kit in your vehicle, including items such as:
 - Blankets or sleeping bags
 - Non-perishable snacks
 - Water
 - Flashlight and extra batteries
 - Jumper cables
 - First aid kit
 - Ice scraper and snow brush
 - Shovel
 - Kitty litter for traction
7. **Charge Your Phone:** Ensure your phone is fully charged before heading out. It can be a crucial lifeline in case of an emergency.
8. **Plan Your Route:** Inform someone of your travel plans, especially if you are embarking on a longer journey. Share your expected arrival time and route.
9. **Stay Calm in Skids:** If you find yourself skidding, remain calm. Steer in the direction you want to go and avoid slamming on the brakes. If you have anti-lock brakes, apply steady pressure.

Remember, safety is a shared responsibility, and by following these tips, you contribute to a safer community for everyone. Let's work together to make this winter season a secure and enjoyable time for all.



Licenses required for cats and dogs in Prairie Village

Do you own a cat or dog over the age of six months? If so, your pet must be licensed with the City. Licensing your furry friend helps keep them safe by ensuring they can be returned to their home if lost, and by certifying all animals in the City have rabies vaccinations. It's also inexpensive, with single-year licenses costing only \$6 for spayed or neutered animals.

Each Prairie Village household is permitted to have a maximum of four pets, with no more than three of one species (dog or cat). Licenses must be renewed every one, two or three years depending on the license purchased. Rabies vaccinations must also be valid for the duration of the license being purchased. If an animal cannot tolerate the rabies vaccination, a letter stating the intolerance must be provided by your veterinarian.

You can download a registration form online at www.pvkansas.com/animals. Please contact Barb Fisher at City Hall with questions at 913-385-4685.



Tree lighting event raises awareness for PV Foundation



A large crowd gathered in late November to kick off the holiday season with the Mayor's Holiday Tree Lighting.

The crowd was entertained by Dancerz Unlimited and the Belinder Elementary School Choir. KC Wolf, the Shawnee Mission East Lancer, the Prairie Panther, the Briarwood Bulldog, the Corinth Dragon, the Highlands Hawk, Olaf, and the Shawnee Mission East drumline ushered Santa Claus into the festivities. Miss Pre-Teen Kansas Libby Morris and retiring Prairie Village Police Sergeant Luke Roth helped Mayor Mikkelson flip the switch to light the tree.

The tree is lit as a symbol of hope for families in Prairie Village who find themselves in need. The funds raised for the Mayor's Holiday Tree Fund help pay utilities, rental assistance and fund local food pantries. Donations to the Mayor's Tree Fund at the Prairie Village Foundation can be made by scanning the QR code on the back page of this issue of the Village Voice or at prairievillagefoundation.com.

Thank you to Hen House, Hattie's Coffee, Social Suppers and Laura Little's Fudge for providing treats for the crowd.

Police Department partners with PV Foundation to help local students

The 13th annual Shop with a PV Cop event was held in early December. Sponsored by The Prairie Village Foundation, Shop with a PV Cop is a chance for the Prairie Village Police Department to team up with deserving children in our community to spread holiday cheer.

The Police Department hosted twelve elementary school children identified by school counselors and the Police Department D.A.R.E. Officer to be part of the program. The children were taken to Target in Mission to shop for themselves and family members. After shopping, each child was treated to a pizza and ice cream party, while volunteers wrapped their packages.



Thank you!

The Police Department would like to thank the following for their generous contributions to what has been the most successful year yet for the Shop with a PV Cop program:

- Prairie Village Foundation
- Prairie Village Police Department
- Atha Family Foundation
- Hartley Family Foundation
- Greater Kansas City Public Safety Credit Union
- WireCo World Group
- Laura Little's Candies
- Target – Mission, Kansas
- Johnny's Tavern - Prairie Village
- The Learning Tree - Prairie Village
- Prairie Village Dentists - Grant R. Smith DDS
- The Big Biscuit
- Notes to Self, LLC
- SCHEELS All Sports
- Chill in the Village
- The Bank of Prairie Village
- B-Bop Comics and Games
- Subway
- Salty Iguana-Prairie Village
- QuikTrip
- Hy-Vee Prairie Village
- Many anonymous contributors and volunteers



Gingerbread decorating party

The Prairie Village Foundation hosted its annual Gingerbread House Decorating Party December 3 to raise money for summer recreation scholarships for qualified Prairie Village families. The event sold 65 gingerbread houses, which were made by Mely Ballard. Thank you to everyone who participated in the event and supported the Prairie Village Foundation.





