

# VOICE

The Star of Kansas



## ANNUAL LARGE ITEM PICK-UP May 14th & May 21st

It's time to get rid of unwanted junk from your garage or basement during the City's annual Large Item Pick-up. The dates for large item pick-up have changed since they were originally published.

**The new dates are:**

- Saturday, May 14, 2011 for residents on **75th Street and north of 75th Street**
- Saturday, May 21, 2011 for residents **south** of 75th Street.

Deffenbaugh changed the date due to a scheduling conflict.

Items must be at the curb by 7 a.m. and no larger than a standard-size refrigerator. Deffenbaugh will pick up refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, and ice makers. Please place these items a couple feet away from non-refrigerants.

**Items collected include:**

- Appliances
- Railroad ties (4' or less in length)
- Fencing (Cut into 4' x 4' sections. Bundle loose pickets for easy collection)
- Furniture



- Tree limbs cut to 4' feet or less in length and secured in bundles no more than 18" in diameter.
- Carpet (cut into 4' x 4' sections)
- Bundle or package loose items. Put out only those items not collected by regular trash service.

For Large Item Pick-up rules visit [www.pvkansas.com](http://www.pvkansas.com). Go to Resident Resources >> Trash Recycling & Yard Waste >> Large Item Pick-up. If you have any additional questions, call Deffenbaugh at 913-631-3300.

This is a free service for Prairie Village residents, so take advantage to clean up!

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# MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Greetings,

As spring approaches, school and family activities increase, making our lives busier. Things are no different at the City, with activities that affect everyone.

Construction projects are underway including the annual Street Resurfacing Program. Anticipate increased construction throughout the City on streets, especially Nall Avenue north of 67th Street and Somerset Dr. between Roe Ave. and Mission Rd. Visit [www.pvkansas.com](http://www.pvkansas.com) for more information on these projects.

Implementation of the Parks Master Plan recommendations continue. We celebrate the rededication of Franklin Park on May 21st at 10 am. Improvements include the widening of the park trail to 8', additional parking, a new park shelter, restroom facilities and nature-play elements. We're excited to break ground on Weltner Park later this year. Construction will take place throughout the summer and into fall. For a more detailed plan of the improvements, visit [www.pvkansas.com](http://www.pvkansas.com).

The pool complex opens on May 28th for the summer. Memberships are on sale now at the City Clerk's Office. The Super Pass program will continue once again, so you can visit neighboring pools with your friends. Visit [www.pvkansas.com](http://www.pvkansas.com) for details on this program and other summer recreation opportunities.

And who can forget about spring cleaning. The City has scheduled the annual large item pick-up for May 14th and May 21st. Don't forget to set out your unwanted junk for this once-a-year opportunity. See the front page for more details.

It has been a long winter, so take some time to enjoy the coming of spring.

Sincerely,  


Ron Shaffer, Mayor

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# COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

## Communications Committee

### CHECK OUT THESE NEW WEBSITE FEATURES

In the coming months, the city's website ([www.pvkansas.com](http://www.pvkansas.com)) will have additional features aimed at creating a community site. Licensed administrative-retail businesses can list their business in the online business directory. The online business directory will be a valuable resource to residents, non-residents and future residents. Businesses can submit their information through the

website. In addition, Prairie Village Homes Associations can have a webpage located in the PV Communities section of the website. Homes Associations can also submit their information through the website. We hope you find these new features useful. Send any ideas or suggestions for the city's website to [jkoontz@pvkansas.com](mailto:jkoontz@pvkansas.com).

### FRANKLIN PARK SHOWCASE/REDEDICATION SET FOR MAY 21ST

Finally! The Franklin Park improvements are complete and the park will be rededicated from 10:00 am – Noon on Saturday, May 21st. You are invited to join Parks & Recreation Committee members, Mayor Shaffer, City Council members and your friends and neighbors as we formally “Turn on the Stream”. A brief program is planned for 11:00 am. You won't want to miss the fun as we celebrate the grand re-opening of the park! Thanks to Parks Committee members Diane Mares and Dan Searles for coordinating the event!

Improvements include the widening of the park trail to 8', additional parking, the addition of a new park shelter, restroom facilities and nature-play elements. In addition, the new park shelter is now available for rental. Rent online at [www.pvkansas.com](http://www.pvkansas.com) or at the City Clerk's Office. Contact Chris Engel with questions about the event at 913-381-6464 or [cengel@pvkansas.com](mailto:cengel@pvkansas.com).



New Franklin Park Shelter (Somerset Ave. & Roe Ave.)

**Arts**  
COUNCIL  
Prairie Village

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

#### MAY

**Bryan Voell** is a self-taught artist whose primary medium is collage and photomontage. The images are created by hand using paper sources and a cutting blade. The images are then scanned and printed for showing. A reception will be held on May 13th from 6:30 – 7:30 pm.

