

# VOICE

The Star of Kansas



## NotifyJoCo

### WHAT I NEED TO KNOW. WHEN I NEED TO KNOW IT.

Those who live, work or play in Johnson County (and Prairie Village!) can now sign up to receive important information about locations they care about through NotifyJoCo. NotifyJoCo is a free public notification system which will communicate emergency information to you through phone, text and email messages.

Using contact information provided by users, NotifyJoCo allows local governments and utilities to notify the public about issues affecting locations they identify. Emergency notifications will be sent in cases needing an immediate response, such as tornado warnings, evacuation notices and public health alerts.

To use the system, residents register at [www.NotifyJoCo.org](http://www.NotifyJoCo.org) with their personal contact preferences. Users can then identify multiple locations they care about (home, work, or their child's school, for example), and choose which messages they would like to receive. Residents who do not have internet access may call 913.826.5555 to register their information. All information provided will be kept confidential and only be used to contact you about emergencies and topics in which you have expressed interest.

Prairie Village will use the system to send out emergency notifications and non-emergency notifications. Currently, the City uses Code Red to send emergency notifications. The City will discontinue use of the Code Red system in fall 2013. Residents are encouraged to sign up for NotifyJoCo to continue to receive emergency notifications. In addition, residents can receive non-emergency notifications. For example, trash pick-up delay notices will be sent to only neighborhoods affected. Road closure notices will be sent to the homes affected by the road closure. Residents can sign up for the following non-emergency notifications: Planning & Zoning Applications, Special Event Permits, Neighborhood Events, Street Work & Closures, and Trash Collection.

The system is an unprecedented effort between Johnson County, WaterOne, and the cities of Lenexa, Mission Hills, Olathe, Overland Park, Prairie Village and Shawnee.

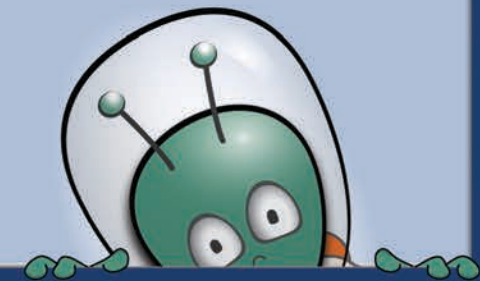
For more information, contact Jeanne Koontz at 913-385-4662 or [jkoontz@pvkansas.com](mailto:jkoontz@pvkansas.com).

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# MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Greetings,

As spring has begun and the State Legislative session is coming to an end, I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on a couple of critical pieces of state legislation which continue to erode our 'home rule' authority.

As you may be aware, the City of Prairie Village has an ordinance in place which prohibits individuals from carrying a concealed handgun in municipal buildings such as City Hall and our municipal pool complex. The legislature has approved a bill which requires adequate security measures at public entrances of municipal buildings in order to prohibit the carrying of any weapon into a building. The City could exempt out of this requirement if adequate security measures such as the use of electronic equipment and/or personnel at public entrances are added to detect and restrict the carrying of any weapons into the municipal building. We now understand Governor Brownback has signed the bill and therefore the City will find it necessary to change our ordinances to either allow concealed handguns or install appropriate security measures. Our local legislative representatives have assisted the City in vocalizing the City's opposition to this bill.

On yet another front to confirm that out-of-area state legislators know best how to run our cities, the legislature is also considering making modifications to the local election process. Currently, our local elections, like many of our neighboring Johnson County cities, are non-partisan (mayors, city councilmembers, school board members, Johnson County Community College trustees, and water district board members) and are held in April with primary election in February, if required. These elections are held separately from the state and national official elections in the August/November cycle. These referenced State legislators have introduced legislation to move local elections to November to coincide with State and National elections, as well as, returning to local elections to be partisan in nature. Their stated purpose of the legislation, among others, is to reduce government costs due to lower voter turnout at municipal elections.

The City Council and I have expressed concern with moving the local April election cycle to November. We believe it would be detrimental to the local election process and make it more difficult and costly for local issues to be heard above the larger media campaigns of the higher offices. Throughout Prairie Village's history, our City elections are traditionally dominated by local issues. Candidates typically get their message and position on local issues out via mail, door-to-door discussion with residents and through speaking at small volunteer groups.