Property tax rebate program accepting applications Jan. 9

As part of the 2024 budget process, the City Council has allocated \$25,000 to a property tax rebate program designed to alleviate some of the burden of home ownership due to rising property values. Qualified residents will be reimbursed 100% of the City’s portion of property taxes, excluding special assessments.

Eligibility requirements:

Only property owners that are Prairie Village residents living in owner-occupied homes, are current on payment of their property taxes and special assessments and meet the income guidelines are eligible for the program. Please note that income guidelines are based on total income, not adjusted gross income.

Eligible applicants must also live in a home that is appraised by

the county at or below the previous year’s average property value in the City (in 2023, this amount was \$496,424).

Application instructions:

The City Clerk’s office will begin accepting applications at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, on a first-come, first-served basis. Applicants will be required to submit proof of their 2022 income for all household members (i.e., tax return and/or social security statement). The types of income that must be reported are available at www.pvkansas.com/propertytaxrebate.

Applications must be delivered in-person to Prairie Village City Hall. Refunds will be distributed as funds allow to eligible applicants in the order in which applications were received.

Prairie Village Police Officer pens children’s book

Prairie Village Police Officer Brian Wolf, who has been with the PD since 2010 and served as DARE Officer in Prairie Village elementary schools for seven years, has published his first children’s book.

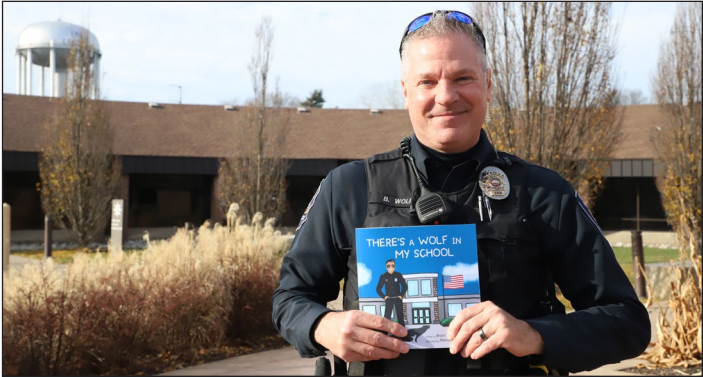
The book, “There’s a Wolf in My School,” is told from the perspective of fictional student, Bre. The goal of the book, Wolf said, is to show children that police officers are safe strangers who can offer help in times of need.

Wolf said Bre represents

the students he worked with through the DARE program at four different schools, in 25-30 classes each week. Throughout the book, Bre talks about the interest the police officer takes in the children and how much he cares for the school.

“The mission of this book is to humanize who police officers are and show the relationships that are made by having officers in the schools,” Wolf said.

Twenty percent of the proceeds from each individual book sale is going to Children’s



Mercy Hospital, specifically to specialists for children who are struggling with mental health. The book was released Novem-

ber 1, and sold nearly 150 copies in the first month.

Learn more online at theresawolfinmyschool.com.

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Mission Road flood control project in final phase

The Mission Road Flood Control Project is heading into its final construction phase. Mission Road will now be open to traffic during evening hours and weekends, but the contractor continues construction during the day as weather permits through the winter. Drivers should be alert for traffic pattern changes. Sidewalk construction, yard grading, and Brush Creek restoration work will

occur over the next month. Remaining restoration items will be completed next spring.

This project's scope included raising and rebuilding Mission Road between Tomahawk Road and 67th Street to reduce roadway and property flooding. It also included work within the Brush Creek corridor to improve channel flow.

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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.