#### JUNE

**Nancy Todd Roberts** has studied and painted for nearly 40 years. Her medium is oils and she paints in layers to achieve the desired outcome. Her art has been exhibited at local shows and she teaches painting classes locally in Olathe, KS. **Suzy Perkins** loves scenes from Ireland and uses photographs as a tool in meticulous detail. She has displayed locally and has won awards in the Mid-Winter Art Fair. Suzy is also a member of the Images Art Gallery. A reception will be held on June 10th from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

# PV HAPPENINGS

## Get Involved In Summer Recreation



### Pool Opens May 28th

The Prairie Village Pool Complex opens May 28th at 11:00 am. Regular hours are 11:00 am to 8:30 pm. Joel Rios will be returning as the Pool Manager for 2011. Now is the time to purchase your pool membership and register for the City's aquatics and tennis teams. Aquatic team registrations are due by Friday, May 20th. Visit the City Clerk's Office at City Hall to purchase your 2011 membership and Super Pass or visit <http://pvkansas.recware.com> to register online (The Super Pass can only be purchased at City Hall). The City Clerk's Office will be open for extended hours (8:00 am to 7:00 pm) on May 25th, 26th, 31st, and June 1st to purchase memberships.

### New This Year

Cardio Tennis is a new, fun group activity featuring drills to give players of all abilities an ultimate, high energy workout. Taught by Tracy Cooper (USTPA Certified), Cardio Tennis includes warm-up, cardio workout, and cool down phases. If you are looking for a great new way to get in shape and to burn calories, you must try Cardio Tennis. For more information visit <http://pvkansas.recware.com> or call 913-381-6464.

## 15th Annual VillageFest

July 4th is quickly approaching and planning for the **15th Annual VillageFest** is underway. Make plans to stay in Prairie Village for the holiday and attend this FREE event on Monday, July 4th. Activities will include: Chris Cakes Pancake Breakfast, Live Music, Children's Parade, Inflatables, Petting Zoo and Pony Rides, Puppet Shows, Headstrong for Jake Bike Rodeo, Jim "Mr. Stinky Feet" Cosgrove and the Hiccups!, and MUCH MUCH MORE. The 2011 event will also include a celebration of the City's 60th Anniversary.

Students in Prairie Village elementary and middle schools are invited to participate in the **Annual VillageFest Poster Contest**. Those who wish to participate should depict "60 years in Prairie Village" on 11" x 17" paper or poster board. Posters should include the child's name, age, school and phone number. Prizes will be awarded for contest winners. All posters must be submitted by May 30th to: City of Prairie Village, Attn: VillageFest Student Poster Contest, 7700 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS 66208. Questions, contact Ed Roberts at 913-722-6185.

Events and entertainment for all ages means there are many **volunteer opportunities** available. We still need volunteers between the hours of 7:00 am and 2:00 pm on July 4th. Contact Marianne Noll at [marianneinpv@sbcglobal.net](mailto:marianneinpv@sbcglobal.net) to volunteer.

## BRGR Luv 4 Jazz 5K

The Prairie Village JazzFest committee is happy to announce the inaugural 5K run, sponsored by BRGR Kitchen + Bar located in Corinth shopping center, 4038 W. 83rd St. Come run or walk on Sunday May 15th. Sign up online at: [www.brgrkitchen.com](http://www.brgrkitchen.com). Registration is at 7:00 am and the 5K at 8:00 am. Support Prairie Village JazzFest and Get Your Run On!



## 2012 Budget Hearing – August 1st

A public hearing will be held on Monday, August 1st at 7:30 pm in the City Council Chambers to hear comments and suggestions about the City's 2012 budget. A copy of the proposed budget will be available online and at the City Clerk's office by August 1, 2011.

### OTHER KEY DATES:

**May 23rd at 6:00 pm** - Capital Infrastructure Program (special meeting)

**June 13th at 6:00 pm** - Operating Budget (special meeting)

# COMMUNITY CORNER

## 50 Plus Programming

Get **FIT AND FEISTY** with an energizing morning workout of low impact aerobics and strength training. Exercises stretch and tone your body while providing an effective cardiovascular workout. Classes meet at Prairie Village Community Center Tuesday and Thursday at 7:15 am. New sessions begin on 5/10 and 5/31. No class on 5/24.



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.

## Bark N Blues



Tomahawk Animal Hospital and Somerset Veterinary Clinic are hosting Bark N Blues on May 29th from 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm at Franklin Park (Somerset Dr & Roe Ave). Come listen to great blues music by Josh Vowell & the Rumble and visit educational booths for your pets. There will also be carnival rides and food available.

## Prairie Village Art Show



Come see work from over 100 artists at the Prairie Village Art Show – June 3 – 5. Family activities will be available the entire weekend.

