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The Star of Kansas



State of the Arts 2012

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 12, 2012, 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, Mark Mohr, graduated with a B.F.A. in Design from Wichita State University and continues to paint in both oils and watercolors. Mark's paintings exhibit a broad expanse of portraits, still lifes, cityscapes, and landscapes.

It is anticipated the jurist will select approximately forty (40) pieces of original art, of varying mediums, for this year's show. From these forty (40) pieces, nine prizes of

varying amounts will be awarded including the R.G. Endres Memorial Best of Show Award for \$1,000. The State of the Arts prizes are made possible by our generous sponsors: Bank of Prairie Village, Hunt Midwest, Lane4 Property Group, Prairie Village Merchants Association, Rimann Liquors, Story Restaurant and Village Hairstyling.

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 works from this year's State of the Arts will be on display at the R.G. Endres Gallery in City Hall, 7700 Mission Rd, throughout the month of October. The awards reception is free and 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 12, 2012.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Greetings,

I am pleased to report the City Council adopted a balanced budget for 2013 with no increases to your property taxes. The monthly rate in 2013 for trash and recycling will actually be lower than current rates. Sound financial management and prudent spending practices helped the City maintain a strong outlook for

2013. There will be a budget summary included in the next issue of the Village Voice.

While the City does everything in its power to manage revenues and expenditures, we, along with all other Kansas cities, are affected by the State's budget decisions. The trickle-down effect can have profound consequences on City resources including time, personnel and finances.

Recently, as well as over the past several years, the State of Kansas has made a number of decisions that have had serious consequences to the City's budget. For example, the Local Ad Valorem Property Tax Reduction, which is supposed to transfer a small percentage of state sales and use taxes to cities and counties, has not been received since 2004. The purpose of the transfer is to account for the local share of cigarette stamp taxes and cereal malt beverage taxes.

In addition to the reduction of financial transfers, when the State makes deep cuts to programs, the costs and burdens of the programs often shift to the local level. A case in point is the Mental Health Department. Frontline responders, such as our Police Officers, will spend more time on mental health calls due to reductions of services at the State level.

Now, and in the future, we will continue to remain vigilant to the State legislature's budgetary debates and their potential to affect our City's budget.

The City Council and staff will continue to provide sound financial budget management of our City's funds. The Council and staff are committed to providing the community with greater transparency and are pleased to announce a new online resource -- PV-Checkbook. PV-Checkbook allows residents to look at city expenditures by categories for specific vendors. Visit www.pykansas.com for more information about the City's budget or PV-Checkbook or contact Finance Director, Lisa Santa Maria at 913-385-4661 or lsantamaria@pykansas.com.

Sincerely,

Ron Shaffer, Mayor

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COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

Shop with a Cop

The second annual “Shop-With-A-Cop” event will be held in December, and is sponsored by the Prairie Village Municipal Foundation. “Shop-With-A-Cop” is a chance for the Prairie Village Police Department to team up with needy and deserving children in our community. Last year, the Police Department hosted seven children.

Once again this year, police officers will take children holiday shopping and pay for their purchases. Children may buy gifts for both themselves



and family members. After shopping, each child will be treated to dinner and have their packages wrapped free of charge. If you are a Prairie Village business or resident, who would like to make a contribution to this special program (monetary or specific gifts for the children), please contact Jeanne Koontz at 913-385-4662.

Also, don't forget to drop off your old cell phone at the Police Station. The Police Department is collecting phones to help support the “Shop-With-A-Cop” program. A cell phone collection box is located in the Police Station lobby. Used phones may be dropped off at any time for recycling.



Recreation Scholarships Provided

The Prairie Village Municipal Foundation awarded Recreation Scholarships to qualified families again this year. Twelve families enjoyed recreation activities not possible without this assistance.

Municipal Foundation Makes a Difference for One Resident

The Prairie Village Municipal Foundation and Heartland Habitat for Humanity have been working together to provide minor home maintenance repairs to eligible Prairie Village homes. A number of residents have benefited from this partnership since November 2011, including Frank Smist.

