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The Star of Kansas



CITY LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

The City has launched a new website just in time for the new year. Check us out at www.pvkansas.com.

The site features interactive maps, city project updates, e-subscription lists, resident stories and much, much more.

We encourage you to visit the Resident Stories page and submit a short story of why you love Prairie Village. Pictures are optional but preferred.

Visit the news page to see the most up to date information on what's happening in Prairie Village. The upcoming events section is also a great resource. You can also now connect with us on Facebook and Twitter.

The Sign up for e-News section allows you to sign up for a variety of items such as: news updates, project updates, calendar updates and

job postings. Make sure to sign up if you want to stay connected.

We will be continually updating and improving the site so check back often. We encourage you to fill out the feedback form on how we can improve the site. The link is located on the homepage.

Question or comments: contact Jeanne Koontz at 913-385-4662 or jkoontz@pvkansas.com.



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Greetings,

As we welcome a new year, we also welcome a new Public Works Director, Bruce McNabb. Bruce was hired in November, 2010 to replace Bob Pryzby who retired after 17 years of service as the Public Works Director. Bruce brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the position and we are excited to have him join our team. For more information about Bruce, check out the back page.

We also want to extend our deepest gratitude to Keith Bredehoeft who served as the Interim Public Works Director during the selection process. Keith not only took over the management of the department, but continued his role in managing all the construction projects in 2010. We thank him for his dedication and hard work. Keith will continue to hold the position of Project Manager with the Public Works Department. If you get the chance, take the opportunity to thank him for his time and effort. He was involved in the City's successful completion of a large number of projects related to the recent bond issuance. Projects included: 13 street reconstruction and resurfacing projects, storm drainage projects on Alhambra Street and Prairie Lane, 75th Place Community Development Block Grant reconstruction, replacement of corrugated metal stormwater pipe with concrete stormwater pipe in sixteen different locations and Franklin Park improvements.

In addition to the staff changes, the new year brings a number of new construction projects. There are three major construction projects slated for 2011: Weltner Park/Cambridge Street; Somerset Drive; and Nall Avenue. The Weltner Park/Cambridge Street project includes the realignment of the Booth-Cambridge-79th Street intersections which will allow for consolidation of the park areas to create a larger, more useable Weltner Park. The Somerset Drive from 83rd Street to Reinhardt project includes changing the existing 4-lane profile of the road to a 3-lane profile to allow for the construction of a mixed-use bicycle/pedestrian path. The new mixed use path will be extended to Franklin Park, along the south side of Somerset. The Nall Avenue project between 67th Street and 63rd Street is a joint project with the City of Mission. This project will change the existing 4-lane profile of the road to a 3-lane profile allowing for the construction a mixed-use bicycle/pedestrian path on the west side of Nall. The City of Mission will be coordinating this project.

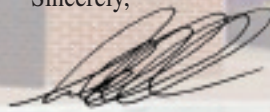
In addition, to these larger projects, we will continue our annual program to replace corrugated metal stormwater pipe with concrete stormwater pipe along with two additional street reconstruction projects: Juniper Lane from 86th to 83rd Streets and Nall Avenue from 79th to 75th Streets. For more information about these projects contact the Public Works Department at 913-381-6464 or publicworks@pvkansas.com. You can also visit www.pvkansas.com for more information about these projects.

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These projects continue our commitment to our citizens to improve the City's infrastructure and thereby improve our quality of life in Prairie Village.

Sincerely,



Ron Shaffer, Mayor

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COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

Sister City Committee



The Sister City Committee continues to develop its relationship with its Sister City, Dolyna, Ukraine. Both Mayors have requested that the committee focus on exchanges in the areas of education, culture, city government and commerce. The committee entertained delegates from Dolyna and sent committee members and community leaders to Dolyna to further the mission.

The committee wants to develop education exchanges by inviting a Ukrainian student to live in Prairie Village for a year. If you or someone you know would be interested in hosting a high school student from Ukraine for the 2011-2012 school year, please contact Carole Mosher at 913-381-3108 for more information.

Get Involved in VillageFest 2011



The VillageFest 2011 Planning Committee will have its first meeting on Thursday, January 27th 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 jkoontz@pvkansas.com.

Volunteer with the Arts Council

The Arts Council needs volunteers to help with various events throughout the year. For more information or to volunteer, contact Nancy Yoakum at 913-381-6464 or nyoakum@pvkansas.com.



