

VOICE

The Star of Kansas

NO CHANGES TO TRASH & YARD WASTE IN 2012

Recently, the Johnson County Landfill has announced it will no longer accept yard waste beginning in 2012. While this change will affect many of the surrounding communities, Prairie Village's service will remain the same because yard waste is currently composted under the city contract & ordinances.

Those residents under the city contract will still be able to set out 8 yard waste items per week during the months of January, February, May, June, July and December and 12 yard waste items per week during the months of March, April, August, September, October and November. Yard waste should be placed in a biodegradable paper bag or a 35 gallon or less rigid container.

In addition, many surrounding communities are moving to a pay-as-you-throw system where monthly fees will be based on volume of trash collected. The City of Prairie Village contracts with Deffenbaugh each year and assesses residents on

their property tax statement for annual trash fees. The current limits on trash and yard waste will still apply in 2012. No changes will occur to the current system.

In some areas, homes associations provide trash service (Corinth Downs, Countryside East, Paddock Court and Town & Country). If you live in one of these neighborhoods you should contact your homes association to see if any changes will be made to your service.

Don't forget that you can set out one small bulky item during the first full week of each month on your regular trash pickup day. For larger items, mark your calendar for the annual large item pick-up on May 12th for homes north of 75th Street and May 19th for homes south of 75th street. Make sure to save the 2012 calendar on page 5.

Visit www.pvkansas.com for more information. For questions, contact Dennis Enslinger at 913-385-4603 or denslinger@pvkansas.com.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Greetings,

Now that the holidays are over, I would like to thank the residents of Prairie Village for their outstanding generosity. As of December 8, 2011, individuals, businesses and organizations have given over \$9,500 to the Mayor's Holiday Tree Fund and since that date many more dollars have been received. These donations will go a long way in helping Prairie Village residents with home repairs and utility assistance throughout 2012.

In addition, over \$1,100 was raised by the Mayor's Holiday Light Display to support minor home repair in Prairie Village in partnership with Heartland Habitat for Humanity. The Dorr family was an integral part of making the display an outstanding success. I hope you were able to stop by the display.

As we begin the new year, I want to update you on the upcoming capital improvement projects and continued maintenance of the City's infrastructure. The annual drainage repair program, the annual paving program and the annual sidewalk/curb repair program will focus on existing infrastructure needing to be repaired or replaced.

In addition to the annual repair programs, a number of larger projects will be completed. The drainage culvert at Mission Road and 87th Street will be replaced. Three additional drainage pipes and four drainage structures will also be replaced on 81st Street south of Somerset Drive. Somerset Drive from Roe Avenue to Nall Avenue and Sagamore Road from 75th Street to 79th Street will be resurfaced and deteriorated curbs and sidewalks will be replaced.

To find out more about upcoming construction projects, visit www.pvkansas.com/projects or contact Public Works at 913-381-6464 or publicworks@pvkansas.com.

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

Thank you for your generosity and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Ron Shaffer, Mayor

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COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

Mayor's Holiday Tree Lighting a Success

The Prairie Village Municipal Foundation and the City of Prairie Village would like to thank the following businesses, organizations and individuals who made the 2011 Mayor's Holiday Tree Lighting a success.

Belinder Elementary School
Consolidated Fire District #2
Corinth Hen House
Corinth Square Merchant's Association
Dancerz Unlimited

Euston Hardware
Facility Service Group
Fry Orthodontic Specialists
Great Harvest Bread Co
Hattie's Fine Coffee
Hy-Vee

Intrust Bank
Johnny's Tavern
Lane4 Property Group
Marc Beelman / Edward Jones
Mely's Yogurt and Ice Cream
Rick Lage & Rick Stuart



Rosehill Gardens
The Learning Tree
The Salty Iguana
Village Flower Company

Tree Board brings awareness to Urban Forest and Arboretum

In October, the Prairie Village Tree Board presented its Fall Seminar. The general purpose of the seminar is to educate citizens about the City's urban forest. The primary topic this year was Champion Trees. A champion tree is the best of its species in a particular geographic area. Greg VanBooven of the Tree Board gave the presentation which covered 13 champion trees in the City. Several of them are also champion trees in the Kansas City Metro and the State of Kansas. A presentation was also given regarding the City's Park and Arboretum project which is identifying more than 100 species of trees that exist in the City.



deceased individuals or couples and may have served the community in any capacity. Nominations will be accepted until February 15, 2012. 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.

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

If you would like further information about the Tree Board, visit www.pvkansas.com or to volunteer contact the City Clerk's Office at 913-381-6464.

Volunteer for VillageFest 2012

The VillageFest 2012 Planning Committee will have its first meeting on Thursday, January 26th at 7:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room at City Hall, 7700 Mission Rd. 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.



JANUARY

Come enjoy the City's art collection January 3rd - 13th. A reception will be held on January 13th from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. The Gallery will be closed January 14th - 31st for maintenance.