Frank was left 100 percent handicapped after being hit head-on by a car in 2001. Since then, it has been difficult for him to maintain the outside of his property. He wrote to the Municipal Foundation that “On June 21, 2012, I was given a new house. I saw seventeen 21st century Good Samaritans doing their best work. Thank you”.

Volunteers from the Seaboard Corporation and Heartland Habitat for Humanity made it all possible. Donations to the Municipal Foundation are tax-deductible and are used for the Habitat projects, recreation scholarships, utility assistance and other charitable causes in Prairie Village.



Arts
COUNCIL
Prairie Village

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.

SEPTEMBER

Open your arms as we welcome our Sister City, Dolyana, Ukraine, to the USA! They are bringing special works of art so we can have a glimpse into their culture. A reception will be held on September 14th from 6:30 to 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 nine monetary prizes. A reception will be held on October 12th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. For more information, visit www.pvkansas.com/stateoffhearts.

Interested in volunteering for the the Arts Council? Volunteers are needed to help with monthly gallery receptions and at State of the Arts. Contact Dennis Enslinger at 913-385-4603 or denslinger@pvkansas.com for more information.

PV HAPPENINGS

28th Annual Peanut Butter Drive

The City of Prairie Village is teaming up with Harvesters Community Food Network to sponsor the 28th Annual Prairie Village Peanut Butter Week food drive from October 1 – 5, 2012.

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 2011, Harvesters distributed 2,369,266 pounds of food in Johnson County which was a 9% increase over 2012.

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

Animal Enumeration

Do you have a new pet in the City? The City will be conducting an animal census from September 21st through October 28th 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. If you have questions, contact Penny Mann at 913-385-4685. Thank you for your assistance.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
September 3rd	Labor Day Observed		Offices Closed
September 4th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers
September 8th	Jazz Festival	3:00 pm - 11:00 pm	Harmon Park
September 17th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers
October 1st	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers
October 4th	Community Forum	5:30 pm	Village Church
October 12th	State of the Arts Reception	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	R.G. Endres Gallery
October 15th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers

For more events visit www.pvkansas.com

Monthly Electronics Recycling through October

The Johnson County Household Hazardous Materials Collection Program will be collecting electronic waste for recycling in addition to household hazardous waste (HHW) the second Saturday of each month through October. Residents must make an appointment to drop off their electronic waste and HHW for recycling between 8:00 am and 11:30 am on Saturday September 8th or Saturday October 13th.

The following items will be recycled for free:

- Cameras
- CD players
- Cell phones
- Computer equipment
- Faxes
- Printers
- Scanners
- Video games



The following items will be recycled for a fee:*

- Monitors (\$10)
- TVs (\$15)

*Cash, checks, and credit cards are accepted.

As our advancements in technology progress rapidly, older technology expires and becomes obsolete. So before you toss that old cell phone or computer, please consider recycling it. To make an appointment or for more information, call 913-715-6900 or go to www.jocorecycles.org.

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KARRIN ALLYSON & BOBBY WATSON HEADLINE THE 2012 PRAIRIE VILLAGE JAZZ FESTIVAL



PRAIRIE VILLAGE JAZZ FESTIVAL RETURNS!

PRESENTS:



**Saturday,
September 8,
2012
3 to 11 pm**

The third annual FREE Prairie Village Jazz Festival promises to be even bigger and more diverse than previous festivals. The 2012 Prairie Village Jazz Festival presented by BRGR Kitchen + Bar will take place on September 8th at Harmon Park, 7700 Mission Road, starting at 3 pm for 8 solid hours of internationally renowned and locally famous artists performing on the Prairie Village stage with their incredible creative artistry. Enjoy great music and support the work of the Heartland Habitat for Humanity who will be receiving the proceeds from this community event.

Visit www.prairievillagejazz.org to find out more about the festival and the musicians. Become our fan at www.facebook.com/PVJazzFest.

No outside food, alcohol, or coolers allowed. No pets allowed. Remember your lawn chair or blanket!

Beer, wine, food and beverages will be available for purchase from the following vendors: BRGR Kitchen + Bar and Urban Table.