### SCHEDULE:

**Friday, June 3rd – 5:00 pm - 8:30 pm**

- 7:00 - 10:00 pm – Michael Beers Band

**Saturday, June 4th – 10:00 am - 8:30 pm**

- 8:00 am - 11:00 am – Chris Cakes Pancake Breakfast
- 7:00 - 10:00 pm – Bad Dadz

**Sunday, June 5th – 11:00 am – 5:00 pm**

## Photos of Prairie Village

The City is looking for old photos of Prairie Village to be used in a slideshow commemorating the City's 60th Anniversary. The slideshow will be shown at VillageFest 2011. Please send images to [jkoontz@pvkansas.com](mailto:jkoontz@pvkansas.com) or to City Hall, Attn: 60th Anniversary, 7700 Mission Rd, Prairie Village, KS 66208. Originals will be returned to their owner.

## Fourth Friday Concerts

Live music and free food will be center stage at the seventh annual Fourth Friday Concerts in the Park series, sponsored by Hillcrest Covenant Church, Hy-Vee (91st & Metcalf), and Boy Scout



Troop 284. Concerts are from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm at Franklin Park on May 27th, June 24th, July 22nd and August 26th. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and join the fun.

### LINE UP FOR 2011:

**May 27** - Tim Doherty's Nine Plus One

**June 24** - Recess

**July 22** - Sky Blue

**August 26** - The Bizmarks

# PUBLIC SAFETY

## Spring Safety Tips

Springtime is upon us; not only bringing us some nicer weather, but also an increase in activity and pedestrian traffic. The following are some tips to keep in mind this spring to help keep you and your family safe.

- Inspect your children's toys and play sets to make sure bolts are tightened and nothing is broken.
- Slow down and watch for children playing in the street and on bikes when you are driving.
- Be vigilant about checking around your vehicle when backing out of your driveway. Children love to play around cars, and don't know to get out of the way.
- Remember to close your garage doors when not in use or when working outside.
- Remember to close and lock windows when you are not home.
- Lock exterior doors when you leave, no matter how long you will be gone.
- Don't forget to lock your car and park in a highly visible, lighted area. Remove valuables from your vehicle or hide them out of sight when you park.
- Record the serial numbers of your valuables. If they are stolen, this is the only way they could be identified and leads could be generated.
- Stay alert for any suspicious activity in your neighborhood. You are the first line of defense against criminal activity in Prairie Village.

Take the time to slow down and pay attention this spring season. Be safe and if you have any questions, contact Crime Prevention Officer Matt Boggs at [mboggs@pvkansas.com](mailto:mboggs@pvkansas.com) or 913-385-4613.

## Bicycle Safety

With warmer weather finally here, the number of bicyclists using the roads in Prairie Village is on the rise. For everyone's safety, it is important to remember that bicycle riders are not only granted the same RIGHTS as drivers of vehicles, but also are subject to all of the same RESPONSIBILITIES as drivers. Below are some tips for safe bicycle riding:

### Traffic Signals:

- Individual riders can enter the intersection on yellow, but not red.
- Trailing riders in a group may be cited if they enter on a red light.
- Riders may consolidate in a group at a red light in order to clear the intersection faster when it turns green.

### Riding Single and Double File:

- Never ride more than double file except when passing.
- Merge to single file on two-lane streets when cars approach from behind.
- Ride single file on busy two-lane streets.
- Ride as far right as practical, whether in single or double file.

### Passing:

- Complete the pass promptly.
- Do not impede trailing cars.
- Pass all the way to the next break in the group.



Regarding riding formations, Kansas Law specifies that riders may not travel more than two abreast. Although we understand peloton or pack riding is a common practice, it is neither safe nor practical for busy city streets. Riders must obey this and all traffic control ordinances in the same manner as any other motorist. By doing so, we can all help reduce the likelihood of collisions with motorists and pedestrians. I would encourage anyone who is a cyclist to visit [www.ksdot.org](http://www.ksdot.org) and review all of the laws pertaining to cyclists on Kansas roadways.

The City has recently added a button to the traffic light pole on the northwest corner of 75th Street and Belinder for southbound bicyclists to use to "trip" the red light and turn it green. This was done to improve the safety for bicyclists since the sensors at this intersection have had difficulty detecting some types of bicycles. Safe Cycling Tip brochures are available in the Prairie Village Police Department lobby. If you have any further questions, you can contact Sgt. James Carney at 913-385-4622 or by email at [jcarney@pvkansas.com](mailto:jcarney@pvkansas.com).

# PUBLIC WORKS

## Construction Updates



Construction season has begun and you may notice occasional road closures around the City. Three major projects are taking place during 2011 that may impede traffic. Following are details about each project. Visit [www.pvkansas.com](http://www.pvkansas.com) for more information.

