

VOICE

The Star of Kansas

VILLAGEFEST
JULY 4th CELEBRATION
7700 MISSION RD
(PRAIRIE VILLAGE CITY HALL GROUNDS)



VillageFest

Come celebrate Prairie Village's 16th Annual Independence Day Celebration, VillageFest 2012! The fun begins at 7:30 am on Wednesday, July 4th. Admission is FREE and all activities are held on the Municipal Campus at 7700 Mission Road.

The festivities begin with a pancake breakfast hosted by Chris Cakes. Other activities throughout the day include: a Patriotic Service; a Children's Parade; live music; a Child's Craft Center; inflatables for children; a petting zoo and pony rides; a craft show; and much, much more.

The Headstrong for Jake Bike Rodeo will be returning again this year. The bike rodeo is designed to teach bicycle riding skills, as well as, educate both children and their parents

regarding the importance of always wearing a properly fitted bike helmet. New bicycle helmets will be provided for the first 350 registered participants by the Jake Clough Headstrong Foundation, 501(c)3. All participants need to bring their own bicycle to the bike rodeo.

Everyone is invited to VillageFest 2012! Bring your family, friends, and neighbors! The schedule of events and map are on pages 5 and 6 of the newsletter. Don't forget to save the enclosed flyer and bring it on the 4th! If you need assistance or reasonable accommodation to participate in VillageFest, please contact the City Clerk's office at cityclerk@pvkansas.com, 913-381-6464 or TDD 1-800-766-3777 by July 1st to make arrangements.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Greetings,

It's Summertime in Prairie Village!! Temperatures are rising, children are out of school, and families throughout Prairie Village are spending more time outdoors working and playing in their yards. The Pool Complex is open, the City's parks are busy, and the Skate

Park once again serves as a gathering place for our City's youth.

This summer, I challenge Prairie Village residents to make the most of the season. Enjoy the time outdoors with family and friends. Enjoy the pride that comes from working on your house, yard or garden. And, more importantly, use this time to connect with your neighbors.

Strong neighborhoods are a defining feature of Prairie Village, as are the City's many homes associations. They contribute to our sense of community and can even help improve safety when neighbors look out for each other.

Sponsoring a block party is a great way to get to know your neighbors. A block party will let you close off the street, providing more room for you and your neighbors to enjoy each other's company, as well as a large, safe area for children to play.

In order to close the street, you will need to obtain a block party permit and the City will provide the barricades. The permit is free and you can often get members of the Police and Fire Departments to stop by and join in your neighborhood celebration.

Block party permit forms are available from the City Clerk's Office and online at www.pvkansas.com.

And, don't forget to attend VillageFest on July 4th! Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Sincerely,

Ron Shaffer, Mayor

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COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

City Committee Youth Representatives Part II of II

The City of Prairie Village is fortunate to have a number of student representatives serve on various City committees. This is the second article in a two-part series that showcases our student volunteers.

Shannon Tuttle, a senior at Shawnee Mission East, is passionate about the environment and enjoys serving on the Environmental Committee, where she provides insight into students' opinions in planning for the Earth Fair every April. In addition, Shannon is a member of the Shawnee Mission East Choraliers Choir and is President of the Shawnee Mission East Environmental Recycling Club. She was recently appointed as a fulltime member.

Yuliya Matsekevych, a senior at Shawnee Mission Northwest, gives her opinion on Sister City committee items, providing information concerning Ukrainian youth. Yuliya moved here from Ukraine four years ago. Outside of Sister City, she participates in the Ukrainian Club of Kansas City.



Ivan Novikov and Yuliya Matsekevych

Ivan Novikov, a junior at Shawnee Mission East, joined Sister City Committee two years ago. He connects the committee to the opinions of the younger generation, providing a good sense of humor at committee meetings. In his free time, Ivan participates in DECA, an association of students interested in business and marketing, and in the Ukrainian Club of Kansas City.

SAVE THE DATE - The Prairie Village Jazz Festival Returns September 8th

Music will fill the air at Harmon Park once more on Saturday, September 8th, as the Prairie Village Jazz Festival returns for its third year. This year's festival features Grammy Nominated jazz artist Karrin Allyson and internationally celebrated saxophonist Bobby Watson as the co-headliners with well-known and new local jazz artists filling the bill. BRGR Kitchen + Bar of Prairie Village is the presenting sponsor and primary vendor. Proceeds from the Prairie Village Jazz Festival will benefit Heartland Habitat for Humanity.

