

# VOICE

The Star of Kansas

## CITY TO BEGIN VILLAGE VISION AMENDMENT PROCESS

With the closure of Mission Valley Middle School by the Shawnee Mission School District and the recent sale of the property to RED Development, the City Council has initiated a planning process to look at potential redevelopment uses of the former school site. The City's Comprehensive Plan, Village Vision, which provides guidance for land use decisions did not anticipate the closure of Mission Valley Middle School. The City has partnered with RED Development to conduct a public participation process which will solicit public feedback on potential redevelopment of the site. The community takes great pride in its tradition of strong organized planning efforts first established by J. C. Nichols and the City Council believes that it is important to continue this tradition as the community experiences changes.

The study area will include the former Mission Valley, Middle School site and the area north to 83rd Street from Mission Road to Somerset Drive. This will allow the community to provide feedback on this key area of the City. A number of focus groups and public meetings will be held in the coming months with many opportunities for residents to be involved in the process. The City has created a specific project page on its web site ([www.pvkansas.com](http://www.pvkansas.com)) which will provide updates about future meetings and how the planning process is progressing. Residents can sign up to receive updates when changes are made to this page so you can have the most up to date information. The public participation process will be completed in the fall and winter with an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan, Village Vision, anticipated in early March.

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# MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Greetings,

As the end of summer draws near and school begins full swing, our calendars begin to fill up. Before you book up all your free time, I want to let you know about a few upcoming events you won't want to miss.

The **2nd Annual Prairie Village Jazz Festival** is September 10th from 2:00 pm to 10:00 pm in Harmon Park. This FREE event will feature the Bobby Watson Quartet, Deborah Brown, the Mike Metheny Quartet, Shay Estes & Trio ALL, The People's Liberation Big Band of Greater Kansas City, 12th Street Jump and the Shawnee Mission East Blue Knights. There will be food, drinks, beer and wine available for purchase. Don't forget to bring a lawn chair and/or blanket. I invite you to join me as we listen to world-class jazz. Check out pages 6-8 or [www.prairievillagejazz.org](http://www.prairievillagejazz.org) for more information.

In addition to the great cultural offerings at Jazz Fest, the Arts Council will be holding the **5th Annual State of the Arts** exhibition. This juried event features two-dimensional and three-dimensional artwork. Join me for the awards reception on October 14th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm where the winners will be announced. The artwork will be on display in the R.G. Endres Gallery throughout the month of October. For more information see page 3 or visit [www.pvkansas.com/stateofthearts](http://www.pvkansas.com/stateofthearts).

The Environmental Committee will be hosting the **10th Annual Community Forum** on Kansas Environmental Issues on Thursday, October 6, 2011. This year's Forum features John Harrington of the Kansas State University Department of Geography. He will speak on "Climate Change: Global and Local Evidence and Implications". Admission is \$20 per person. The forum includes a light supper of locally grown foods catered by Blue Bird Bistro. Check out page 12 for details about this event.

I encourage you to make room in your busy schedule for these community events and hope to see you there. And, please offer your thanks to the committee volunteers and staff members who put these great community programs together.

Sincerely,

Ron Shaffer, Mayor

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# COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

## STATE OF THE ARTS 2011



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Prairie Village's annual State of the Arts gala event is quickly approaching and you definitely don't want to miss the festivities. Since its inception by the Prairie Village Arts Council in 2007, this event has proven to be better every year and this year promises to be no exception. Mark your calendar now for the evening of October 14, 2011 as the Prairie Village Arts Council members extend a warm invitation for you to attend the awards reception.



The exhibition is a juried event featuring two-dimensional or three-dimensional artwork. This year's juror is Paul Dorrell of Leopold Gallery. Mr. Dorrell specializes in designing visionary "Art Programs" for corporate and civic clients.

It is anticipated the jurist will select approximately 40 pieces of original art, of

varying mediums, for this year's show. From these 40 pieces, three prizes of \$1,000 will be awarded including the R.G. Endres Memorial Best of Show Award. Back for a third year is the Viewer's Choice Award (\$500) which will allow the community to select the piece of artwork of their choice.

In addition to your opportunity to view exceptional original artwork, the opening reception offers the opportunity to meet the various artists and see which artists are selected for awards while enjoying live music, hors d'oeuvres, sweets and wine.

The selected winners' works from this year's State of the Arts will be on display at the R.G. Endres Gallery in City Hall, 7700 Mission Road, throughout the month of October. The awards reception is a free event hosted by the Prairie Village Arts Council. The reception will take place from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm with the awards being announced at 7:30 pm. We look forward to seeing you on October 14, 2011.