### **SOMERSET DRIVE: ROE AVE TO REINHARDT LN**

A joint project with Johnson County CARS program began in March. Construction will generally be completed in three phases: Roe Ave to 83rd St; 83rd St to Mission Rd; and Mission Rd to Reinhardt Ln. Somerset Drive will be narrowed from 4 to 5-lanes to 3 to 4-lanes from 83rd St to Reinhardt Ln. Curb and gutter will be replaced and the street will be resurfaced. Two small raised medians will be constructed in the center turn lane between 83rd St and Mission Rd to facilitate pedestrian crossing. The project will also include an eight foot wide trail from Roe Ave to Mission Rd.

### **NALL AVENUE: 63RD ST TO 67TH ST**

A joint project with the City of Mission and the Johnson County CARS program began in February. Nall Ave will be reduced to a 3-lane street and an eight foot wide trail will be constructed on the west side of the street. Improvements also include replacement of curbs and pavement. This section of Nall Ave is closed to through traffic. The project is scheduled to be complete in fall 2011. For more information, visit [www.mission-ks.org](http://www.mission-ks.org).

### **WELTNER PARK/CAMBRIDGE ST**

Street improvements along Cambridge Street from State Line Rd to 79th Ter are planned. These roadway improvements will be done just prior to improvements to Weltner Park in 2011. Improvements are slated for summer/early fall. The project will include sidewalk, curb and new asphalt construction along with the realignment of Cambridge St. Visit [www.pvkansas.com](http://www.pvkansas.com) for more information.

## Spring Clean Up

It's time for Spring clean up and preparation for the summer. The Codes Department requests your cooperation in maintaining your property to keep our neighborhoods safe and attractive. Following are some of the property maintenance requirements.

**Trash Containers:** New solid waste and recycle containers were issued a year ago. Containers must be stored behind the front building line and screened from view of the street. Violation Notices will be issued for non-compliance.

**Sidewalks:** Vegetation must be maintained so that it does not protrude into the sidewalk as an obstruction or hazard to pedestrians. Limbs should not be lower than 9 feet over the sidewalk. All litter, such as limbs, leaves, chewing gum, and weeds/grass, must be removed from sidewalk.

**Drainage:** Gutters and downspouts must be cleaned out for proper drainage and to prevent mosquito breeding. Check to make sure gutters are in good repair. Clean street curbing in front of your house of leaves, chewing gum and other litter that may flow into the drainage inlet.

**Leaf Debris:** Remove leftover leaf debris from your property. Yard waste will only be picked up in paper bags.

**Overgrown Vegetation:** Trim any overgrown vegetation around the fence line and house perimeter.

**Grass and Weeds:** Check your lawn mowers to ensure they are in good working condition. Grass must be cut and maintained at 8 inches or less. Any noxious weeds must be removed. If you notice a vacant house in your area that is not being mowed, please report it to the Codes Department.

**Painting:** Now is the time to check wall surfaces and window and door areas for chipped and peeling paint or wood rot. Paint and repair all needed areas.

**Animal Sanitation:** Regularly remove and properly dispose of animal waste in your yard.

For more property maintenance information, visit [www.pvkansas.com](http://www.pvkansas.com) >> Resident Resources or contact Code Enforcement Officer Marcia Gradinger at 913-381-6464.

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# VILLAGE GREEN

The City of Prairie Village will retrofit light fixtures in City Hall, provide new efficient controls for heating and cooling equipment, weatherize City buildings, and install a new geothermal heat pump system for City Hall, the Community Center, and the Police Department.

In March 2010, the City applied for two grants through the Kansas State Energy Office. These grants were provided through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The first grant is the Public Projects Grant, which provides funding for energy conservation initiatives within public buildings. The second



Geothermal installation at Pittsburg State University

grant is the Renewable Energy Incentives Grant, which provides funding for geothermal renewable energy sources.

The Public Projects Grant provides the City with \$150,000 for energy savings measures and the Renewable Energy Incentives Grant provides the City with \$250,000 towards the installation of a new geothermal heat pump. The energy conservation initiatives will result in substantial cost savings once the projects

are complete. These projects are scheduled to begin following Village Fest and end near the start of the New Year. Please look for more information on the website in the coming months as we get closer to kicking off these projects.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
May 2nd	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers	June 6th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers
May 15th	BRGR Luv 4 Jazz 5K	8:00 am	Corinth Square	June 20th	Battle for Blood Drive	1:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Community Center
May 16th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers	June 20th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers
May 21st	Franklin Park Rededication	10:00 am	Franklin Park	July 4th	VillageFest	7:00 am – 1:30 pm	Municipal Campus
May 28th	Pool Opens	11:00 am	PV Pool Complex	August 1st	Budget Hearing	7:30 pm	Council Chambers