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New Flashing Yellow Arrows - Traffic Signals

The new flashing yellow arrow traffic signal replaces the green circle indicator and offers a safer, more efficient way for a motorist to make a left turn. The left arrow provides a more direct message to the driver and reduces confusion since the left-turn display is no longer the same symbol as the adjacent through lanes. It also prevents a driver turning left on a green circle from inadvertently implying that the left turn has the right-of-way over the opposing traffic.

	<p>Solid Green Arrow</p> <p>A steady green arrow indicates that drivers making a left turn have the right-of-way.</p> <p>Oncoming traffic has a red light.</p>		<p>Flashing Yellow Arrow</p> <p>A flashing yellow arrow indicates that drivers may proceed to turn left after yielding to oncoming traffic and pedestrians.</p> <p>Oncoming traffic has a green light, so drivers must wait for a safe gap in traffic before turning left.</p>
	<p>Solid Yellow Arrow</p> <p>A solid yellow arrow indicates that the left-turn signal is about to turn red. Drivers should prepare to stop or complete the left turn if they are within the intersection and there is no conflicting traffic. Drivers should treat the solid yellow arrow just like a standard yellow ball indication.</p>		<p>Solid Red Arrow</p> <p>A solid red arrow indicates that drivers must stop and may not enter the intersection.</p>

Where can these new traffic signals be found?

The flashing yellow arrow signals can be found at intersections in Overland Park, Lenexa, and many other locations throughout the Kansas City metro area. The first location for installation in Prairie Village is at Somerset and Nall.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Greetings,

This past year, Google Fiber has captured the attention of the media and residents seeking a technology edge. The attention led to several residents asking questions about available internet / cable services within Prairie Village.

The City regulates utility and internet activity in the street right of way, but does not (and cannot) play favorites among providers or recommend a favored provider. Fortunately, we live in a location where several providers and services are available. Residents and renters can choose the best option for them.

Time Warner services all households in Prairie Village. Time Warner recently announced a special offer for families with school aged children to gain access to the internet at home for those who currently do not have it. (See www.twc.com/starterinternet for more information). ATT U-verse provides services to most of Prairie Village, however there are pockets that are not serviced yet. The U-verse system will be going through upgrades in 2013 to increase connection speeds and availability. To check to see if your address is currently served, visit <http://www.att.com/u-verse/availability/>. SureWest does not yet offer connections in Prairie Village. However, SureWest obtained a franchise from our City in 2008 and services neighboring cities around us. This year, the City Council encouraged SureWest to build a network in our City. Despite significant interest, SureWest recently informed us that they will not be expanding their residential network in the Kansas City area in 2013. It is hopeful SureWest will enter Prairie Village in 2014. And finally, Google Fiber is starting to connect homes just to the north of us in Kansas City, KS and to the east of us in Missouri neighborhoods. I worked with City staff and a group of energetic residents to attract Google to our area. We sent emails, made personal calls and submitted a petition with over 1,000 PV signatures (kudos to resident Mark Logan). Despite our positive efforts, Prairie Village is not identified in a future build phase. Our efforts will continue. Households have other options including wireless and satellite services, however the City does not regulate or coordinate these services.

We will continue to share information with you regarding these services as the information becomes available.

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 2012 Mayor's Holiday Tree Lighting a success.



Prairie Village
MUNICIPAL FOUNDATION
Supporting Your Hometown

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| Consolidated Fire District #2 | Hy-Vee |
| Corinth Square Merchant's Association | Johnny's Tavern |
| Coveted Home | Lane4 Property Group |
| Creative Lighting | Laura Little's Candies |
| Dancerz Unlimited | Mely's Yogurt and Ice Cream |
| Euston Hardware | Ron Mayer and Rick Stuart |
| Great Harvest Bread Co | Shawnee Mission East Chamber Choir |
| Hattie's Fine Coffee | The Salty Iguana |
| Hen House | Village Flower Company |

Volunteer for VillageFest 2013

The VillageFest 2013 Planning Committee will have its first meeting on Thursday, January 24th 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 jkooontz@pvkansas.com.