**Arts**  
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### SEPTEMBER

**Michael Doyle** is a local Prairie Village photographer. Michael creates his art by capturing the best possible artistic images and then applying a clear acrylic gel texture. He endeavors to replicate the texture of the pictured object to add realism, interest and richness. A reception will be held on September 9th from 6:30 – 7:30 pm.

### OCTOBER

The Prairie Village Arts Council is proud to sponsor this year's State of the Arts competition. Artists from the area submit works to be judged for entry in this exhibit with the hope of winning one of three monetary prizes. A reception will be held on October 14th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

Mark your calendar now to view these upcoming 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. Gallery is located in City Hall at 7700 Mission Rd.

# PV HAPPENINGS

## 27th Annual Peanut Butter Drive

The City of Prairie Village is teaming up with Harvesters Community Food Network to sponsor the Peanut Butter Week food drive from October 3 – 7, 2011.

Approximately 66,000 different people receive assistance through Harvesters' network in any given week. Harvesters can provide 5 meals to the hungry with a \$1 donation. In 2010, Harvesters distributed 2,174,239 pounds of food in Johnson County which was a 35% increase over 2009.

There are several ways you can donate to Harvesters during Peanut Butter Week:

- Bring jars of peanut butter to City Hall or your local Prairie Village school
- Contribute online at [www.harvesters.org](http://www.harvesters.org)

## NEW this Fall! – Expanded Tennis Programming



Tennis Pro Tracy Cooper (USTPA Certified) will hold five-week sessions of **cardio tennis, a junior's clinic and adult group lessons**. All three five week sessions will be held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from September 13th to October 13th. Visit [www.pvkansas.com](http://www.pvkansas.com) for more information or contact City Hall at 913-381-6464.

## Animal Enumeration



Do you have a new pet in the City? The City will be conducting an animal census from September 17th to October 30th to account for the number and ownership of all dogs and cats in the City. The census will help keep your animals safe and protected. Prairie Village wants to make sure your pet can be returned safely to its home if lost and that all animals in the City have current rabies vaccinations. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, contact Penny Mann at 913-381-6464.

## Long-Time Residents

Since the 60th anniversary issue of the Village Voice, more residents have come forward as long-time residents.

1. George Ryan - 1947
2. Harvey & SuEllen Fried - 1953

## PV Memorabilia

In celebration of the 60th Anniversary, the City is looking for Prairie Village memorabilia and/or pictures. The memorabilia and pictures would be used to build and substantiate the City's history. We request that items be donated to the City however we will accept copies of photographs. Credit would be given to donors. Contact Jeanne Koontz at 913-385-4662 for more information or to donate items.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
September 5th	Labor Day	All Day	Offices Closed
September 6th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers
September 10th	Jazz Festival	2:00 – 10:00 pm	Municipal Campus
September 19th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers

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October 3rd	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers
October 6th	Community Forum	5:30 pm	Village Church
October 14th	State of the Arts Reception	6:00 – 8:00 pm	R.G. Endres Gallery
October 17th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers

# VILLAGE GREEN

## Geothermal Project

You may have noticed quite a bit of construction at the Municipal Campus over the last month. The City has drilled a geothermal well field on the southeast corner of the Municipal Complex at 7700 Mission Rd. Thirty-two well holes measuring 6 inches in diameter and 400 feet deep were drilled and a 1 1/2 inch poly-pipe was placed in each hole. Beginning in mid-September, the Municipal Complex will begin the transition to geothermal heating and cooling. Lighting retrofits and water saving measures will be implemented as well.

The geothermal heat pump systems will be installed in City Hall, the Police Station and the Community Center and will save enough electricity and natural gas annually to be equivalent to any of the following:

1. Saving 33,484 gallons of gasoline
2. Removing 134 cars from the road
3. Preserving 277 acres of pine forests

In the summer, heat will be extracted from the building and pumped underground into the wells. Heat is absorbed from the warmer fluid by the cooler earth and cool fluid is returned to the building. In the winter, fluid that has cooled down is pumped back underground. Heat is absorbed from the warmer earth by the cooler fluid and the warm fluid is returned to the building.



The project is made possible by the City of Prairie Village, the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act and the Kansas Energy Office. Visit [www.pvkansas.com/geothermal](http://www.pvkansas.com/geothermal) for more information.

## Glass Recycling Challenge

Mayor Ron Shaffer is planning to throw down the gauntlet on glass recycling to other metro area cities and counties for America Recycles Day on November 15, 2011. The Corinth Square Ripple Glass bin in Prairie Village has been the top glass recycling bin since it was put in place. The challenge would take place during the month of November. Visit the website soon for more details – [www.pvkansas.com](http://www.pvkansas.com).



