

# VOICE

The Star of Kansas

## Mayor's Holiday Tree Lighting 2012

Celebrate the start of the holiday season with friends, family and neighbors at the 27th Annual Prairie Village Mayor's Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony! The tree lighting is sponsored by the Prairie Village Municipal Foundation and the City.

This year's ceremony will be held on Thursday, November 29th from 6:00 to 7:00 pm at Corinth Square. Thanks to Lane4 Property Group, a new pine tree has been planted at the corner by the Wild Bird Center and Wooten's Liquor, which will serve as the Mayor's Holiday Tree. Join us for a holiday experience like no other!

Mayor Ron Shaffer will kick off the season along with Santa, Dancerz Unlimited and a special performance by the Shawnee Mission East Chamber Choir, under the direction of Ken Foley, Director of Choirs at Shawnee Mission East. Hot chocolate, cookies and treats will be provided. Corinth Square and Village Shopping Center will also be holding their Holiday Open houses throughout the day and evening.

The Mayor's Holiday Tree is lit each year to serve as a reminder of our Prairie Village community members in need. Money raised through this program directly helps deserving Prairie Village residents with utility assistance and home maintenance throughout the year.

The City works with Johnson County Human Services and Heartland Habitat for Humanity to pinpoint specific needs. With generous donations from the community, our monetary assistance will go farther to help our friends and neighbors. (In 2011, 60 households received aid. So far this year, 59 households have received support).

Donations can be made to the Prairie Village Municipal Foundation, Attn: Mayor's Holiday Tree, 7700 Mission Rd, Prairie Village, KS 66208. Look for donation containers at area businesses or come to the Mayor's Holiday Tree Lighting to contribute. Sharing your extra coins and bills now will spread the holiday spirit to Prairie Village residents throughout the coming year.



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# MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Greetings,

It is the season of Thanksgiving and I would like to take this time to offer thanks to all of the volunteers who help the City operate by serving on City Committees. The work is immeasurable and greatly valued.

Some of the volunteer work is highly visible. For instance, the VillageFest Committee spends six months of the year planning the annual VillageFest event. The Environment/Recycle Committee coordinates the Annual Earth Fair. The Annual Jazz Festival is organized by the Jazz Fest Committee and the R.G. Endres Art Gallery would not be possible without the support of the Arts Council volunteers.

Other volunteer work is diligently accomplished behind the scenes. The Planning Commission reviews applications for Special Use Permits and zoning changes. The City's trees are overseen by the Tree Board. The Communications Committee provides oversight for the City newsletter and assisted in the redesign of the website.

Thank you to all the individuals who serve tirelessly on the following committees: ADA Advisory Committee, Animal Control Board, Board of Code Appeals, Board of Zoning Appeals, Civil Service Commission, Communications Committee, Community Center Study Committee, Environment/Recycle Committee, Finance Committee, Homes Association Committee, Insurance Committee, JazzFest Committee, Municipal Foundation, Park & Recreation Committee, Planning Commission, Police Pension Board, Prairie Village Arts Council, Sister City Committee, Statuary/Island Committee, Tree Board and the VillageFest Committee. We appreciate your hard work.

Also, thank you to all who volunteer in the community through your school, church, work or civic organization. Our community is a better place because of you.

Sincerely,

Ron Shaffer, Mayor

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# COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

## Shop with a Cop



The second annual "Shop with a Cop" event will take place on Tuesday, December 11th. The Prairie Village Police Department's DARE Officer will work with area school teachers and counselors to choose children in our neighborhoods who

need extra assistance this holiday season. Children and police officers will team up to make gift purchases thanks to a contribution from the Prairie Village Municipal Foundation.

After shopping, children will eat dinner at the police station and have their presents wrapped. If you are a business or resident who would like to make a contribution to this program, contact Jeanne Koontz at 913-385-4662. The Police Department is also accepting donations of used cell phones to help support the Shop with a Cop program. Phones may be dropped off at the Police Department any time, day or night.



## Gingerbread House Decorating Parties

The Prairie Village Municipal Foundation is proud to sponsor the fourth annual Gingerbread House Decorating Parties on Sunday, December 9th. The parties will be held at Brighton Gardens, 7105 Mission Road, with one-hour sessions starting at 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.



Please join us for holiday fun with your children, nieces, nephews, grandchildren, grandparents and friends. Or, just come and decorate a house for your own holiday enjoyment!

When you make your reservation early – before December 1st, the fee will be \$35. After December 1st the cost will increase to \$40 (priced the same as in 2011). ALL PROFITS fund summer youth activity scholarships for Prairie Village children. Profits from the parties held in 2011 helped twelve Prairie Village families (28 children) with scholarships providing them an opportunity to join in summer activities.

