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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 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 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 uses the system to send out emergency notifications and non-emergency notifications. The City no longer uses Code Red for emergency notifications. If you were previously registered for CodeRed, you will need to sign up with NotifyJoCo to continue to receive emergency notifications. In addition, residents can receive non-emergency notifications including: Trash Delays, Street Work & Closures, Special Event Permits, Neighborhood Events, and Planning & Zoning Public Hearings. You can also sign up for weather alerts. If you previously registered, you will need to log-in to update your preferences to include additional weather alerts.

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

For more information, contact Jeanne Koontz at 913-385-4662 or jkoontz@pvkansas.com.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Greetings,

Now that the holidays are over, I would like to thank the residents of Prairie Village for their outstanding generosity. As of December 4, 2013, individuals, businesses and organizations have given over \$6,800 to the Mayor's Holiday Tree Fund and since that date many more dollars have been received. These donations

will go a long way in helping Prairie Village residents with home repairs and utility assistance throughout 2014.

As we welcome in a new year, we welcome a new Public Works Director, Keith Bredehoeft, and a new Assistant City Administrator, Kate Gunja. Keith Bredehoeft was appointed Public Works Director on November 4th. He served as the Interim Director since January 2013, as well as, the Public Works Project Manager. Mr. Bredehoeft has been with the City since 2009. We look forward to his leadership of the Public Works Department. Kate Gunja was appointed Assistant City Administrator on November 18th and began working for the City on December 16th. Kate previously served as the City Administrator of Fairway, Kansas. We look forward to having her be part of the Prairie Village team.

I also want to update you on the upcoming capital improvement projects and continued maintenance of the City's infrastructure. The annual drainage repair program, the annual paving program and the annual sidewalk/curb repair program will focus on existing infrastructure needing to be repaired or replaced. In addition to the annual repair programs, a number of larger projects will be completed including 75th Street from Mission Rd to State Line Rd, Somerset Dr from Belinder Ave to State Line Rd, reconstruction of the Harmon Park Tennis Courts and improvements to Prairie Park, McCrum Park, Taliaferro Park and Harmon Park. To find out more about upcoming construction projects, visit www.pvkansas.com/projects or contact Public Works at 913-381-6464 or publicworks@pvkansas.com. These projects continue our commitment to our citizens to improve the City's infrastructure and thereby improve our quality of life in Prairie Village.

Thank you for your generosity and Happy New Year!

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 and organizations who made the 2013 Mayor's Holiday Tree Lighting a success.



Prairie Village
MUNICIPAL FOUNDATION
Supporting Your Hometown

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|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Consolidated Fire District #2 | Johnny's Tavern |
| Corinth Square Merchant's Association | LegaC Properties |
| Coveted Home | Laura Little's Candies |
| Creative Lighting | Mely's Yogurt and Ice Cream |
| Dancerz Unlimited | Overland Chauffeured Services |
| Euston Hardware | Indian Hills Middle School Choir |
| Great Harvest Bread Co | Spin Pizza |
| Hattie's Fine Coffee | Tavern in the Village |
| Hen House | The Salty Iguana |
| Hy-Vee | Wooten Liquor |

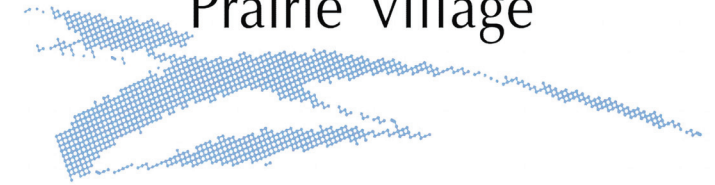
Volunteer for VillageFest 2014

The VillageFest 2014 Planning Committee will have its first meeting on Thursday, January 23rd 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 Joyce Hagen Mundy at 913-385-4616 or cityclerk@pvkansas.com.

Nominations Being Accepted for Arbor Day Honoree

The Prairie Village Tree Board is accepting nominations for this year's Arbor Day Honoree. This is an opportunity for the community to recognize the efforts and contributions of outstanding citizens who have made a difference in Prairie Village. Nominees must be current or former Prairie Village residents. Their efforts should have had a positive and lasting impact on the community; they may be living or deceased individuals or couples and may have served the community in any capacity. Nominations will be accepted until February 28, 2014. You may obtain nomination forms online at www.pvkansas.com or at the Municipal Offices. Nominations received after that date will be considered for the following year. Nominations will be considered for three years before being removed from consideration.