Community Center Study Update

The Community Center Feasibility Study has been submitted and is ready for review by the Parks and Recreation Committee and City Council. The Prairie Village Parks and Recreation Committee recommended the study as a result of discussions the Park & Recreation Plan consultant had with a variety of groups including residents, park users, and Council Members. In response, the City partnered with the Shawnee Mission School District and Johnson County Park and Recreation District to select 360 Architecture as the primary consultant for the study. The consultants were tasked with conducting a market study, a citizen survey, and interviews with other area service providers to identify opportunities for potential partnerships. With these results, and the guidance of a citizen advisory committee, 360 Architecture was to recommend the space needs and amenities for a facility that would meet the needs of the community. In addition, the consultants were to determine the costs of construction, operations, and a method of financing such a facility. After a lengthy and in-depth process, the consultant has presented the City with its final draft report. The report will go before the Parks and Recreation Committee at their January 9th meeting and be presented to City Council in February or March. The draft report is available on the city website at www.pvkansas.com/projects. Any questions concerning the study should be directed to Quinn Bennion at qbennion@pvkansas.com or at (913)385-4601.

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.

JANUARY

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 January 11th from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

FEBRUARY

Richard Findley is an architect and painter, recently returning from Egypt where he completed his 2011-2012 Core Fulbright Grant in teaching and research. His research component while in Egypt included drawing and painting historic structures, many of which will be on display. This will be his debut exhibit of these works. Richard, a long time resident of Prairie Village, has been active as a practicing architect and adjunct faculty at the University of Missouri Kansas City in the Architecture and Art Departments. A reception will be held on February 8th from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.



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 which runs from December 17th through January 21st. Trees may be placed in designated areas of Porter, Franklin and Taliaferro (formerly Meadowlake) Parks. 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 Taliaferro (formerly Meadowlake) Parks. If your team reserved a field during 2012, your coach should receive a 2013 application form soon. You may also obtain one at the Municipal Offices or online at www.pvkansas.com under Leisure & Lifestyle>>>Recreation Programs. Applications for the spring season are due January 18th.

Ripple Glass Bin Returns to Corinth Shops

The Corinth Square Ripple Glass bin was temporarily located in the City Hall parking lot during the Corinth Square construction. The Ripple Glass bin has returned to the Corinth Square Shops near its original location at the Somerset Drive entrance closest to Mission Rd.



Ripple Glass accepts all glass food and beverage containers, of any color (including mason jars). They cannot accept plate glass (windows), mirrors, Pyrex, Corning ware, ceramics, or dishes. Ripple Glass turns the recycled glass containers into cullet for a number of local customers including Owens Corning which uses it to make fiberglass insulation.

UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
January 1st	Offices Closed for Holiday	All Day	
January 7th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers
January 21st	Offices Closed for Holiday	All Day	
January 22nd	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers
February 4th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers
February 18th	Offices Closed for Holiday	All Day	
February 19th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers

Johnson County Wastewater Changes Billing Practices

Johnson County Wastewater is changing the way they bill customers. The capital portion of wastewater charges was previously applied to the tax bill as a special assessment and listed as "WASTEWTR CAP". Beginning in 2013, the capital portion will now be included on the customer's user charge bill. For more information, visit www.jcw.org.

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Yard Waste & Bulky Item Collection 2013

Denotes Bulky Item/Holiday Delay

Denotes Small Bulky Item Week

Denotes Holiday Delay

January 8 Yard Waste Items

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

February 8 Yard Waste Items

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		

March 12 Yard Waste Items

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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April 12 Yard Waste Items

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	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

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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

June 8 Yard Waste Items

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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Large Item Pick-up is April 13th for 75th St & North of 75th St and April 20th for South of 75th St

July 8 Yard Waste Items

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	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

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	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

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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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October 12 Yard Waste Items

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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November 12 Yard Waste Items

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

December 8 Yard Waste Items

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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PUBLIC WORKS

75th St. Traffic Signals Improved

The Mid-America Regional Council's (MARC) Operation Green Light (OGL) program has issued its final report on the improved traffic signal timings on 75th St. between Mission Rd. and Lamar Ave. OGL is a cooperative program of the state and local governments in the Kansas City metropolitan area which seeks to reduce traffic delays, save energy and improve air quality on major streets by improving the coordination of traffic signals.