The City Council continues this tradition, by encouraging residents to be active in our community by participating in volunteer committees, and attending Planning Commission and City Council meetings. Without your valuable participation our community would not be what it is today.

Sincerely,

Ron Shaffer, Mayor

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# COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

## 4th Annual Prairie Village Jazz Festival

Mark Your Calendars now for the 4th Annual Prairie Village Jazz Festival on Saturday, September 7th at Harmon Park. Proceeds from the event will benefit Heartland Habitat for Humanity's A Brush with Kindness program in Prairie Village. A Brush with Kindness helps low-income homeowners in Prairie Village impacted by age, disability and family circumstances, who struggle to maintain the exterior of their homes.



For more information, visit [www.prairievillagejazz.org](http://www.prairievillagejazz.org). Contact Joyce Hagen Mundy at 913-385-4616 or [jhmundy@pvkansas.com](mailto:jhmundy@pvkansas.com) if you are interested in volunteering or becoming a sponsor.

## Enter the 1st Annual VillageFest Pie Baking Contest

It's as American as apple pie...but you don't have to make apple! Whip up your most coveted, made-from-scratch, secret pie recipe and enter the first annual VillageFest Pie Baking Contest! The submission and judging will take place at VillageFest on July 4th. Pre-registration is required but there is no registration fee. Choose from three categories to enter: fruit, nut and other. (Please no dairy or meat pies!) To find out more or pre-register visit, [www.pvkansas.com/piebakingcontest](http://www.pvkansas.com/piebakingcontest).



## Join us for the 17th Annual VillageFest

July 4th is quickly approaching and planning for the 17th Annual VillageFest celebration is underway.



Make plans to stay in Prairie Village for the holiday and attend this FREE event on Thursday, July 4th. Activities will include: Chris Cakes Pancake Breakfast, LIVE Music, Craft Fair, Children's Parade, Inflatables, Petting Zoo and Pony Rides, Puppet Shows, Headstrong for Jake Bike Rodeo, Jim "Mr. Stinky Feet" Cosgrove and the Hiccups!, and MUCH, MUCH MORE. You won't want to miss the Mobile Zip Line!

Events and entertainment for all ages means there are many volunteer opportunities available. Volunteers are needed between the hours of 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on July 4th. Contact Beth Cavanaugh at [editorcavsgarden@kc.rr.com](mailto:editorcavsgarden@kc.rr.com).

## Arts COUNCIL Prairie Village

### MAY

**Jacia Humiston** is an architectural and abstract photographer specializing in both classical and avant-garde styles. In the past ten years, the Art Deco Style has become a huge inspiration in her life. A reception will be held on March 10th from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

### JUNE

An artist has not been selected for the month of June. Visit [www.pvkansas.com/artgallery](http://www.pvkansas.com/artgallery) for more information. A reception will be held on June 14th from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

Mark your calendar now to view these upcoming exhibits at the R.G. Endres Gallery and attend opening receptions honoring these talented artists. Gallery hours are Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. Gallery is located in City Hall at 7700 Mission Rd.

# PV HAPPENINGS

## Pool Opens May 25th

Join us for opening day at the Prairie Village Pool Complex on May 26th. Regular Hours are 11:00 am to 8:30 pm. Joel Rios will be returning as the Pool Manager for 2013.

Purchase your pool membership and register for the City's aquatic and tennis programs now! To register online or to learn more about the City's recreation programs visit [www.pvkansas.com/parksandrecreation](http://www.pvkansas.com/parksandrecreation). Pool memberships and registrations can be processed at the City Clerk's Office from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, 7700 Mission Rd.



## Connect & Engage with the City of Prairie Village

Social media is a great way to share timely information with residents regarding street closures, public safety issues, and upcoming events. It's also a great way for you to communicate with your City. During the February snow storm, residents used Facebook and Twitter to communicate issues with snow plowing and power outages. The City used this information to change operations and gave streets that did not have power a higher priority.



Like Us on Facebook.com/CityofPrairieVillage



Follow us on Twitter: PrairieVillage

You can also stay informed about what is going on in Johnson County and the Greater Kansas City Area by connecting with these resources: Johnson County Government, the Kansas City Star, [pvpost.com](http://pvpost.com), the Johnson County Legal Record, and the Kansas City Business Journal.