## 2012 Community Garden



On September 22 at 7:00 pm in the Community Center at 7720 Mission Rd, the Prairie Village Environmental Committee will host a second meeting to explore interest in the creation of a Community Garden in Prairie Village. All interested gardeners, experts, amateurs and wannabes are encouraged to attend. At this session, objectives will be further defined and possible locations will be reviewed. Refreshments will be served.

# PRAIRIE VILLAGE JAZZ FESTIVAL RETURNS!



The second annual **FREE** Prairie Village Jazz Festival promises to be even bigger and more diverse than last year's inaugural event. The Prairie Village Jazz Festival 2011 will take place on September 10th at Harmon Park, 7700 Mission Road, starting at 2pm for 8 solid hours of internationally renowned and locally famous artists performing on the Prairie Village stage with their incredible creative artistry. We look forward to seeing you on September 10th at Harmon Park for a day of great jazz music.



Sushi • Bar • Restaurant

- 2:00 p.m. - Shawnee Mission East's Jazz Ensemble, The Blue Knights
- 2:45 p.m. - Shay Estes & Trio ALL
- 4:00 p.m. - 12th Street Jump, featuring David Basse
- 5:20 p.m. - The People's Liberation Big Band of Greater Kansas City
- 6:35 p.m. - Mike Metheny Quartet
- 7:40 p.m. - Deborah Brown with Central Jazz Time, featuring Matt Otto
- 8:50 p.m. - The Bobby Watson Quartet featuring Curtis Lundy

Visit [www.prairievillagejazz.org](http://www.prairievillagejazz.org) to find out more about the festival and the musicians. Become our fan at [www.facebook.com/PVJazzFest](http://www.facebook.com/PVJazzFest).

**No outside food, alcohol, or coolers allowed. No pets allowed.**

Beer, wine, food and beverages will be available for purchase from the following vendors: BRGR Kitchen + Bar; Culver's of Kansas City; New York Dawg Pound; Butter Fluff Popcorn and RA Sushi Bar Restaurant.

Tickets for food and merchandise can be purchased on site with cash, check or credit card (Visa, Mastercard, or Discover). Don't forget to bring a lawn chair or blanket.

# THANK YOU

## to our 2011 Jazz Festival Sponsors & Contributors

### for making this year's festival happen !!!!



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PV Animal Hospital  
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Thank you to all the donors for our JazzRee in April sponsored by US Bank.

# 2011 PRAIRIE VILLAGE JAZZ FESTIVAL LINE-UP

We are so blessed in this area to have been a major player in the formative years of jazz because of the gifted giants who called this their home: stellar artists like Charlie Parker, Count Basie, Jay McShann, Mary Lou Williams, Julie Lee, Baby Lovett and countless others. Each made unique and lasting contributions to the music and will live forever in the hearts and minds of fans like you.

That tradition continues today, with the 2nd annual Prairie Village Jazz Festival, as we present another world-class lineup of internationally acclaimed musicians who, like the aforementioned, have chosen to live and work (play) here.



**SME Blue Knights Jazz Ensemble**  
[www.last.fm/music/SME+Blue+Knights](http://www.last.fm/music/SME+Blue+Knights)  
Performance Time: 2:00 p.m.



**Mike Metheny Quartet**  
[www.mikemetheny.com](http://www.mikemetheny.com)  
Performance Time: 6:35 p.m.  
*Photo courtesy of Sue Vicory and Heartland Films*



**Shay Estes & Trio ALL**  
[www.shayestes.com](http://www.shayestes.com)  
Performance Time: 2:45 p.m.



**Deborah Brown with Central Jazz Time featuring Matt Otto**  
[www.deborahbrownjazz.com](http://www.deborahbrownjazz.com)  
Performance Time: 7:40 p.m.



**12th Street Jump featuring David Basse**  
[www.12thstreetjump.wordpress.com](http://www.12thstreetjump.wordpress.com)  
Performance Time: 4:00 p.m.



**Bobby Watson Quartet featuring Curtis Lundy**  
[www.bobbywatson.com](http://www.bobbywatson.com)  
Performance Time: 8:50 p.m.



**The People's Liberation Big Band of Greater Kansas City**  
[www.myspace.com/plbb](http://www.myspace.com/plbb)  
Performance Time: 5:20 p.m.