Food and all beverages can be purchased with cash only. Merchandise can be purchased with cash, check or credit card (Visa, MasterCard or Discover). An ATM machine will also be available on site.

THANK YOU to our 2012 Jazz Festival Sponsors & Contributors for making this year's festival happen!



Regnier Family Foundation



OTHER DONORS:

Affinis Corporation

Metheny Music Foundation

City of Prairie Village

Tide Cleaners

Jon Grams & Associates

UMB Bank

McAnany Construction

US Bank

THANK YOU to all the donors for our Silent Auction & Wine Tasting sponsored by Urban Table and the BRGR LUV 4 JAZZ 5K.

PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT GO TO:



PRESENTS:



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Interested in
volunteering
at the event?
Contact Joyce
at 913-385-4616

Harmon Park
7700 Mission Road
Prairie Village, KS
prairievillagejazz.org

DIVERSE

3:00 to 4:00 pm - diversejazz.com



RICH WHEELER QUARTET

4:20 to 5:20 pm



MIKE METHENY QUARTET

5:40 to 6:40 pm - mikemetheny.com



MEGAN BIRDSALL

7:00 to 8:00 pm - meganbirdsall.com



BOBBY WATSON

8:20 to 9:20 pm - bobbywatson.com



KARRIN ALLYSON QUINTET

9:40 to 10:55 pm - karrinallyson.com



Saturday,
September 8, 2012
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B R G R™
KITCHEN + BAR

PRESENTS:

Harmon Park
7700 Mission Road
Prairie Village, KS
prairievillagejazz.org





Saturday
September 8, 2012
3-11pm

Shawnee Mission East High School PARKING

PV POOL PARKING

FREE ENTRY

INFO

FREE ENTRY

Drinks

Food

ATM

W/M

Vendor Parking only

STAGE

CDs & swag

Meet The Artists

SPONSORS

Church PARKING

MISSION ROAD

77th Street

79th Street

75th Street

W.77th Place

Delmar Street

W.78th Street

W.78th Terrace

YMCA

Residential

PV Municipal Building

Pool Complex

Community Center

Church

Tennis Courts

Tennis Courts

ADA Drop Off

ADA Permit Parking

Production Parking Only

Water Tower

Shower

Restrooms

VILLAGE GREEN

11th Annual Community Forum

The 11th Annual Community Forum on Kansas Environmental Issues will be held Thursday, October 4, 2012 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 “Just the Fracks: What is Hydraulic Fracturing”. This year’s forum features a panel of speakers: Joe Spease of WindSoHy, Rep. Marci Francisco, Paul Johnson of the Kansas Rural Center and Rex Buchanan of the Kansas Geological Survey. The program will be moderated by James Joerke, Deputy Director of Johnson County Department of Health & Environment.

Advance reservations are necessary and available after September 1st. A donation of \$20 per person is requested to cover expenses, \$10 for students. 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 or contact Margaret Goldstein at 913-722-4141 or Anne-Marie Hedge at 913-660-8893 or ahedge@kumc.edu.

Fall Recycling Extravaganza

Bring your electronics and other items not routinely collected for recycling to the Fall Recycling Extravaganza on Saturday, October 13, 2012 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm at Black & Veatch Corporate Headquarters, 11401 Lamar Avenue.

You can bring electronics, confidential documents for shredding, cell phones, usable building materials, hard back books, band instruments, fabrics and notions, eyeglasses and sunglasses, furniture, clothing, toys, bicycles and used carpet and padding.

Volunteers will help unload your items. Most non-electronic items are considered donations and donation receipts will be available. There will be a fee of \$10 for monitors and \$10-\$25 for TVs.

The event is sponsored by the City of Overland Park, the City of Prairie Village and Black & Veatch.



What could you do for the planet today?

Do you ever have an uneasy feeling that the health of Planet Earth needs a little more help from you, but don't know where to start? There are plenty of lists of tips out there, but they can sound a bit out of reach.

Below is a list of things that members of the Environmental Committee do on a pretty regular basis that you could do too. If some of these are already a part of your life, then give yourself a pat on the back!