What better way to welcome the holidays than by building a gingerbread house to admire (and nibble on) for weeks to come! The pre-assembled house will be ready when you and your family arrive.

For reservations to the December 9th events, go to: [www.prairievillagefoundation.org](http://www.prairievillagefoundation.org) (click on "read more" to go to the reservation page). We will accept Master Card, Visa, American Express, Discover or Pay Pal. If you prefer, you can register and pay by check or cash at City Hall, 7700 Mission Rd. Reservations will be taken through noon Friday, December 7th. Your receipt will be your ticket for the event and all the fun – so be sure to bring it with you! Act now to reserve your place for these special parties!

## Sister City Photography Club

On September 14th the Prairie Village Arts Council hosted a reception on behalf of the Sister City Committee at the R.G. Endres Gallery in City Hall. The gallery collection for the month of September featured photographs taken by members of the Photography Club in our sister city of Dolyna, Ukraine. The Photography Club of Dolyna is comprised of well known local photographers, aspiring artists and young people interested in the art of photography. The Photo Exhibit was part of a photography exchange between our two cities. Photographs taken by members of both the Prairie Village Arts Council and Sister City Committee will be similarly featured in the Dolyna City Museum in the months to come. The Photography Club was started by Mr. Yuri Chernevyy and a United States Peace Corps volunteer in Dolyna, Mrs. Roberta Eleazer. Yuri Chernevyy's photography was previously featured at the Endres Gallery in April 2010. All Photography Club members reside in our Sister City of Dolyna, Ukraine.



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.

### NOVEMBER

In 1955, a handful of enthusiastic artists joined together and formed the Greater Kansas City Art Association. Its objective was to promote better understanding between artists and the public. Since then its membership has reached over 200, with artistic skills ranging from the Sunday painter to those with listings in Who's Who of American Artists. A reception will be held on November 9th from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

### DECEMBER

Eileen McCoy is a life long visual artist, drawing predominately portraits and painting a variety of subject matter. She is an active member of Daily Paintworks and the Greater Kansas City Art Association. The award-winning artist's clients include Hallmark Cards, Garmin International, ESPN, Sprint, Macy's, Children's Mercy Hospital and a wide range of municipalities, colleges, schools, banks, businesses and associations. A reception will be held on December 14th from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

# PV HAPPENINGS

## Clean up Yard Waste

Time to rake those leaves! When the trees change colors and the leaves fall to the ground, keeping your yard clean can be a nuisance and expensive. Fortunately, the City of Prairie Village and Deffenbaugh try to make this autumn task a little bit easier.

During November residents are allowed to set out 12 yard waste items per week. Please place yard waste in a biodegradable paper bag or a 35 gallon or less rigid container. A standard bundle of 4 feet in length and 18 inches in circumference is also permitted. Extra containers/bags may be set out, but require an overflow sticker at a cost of \$1.25 per item.

Overflow waste stickers are sold in sheets of 10 and are available at the following locations:

Prairie Village City Hall, 7700 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS

- Westlake Hardware, 4049 Somerset, Prairie Village, KS
- Euston Hardware, 6955 Tomahawk Road, Prairie Village, KS
- Deffenbaugh Industries, 2601 Midwest Drive, Kansas City, KS

## UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
November 5th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers
November 19th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers
November 22nd-23rd	Offices Closed	All Day	
November 29th	Holiday Tree Lighting	6:00 pm	Council Chambers
December 3rd	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers
December 17th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers
December 25th	Offices Closed	All Day	
January 1st	Offices Closed	All Day	

For more events visit [www.pvkansas.com](http://www.pvkansas.com)

## 2012 Prairie Village Jazz Festival A Success

Once again, music filled the air on Saturday, September 8th at Harmon Park as the Prairie Village Jazz Festival returned for its third year. With attendance estimated at over 6,000, beautiful weather and a fabulous lineup, the Kansas City Star called the “Prairie Village festival a jazz family affair, on and off the stage.” Another reviewer called the event “a festival that was easily the area’s single best large-scale jazz event of the last five years”.

Thanks to our sponsors and committee members who made the event possible. The 4th Annual Prairie Village Jazz Festival will be held on Saturday, September 7th, 2013. If you are interested in serving on the committee or being a sponsor, contact Joyce Hagen Mundy at [jhmundy@pvkansas.com](mailto:jhmundy@pvkansas.com)



## Holiday Lights Permit

If your Holiday decorating includes stringing lights across City streets, public rights-of-way, or storm drainage channels, a right-of-way permit is required for electrical and traffic safety.