The improvements on 75th St. showed the following benefits during peak traffic hours: reduced travel delay by more than 60%, reduced the number of stops by more than 65%, reduced fuel consumption by about 15% and reduced air pollution by about 20%. Total cost savings are estimated at \$63,800 per year. The traffic signals were also adjusted to improve traffic flow following dismissal at Shawnee Mission East High School and lengthen pedestrian signal crossing times throughout the corridor. Copies of the summary and complete reports are available at www.marc.org/transportation/ogl.

Enhanced Street Salt for Snow and Ice Control

During snow and ice control operations this winter the Public Works Department will use a new type of salt product in approximately one quarter of the City. The purpose of this pilot project is to evaluate the effectiveness of the new material and determine if it is a better value for the City than traditional street salt.

The City requested bids for this type of enhanced salt product last summer and awarded a contract to Cargill for its Clear Lane product. The first change the general public will see is that the new material has a light green tint. While the new material costs approximately 50% more than traditional street salt on a volume basis, its benefits include the need for less product, easier handling and less environmental impact. Several other cities have successfully used the product for several years.

City staff will carefully evaluate the effectiveness of the new material during the winter season. Next spring the City will determine whether more or less of the product should be purchased for the 2013-2014 season.

PUBLIC SAFETY

The Dangers of Social Networking Sites

Posting photos on social networking sites like Facebook and Twitter is a quick and easy way to show friends and family what you've been up to. Those innocent snapshots, though, could be revealing a lot more about your life than you think, potentially putting your home and family at risk. The first day of school, a big birthday, or a romantic stroll in the park are all memories you want to preserve and share with friends and family, but experts warn there may be a hidden danger contained in some of the photos you're putting online – a geo-tag. A geo-tag contains specific details like the time and date the photo was taken, along with the exact location of where it was taken. The location can be as accurate as one meter. Every smart phone out there now has GPS built into it, so it's become very prevalent to geo-tag photos.

With a geo-tagged photo, someone can find out where you live, where your children go to school, and your daily routine. For example, you post a picture of your nice, brand new 50-inch plasma TV at your house, and you're now sharing the location of that TV. An hour later, you're posting that your plane is delayed or posting a picture of your kids playing at the park. Now someone knows where you live, what TV you have and that you're not home.

To protect yourself, ensure the privacy settings on your social networks are set on private or "friends only" and turn off the GPS feature for pictures on your phone or camera (check your phone's instruction manual to determine how to turn off geo-tagging or location services). Don't post your travel plans on Facebook, Twitter or any other social media. Know who your "friends" are and who you are allowing to see your posts, photos and other personal information.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact Crime Prevention Officer Boggs at mboggs@pvkansas.com, 913-385-4613 or on Facebook: www.facebook.com/PrairieVillagePD.

Visit www.pvkansas.com/projects

COMMUNITY CORNER

Financial Security Advisors Run/Walk for AIDS

Financial Security Advisors, a fee-only, no commission, financial planning firm based in Prairie Village completed Church of the Resurrection's 5K Walk/Run. This was the fifth year that the firm participated in this event. Funds raised help support the HIV/AIDS center in the Dominican Republic of the Congo and all of South Africa.



Jim Stoutenborough, Sandi Weaver, Marsy Gordon, Joan DeMoss, LaDonna Parker, and yes, the Chick-fil-A cow participated.

