

# VOICE

The Star of Kansas



## VillageFest

Come celebrate Independence Day with us at our 17th Annual VillageFest Celebration on Thursday, July 4th. Admission is free and all activities are held on the Municipal Campus at 7700 Mission Rd.

You won't want to miss our new attractions this year. All ages will enjoy the Mobile Zip Line located in the parking lot by the skate park. If you like baking, enter our Pie Baking Contest for the chance to win a prize and bragging rights for the best pie. Register at [www.pvkansas.com/piebakingcontest](http://www.pvkansas.com/piebakingcontest).

The festivities begin with a pancake breakfast hosted by Chris Cakes from 7:30 am to 11:00 am at the Harmon Park Pavilion. Other activities throughout the day run from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and include: a Patriotic Service; Children's Parade; live music; Child Craft Center;

inflatables; petting zoo and pony rides; craft show; photo booth; and much, much more.

The Headstrong for Jake Bike Rodeo will be returning again this year. The bike rodeo is designed to teach bicycle riding skills, as well as, educate both children and their parents regarding the importance of always wearing a properly fitted bike helmet. New bicycle helmets will be provided for the first 350 registered participants by the Jake Clough Headstrong Foundation, 501(c)3. All participants need to bring their own bicycle to the bike rodeo.

Everyone is invited to VillageFest 2013! Bring your family, friends, and neighbors! The schedule of events and map are on pages 5 and 6 of the newsletter. Save the enclosed flyer and bring it on the 4th!

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# MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Greetings,

I wanted to provide you with a quick update regarding last month's column on the State Legislative Session before I let you know about some terrific upcoming events occurring this summer.

Governor Brownback signed into law a bill which prohibits the City from restricting the carrying of concealed firearms into municipal buildings, including the municipal pool complex, without adequate security measures such as the use of electronic metal detector equipment and security personnel. At the June 3rd Council meeting, the City Council approved a letter requesting a six month extension to allow the continuation of prohibiting concealed carry within our municipal buildings. Council has heard from many residents who want the City to continue to prohibit concealed carry in public buildings and is looking at what security measures are necessary, under the law, to continue this practice. Based on how the law is written, the City is not sure what measures are required, or if the City will be able to afford such security measures. The City Council and I will keep you posted on this issue.

Last month I also mentioned an effort by the Kansas Legislature to move all local elections from April to November to coincide with state and national elections. City Council and School Board elections are traditionally dominated by local issues. Moving the elections to November would make it more difficult for local candidates to get their message out to their constituents. I am pleased to report that the Kansas Legislature did not approve any legislation requiring cities to move their elections. This allows the City of Prairie Village and other communities to continue the long tradition of home-rule and determine for themselves the best time for elections.

Now that the 2013-2014 Legislative Session is behind us, we can focus on enjoying the events of summer and early fall. The City will be hosting the 17th Annual VillageFest Celebration on July 4th, which is free to everyone who attends. There will be a number of new attractions including a Pie Baking Contest and a Zip Line. You won't want to miss this terrific annual Prairie Village tradition. The City will also be hosting the 4th Annual Prairie Village Jazz Festival on September 7th at Harmon Park. This year's lineup will include well known local and regional artists. On September 9th the Sister City will be hosting a presentation by Craig Stramel who spent three years in the Peace Corps and had an opportunity to visit our Sister City, Dolyna, Ukraine. In addition to these great events, I encourage you to get with your neighbors and organize a neighborhood block party this summer. Not only is a block party a great way to get to know your neighbors and keep your neighborhoods strong, it is a terrific way to enjoy the summer.

Have a great summer, and I hope to see you at one of these City's events.

Sincerely,

Ron Shaffer, Mayor

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# COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

## 4th Annual Prairie Village Jazz Festival

Mark Your Calendars 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.



## Prairie Village Municipal Foundation: Neighbors Helping Neighbors

The Prairie Village Municipal Foundation was established several years ago to provide a way to make tax deductible gifts in honor of loved ones and to provide assistance for their neighbors who are in need.

One project sponsored by the Foundation is an annual Gingerbread House party. Families who attend the party decorate gingerbread houses with candy, making creative and delicious treats for their holiday season. Proceeds from this project finance recreation scholarships for Prairie Village families who need financial assistance. During the past four years more than 400 participants have helped raise \$3,500 providing over 30 recreation memberships for Prairie Village families.

This is one of the many ways the City's Foundation provides opportunities for Prairie Village residents to help their neighbors.