FEBRUARY

An artist for the February exhibit has not been selected yet. Make sure to visit our gallery website in February to find out who is exhibiting at www.pvkansas.com/artgallery. A reception will be held on February 10th from 6:30 to 7:30 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

How to Dispose of Your Holiday Tree

After the holidays, don't worry about how to dispose of your live Holiday tree! Residents can set out their Holiday trees on their regular trash days to be picked up by Deffenbaugh for composting. There's no need to cut up the tree, just place it next to any other composting/yard waste items.

A second option is the City sponsored Tree Recycling Program from December 19th through January 20th. Trees may be placed in 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.

Reserve a Ball Field for your team

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 2011, your coach should receive a 2012 application form soon. You may also obtain one at the Municipal Offices or online at www.pvkansas.com under Leisure & Lifestyle >> Recreation Programs.

File for City Council

An election will be held for Council seats in each of the City's six wards on April 3, 2012. 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 24, 2012.

McCrum Park Water Tower to be removed in January



WaterOne, who owns and operates the McCrum water tower, announced last spring the tower was being decommissioned and would be dismantled in January 2012. According to WaterOne, the removal of the tank is scheduled to be completed between January 9th and January 27th with a final completion date of February 1, 2012. The area will be restored with fescue grass and restoration work is to be completed by April 1, 2012. Contact WaterOne for more information at www.waterone.org or 913-895-5826. Visit the City's project page at www.pvkansas.com/projects.

Stay Connected with Prairie Village

Check out the website features that keep you informed about City activities.

- Visit our **Stay Connected** page to access a variety of features including: e-News subscriptions, Code Red, myPrairieVillage App, Facebook and Twitter. www.pvkansas.com/stayconnected.
- **Project Pages** provide timely updates on major construction projects and major zoning projects. Visit www.pvkansas.com/projects. The project pages can also be seen on our mobile website. Subscribe to the projects of your choice through e-News subscriptions.
- **The Newsroom & Events Calendar** feature current news stories and upcoming events. The most recent items are available on the homepage. They can also be seen on our mobile website. Subscribe to news and event categories through e-News subscriptions.
- Report a property maintenance issue, pothole or other issue with our **NEW Smartphone Citizen Engagement App** for Android phones. Search for "myPrairieVillage" to install the app. The iPhone app will be coming soon.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION	DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
January 1 - 20	Christmas Tree Drop-Off	7 am - 11 pm	Harmon, Franklin, Porter & Meadowlake Parks	January 17	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers
January 3	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers	February 6	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers
January 16	Offices Closed	All Day		February 20	Offices Closed	All Day	
				February 21	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers

2012 Yard Waste and Bulky Item Collection

January (8 Yard Waste Items)						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Bulky Item Week				
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Holiday Delay					
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

February (8 Yard Waste Items)						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Bulky Item Week				
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29			

March (12 Yard Waste Items)						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Bulky Item Week				
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Trash will be picked up one day late on weeks with Holidays. This does not apply to days before the Holiday.

April (12 Yard Waste Items)						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Bulky Item Week				
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

May (8 Yard Waste Items)						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		Bulky Item Week				
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		
	Holiday Delay					

June (8 Yard Waste Items)						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
		Holiday Delay				
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		Bulky Item Week				
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Large Item Pick-up is May 12th for 75th St & North of 75th St and May 19th for South of 75th St

July (8 yard Waste Items)						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Bulky Item Week/Holiday Delay					
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)						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Bulky Item Week				
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)						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Bulky Item Week/Holiday Delay					
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

For more information, visit www.pvkansas.com

October (12 Yard Waste Items)						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		Bulky Item Week				
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

November (12 Yard Waste Items)						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Bulky Item Week				
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Holiday Delay					
25	26	27	28	29	30	

December (8 Yard Waste Items)						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		Bulky Item Week				
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31		Holiday Delay			

PUBLIC SAFETY



Cold Weather Safety Tips

Here are some tips to help keep you safe during the cold weather.

- Do not leave your vehicle running and unattended. Not only is it an ordinance violation, it takes only a few seconds for a thief to steal an unlocked, running vehicle.
- Do not park on the street when a big snow is forecast to allow the street crews room to remove snow.
- Avoid taking large boxes out to the curb. Cut the boxes up and turn the labels inside out so no one knows what was in the box. Leaving a large flat screen TV, Wii, computer, or laptop box on the curb tells everyone who drives by what there is to steal in your home.

If you are traveling:

- Schedule a house watch online at www.pvkansas.com>>>How Do I?.
- Cancel paper, mail and any other regular deliveries to the home.
- Set timers on lights, radios, or TVs to give the appearance someone is home and moving around the residence.
- Ask a trusted friend or neighbor to keep an eye on your home while you are away.
- Ask a neighbor to make tire tracks in the driveway when it snows to give the appearance someone is home.
- Do not post your travel plans on social networking sites like Facebook, MySpace, or Twitter. You want only people you trust knowing when your home will not be occupied.