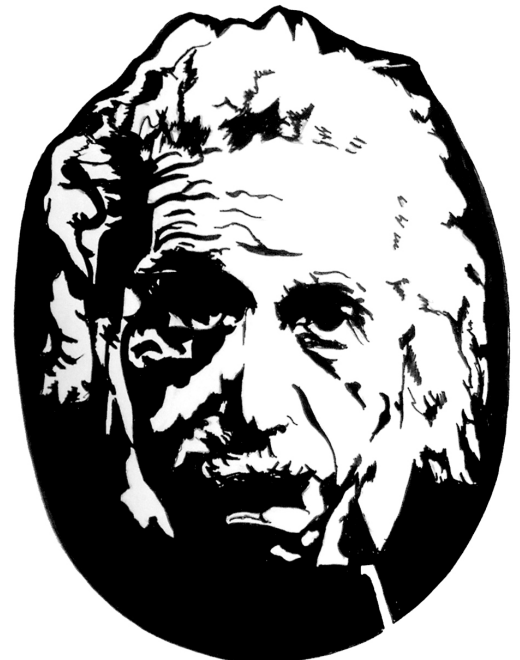
Mark your calendars now to view these exhibits and attend opening receptions honoring these talented artists. Gallery hours are Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.

JANUARY

Carol Miller was an art major at the University of Oklahoma and has taken many art classes throughout the years. Her samples of art work show her love of contrast subconsciously expressed in India ink on paper. A reception will be held on January 14th from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

FEBRUARY

Jon Freeman's fine art photography consists mainly of textured landscape and architecture. He often works digital effects into his photography to achieve a completely unique look. Jon's abstract paintings are very organic and many might be described as abstract landscapes. The majority of his paintings have a fantastic aged and distressed textures throughout. A reception will be held on February 11th from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.



Carol Miller

PV HAPPENINGS

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.

If your team reserved a field during 2010, your coach should receive a 2011 application form soon. You may also obtain one at the Municipal Offices or online at www.pvkansas.com under Leisure & Lifestyle>>Recreation Programs.

Receive the Village Voice by Email



To sign up to receive an electronic copy 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 for 2011.

City Council Filings

An election will be held for Mayor on April 5, 2011. 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 25, 2011.



CITY CONTACT INFORMATION

City Hall & Municipal Court

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Quinn Bennion, City Administrator
Dennis Enslinger, Assistant City Administrator
Joyce Hagen Mundy, City Clerk
Bettina Jamerson, Court Administrator



Public Safety

7710 Mission Rd
Wes Jordan, Chief of Police

Public Works

3535 Somerset Dr
Bruce McNabb, Public Works Director

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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 28, 2011. 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. For more information, contact Public Works at 913-381-6464.

2011 YARD WASTE AND BULKY ITEM COLLECTION

| January (8 Yard Waste Items) | | | | | | |
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| Bulky Item Week | | | | | | |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| Holiday Delay | | | | | | |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 | 31 | | | | | |

| February (8 Yard Waste Items) | | | | | | |
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| March (12 Yard Waste Items) | | | | | | |
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Trash will be picked up one day late on weeks with Holidays.

| April (12 Yard Waste Items) | | | | | | |
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| May (8 Yard Waste Items) | | | | | | |
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| Bulky Item Week | | | | | | |
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| Holiday Delay | | | | | | |

| June (8 Yard Waste Items) | | | | | | |
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Large Item Pick-up is April 30th for 75th St & North of 75th St and May 7th for South of 75th St

| July (8 yard Waste Items) | | | | | | |
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| August (12 Yard Waste Items) | | | | | | |
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| September (12 Yard Waste Items) | | | | | | |
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For more information, visit www.pvkansas.com

| October (12 Yard Waste Items) | | | | | | |
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| November (12 Yard Waste Items) | | | | | | |
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| December (8 Yard Waste Items) | | | | | | |
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PUBLIC SAFETY

What's In A Number?



Your home has been broken into and your property has been stolen. What are the chances you will get your property back? That depends on the information you are able to provide. If you do not have any of your product information (model and serial numbers), then there is very little chance you will ever get your property back. Although it does not guarantee police will be able to trace your items, having the

serial numbers and good descriptions or pictures of your valuables will aid police in finding and recovering your valuables from pawn shops, E-Bay, Craigslist and other outlets for stolen merchandise.

This is a very easy, inexpensive and quick step you can take to assist police in identifying your valuables in the event your home is burglarized. First, identify the valuable items in your home. Record the make, model and serial numbers associated with those items. For jewelry and other valuables with no serial numbers, take good descriptions, pictures and/or video of the items. Place the information in a safe place. Having this information will assist the police in recovering your property and generating leads for solving your case. For more information or if you have questions, contact Crime Prevention Officer Matt Boggs at 913-385-4613 or mboggs@pvkansas.com .

Barricades and “Police Line – Do Not Cross”

The Police Department requests the public's cooperation in complying with traffic barricades and police line tape in an effort to reduce future violations. Recently, the Police Department has experienced a number of citizens who have disregarded the restrictive intent of portable barricades, and have jeopardized the safety of unsuspecting road crews. Signage specifying “thru traffic only” is meant to allow residents in the work zones to access their homes.