Visit www.prairievillagejazz.org to find out more about the festival and lineup. Mark your calendar for the Prairie Village Jazz Festival – Saturday, September 8th at Harmon Park from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Sister City Committee Update

On September 8th, Dolyna, Ukraine is hosting a silent auction to raise money to help renovate their music school. The auction will follow a concert by the Lysenko Choir from Holland. The Sister City Committee is collecting small and easily shippable contributions to send them. Popular items include Harley-Davidson items, cowboy items, scarves, jewelry, lotions and small make-up items, items with Prairie Village or the American flag, coffee table books, simple song books, and A-B-C books. For more information or to learn more about joining the Sister City Committee contact Jim Hohensee at (913) 432-0477.

Arts
COUNCIL
Prairie Village

JULY

Anna Dorrance, Anne Nye and Mark Higgins will present their photography during the month of July. A reception will be held on July 13th from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

AUGUST

While traveling, **Ted Denton's** goal has been to capture a good photograph. Recognizing a good subject at the right moment is what he seeks. He likes how black and white photography unifies, as well as, simplifies the composition. After a rewarding 30 year career as an art educator, Ted felt the time was right to change his devotion from teaching to that of artist. There is something for everyone at this special show! A reception will be held on August 10th from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

PV HAPPENINGS

Stay Cool This Summer

Pool Season is in full swing at the Prairie Village Pool. Regular hours are 11:00 am to 8:30 pm. The daily fee is \$6. The pool opens at 4:30 pm on weekdays beginning August 13th and closes for the season on September 3rd. Still don't have that pool membership? Starting July 16th pool memberships go half price. **Mark these upcoming events on your calendar:**

- July 4th – Free Swim for all Prairie Village residents
- July 6th – Moonlight Swim – pool remains open until 10:00 pm
- July 20th – Moonlight Swim – pool remains open until 10:00 pm
- July 29th – 53rd Annual Water Show – 8:30 pm
- August 3rd – Moonlight Swim – pool remains open until 10:00 pm



PROJECT UPDATES

Former Mission Valley Middle School Site Comprehensive Plan Amendment

The City Council on May 21, 2012 approved the proposed Comprehensive Plan for the former Mission Valley School site. The City Council also adopted a resolution repealing the moratorium for submission of rezoning and special use permit applications. With the adoption of these two documents, this project has been completed. For more information visit www.pvkansas.com/projects.

Master Trail Plan Amendment

Final Council Action has been taken on this item. The City Council did not move the Roe Avenue Trail to Nall Avenue or make any other adjustments to the Master Plan Trail Map. For more information visit www.pvkansas.com/projects.

Ball Field Reservations Due

Applications for Fall soccer and baseball field reservations will be received until July 13th. If you do not receive an application in the mail by July 6th, contact the City Clerk's office at 913-381-6464 or visit www.pvkansas.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
July 2nd	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers
July 4th	VillageFest	7:30 am	Municipal Campus
July 4th	Independence Day Observed		Offices Closed
July 16th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers
August 6th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers
August 20th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers

2013 Budget Hearing August 6th

A public hearing will be held on Monday, August 6th at 7:30 pm in the City Council Chambers to hear comments and suggestions about the City's 2013 budget. A copy of the proposed budget will be available online and at the City Clerk's office by August 6, 2012.

Please refer to the City's website at www.pvkansas.org for other key budget dates.

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VillageFest

CELEBRATION SCHEDULE

Wednesday, July 4th • 7:30 am – 1:30 pm • Prairie Village Municipal Campus • 7700 Mission Road

All Day Events.....9:00–1:30

- Information Booth.....Front of City Hall
- Trail History Display.....In City Council Chambers
- Skate Board Facility.....Near City Hall Parking Lot
- R.G. Endres Art Gallery.....Inside City Hall

Food for Purchase

- Chris Cakes Harmon Park Pavilion.....7:30–11:00
Hosted by Old Mission Masonic Lodge #153
- C-C Food & Beverage City Hall Parking Lot...9:30–1:30
- Popcorn Man City Hall Parking Lot.....9:30–1:30
- Hy-Vee Community Center Lawn.....10:30–1:30