## Key Budget Meetings

Every year, the City of Prairie Village reviews the Budget Phases and sets the Budget Calendar. Dates below are tentative. Updates to the calendar will be made on the City's website at [www.pvkansas.com](http://www.pvkansas.com).

### Key Dates

- May 6, 2013 at 6:00 pm Council Committee Meeting - Budget Overview
- May 20, 2013 at 6:00 pm Council Committee Meeting – Present proposed 2014 Budget
- June 3, 2013 at 6:00 pm Council Committee Meeting – Present Recommended Operating Budget
- June 17, 2013 at 6:00 pm Council Committee Meeting – Present Recommended Capital Infrastructure Program and Economic Development Fund Budget
- June 25, 2013 at 6:00 pm Special budget meeting – if necessary
- July 15, 2013 at 7:30 pm City Council Meeting – Request Permission to publish 2014 Budget in Legal Record
- August 5, 2013 at 7:30 pm City Council Meeting – 2014 Budget Public Hearing, Adopt and Sign 2014 Budget
- October 2013 Final Budget posted at [www.pvkansas.com](http://www.pvkansas.com)

The City of Prairie Village welcomes input and suggestions related to the 2014 budget through the email and phone number below.

Lisa Santa Maria, Finance Director  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION	DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
May 6th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers	June 3rd	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers
May 20th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers	June 17th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers
May 25th	Pool Opens	11:00 am	Pool Complex	July 4th	VillageFest	7:30 am	Municipal Campus

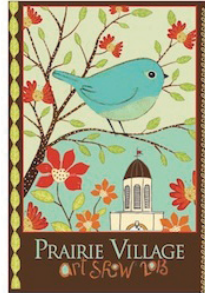
# PV HAPPENINGS

## Prairie Village Art Show

The Prairie Village Art Show is back again with over 100 artists from May 31 – June 2. Children’s activities, food, drinks and great ART will be available the entire weekend.

### SCHEDULE:

- Friday, May 31st: 5:00pm – 8:30 pm
  - Michael Beers Band: 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm
- Saturday, June 1st: 10:00 am – 8:30 pm
  - Blue Orleans Band: 7:00pm - 10:00 pm
- Sunday, June 2nd: 11:00 am – 5:00 pm



## Recycle Your Cell Phone & Support Shop with a Cop

Not sure what to do with your old cell phone? Recycle it at the Prairie Village Police Department to support the Shop with a Cop Program. Phones may be dropped off any time, day or night at 7710 Mission Rd.



## Switch Your Light Bulbs to Save Energy and Money

If you are a home or small-business owner who wants to save energy and save money on your energy bills, start now by switching from incandescent bulbs to energy-efficient light bulbs. Compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs), light-emitting diodes (LEDs) and halogen incandescent lights are three of the most common kinds of energy-efficient light bulbs. Switching to energy-efficient lighting is top choice among a property owner’s most cost-effective energy-efficiency investments.



It’s worth making the switch. CFLs last up to 10 times, LEDs up to 25 times and halogens up to three times longer than an incandescent bulb. Energy-efficient bulbs cost a bit more than regular ones, but will pay for themselves over time. In fact, the popular CFLs pay for themselves with energy savings in less than nine months. Look for ENERGY STAR-qualified bulbs and select the kind that provides you with the highest quality light for the use you have in mind.

If CFLs are your chosen, energy-efficient bulb, remember that they contain a small amount of mercury (less than four milligrams, which is less than the estimated 500 milligrams contained in older thermometers). If you break a bulb, follow the clean-up and disposal steps described at [www.epa.gov/cfl](http://www.epa.gov/cfl). Once the CFL reaches the end of its life, it can be recycled at any one of a number of locations in the metropolitan area. Visit [www.recyclespot.org](http://www.recyclespot.org) to find out where.

Visit [www.beyondthebulb.org](http://www.beyondthebulb.org) for more energy-efficiency investment ideas from EnergyWorks KC’s Beyond The Bulb, the region’s resource for information about energy savings, conservation, and efficiency investments.