Police Line – Do Not Cross tape is used to protect crime/accident scenes and/or establish a safety perimeter for emergencies in progress. Simply stated, crossing the tape could lead to contamination of a crime scene or put your own life at risk. While it may be an inconvenience to find a different route, the restrictions of portable barricades, police cars blocking roadways, and police line tape are put in place to protect you, and allow the road workers and emergency personnel to effectively do their jobs. Please do your part in recognizing these precautions.

Traffic Law Update

In November, the City Council voted to adopt the 38th Edition of the Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities. With the new ordinance now in effect, there are several changes to traffic laws for drivers to be aware of:

- The operator of a motorcycle can be ticketed for allowing a person under the age of 18 to ride on the motorcycle without a helmet. Prior to this change, only the person under 18 could be ticketed and not the operator; now both or either can be ticketed. Also, this statute requires persons under the age of 18 riding as a passenger on a motorcycle to wear eye protection.
- Covering a license plate in whole or in part with any clear or opaque material or any other plastic-like material that affects the plate's visibility or reflectivity is now unlawful.
- Drivers are now prohibited from using a wireless device to write, send, or read a written communication while operating a vehicle. This includes text messages, instant messages and e-mail. The statute exempts law enforcement officers and emergency services personnel using a device while acting within the course and scope of their duties. Law enforcement will give warnings for this violation until January 1, 2011.
- The seat belt laws have changed by 1) making the violation a primary violation for adult front seat occupants and 2) adding a requirement for rear seat adult passengers to wear a seat belt. A “primary violation” means a law enforcement officer may stop a vehicle for this violation alone without observing any other violations. The rear seat passenger requirement remains a secondary offense, meaning officers shall not stop drivers for this violation in absence of another violation of the law. The laws for persons under 18 years of age, including children, have not changed- those are all primary violations regardless of where the occupant is located within the vehicle. Fines for these violations are as follows:
 - Adults 18 years of age and older- \$30, issued to each adult committing the violation
 - Youth 14 to 17 years of age- \$60, issued to each youth committing the violation
 - Children under the age of 14- \$60, issued to the driver of the vehicle

COMMUNITY CORNER

50+ Programming at the Community Center



The **50**
Plus
Program
Enjoy Life!



Get **FIT AND FEISTY** with an energizing morning workout with this mix of low impact aerobics and strength training. Exercises stretch and tone your body while providing an effective cardiovascular workout. A new session featuring 8-50minute classes began January 4th. Join us for class at the Prairie Village Community Center Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:15am.

Relax and stretch with **PILATES LITE** to focus on core muscles and body alignments. Pilates Lite will use flowing movements, proper breathing techniques, flexibility, precision, centering and control. A new 6-50 minute session begins January 20th at the Prairie Village Community Center Thursdays at 8:30am.

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.

Financial Security Advisors Runs 5K for AIDS

Financial Security Advisors, a fee-only financial planning firm based in Prairie Village, completed Church of the Resurrection's 5K Walk/Run for AIDS in Africa. Sandi Weaver, CPA, Jim Stoutenborough, Joan DeMoss, and LaDonna Parker participated.

This is the firm's third year supporting this cause. In 2008, \$210,000 and in 2009, \$134,000 was sent to Africa.



Citizens Police Academy

The Prairie Village Citizens Police Academy is a community involved program designed to provide citizens with first-hand 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 once each week. The next Citizens Police Academy will meet from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings starting **February 9, 2011**. 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. For additional information, contact Sgt. Curt Winn at 913-385-4623 or e-mail cwinn@pvkansas.com.

Public Works Department Announces New Director



The City of Prairie Village is pleased to introduce Bruce McNabb as the new Director of the Public Works Department. Bruce has over 20 years of public works management experience working for local governments. He most recently served as the Public Works Director of Polk County, Florida.

During his tenure at Polk County, the Public Works Department was recognized as one of the top three Public Works Departments in the U.S. in a competition sponsored by Public Works magazine (2006-07). Bruce was also the Director of Public Works for the City of Lynchburg, Virginia and the City of Decatur, Illinois. Bruce has a Masters Degree in Public Administration, Masters Degree in Civil Engineering and a Bachelors Degree in Civil Engineering. He is presently a licensed Professional Engineer in Florida and Michigan and will seek registration in Kansas.

Bruce started work at the end of November and he and his wife Linda are currently looking for a home in the City of Prairie Village. They have one adult daughter who works as a church pastor in northern Virginia. Bruce was born and raised in the Midwest. In his spare time he enjoys watching college football and basketball, nonfiction reading, travel and walking for exercise.

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, 2010 to January 16, 2011.