For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 913-385-4647 or send an email to [publicworks@pvkansas.com](mailto:publicworks@pvkansas.com).

## City Adds Financial Transparency

Residents can now see exactly how their tax dollars are spent. PV Checkbook, which began in July, is a record of all general fund payments made in each department. The program is straight forward and easy to use. Just go to [www.pvkansas.com](http://www.pvkansas.com) and click under the “City Government” heading, then click the menu item PV Checkbook. The comprehensive database lists General Fund expenses by department, and all vendor payments. PV Checkbook is an online application that brings government transparency to the fingertips of Prairie Village residents and businesses. Expense information is pulled directly from the city's financial database. General Fund operating expenditures include budgeted funds, except for detailed personnel expenditures, information restricted by HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act), and other confidential information. For more information, contact Lisa Santa Maria at 913-385-4661 or [lsantamaria@pvkansas.com](mailto:lsantamaria@pvkansas.com).

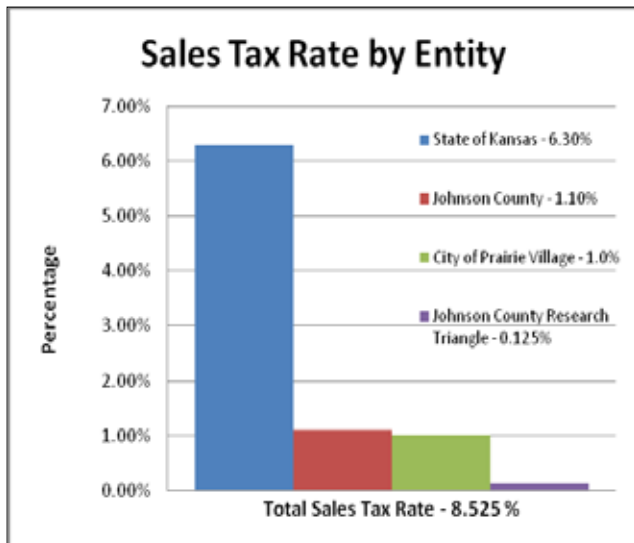
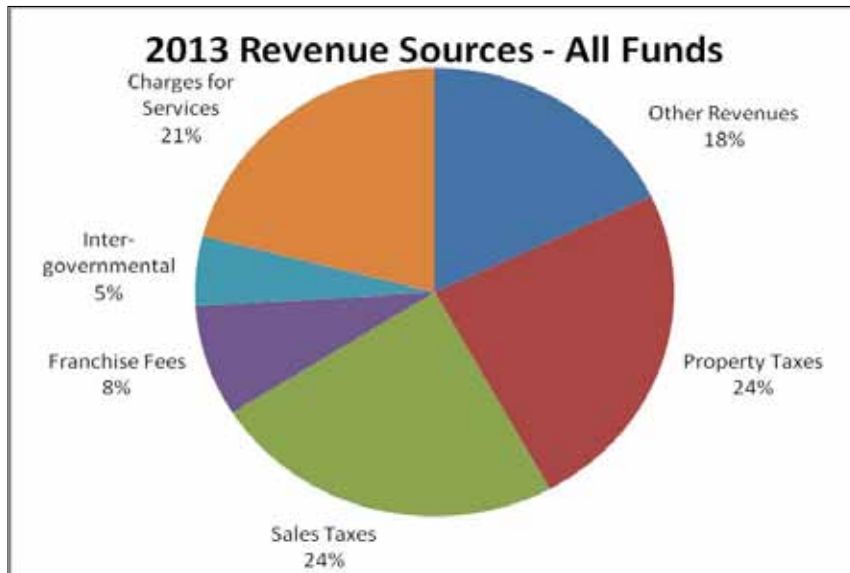
# 2013 Prairie Village Budget

The annual budget serves as a financial plan, provides guidance to City staff and communicates the City's financial condition. Most importantly, it presents the Governing Body's vision for the community by describing how public funds will be spent in order to achieve policy objectives.

The next few pages provide an overview of the City's 2013 Budget and hopefully covers the items most important to the residents. A full version of the budget can be found at [www.pvkansas.com](http://www.pvkansas.com). Questions about the budget can be directed to Lisa Santa Maria, Finance Director at 913-385-4661 or [lsantamaria@pvkansas.com](mailto:lsantamaria@pvkansas.com).

## Goals & Objectives for 2013 Budget

- Maintain high quality services and programs
- Maintain quality streets, parks and infrastructure
- Continue strong financial condition
- Maintain Aaa Bond rating
- Reduce reliance on fund balance and reserves
- Be mindful of the tax burden
- Conduct a thorough review of all budget items at the staff level
- Review new revenue opportunities
- Plan for future needs by utilizing the reserve funds
- Assess and plan for technology needs



**Property Tax:** Tax on real estate and personal property. It is computed by applying the City's mill rate to the County's assessed valuation.