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 T'ai Chi: Chih Style and Crafts: Hobby Group, T-shirt Scarves and DIY Wreaths. To find out more information about these classes, visit www.jcprd.com or call (913) 826-3160.

Presentation of Development Plans for Former Mission Valley Middle School

The Planning Commission has set a work session for Tuesday, February 5, 2013 to review a senior housing development proposal for the former site of the Mission Valley Middle School. The work session is open to the public, however, given the nature of a work session no public comment will be taken regarding this issue at the February 5th Meeting. The work session will take place at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Indian Hills Middle School, 6400 Mission Road, Prairie Village, Kansas. The presentation will commence after the Planning Commission conducts its regularly scheduled meeting agenda. It is anticipated that the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the development request at their Tuesday, March 5, 2013 meeting.

The property owner MVS, LLC will also be hosting a citizen participation meeting on January 24, 2013. The meeting is open to all residents and interested individuals and will allow for public comment. The Senior Housing Development proposal includes detached living units, a senior housing facility, assisting living facility and a nursing facility. The purpose of the meeting will be to provide a forum for the Project's developer, engineers and architects to present its proposal for a senior living community and give the City's residents an opportunity to learn more about the project and discuss any questions they may have. The January 24th citizen participation meeting will take place in the cafeteria of Shawnee Mission East High School, 7500 Mission Road, Prairie Village at 6:30 p.m.

More information can be found on the City's website under projects: www.pvkansas.com/projects. In addition, you may sign up to receive updates to the project page by signing up for the City's eNews. The contact person for this item is Dennis J. Enslinger, 913-385-4603 or denslinger@pvkansas.com.

Neighborhood Food Drive a Success

Residents of the Normandy Square neighborhood in Prairie Village collected a record 360 pounds of canned goods during their annual fall food drive for Harvesters.



Assisting in the collection were neighborhood residents (left to right) David McClannahan, Brian McClannahan, and Oliver Hodges

Mark Your Calendar Now for Large Item Pick-up

Saturday, April 13, 2013 for Residents on 75th Street and North
Saturday, April 20, 2013 for Residents South of 75th Street

Large items must be at the curb by 7 a.m. and no larger than a standard-size refrigerator. Deffenbaugh will be picking up refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, and ice makers. Please place these items a couple feet away from non-refrigerants.

Residents are also allowed to set out one bulky item per month (no larger than a microwave). Bulky items are collected during the first full week of the month. See the Yard Waste & Bulky Item Calendar on page 5 for more details.

VILLAGE GREEN

Community Gardens - Plotting the Future

The Prairie Village Community Gardens enjoyed a great first season and we're working hard to make our second year even better! For 2013, a few 4' by 20' garden plots will be available at both locations--Harmon Park and Cherokee Christian Church. If you are interested in having your own plot to grow organic vegetables, you must attend one of three informational meetings in January:

- Saturday, Jan. 19 at 9 AM at City Hall in the Multi-Purpose Room
- Monday, Jan. 21 at 7 PM at the Community Center
- Saturday, Jan. 26 at 1 PM at City Hall in the Multi-Purpose Room

2013 plot rental is \$40. At the informational meetings, we will review the Garden Agreement, rules and procedures, and answer your questions. Plots will be awarded by lottery in early February. To be included in the lottery, you must have attended one of the sessions above, and sign and return the Agreement and Waiver with the fee.



Need Free Mulch?

The City of Prairie Village, in conjunction with Deffenbaugh Industries, will be holding a free mulch pick-up on April 6, 2013 for area Prairie Village Residents. Mulch will be available starting at 8 a.m. on Saturday, April 6th in the parking lot next to the water tower (Santa Fe Park – 7801 Delmar). Quantities are limited so arrive early. Residents need to bring their own container because the mulch will be loose. Residents should bring proof of residency. Staff will also be presenting a brief workshop on composting at 9 a.m. in the Santa Fe Pavilion. For more information contact Dennis J. Enslinger, 913-385-4603, denslinger@pvkansas.com.

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