## Learn More About Our Sister City

Join members of the Sister City Committee at 7:00 pm on Monday, September 9th at City Hall for coffee, cookies, and a chance to learn more about our sister city, Dolyna, and its region in western Ukraine. The newest member of the committee, Craig Stramel, was a Peace Corps Volunteer in western Ukraine for 3 years and often visited Dolyna. He will share some of his experiences as a Peace Corps volunteer and will show us pictures of the people, cities and countryside. The presentation is free and open to the public. We hope to see you there!



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**MUNICIPAL FOUNDATION**  
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## Arts COUNCIL Prairie Village

**JULY**

The Senior Arts Council is a talented group of artists who present a wide range of media to feast the eyes from watercolors to photography to oils. They have exhibited at many municipalities, Senior Living Communities, as well as, KU Medical Center. There is something for everyone at this special show! A reception will be held on July 12th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

**AUGUST**

The Olathe Visual Artists will display a variety of media during the month of August. The Olathe Visual Artists Association was formed in 1978 with the goal of expanding the enjoyment of fine arts within the Olathe community and to encourage and promote local artists. A reception will be held on August 9th 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 Memberships Go Half Price July 16th

Pool Season is in full swing at the Prairie Village Pool. Regular hours are 11:00 am to 8:30 pm. The daily fee is \$7. Reduced hours begin on August 12th with the pool opening at 4:30 pm on weekdays and closing for the season on September 2nd. Get your pool membership for ½ Price starting July 16th.

### Other Pool Events:

- July 4th – Free Swim for all Prairie Village residents
- July 5th – Moonlight Swim – pool remains open until 10:00 pm
- July 19th – Moonlight Swim – pool remains open until 10:00 pm
- August 2nd – Moonlight Swim – pool remains open until 10:00 pm
- September 2nd – Pool Closes for the season at 6:00 pm



## 2013 Budget Hearing August 5th

A public hearing will be held on Monday, August 5th at 7:30 pm in the City Council Chambers to hear comments and suggestions about the City's 2013 budget. A copy of the proposed budget will be available online and at the City Clerk's office by August 5, 2013.

Please refer to the City's website at [www.pvkansas.com](http://www.pvkansas.com) for other key budget dates.

## Pick Up After Your Pet

Adults working in their gardens, children playing outside and family pets are the most at risk for infection from some of the bacteria and parasites found in pet waste. They can persist on the ground for weeks. And if it's in the grass or on the sidewalk, it is on your feet, in your home and on your carpet. Some of the hard-to-pronounce parasites your lawn could harbor include Cryptosporidium, Giardia, Salmonella, as well as hookworms, ringworms and tapeworms. Infections from these bugs often cause fever, muscle aches, headache, vomiting and diarrhea in humans.

A recent U.S Geological Survey study of streams and creeks in the Kansas City region showed that bacteria associated with pet waste is the source of approximately 25% of the bacteria in samples collected from local waterways. Leaving pet waste on a sidewalk or street? Rain water washes it into the storm drains which lead to our streams and creeks.

### What Can You Do?

- Pick up pet waste. It is not a fertilizer.
- Carry disposable bags when you go for a walk with your pet. Every park in Prairie Village has a station with waste bags available for your use.
- Properly dispose of pet waste.

Prairie Village Ordinance 2213, Section 2-139 addresses the issue of Removal of Animal Feces. You can read the ordinance at [www.pvkansas.com](http://www.pvkansas.com).

## Ball Field Reservations Due

Applications for soccer and baseball fields for the fall season will be received until July 15th. If you do not receive an application in the mail by July 8th, contact the City Clerk's office at 913-381-6464 or visit [www.pvkansas.com](http://www.pvkansas.com) for more information.

## Sign-up for the Citizens' Police Academy

The Prairie Village Citizens' Policy Academy is a community – involved program designed to provide citizens with firsthand knowledge of the day-to-day operations of a modern police department. The goal of the academy is to improve the relationship between the community and its police officers by “personalizing” the Department. The Academy achieves this goal through lectures, visual aids and hands-on field work to give the attendees the ultimate insight into the functions of the Prairie Village Police Department.