**Sales Tax:** Tax comes from two sources: Local Sales Tax and County Sales Tax.

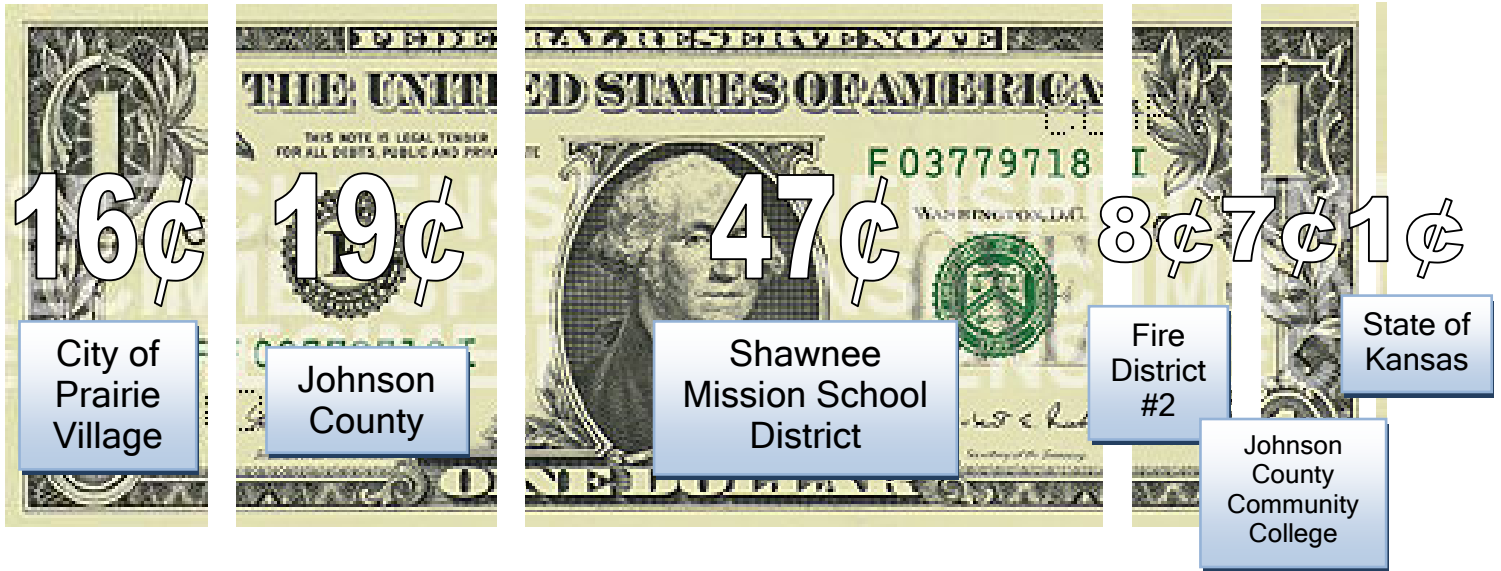
**Franchise Fees:** Franchise fees are charged on major utilities within the City. The fee is 5% of gross receipts as defined and permitted by state statutes.

**Charges for Services:** Includes revenue which is a charge for contract services and special assessments to recipients of certain services.

**Intergovernmental:** Includes revenues provided by other jurisdictions, primarily the State and Federal governments.

**Other Revenues:** Includes use tax, motor vehicle tax, liquor tax, license & permits, recreation fees, fines, interest income and miscellaneous revenue.