Please take a few minutes of your time now to help safeguard your home and your family and have a safe winter season. If you have any questions, or comments, contact Crime Prevention Officer Matt Boggs at mboggs@pvkansas.com or 913/385-4613.

Citizen's Police Academy

The Prairie Village Citizens' Police Academy is a community involved program designed to provide citizens with firsthand 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 lecture, 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. Citizens' Police Academy Graduates may be eligible to participate in a new Volunteers in Police Services (VIPS) program. This program utilizes volunteers from the community to assist the Department in providing various services to the community. If you are interested in attending the Citizens' Police Academy, download the application from 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 at cwinn@pvkansas.com.

The next Citizens' Police Academy will meet from 6:30 – 9:30 pm on Wednesday evenings beginning February 8, 2012.

Recycle your Cell Phone



Recycle your old cell phone and help support the Prairie Village Police Department's Shop with a Cop Program. All proceeds from the recycled phones will be contributed to this annual event where individual officers take disadvantaged children holiday shopping and pay for their purchases up to \$100. Then, children will also ride back to the Police Station for a tour and pizza party. A cell phone collection box has been placed in the lobby of the Police Department at 77th & Mission Rd. Stop by any time and drop off your phone to recycle it for a good cause. Shop with a Cop is also sponsored by the Prairie Village Municipal Foundation.

COMMUNITY CORNER

50+ Programming at the Community Center

The 50 Plus Program
Enjoy Life!

Sunrise Stretch & Tone – Get your workout in first thing! Join us for an energizing morning workout consisting of low impact aerobics and strength training. Exercises stretch and tone your body while providing an effective cardiovascular workout. Classes meets at the Prairie Village

Community Center (7720 Mission Rd) Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:15 am. The price of this session is \$49 for Johnson County residents and \$54 for non-county residents. Call for session dates.

T'ai Chi: Chih Style – Unlike the T'ai Chi most people are familiar with, T'ai Chi Chih is not a martial arts based practice. Instead, this

form of T'ai Chi features a series of 19 movements and 1 pose meant as a moving meditation to help promote health and serenity. This class is brand new to the Prairie Village Community Center (7720 Mission Rd) and meets on Thursdays at 9:30 am and will consist of 6-50 min. sessions. The price of this class will be \$33 for Johnson County residents and \$36 for non-county residents. Call for session dates.

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.

Art Classes at the Community Center

The Johnson County Park & Recreation District offers a variety of art classes at the Prairie Village Community Center (7720 Mission Rd) from drawing to painting to paper mache. Contact Sarah Lenahan for a list of classes offered or for more information at 913-826-3163.



Glass Recycling Challenge Results

Six cities participated in the America Recycles Day Glass Recycling Challenge: Mission, Overland Park, Parkville, Prairie Village, Roeland Park and Shawnee. While most participants increased their glass collections, Mission showed the largest increase of 18%. Prairie Village came in second at 12%.

Prairie Village continues to lead the glass recycling efforts with the Ripple Glass bin at Corinth. Lane4 Property Group hosts the Corinth and Prairie Village Glass bins and residents have delivered 583 tons of glass to these two locations in 2011 – that's **2.3 million bottles and jars!**

Belinder Elementary Holds Health & Science Fair

More than 400 parents and students had a free evening of interactive fun, education and enlightenment November 10th at Belinder Elementary's Health & Science Fair.

Committed to providing its students with opportunities to learn about making healthy lifestyle choices for better living, as well as, a chance to discover more about the world and their environment, the Fair hosted more than 40 live, interactive demonstrations for everyone to experience.

From running, jumping and climbing at the Fitness Boot Camp to gazing at the stars in an on-site planetarium, or interacting with live, wild animals, attendees were exposed to a broad range of health and science issues while having fun.

Among the presenters was Dennis J. Enslinger, Assistant City Administrator for the City of Prairie Village. He provided attendees with a first-hand look at how the new Geothermal Project is being used by the City.

The Belinder Health & Wellness initiative began two years ago with a grant from the Shawnee Mission School District Foundation.



For more information or an interview with Belinder's Physical Education Specialist, LeAnn Carver-Jones, please contact Libby Polyviou at 732-757-2797.

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VILLAGE GREEN

COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOTS NOW AVAILABLE!

Over the summer, the Parks & Recreation Committee voted to provide space for a community garden at Harmon Park (77th & Delmar). The Environmental Committee held several public meetings and now a hardy group of citizen volunteers is working over the winter to prepare the space for an April opening! This year, there will be approximately 20 plots available at the Harmon Park location and another 10-15 plots at our partner site, Cherokee Christian Church at 75th & Belinder! If you are interested in renting a 4-foot by 20-foot gardening plot for the 2012 season, please visit our PV Garden web page for more information and to download an application at www.pvkansas.com/pvgarden. Plots are \$40 for the season (first come, first served). For more information, send an email to pvgarden@pvkansas.com.



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