The next Citizens' Police Academy will meet from 6:30 – 9:30 pm on Wednesday evenings for 11 weeks starting September 18, 2013. If you are interested in attending the Citizens' Police Academy, download the application from [www.pvkansas.com](http://www.pvkansas.com) and return it to the Prairie Village Police Department. Contact Sgt. Myron Ward at 913-385-4623 for further information.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
July 1st	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers
July 4th	VillageFest	7:30 am	Municipal Campus
July 4th	Independence Day Observed		Offices Closed
July 15th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers
August 5th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers
August 19th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers



# VillageFest

## CELEBRATION SCHEDULE

Thursday, July 4th • 7:30 am–1:00 pm • Prairie Village Municipal Campus • 7700 Mission Road

### All Day Events.....9:00–1:00

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

### Food for Purchase

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

### Displays

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

### Entertainment

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

### Attractions

- Trackless Train City Hall Parking Lot .....9:00–1:00
- Climbing Wall City Hall Parking Lot .....9:00–1:00
- Captured Memories Photo Booth City Hall ..9:00–1:00
- Wacky Hair East of Main Stage .....9:00–1:00
- Sister Act Face Painting East of Main Stage...9:00–1:00
- Human Hamster Balls East of Main Stage ....9:00–1:00
- Child Craft Center Community Center.....9:00–1:00
- YMCA Kids Tumbling Area Comm. Center Lawn..9:00–1:00
- Inflatables Community Center Lawn .....9:00–1:00
- Petting Zoo Community Center Lawn .....9:00–1:00
- Pony Rides South of Community Center.....9:00–1:00

### Special Events

- Pie Baking Contest Pavilion.....8:30 submission; 10:30 results  
**Registration required**  
[www.pvkansas.com/piebakingcontest](http://www.pvkansas.com/piebakingcontest)
- Craft Show City Hall Parking Lot .....9:00–1:00
- Child ID Program (CHIPS) Council Chambers..9:00–1:00
- Mobile Zip Line City Hall Parking Lot .....9:00–1:00  
Must weigh 250 lbs or less
- Bike Rodeo City Hall Parking Lot.....10:00–Noon
- Free Swim Prairie Village Pool Complex.....11:00–6:00
- Children’s Parade In Front of City Hall .....11:15  
Decorate your bikes, trikes and wagons and meet east of City Hall by 11:00. All are welcome to participate. No registration needed.

### Special Guests

- Ararat Shrine Clowns .....9:00–1:00
- Home Depot Toolbox Kits.....9:00–1:00  
Community Center Lawn

### Free Parking:

- Shawnee Mission East High School  
7500 Mission Road
- Mission Road Bible Church  
7820 Mission Road
- Mission Road Community of Christ Church  
7842 Mission Road

### Restrooms:

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

### Lost and Found:

Information Booth located in front of City Hall

### For More Information:

Call City Hall at **913-381-6464** or find us on FaceBook: Prairie Village VillageFest or visit...  
**[www.prairievillagefest.com](http://www.prairievillagefest.com)**

Thanks to Mission Road Bible Church and Mission Road Community of Christ Church for providing parking and to the Prairie Village Lions Club for providing flags.

**Don't Forget to Bring Blankets or Lawn Chairs!**

VillageFest 2013 thanks these sponsors:



THE CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE





# VillageFest

Parking

MISSION ROAD

Entrance Closed



**Prairie Village Pool Complex**  
Free Swim 11:00-6:00  
**RESTROOMS**

**City Hall RESTROOMS**  
Plaza

Children's Parade Staging Area and Starting Point

**Info Booth & Volunteer Check-In**

**Main Stage Directly Across From City Hall**

**Police Station RESTROOMS**

Children's Parade

**Bike Rodeo**

**City Hall Parking Lot Area**

**Food Vendor**

**Community Center Lawn**

**Food Vendor**

Police Department/ Med-Act Display

**Community Center RESTROOMS**

**Water Station**

**Harmon Park Pavilion**

Chris Cakes Pancake Breakfast  
Patriotic Service  
Pie Baking Contest

**Hy-Vee Food Station**

**RESTROOMS**

**Skate Board Facility**

Mobile Zip Line

Craft Show

Vendor Entrance Only

CFD#2 Fire Department Display

**Pony Rides and Puppet Show**

MISSION ROAD

# COMMUNITY CORNER

## Cancer Survivors Honored

Cancer Survivors will be honored at the Relay for Life (RFL) event to be held on Saturday, August 24th at Franklin Park.

Each registered Survivor will receive a special t-shirt and small gift bag. After the opening ceremony at 11:00 am, Survivors will make the first lap of the walk. Caregivers will join with the Survivors for the second lap. The third lap will include all participants. Lunch and a dessert bar will be provided for Survivors and their caregiver shortly after the Relay begins.