# How are your property taxes used?

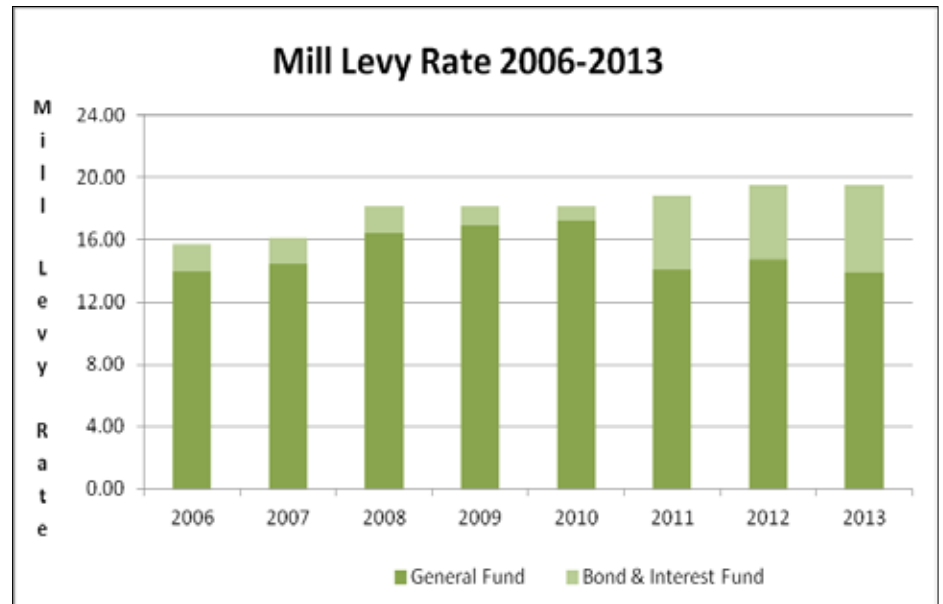


*Your property tax bill is divided between several entities of which the City is only 16%*

## How is the Mill Levy used?

The Mill Levy Rate is applied to the assessed valuation for your property.

The 2013 budget does not include a mill levy rate increase. The mill levy rate was last increased in 2012 by 0.6 mills.



\*The shift from General Fund to Bond & Interest Fund in 2011, 2012 and 2013 reflects issuance of bonds in 2009 and 2011.

# How much of your property taxes are spent on City Services?

## Residents Receive City Services

In 2012, the Average Market Value of a Prairie Village home is \$218,176. In 2013, on average a homeowner will pay \$40.75 each month for City services. The checkbook below illustrates how this amount is divided among various city programs.

Program	Monthly Cost
Public Safety	\$14.67
Public Works	\$13.86
Community Development	\$ 5.29
Administration	\$ 4.08
Parks & Recreation	\$ 1.63
Municipal Court	\$ 1.22

Average Homeowner 7555  
 City of Prairie Village  
 DATE May 15, 2013  
 PAY TO THE CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE \$40.75  
Forty and 75/100\*\*\*\*\*DOLLARS  
 Monthly property  
 MEMO: tax for City Services TAXPAYER

## What services are provided by City Programs?

### Public Safety

Animal Control, Crime Prevention, Patrol, Investigations, DARE and Emergency Services

### Public Works

Operate and maintain the City's drainage system, streets, buildings and grounds, swimming pool, tennis courts, parks and vehicles

### Community Development

Building Permits, Code Enforcement and Solid Waste Management

### Administration

Mayor and Council support, Management and Planning, Financial Management, Information Technology, Human Resources, Business Licensing and Animal Licensing

### Parks & Recreation

Arts Council programs, VillageFest, Swimming Pool, Aquatic Teams and Tennis program

### Court

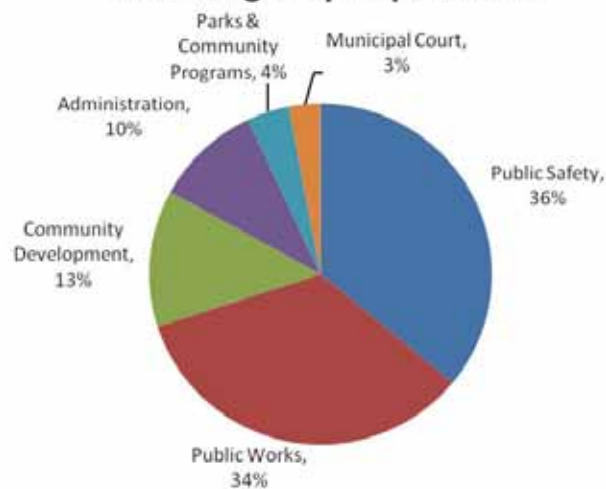
Municipal Judges, Prosecutor Services and Court Services

**Your Property Taxes also include Special Assessments or Fees for Trash and Recycling Services and Stormwater System maintenance.**