## Public Hearing Scheduled for Development at Former Mission Valley Middle School

The Planning Commission held a Work Session on April 2, 2013 at which Tutura Group presented their plans and concept for a Senior Housing Facility at the former Mission Valley Middle School at 8500 Mission Rd. The Tutura Group officially filed a Special Use Permit application and Site Plan application on Friday, April 5th. The Planning Commission will consider these items at their May 7th meeting at 7:00 pm at Village Presbyterian Church, 6641 Mission Rd. The public hearing session of the Planning Commission meeting will begin after the conclusion of the non-public hearing applications. Given the anticipated public comment regarding this project, the Planning Commission is requesting individuals come prepared to present their comments at the May 7th meeting. The Planning Commission has also scheduled consideration of these two items at the June 4th Planning Commission meeting to hear any new public comment and discuss a recommendation which would be forwarded to the City Council for consideration. If the Planning Commission completes their discussion and votes on a recommendation at the June 4th meeting, it is anticipated that the City Council will consider the Special Use Permit at their July 1st meeting.



# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## SPRING CLEAN UP

It's time for spring clean up and preparation for the summer. The Codes Department requests your cooperation in maintaining your property to keep our neighborhoods safe and attractive. The following are a few property maintenance requirements.

**Sidewalks:** Vegetation must be maintained so that it does not protrude into the sidewalk as an obstruction or hazard to pedestrians. Limbs should not be lower than 9 feet over the sidewalk. All litter, such as limbs, leaves, sweetgum balls, and weeds/grass, must be removed from sidewalks.

**Drainage:** Gutters and downspouts should be cleaned out for proper drainage and to prevent mosquito breeding. Check to make sure gutters are in good repair. Clean the street curbing in front of your house of leaves, sweetgum balls, leaves and other litter that may flow into the drainage inlet.

**Leaf Debris:** Remove leftover leaf debris from your property. Yard waste will only be picked up in paper bags or rigid containers.

**Grass and Weeds:** Check your lawn mowers to ensure they are in good working condition. Grass must be cut and maintained at 8 inches or less. Any noxious weeds must be removed. If you notice a vacant house in your area that is not being mowed, please report it to the Codes Department.

**Trash Containers:** Solid waste and recycling containers must be stored behind the front building line and screened from view of the street.

**Painting:** Now is the time to check wall surfaces and window and door areas for chipped and peeling paint or wood rot. Paint and repair all needed areas.

**Animal Sanitation:** Regularly remove animal waste from your yard and properly dispose of it.

Failure to comply with property maintenance requirements is a violation and may result in a ticket to appear in Municipal Court.

For questions about property maintenance or to report an issue, contact Code Enforcement Officer Marcia Grading at 913-385-4605 or visit the City's website at [www.pvkansas.com](http://www.pvkansas.com).



# PUBLIC SAFETY

## DIRECTED PATROL UNIT

Since the advent of computerized crime analysis, the identification of crime patterns has become more possible. Recognizing these patterns have now allowed the Prairie Village Police Department to focus patrol resources on the times and places with the highest risks of crime. These locations are often referred to as "hot spots". A hot spot can be a small number of addresses or places that are responsible for the majority of crime and calls for service. The City Council authorized funding for a Directed Patrol Unit (DPU) to deter crime in these targeted areas. For example, we recently had two stolen autos that were warming up in a driveway. The DPU was given specific instructions to saturate certain areas early in the morning to try and alleviate this type of crime and the results were positive. The same strategy applies to other types of crime should they occur during the year.

The DPU is more proactive than random preventative patrol and we believe this type of enforcement will result in more arrests and reduce crime. However, there are many more job responsibilities for a DPU officer than just patrolling "hot spots" so please don't be alarmed if you see this patrol vehicle in your neighborhood. For more information contact Sgt. Byron Roberson at 913-385-4617 or [broberson@pvkansas.com](mailto:broberson@pvkansas.com).



# COMMUNITY CORNER

## Rose Shows De-Mystified

Ever wonder how to enter roses in a rose show? With the Kansas City Rose show scheduled for June 1-2 at Loose Park, many of us are probably wondering if we could have some winning roses!