Household

- Close blinds in summer afternoons to keep house cooler
- Add insulation to your home
- Use dehumidifier water to irrigate patio potted plants
- Make your own organic soap

Kitchen

- Cook vegetables in same water that pasta or potatoes are boiled in
- Clean with vinegar and Bon Ami
- Cook outdoors in warm weather
- Save vegetable scraps and coffee grounds (no meats and fats) for compost pile

Yard

- Mulch grass clippings and fall leaves
- Stop watering the lawn and let it go dormant
- Install a rain garden
- Feed and water the birds

Pets

- Reuse water from pets' bowls for plants
- Reuse plastic zip lock bags for used kitty litter

Community

- Carry your cloth bag for shopping
- Carpool
- Walk or bike for short trips
- Drive efficiently – ease into and out of stoplights

PUBLIC SAFETY

New Facebook Page

The Prairie Village/Mission Hills Police Department has joined the social networking scene. In March, the Police Department launched a Facebook page and has been posting helpful information on safety, community events, and preparedness. We have answered questions from citizens and put bad rumors to rest with the help of this new tool.

If you want to keep in touch with us, go to www.facebook.com/PrairieVillagePD and “Like” our page. Anyone can communicate with us by posting questions or sending messages to us. We have posted photos of suspects, Police Department vehicles, the CIRT Team, community events, and our Department’s Honor Guard. We have posted stories on emergency preparedness, traffic safety, teenage drinking, toy guns in school, Special Olympic events, and many more informational topics. Please “Like” our page and help us promote it throughout our community.

One example of information you can find on the Facebook page is

advice on phone scams. Most scams rely on your belief that the person calling is telling you the truth. If the Caller ID reads “MICROSOFT SUPPORT - 1-800-555-1212” or something similar, then most people would tend to believe the person on the other end of the line is really from Microsoft. A lot of people don’t realize that scammers are using Voice Over IP technology and other tricks to fake or “spoof” Caller ID information. Scammers use Caller ID spoofing to help make their scams seem more believable.

Don’t place all your trust in the person calling you based on the Caller ID information. As a general rule, don’t conduct any business over the phone where you haven’t initiated the call. Get a call back number if you are interested in their product or service. Use Google to reverse lookup their phone number and see if it is associated with their company or a known scam. Please contact Crime Prevention Officer Matt Boggs at 913-385-4613 or mboggs@pvkansas.com if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

PUBLIC WORKS

Construction Projects Underway

Recently, the City began its street rehabilitation program for 2012. Planned work includes 22 residential streets, along with the 2012 CARS(County Assistance Road System) project on Somerset Drive from Roe Avenue to Nall Avenue.

The street rehabilitations include concrete repair or replacement and new asphalt pavement. Somerset Drive includes concrete work and new asphalt and will also include straightening Somerset Drive east/west through the intersection at Nall Avenue. The owners of Meadowbrook Country Club, Caymus Real Estate, worked with the City to provide the easements necessary for this improvement. The Somerset/ Nall intersection will be closed for up to 60 days in the fall. The Somerset Drive project is scheduled to be complete in the fall of 2012.

The funding sources for this street work include bonds that the City sold in 2011 (\$3,600,000), the Johnson County CARS Program (\$500,000) and Federal Community Development Block Grant funds (\$180,000).

As always we appreciate your patience as we work on these streets. For more information about these street projects, including the schedule for closures on major streets, visit www.pvkansas.com/projects.



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COMMUNITY CORNER

Community Spirit Awards

The 2012 Community Spirit Awards were presented at the 16th Annual VillageFest Celebration on July 4, 2012. Awards were given during the Patriotic Service at the Harmon Park Pavilion.

1. Jay & Julia Senter of pvpost.com received an award in the Business Category for keeping the community informed on City happenings on a very timely basis and bringing the community together through communications.

2. Joel Crown received an award in the Resident Category for working in his neighborhood and at neighborhood schools caring for the elderly, caring for children, and teaching by example what it

means to be neighborly and give back to your community.

3. Old Mission Masonic Lodge 153 received an award in the Organization Category for their instrumental support and dedication to VillageFest.