**Trash Fee: \$158.52 per year or \$13.21 per month (reduced from \$200.74 per year in 2012)**

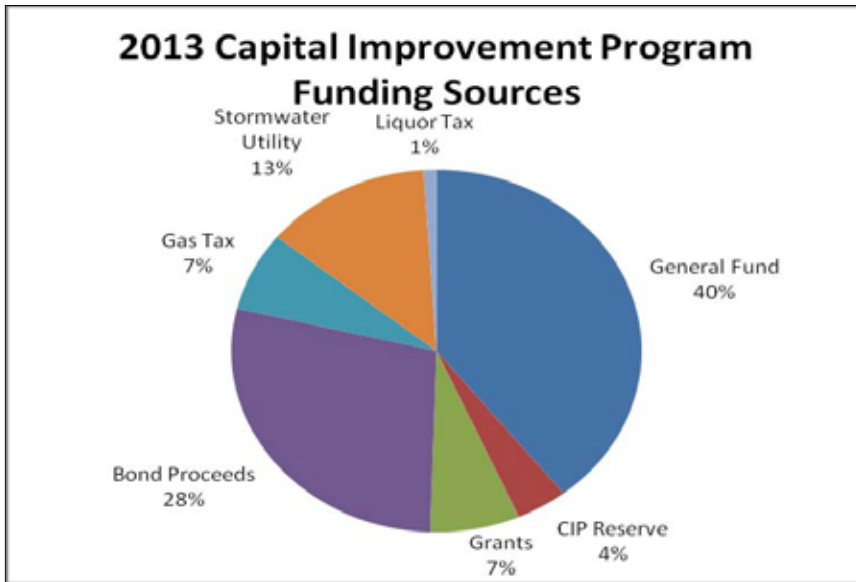
**Stormwater Fee: \$0.04/sq ft of impervious area**

**2013 Budget by Department**



# Capital Infrastructure Program

*The City maintains a four-year Capital Infrastructure Program (CIP) to aid the City Council and staff in planning and budgeting for the City's infrastructure needs. The CIP is reviewed and updated each year during the budget process. The majority of the funding for the CIP comes from the General Fund. Other funding sources include bond proceeds, the gas tax, the stormwater utility fee, grants, participation by neighboring cities and 1/3 of the liquor tax which is required to be spent on parks and recreation programs.*



The CIP is divided into five sections.

### **Parks**

Includes plans for redevelopment and replacement of existing park structures and materials.

### **Drainage**

Includes plans for replacement of components of the City's storm drainage system.

### **Streets**

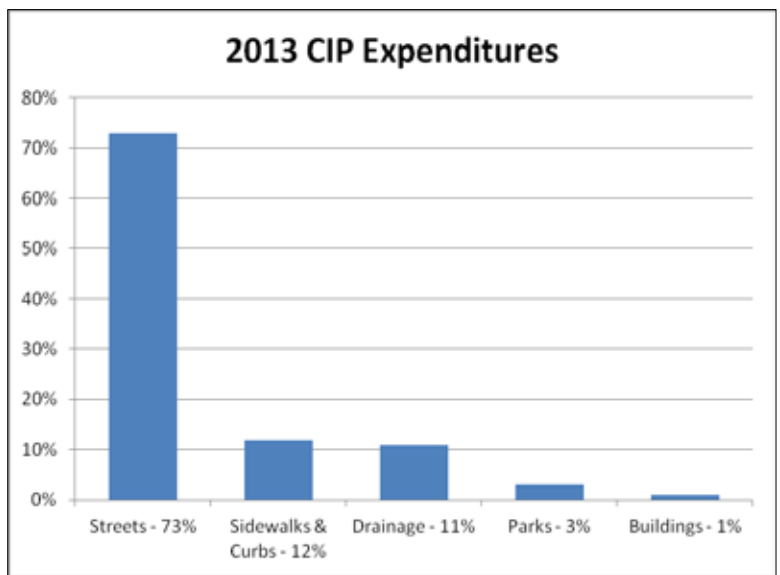
Includes plans for replacement of major improvements that extend the life of the City's street system.

### **Buildings**

Includes plans for replacement or major improvements that extend the life of the City's buildings.

### **Sidewalks & Curbs**

Includes plans for replacement or major improvements that extend the life of the City's sidewalk and curb system. Also includes plans for additions to the system to comply with the City's sidewalk policy or ADA regulations.





# PUBLIC WORKS

## Threat to Ash Trees

As you may have read in the local media, the emerald ash borer, a small insect that kills ash trees, has recently been identified in the KC metro area. It is difficult to detect the borer until it has attacked a tree and at that point it is too late to save the tree.

The City is considering what actions it will take, if any, regarding ash trees on City property and street trees. All trees on private property will be the responsibility of private property owners.

Information about how to identify ash trees and how to protect them is available from various sources. Website sources include: [www.ksda.gov/plant\\_protection/content/379](http://www.ksda.gov/plant_protection/content/379), [www.emeraldashborer.info/eab\\_university.cfm](http://www.emeraldashborer.info/eab_university.cfm) and <http://stopthebeetle.info/>. Additional information may be available from the Kansas Forest Service or public libraries. Residents may also want to consult with a private arborist.

## Tree Maintenance – Who’s Responsible

Public Works receives frequent phone calls regarding who is responsible for maintaining the street trees in front of a home. City Ordinance states that the property owner is responsible for maintaining the trees on their property, including the street trees in front of the property. The street trees are generally located within 10 – 15 feet of the curb.