Displays

- City Committee & Sponsor Displays.....9:00–1:30
Community Center Lawn
- Police Department/Med-Act Display.....9:00–1:30
City Hall Parking Lot
- Fire Department Display.....9:00–1:30
Church Parking Lot

Special Events

- Craft Show City Hall Parking Lot.....All Day
- Child ID Program (CHIPS) Council Chambers..9:00–1:00
- Vintage Plane Flyover.....9:30
- Bike Rodeo City Hall Parking Lot.....10:00–Noon
- Free Swim Prairie Village Pool Complex.....11:00–6:00
- Children's Parade In Front of City Hall.....11:15
Decorate your bikes, trikes and wagons and meet east of City Hall by 11:00. All are welcome to participate. No registration needed.

Attractions

- Trackless Train City Hall Parking Lot.....8:30–1:30
- Climbing Wall City Hall Parking Lot.....8:30–1:30
- Games 2U Mobile Van City Hall Parking Lot..9:30–1:30
- Kansas Yo-Yo Champion Comm. Center Lawn 9:30–1:30
- Captured Memories Photo Booth City Hall..9:30–1:30
- Wacky Hair North of Main Stage.....9:30–1:30
- Sister Act Face Painting North of Main Stage.9:30–1:30
- Human Hamster Balls East of Main Stage....9:30–1:30
- Child Craft Center Community Center.....9:30–1:30
- Inflatables Community Center Lawn.....9:30–1:30
- Petting Zoo Community Center Lawn.....9:30–1:30
- Beaks & Wings Community Center Lawn.....9:30–1:30
- Pony Rides South of Community Center.....9:30–1:30

Entertainment

- Main Stage – Directly Across From City Hall**
- Funky Mama.....9:00–9:30
- Jim “Mr. Stinky Feet” Cosgrove and the Hiccups!.....10:00–11:00
- Surf Tones.....Noon–1:30
- South of Community Center**
- Clement McCrae Puppets 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:00
- At the Harmon Park Pavilion**
- Patriotic Service.....9:00–9:30
- Welcome by Mayor / Pledge of Allegiance
- Susan Lee singing Star Spangled Banner & God Bless America
- Community Spirit Awards

Special Guests

- National Guard City Hall Parking Lot.....9:30–1:30
 - Laughing Matters Community Center Lawn..9:30–11:30
 - SNAG Golf West of Skate Park.....9:30–1:30
 - Ararat Shrine Clowns.....9:30–1:30
 - Kansas Lions Club Mobile Screening Unit..9:30–1:30
City Hall Parking Lot
 - Home Depot Toolbox Kits.....9:30–1:30
Community Center Lawn
- Free Parking:**
- Shawnee Mission East High School
7500 Mission Road
 - Mission Road Bible Church
7820 Mission Road
 - Mission Road Community of Christ Church
7842 Mission Road

Restrooms:

- City Hall Police Department Community Center
- Harmon Park Pavilion Prairie Village Pool Complex

Lost and Found:

Information Booth located in front of City Hall

For More Information:

Call City Hall at **913-381-6464** or find us on Facebook: Prairie Village VillageFest or visit... www.prairievillagefest.com

Day of event – Look for volunteers in VillageFest shirts / vests.

Thanks to Mission Road Bible Church for providing parking and to Mission Road Community of Christ Church for providing parking and additional activities.

Don't Forget to Bring Blankets or Lawn Chairs!

VillageFest 2012 thanks these sponsors:



THE CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE





VillageFest

MISSION ROAD

Parking

Entrance Closed



Prairie Village Pool Complex

Free Swim 11:00-6:00

RESTROOMS

City Hall RESTROOMS

Plaza

Water Station

Info Booth & Volunteer Check-In

Children's Parade Staging Area and Starting Point

Main Stage Directly Across From City Hall

Police Station RESTROOMS

Bike Rodeo

Children's Parade

City Hall Parking Lot Area

Food Vendor

Community Center Lawn

Food Vendor

Police Department/ Med-Act Display

Community Center RESTROOMS

Water Station

Hy-Vee Food Station

Disabled Entrance Only

Harmon Park Pavilion

Chris Cakes Pancake Breakfast
Patriotic Service

RESTROOMS

SNAG Golf

Skate Board Facility

ADA Parking

Craft Show
Kansas Lions Club
Mobile Screening Unit

Pony Rides and Puppet Show

CFD#2 Fire Department Display

MISSION ROAD

COMMUNITY CORNER

A Brush With Kindness

Marcia Gradinger, Code Enforcement Officer for the City of Prairie Village, saw an article in the newspaper in which another city was partnering with Heartland Habitat for Humanity. She then brought the idea to the City of Prairie Village. The Prairie Village Municipal Foundation graciously provided funding last year to take on needy properties in our own community. Marcia said, "It makes a huge difference for the homeowner, neighbors and the community. It's about everyone coming together and an investment in the community."