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# PUBLIC WORKS

## Construction Update

### Construction continues on a number of projects throughout the fall.

1. **Weltner Park / Cambridge Street Project** includes street improvements along Cambridge Street from State Line Road to 79th Terrace and improvements to Weltner Park. The project includes sidewalk, curb, new asphalt construction and the realignment of Cambridge Street. The park improvements include an 8' wide park trail, a new park shelter and nature play features. The existing basketball and sand volleyball court will remain. The project is expected to be completed by November 1, 2011.

2. **Nall Avenue: 75th to 79th Street** is the City's 2011 CARS project and is 50% funded by Johnson County. The project will replace the asphalt surface, replace all the curbs, and replace the sidewalk along the east side of Nall Avenue. The sidewalk on the west will be repaired as necessary. The curb on the east side of the road is moving two feet closer to the sidewalk to allow for the possibility of changing this section of Nall Avenue to a three lane road in the future.

3. **2010-2011 Street Resurfacing Program** focuses on repairing existing streets throughout Prairie Village. Every street is evaluated based on its existing condition and given a numerical rating. The rating is derived from formulas that take into account the amount and type of distresses in the existing asphalt pavement. Existing asphalt pavement will either be reconstructed at full depth or milled and resurfaced within 2 to 3 1/2 inches of asphalt. Check out the Construction Update Report at [www.pvkansas.com/construction](http://www.pvkansas.com/construction) for a list of potential streets.

4. **2011 Concrete Repair Program** includes the replacement of existing damaged or deteriorated concrete curb, sidewalk and ADA (American's with Disabilities Act) pedestrian sidewalk ramps.

5. **2011 Crack Seal / Slurry Seal Program** focuses on seal coat asphalt pavement and filling cracks as necessary. A slurry seal is a mixture of emulsified (liquid-like) asphalt, aggregate, cement and water that is applied in a very thin coat as a maintenance tool to assist in preserving the existing asphalt pavement. The material cures by the water evaporating out of the mixture. It helps seal the existing surface and has a life span of approximately seven years. It is not considered a substitute for reconstructing or resurfacing the street but is a less costly solution to prolong the existing pavement until major work is necessary and as funding becomes available. Crack seal is a hot applied flexible rubberized sealant used to seal cracks in the pavement to prevent water from entering the base and subbase. Sealing cracks and joints extends the service life of the pavement.

Residents will be notified with a letter approximately two weeks in advance for street closures. A door hanger will also be distributed approximately 48 hours in advance of any street work requiring the loss of access to a driveway.

For a list of potential streets included in the annual repair programs, visit [www.pvkansas.com/construction](http://www.pvkansas.com/construction) or call 913-385-4640.

### Three major construction projects were completed this year.

1. **Nall Avenue from 63rd Street to 67th Street** was a joint project with the City of Mission and Johnson County to replace curbs and streets. The project also included a one-mile trail and a change from a four lane to three lane street. Paving is complete and sodding and traffic signal work remains.

2. **Franklin Park Improvements** have been completed and the new park shelter is available for use. The improvements included the widening of the park trail to 8', additional parking, the addition of a new park shelter, restroom facilities and nature-play elements that allow children of all ages to interact with their natural surroundings. Visit the park at Somerset Drive and Roe Avenue.

3. **Somerset Drive from Roe Avenue to Reinhardt Lane** included narrowing the existing 4 to 5-lane street section to a 3 to 4-lane section from 83rd Street to Reinhardt Drive, replacing

curb and gutter, a 2-inch mill and overlay of the pavement and pavement marking and signing. The project also included an 8' wide sidewalk from Roe Avenue to Mission Road. The paving and marking has been completed and sodding remains. The project will be finalized this fall.



For further details about any of these projects, visit [www.pvkansas.com/construction](http://www.pvkansas.com/construction) or call 913-385-4640.

# PUBLIC SAFETY

Over the last several months there has been an increase in the theft of valuables from vehicles in Prairie Village. We have several reports this year of valuable items stolen overnight from vehicles in driveways and on the street. There are no specific types of vehicles targeted, except that most of them have valuable items inside or are unlocked. Items taken from inside the vehicle are typically small electronics (iPods, GPS, cell phones, laptops, etc).

To help prevent these types of thefts in the future, follow these simple tips.

- Park vehicles in the garage. If you must park in the driveway, keep the vehicle well lit so neighbors and officers would be able to see anyone around the vehicle.
- Do not leave any valuables in your vehicle overnight. If you must leave items in the vehicle, lock them in the trunk or glovebox out of sight.
- Record serial numbers of your valuables, including the stereo, and keep the numbers in a safe place (not in the vehicle).
- Lock vehicles when you leave them. If you get in the habit of doing it every time, you will not forget to do it overnight.
- Be aware of strange people or vehicles in your neighborhood.