The property owner is responsible for removing any limbs or branches that overhang the street, sidewalk or public way of the City, which are a danger to public travel in those areas. The City Ordinance sets the minimum clearance over sidewalks at nine (9) feet and minimum clearance over streets at fourteen (14) feet.

The City does remove street trees that are dead or dying at no direct charge to the property owner and will plant a new replacement street tree whenever possible. Residents who would like to remove a street tree themselves must first receive permission from the Prairie Village Tree Board. The City’s goal is to promote and maintain a

healthy urban forest for all residents of Prairie Village. Permission is not typically granted to remove street trees on nuisance-based complaints such as messy fruit or seeds, leaf drop, and/or tree root conflicts.

If you have questions concerning street trees, contact the Public Works Department at (913)385-4647 or [publicworks@pvkansas.com](mailto:publicworks@pvkansas.com).



# PUBLIC SAFETY

## Neighborhood Event Permit

On September 17, 2012, the City Council passed an ordinance requiring a permit for “Neighborhood Special Events” in residentially zoned districts that last more than 5 days. Since the ordinance passed, some residents and media outlets caused misperceptions about the intent and purpose of the ordinance. The Neighborhood Special Event permit is very similar to permits that already exist for 5k races, parades, pep rallies, art fairs, fireworks, etc. The Neighborhood Special Event ordinance is designed to regulate events that occur outdoors on private property which attract crowds sufficient in size to obstruct, delay, or interfere with the safe and orderly movement of pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

Residents wanting to complete a neighborhood special event application will need to respond to the Prairie Village Police Department to complete the no-cost permit at least two weeks prior to the commencement date of the neighborhood special event. The application will then be reviewed by Police Department personnel to determine what requirements might be needed based on the size of the event, hours of operation, and anticipated attendance. The goal of the Police Department is to work in partnership with the applicant and the community so that police services are maintained adequately throughout the City and not unnecessarily impacted by a large planned neighborhood event that will hamper emergency services. More detailed information is available at <http://www.pvkansas.com/index.aspx?page=362> or by contacting Captain Wes Lovett at 913-385-4606.

# PUBLIC SAFETY

## Scam Prevention

According to the Investor Protection Trust, 20 percent of Americans over the age of 65 have fallen victim to financial scams. Here are some typical scams to look out for:

*You're a Winner* – You receive a call or letter saying you've won a prize or a lottery, but in order to receive it, you need to wire money for taxes, fees or shipping. No legitimate contest will have you wire money prior to receiving the prize. Do not send any money to any organization that promises a prize or lottery money in return.

*Grandchild in Trouble* – Someone posing as your grandchild, a police officer, or other law enforcement agency, calls and says your grandson/daughter has been arrested or has been involved in an accident outside the US. They desperately need bond money or money to fix a vehicle or pay for medical costs, etc. Do not be fooled...call your grandchild or their parent(s) and verify their well being.

*Get Rich Quick* – You are approached by someone who says they know of a great investment opportunity and need some start-up money. They may even show you a large amount of money that they will “put in” to the investment as well. Creators of “get rich schemes” are likely to spend your hard earned money and you are

likely to never receive any returns.

*Revealing Account Info* – You receive a phone call or e-mail from your bank, credit card company, utility provider, etc. and they inform you they suspect fraudulent transactions and ask for you to provide your account info...chances are you have just been duped. Never give out your account information in an unsolicited phone call or e-mail.

*You Need a New Roof* – You receive a knock at your door and a friendly "contractor" happens to have noticed a problem with your roof while he was driving by, and, of course he can fix the problem on the spot and/or offer a free inspection that turns into unnecessary repairs or an expensive tube of caulk. Don't panic...ask for references and never rush into any agreement.

No matter how anxious you are to get your winnings, score a great return on an investment, help your loved one, or complete the work around your home, remember to trust your instincts and insight while you try to avoid rip-off artists who come knocking and calling this year. If it is too good to be true, it probably is a scam. If you have any questions, contact Crime Prevention Officer Matt Boggs at 913/385-4613 or mboggs@pvkansas.com.

## Crosswalk Signs and Regulations



School Crossing Ahead



Crosswalk Ahead

These signs warn drivers of school crossing and crosswalk locations on the street ahead. Upon seeing these signs, drivers should use caution approaching the crosswalk and prepare to slow or stop to yield to pedestrians.



School Crosswalk Here



Crosswalk Here

These signs, along with the arrows, are used to indicate the exact location of a crosswalk to drivers. These signs are to remind drivers of the locations of mid-block crosswalks and school crosswalks. Drivers should be prepared to stop in order to yield the right of way to pedestrians at these locations and at intersections controlled by stop signs and traffic signals.