The Prairie Village Municipal Foundation, the City of Prairie Village and Heartland Habitat for Humanity partnered for the third time in May to lend support to a fellow neighbor. The program, called "A Brush With Kindness," targeted a Prairie Village property in need of some tender loving care.

Phase I of the house was completed in November by trimming trees, mowing the lawn and removing the back porch. Phase II was completed this May, painting the entire outside of the house, replacing rotting wood and adding railings on the front porch. A



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roar of a generator, a high pitched sound of an electric saw cutting wood, the creaks of moving ladders and the smell of fresh wet paint surrounded the property. Volunteers from area businesses pitched in to complete the two day project.

The "Brush With Kindness" program is always looking for help. If you would like to volunteer, provide funding, or are a business that would donate time or services, please call Marcia Gradinger at 913-385-4605.

Prairie Village Relay for Life

On Saturday, August 25th the Relay For Life to benefit the American Cancer Society will be held at Franklin Park. Relay For Life is a life-changing event that helps communities across the globe celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against the disease.

For more information go to www.relayforlife.org/prairievillageks or email katherine.hughey@cancer.org.



Somerset Elementary Playground Equipment finds a new life

The playground equipment at Somerset Elementary School was donated to Silver City Elementary School. The donation included two play structures, soccer goals, and swing sets. Hunt Midwest who is building a retirement center at Somerset decided to donate the equipment instead of bulldozing it. Several individuals also made the donation possible: Mayor Ron Shaffer, Jack Nagel and Kaler Bole. Silver City Elementary School is located in Kansas City, KS.

Community Garden Receives Grant

The Prairie Village Community Garden received a grant of \$4,767 from the Kansas Community Gardens Project. Twenty four community garden projects from around the state of Kansas were chosen as the inaugural grant recipients through the Kansas Community Gardens Project, a joint initiative of the Kansas Health Foundation and K-State Research and Extension. In all, more than \$100,000 in grant funds will be distributed during 2012, the first year of this three-year initiative.



VILLAGE GREEN

If it's on the ground, it's in our water

During a rainfall, water runs across rooftops, down streets and across parking lots and yards, picking up substances along the way. This stormwater “runoff” often contains materials like chemical fertilizer, pet waste, litter, automotive fluids and yard waste such as leaves and grass clippings. Runoff then washes down storm drains, eventually reaching local rivers and streams where it can pose significant risks to people and wildlife.

Water that enters storm drains is not cleaned at wastewater treatment plants before it flows directly into streams, rivers and lakes. While storm drains were designed to divert water from streets, they can transport harmful substances from lawns and streets. Chemicals and bacteria from materials like fertilizer and pet waste are directly deposited into our region's water, causing pollution and endangering public health.

Many residents don't realize how their everyday habits impact our region's water quality. Remember: *if it's on the ground, it's in our water*. There are several simple actions you can take that can save time, resources and money — all while protecting the health of residents, communities and the environment:

- Pick up after your pet. Pet waste is not a fertilizer – it contains harmful bacteria. Carry disposable bags while walking your dog to pick up and dispose of waste properly.
- Use lawn chemicals sparingly. Chemical fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides can contain ingredients harmful to human health and the environment. Test your soil to know how much fertilizer your lawn really needs.
- Go natural. Instead of using chemical products, consider compost or natural lawn-chemical alternatives.
- Landscape with native plants and rain gardens. Native plants have natural properties that often eliminate or reduce the need for mowing, fertilizing or using pesticides. Rain gardens catch stormwater and slowly filter it into the ground, meaning less water runs off lawns into our storm sewers, helping prevent flooding and erosion in our streams.
- Keep waste out of storm drains. Sweep driveways and sidewalks clean. Remove debris and residue that could end up in a storm drain from concrete and paved areas around your house. Never discard trash or yard waste down storm drains or in the street.

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