4. Doris Wieggers received an award in the Lifetime Spirit Category for her many years of volunteer service to the City, her PTA service, her church involvement at Village Presbyterian and for her nearly two decades of volunteer service on the Prairie Village Municipal Foundation.



50 Plus Programming at the Community Center

The Johnson County Park and Recreation District 50 Plus Program offers a variety of activities at the Prairie Village Community Center (7720 Mission Rd) including Yoga, T'ai Chi, Basic Beginning Watercolor, and Lip-reading classes. In addition, Fine Arts classes are offered for a variety of ages. To find out more information about these classes visit www.jcprd.com or call (913) 826-3160.

Old Garden Roses A Special Treat

Just what are "Old Garden Roses?" On Thursday, September 13th the Johnson County Rose Society (JCRS) will present a program about Old Garden and Retro-Look Roses. John McBrien, JCRS member and ARS Rose Judge, will explain what these roses are and where they came from. He will give ideas about how to use them in gardens and why they are so special. He will also tell about more modern "look-a-likes" that have been developed to bring the charm of the old garden rose with some of the more desirable characteristics of more modern varieties.

The meeting will be held at 7:00 pm at the Prairie Village Community Center, 7720 Mission Road, Prairie Village, Kansas. In addition to the program, members of the Rose Society will be voting on officers for next year. All JCRS meetings are free and open to the general public. Refreshments will be provided.

For more information about the meetings, programs, and other activities of the JCRS, or for membership details, please visit their website at www.rosesocietyjoco.com.

Second Annual Prairie Pride 5K & One-Mile Fun Run

Come out and run with the Prairie Panthers! The 2nd Annual Prairie Pride Run is set for Saturday morning, September 22nd. The race starts at 8:00 am and includes a 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run. The Prairie Pride, a USATF certified 5K race with chip timing, starts and ends at Prairie Elementary School (6642 Mission Road).



The event will bring together families, community members and athletes to celebrate fitness and support Prairie Elementary School. A prize will be awarded to all children who participate. For more information and to register for the race, please visit www.prairie5k.com/home or email debamower@yahoo.com.

MOPS at Nall Avenue Baptist Church

Do you have a preschooler? Would you like to meet other local moms? If so, MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) is for you! MOPS is a great place to meet friends and have fun while your children are cared for by paid workers. Nall Avenue Baptist Church MOPS group even offers a home school class while MOPS and MOPPETS are taking place. (We will be offering a Spanish class, auditory reading, and gym time for home school kids during our meetings.) Come join us! We meet on the first and third Thursday of the month from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, beginning in September. Spots are limited. Contact Jenny Johnson (913) 850-9102 or jennyjohnson7483@hotmail.com.

2012 RENOVATION SENSATION HOMES TOUR

The 8th Annual Renovation Sensation Homes Tour will be held on Wednesday, September 12th from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm. Proceeds from the tour 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. Established in 1987 by former Shawnee Mission East nurse Bev Timmons, SHARE has grown to nearly 80 projects in which students provide thousands of hours of community service yearly to agencies and projects in the Kansas City metro area.

Tickets are available at Bank of Prairie Village (3515 W. 75th St.), as well as, the Corinth, Prairie Village, Leawood and Fairway Hen House Markets. Cost is \$25 in advance and \$30 the day of the tour. Four exceptional homes in the Shawnee Mission East area will be featured as part of Renovation Sensation.

5800 Cherokee Dr, Fairway, Kansas

A newly built French Country home in the Reinhardt neighborhood with much of its gorgeous décor in the signature Nell Hill's style.
Florist: Nell Hill's

8611 Delmar Lane, Prairie Village, Kansas

A classic Midwestern ranch in Prairie Village with a wonderful second story addition and stunning traditional interior decoration.
Florist: Branches & Twigs

6433 Aberdeen, Mission Hills, Kansas

An eclectic mix of traditional and casual elegance makes this contemporary French home in Mission Hills warm and inviting.
Florist: Studio Dan Meiners

8432 Cedar, Prairie Village, Kansas

A mid-century modern in Town & Country with an addition true to its 1960s beginnings perfect for today's families.
Florist: Village Flower Company



8611 Delmar Lane