- Do not hesitate to call 911 or the non-emergency Police line (913-642-5151) immediately if you see or hear anything suspicious in your neighborhood.

We need you as an extra set of eyes and ears to help catch these thieves. If you have any questions, or comments, contact Crime Prevention Officer Matt Boggs at [mboggs@pvkansas.com](mailto:mboggs@pvkansas.com) or (913) 385-4613.

## OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

### Brass in Blue

The United States Air Force Heartland of America Band is proud to present BRASS IN BLUE on September 26th at 7:00 pm at the Colonial Church, 7309 Mission Rd. Free tickets will be available at City Hall on a first come, first served basis. Representing more than 325,000 Air Force professionals, Brass in Blue showcases the service's excellence and precision in every performance. Comprised of ten brass players, a percussionist and a vocalist, the ensemble maintains a rigorous performance schedule presenting a diverse repertoire featuring orchestral transcriptions, patriotic favorites, jazz standards, new compositions and distinctive arrangements. For more information, contact Nancy Yoakum at 913-381-6464.



**U.S. AIR FORCE**

### 7th Annual Renovation Sensation Homes Tour



Tour four beautiful homes in the Shawnee Mission East area. The seventh annual Renovation Sensation Homes Tour will be held on Wednesday, September 14th from 10am to 7pm. Tickets are available at Bank of Prairie Village (3515 West 75 St., Prairie Village) as well as the Corinth, Prairie Village, Leawood and Fairway Hen House markets. Cost is \$20 in advance and \$25 the day of the tour. All proceeds from the tour will directly benefit SHARE, recognized as the largest student-led community service organization in the country. SHARE is an integral part of Shawnee Mission East High School and creates the opportunity for all students to serve the surrounding community.

# COMMUNITY CORNER

## 50+ Programming at the Community Center

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 the Prairie Village Community Center Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:15 am. New session begins on 9/6 and consists of 10 classes each. The price of each session is \$54 for Johnson County residents and \$59 for non-county residents.



**Mah Jongg for Beginners:** Learn the American version of this popular ancient Chinese game similar to rummy. Ceremonies and rules are taught at tables of 4. Once you've learned the game, play weekly at any of our 50 Plus centers!

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.

## First Annual Prairie Pride

Participate in the First Annual Prairie Pride 5K and One Mile Run on September 24th. The run will begin at 8 a.m. at 6642 Mission Rd. The event will raise funds for Prairie Elementary and generate excitement and energy as participants come together to celebrate fitness and support a worthy cause. Visit [www.prairie5k.com](http://www.prairie5k.com) for more information.



## Local Business participates in 2011 Heart Walk



Team members led by president Sandi Weaver, CPA, from Financial Security Advisors walked in the American Heart Association 4 mile 2011 Heart Walk. The firm raised nearly \$1,000 for the cause. Financial Security Advisors joined thousands in walking around the Plaza to bring awareness about heart disease. The event raised over \$900,000.

## Do you have a child who would like to play basketball or be a cheerleader?

If so, sign up to play Upward Basketball/Cheerleading at Nall Avenue Baptist Church. Upward Basketball and Cheerleading provides every child with a positive sports experience and is open to children from 5 years old through sixth grade.



Register online at [www.nallave.org](http://www.nallave.org) or come by Nall Avenue Baptist church (67th and Nall) and pick-up a registration form. Registration closes November 6th.

# VILLAGE GREEN

## 10TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY FORUM



**John Harrington**

The 10th Annual Community Forum on Kansas Environmental Issues will be held Thursday, October 6, 2011 in Friendship Hall at Village Presbyterian Church, 6641 Mission Road. The forum begins at 5:30 pm with the opportunity to visit exhibits by environmental organizations. A light supper of locally grown foods catered by Blue Bird Bistro will be served at 6:00 pm with the program following at 7:00 pm. The topic is “Climate Change: Global and Local Evidence and Implications”. This year’s Forum features John Harrington of the Kansas State University Department of Geography. Dr. Harrington’s research

interests lie in the areas of climatology, global change, the coupling of social and natural systems, and the application of GIScience to natural resource management. His interests in climate science include the climate of the Great Plains and climate variability.

Advance reservations are needed by October 1st. A donation of \$20 per person is requested to cover expenses. To make reservations send a check made payable to KNRC/Community Forum to: KNRC/Community Forum, 7301 Mission Rd, Ste 248, Prairie Village, KS 66208.

For more information visit [www.pvkansas.com](http://www.pvkansas.com) or contact Mary Helen Korbek at 913-362-6463 or Kathy Riordan at [kfriordan@kc.rr.com](mailto:kfriordan@kc.rr.com).

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