Survivors are invited to register by going online at [www.relayforlife.org/prairievillageks](http://www.relayforlife.org/prairievillageks) or calling Gay Garrett at 913.205.9908 or emailing her at [gaybg@yahoo.com](mailto:gaybg@yahoo.com).

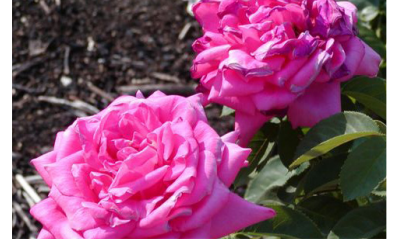
A community fundraiser benefiting the Relay will be hosted by The Salty Iguana located in Corinth Square on Thursday, July 25th. The Salty Iguana will donate a percentage of your food and beverage total to RFL. All you need to do is tell the hostess or your server you are there for the fundraiser.

There is still time to register a team or to volunteer for the event. Family friendly activities at the event will include a bounce house, dunk tank, silent auction, and games.



## A Rose Primer, Part One

The first of two presentations about the History of Roses and Modern Rose Classification will be given at the Thursday, July 11th, meeting of the Johnson County Rose Society. The meeting will be held at 7:00 pm at the Prairie Village Community Center, 7720 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS.



Laura Dickinson, ARS Consulting Rosarian and Johnson County K-State Research and Extension Master Gardener will tell us the fascinating story of how the first roses came to us from lands far away and how breeding helped to develop the varieties and characteristics we have come to appreciate in modern plants: disease resistance, winter hardiness, color, and fragrance. The meetings are free and open to the public. Refreshments will be provided.

Members and guests can also take advantage of the “Consulting Rosarians Corner” for a free individual consultation with a Consulting Rosarian about specific questions or concerns about all aspects of rose growing and care.

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).

## Students Educate Residents About Composting Food Waste

Elementary students from Briarwood’s Healthy Planet Team (HiP) went door to door this May with the intention of educating Prairie Village residents about food waste composting. Ten students from the third, fourth and fifth grade met after school, broke into teams and hit the streets of Normandy Square Homes Association. Normandy Square is participating in a pilot program developed by Deffenbaugh, the City of Prairie Village and Johnson County. The goal of the program is curbside collection of household food waste for composting and the students were on a mission to get more households signed up.

Briarwood students have been composting food waste in their school cafeteria since 2008. They know all about how leftovers can be diverted through composting rather than being tossed in the trash. At school, students compost their apple cores, banana peels, food scraps like meat and cheese and even milk. Now they want to have the same convenience at home.

The City of Prairie Village is interested in expanding the curbside food waste program to all residents in the City, and a successful pilot is the first step. At each door the students knocked on, they showed the resident the new collection bin, described what they could and could not compost and gave tips for minimizing odors. The students successfully signed up four more households and educated dozens more furthering their mission to create a healthier planet.

For more information about the pilot food waste program contact City Hall at 913-385-4603.



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## **VILLAGE GREEN**

### **Money could be leaking from your windows and attic**

Our homes and buildings lose a substantial amount of heat through poorly sealed doorways and windows and under-insulated attics and other areas. Sealing air leaks and improving the amount of insulation in these areas are two of the quickest ways to save energy and save money on your utility costs.

Determine the air-tightness of your home or business by having a professional energy analysis. If that's not possible, make the check yourself by feeling for drafts around the windows, doors and other areas. Seal leaky windows and doors by applying window film or weather stripping and caulking according to the package instructions. Caulking can be applied inside and outside to seal both sides of the wall. This further helps to protect the inside of the walls from damage caused by moisture infiltration. Then make sure your home or building is properly insulated.

You can start by checking the amount of insulation on your attic floor — an area that often needs more insulation. If you need to add more insulation, contact a contractor for assistance or do it yourself. To DIY, wear proper attire to protect your skin and lungs against contact and irritation from the insulation. If your insulation is level with or below your floor joists, you should add more insulation.

If you cannot see any of the floor joists because the insulation is well above them, you probably have enough insulation and adding more may not be cost-effective. The insulation should be evenly distributed with no low spots.

Another area to look at, that can also be a DIY project, is the rim joist area. The rim joist, the area where the house framing actually sits on the foundation, may not have any insulation. This DIY project can be done in a weekend. Cut sections of fiberglass batts to snugly fit each rim joist pocket and install with the paper backing to the inside. Do not compress the insulation.

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.

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