The Johnson County Rose Society will focus on the what's-what and the how-to's of rose shows at its meeting at 7:00 pm on May 9th at the Prairie Village Community Center, 7720 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS. The guest speaker will be Dr. Glenn Hodges. Dr. Hodges is an ARS Master Consulting Rosarian, an ARS Accredited Horticulture Judge, and a Johnson County K-State Extension Master Gardener. Dr. Hodges will tell us how to "Have Fun Showing Roses". He will explain the different classes into which the entries are grouped, what the judges will be looking for in a bloom, spray, or arrangement, and how to prepare your roses for the show. The meeting is free and open to the public and refreshments will be provided.

For more information about the meetings, programs, or other activities of the Johnson County Rose Society, or for membership details, visit their webpage at [www.rosesocietyjoco.org](http://www.rosesocietyjoco.org), or visit them on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/JoCoRoses](http://www.facebook.com/JoCoRoses).

## Bark n Blues

The 2013 Bark N' Blues will be Saturday, June 8th from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm at Franklin Park (Somerset Dr & Roe Ave). Come listen to great blues music by Samantha Fish, the Josh Vowell Band, Jeremy Butcher and the Bail Jumpers, Junebug and the Porch Lights and Taylor Kline. Visit educational booths for your pets.

## Fourth Friday Concerts

Live music and free food will be center stage at the ninth annual Fourth Friday Concerts in the Park series, sponsored by Hillcrest Covenant Church. Concerts are from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm at Franklin Park on May 24, June 28, July 26 and August 23rd. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and join the fun.



## Prairie Village Relay for Life Fundraiser to be held at Blue Moose Bar and Grill

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life (RFL) of Prairie Village will hold a community fundraising event at the Blue Moose Bar and Grill, 4160 West 71st, Tuesday, June 11th from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The Blue Moose will donate 10% of your food and drink total to RFL.



All you have to do is tell the hostess you are there for the Relay for Life fundraiser and they will provide you with a wristband. This is a great way to support your local Relay for Life event and have a great meal with family and friends!

The second annual Relay for Life of Prairie Village will be held at Franklin Park on Saturday, August 24th from 11:00 am – 11:00 pm. Survivors will kick-off the event with a Survivor Lap shortly after opening ceremonies. There will be activities for all ages throughout the day and evening. One of the highlights of the event will be the Luminaria Ceremony at approximately 9:00 pm to honor friends and loved ones who have battled cancer and in memory of those who have lost their battle to the disease.

Relay for Life is the largest fundraiser for the American Cancer Society (ACS) and donations fund the local programs of the ACS as well as medical research in the prevention and treatment of cancer.

If you would like to participate in the Relay either by being a sponsor, forming a team, registering as a survivor, purchasing a luminaria, or volunteering to work at the event, please call Kara Philips at 816-218-7184 or email her at [kara.philips@cancer.org](mailto:kara.philips@cancer.org) or call Gay Garrett at 913-205-9908 or email her at [gaybg@yahoo.com](mailto:gaybg@yahoo.com).

## Normandy Square Pilots Green Waste Pilot Program

The Normandy Square Homes Association is piloting a Green Waste Program. The program is provided by Deffenbaugh Industries and sponsored by the City of Prairie Village Environmental Committee and Johnson County Government.

Residents in Normandy Square can put their green waste collection bin at the curb with their regular trash pick-up. Green Waste is primarily made up of food waste but also includes cut flowers, tea bag, paper towels and napkins and shredded paper. It's called "green" waste because it is high in nitrogen. Green Waste helps make compost and saves space in the landfill. Deffenbaugh has free compost available for customers. Visit <http://info.deffenbaughinc.com/free-compost> for more information.

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## VILLAGE GREEN



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**NOW! THE CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE accepts cartons for recycling!**

The last drop of milk, juice or soup does not mark the end of a carton's useful life. Cartons are easy to recycle and in high demand.

**HOW?** Simply place empty cartons in your recycling bin. Recyclables are processed at the Deffenbaugh Recycling Center.

**WOW!** The bales of recycled cartons are shipped to paper mills, where cartons are mixed with water in a gigantic blender to extract all the paper fiber. These recycled carton paper fibers are a valuable resource for making products such as recycled paper products and even building materials.

   Carton Council

For more information on how cartons are recycled, visit [www.RecycleCartons.com](http://www.RecycleCartons.com)

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