Kansas traffic regulations require that:

- Drivers shall yield the right-of-way, by slowing down or stopping, to pedestrians entering or crossing streets within a crosswalk
- Whenever any vehicle is stopped at a marked crosswalk or an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection to permit a pedestrian to cross the street, other drivers approaching from the rear are prohibited from passing the stopped vehicle
- No drivers or pedestrians shall fail or refuse to comply with directions of uniformed school crossing guards

Several related ordinances are specific to the actions of pedestrians. For instance:

- Pedestrians are prohibited from suddenly leaving a curb and entering the path of an oncoming vehicle
- Pedestrians are prohibited from crossing intersections diagonally unless within a crosswalk
- Between adjacent intersections with traffic-control signals pedestrians shall only cross in marked crosswalks

Tips for pedestrians:

- Always cross at marked crosswalks or intersections
- Wait for gaps in traffic before attempting to cross streets
- Wait for vehicles to stop before entering the street
- Watch for turning vehicles and make sure the drivers see you before crossing
- Be wary- look left, right, and left again before crossing a street
- Don't rely on pedestrian signals- look for vehicles before crossing the street

# COMMUNITY CORNER

## Financial Security Advisors Gives Presentation to Chamber

Financial Security Advisors, a Prairie Village financial planning firm, made a presentation at the local Northeast Johnson County Chamber of Commerce. The presentation topic was how to be smart in saving the money you have to save, and how to avoid pitfalls that could ruin you financially.



From the left are LaDonna Parker, Jim Stoutenborough, Sandi Weaver (president of Financial Security Advisors), Marsy Gordon, Dale Warman (Prairie Village Councilman), and Joan DeMoss.

## Holiday Gifts

Need a great Holiday gift for the person who has everything? The Prairie Village Arts Council continues to sell personalized bricks, which will be installed in the patio of the Community Center during June 2013. Prices for individualized bricks are \$35 and corporate sponsorships begin at \$100. Funds raised through the "Pave the Patio" project will cover the costs of engraving and installing the bricks, and help support continued cultural arts programs for the community through the Prairie Village Municipal Foundation.



To purchase a brick, visit [www.prairievillagefoundation.org](http://www.prairievillagefoundation.org) and select Arts Council. For additional information, contact Jeanne Koontz at 913-385-4662 or [jkoontz@pvkansas.com](mailto:jkoontz@pvkansas.com).

The City also sells reusable shopping totes for \$5 each. The bags are insulated and have a zipper making them ideal for carrying groceries or taking to the pool. The money is used to support VillageFest, the City's Annual Fourth of July Celebration. Stop by the City Clerk's Office to purchase a tote.

## 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 and T'ai Chi classes. To find out more information about these classes visit [www.jcprd.com](http://www.jcprd.com) or call (913) 826-3160.



## Beyond the Bulb

Looking for information regarding energy saving, or conservation and efficiency investments? Beyond The Bulb is a new website focusing on regional information for energy efficiency improvements and conservation. The site is geared toward homeowners and small businesses and focuses on four main areas: lighting; HVAC, ventilation and furnace efficiency; air and duct sealing/insulation; and water conservation. The site offers tips for those who like to DIY. It also provides information on financing improvements and connections to contractors.

Beyond The Bulb was developed by the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) through its partnership with EnergyWorks KC (EWKC), a citywide energy-efficiency program of Kansas City, MO. Visit [www.beyondthebulb.org](http://www.beyondthebulb.org) and get started today.

## Upward Basketball/Cheerleading

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

If so, sign up to play Upward Basketball and 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 5th.

**Prairie Village Municipal Office**  
**7700 Mission Road**  
**Prairie Village, KS 66208**

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Shawnee Mission, KS

## SEWER LINE WARRANTY PROGRAM

Prairie Village residents will soon be receiving a letter regarding the Sewer Service Line Warranty Program. The first letter was sent last year when the program was initiated and residents who are not part of the program will receive a second letter this year inviting them to join the program. Residents who have already joined the program will be receiving a renewal notice. The letter will come from Service Line Warranties of America and the City of Prairie Village.

Residents are responsible for the sewer lines that go from their houses to the utility connection and repairs to these lines can be expensive. The Service Line Warranty program provides a low cost, worry free warranty protection for sewer lines.

The program is provided through a partnership with the National League of Cities and Service Line Warranties of America. The Prairie Village City Council supports this program due to the potential benefits to homeowners. For more information on the program, call 1-855-535-7141 or visit [www.slwofa.com](http://www.slwofa.com).

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