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

Come see *Paintings from Nature* by **Diana Werts** during the month of January. A reception will be held on January 10th from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

FEBRUARY

Shawnee Mission East teachers Jason Filbeck, Jodie Schnakenberg and Adam Finkelston will be showing their talents during the month of February. A reception will be held on February 14th from 6:30 pm 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.

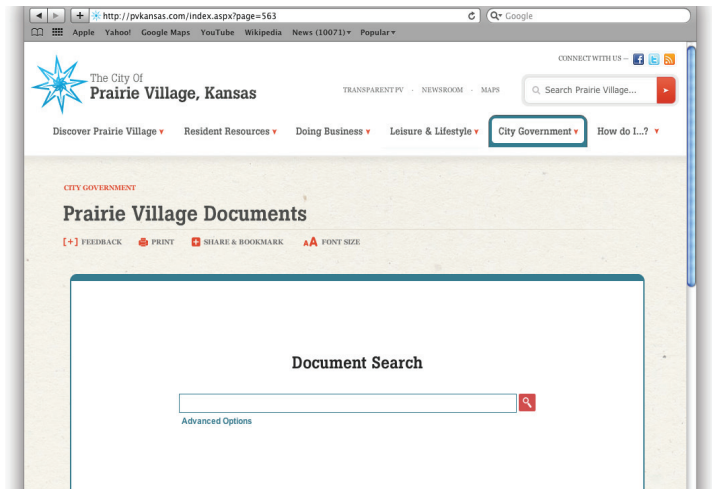
A second option is the City sponsored Tree Recycling Program which runs from December 16th through January 20th. Trees may be placed in designated areas of Porter, Franklin and Taliaferro Parks. Trees must be free of all lights, ornaments, stands and any metal nails, etc. as these items will damage the 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 2013, your coach should receive a 2014 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 15th.

Search City Archives Online

You can now search for City records online. The following types of records are publicly available: Agendas and Minutes, Agreements, City Codes, City Publications, Ordinances and Resolutions. In the future, we will be working towards making Building Permits and Planning Applications publicly available as well. We hope you will find this tool useful and easy to use.



UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
January 1st	Offices Closed for Holiday	All Day	
January 6th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Village Presbyterian
January 20th	Offices Closed for Holiday	All Day	
January 21st	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers
February 3rd	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers
February 17th	Offices Closed for Holiday	All Day	
February 18th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers

File for City Council

An election will be held for Council seats in each of the City's six wards on April 1, 2014. Persons interested in filing for office should contact the City Clerk's Office at 913-381-6464 or send an email to cityclerk@pvkansas.com. Filing deadline is noon, January 21, 2014.

CITY CONTACT INFORMATION

CITY HALL & MUNICIPAL COURT

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 Quinn Bennion, City Administrator
 Kate Gunja, Assistant City Administrator
 Joyce Hagen Mundy, City Clerk
 Lisa Santa Maria, Finance Director
 Bettina Jamerson, Court Administrator

PUBLIC SAFETY

7710 Mission Rd
 Wes Jordan, Chief of Police

PUBLIC WORKS

3535 Somerset Dr
 Keith Bredehoeft, Public Works Director

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Yard Waste & Bulky Item Collection 2014

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
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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

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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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April 12 Yard Waste Items

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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30			

May 8 Yard Waste Items

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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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Large Item Pick-up is April 5th for 75th St & North of 75th St and April 12th for South of 75th St

July 8 Yard Waste Items

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August 12 Yard Waste Items

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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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September 12 Yard Waste Items

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October 12 Yard Waste Items

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November 12 Yard Waste Items

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December 8 Yard Waste Items

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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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PUBLIC WORKS

City Prepares for Winter Storms

The City's Public Works Department follows a priority system for removing snow and ice from the City's streets. Crews work 12-hour shifts throughout a winter storm to provide 24 hour coverage. The City has 8 trucks working to clear streets.

Priority Level	Streets Treated	Details
1	Main Roadways	Typically high traffic volume multilane roads (i.e. 75th St, Mission, Roe, Nall).
2	Collector Streets	Typically two lane streets within neighborhoods (i.e. 79th St, 83rd St)
3	Residential Streets & Cul-de-sacs	Plowed after snowfall and after Priority 1 and Priority 2 streets are cleared. If plowing is not required, the City will spread materials only. <small>*The City does not plow sidewalks or driveways unless it is part of City-owned property.</small>

How You Can Help

- Stay back a least 50' from the rear of a plow truck so the driver can see you.
- Park your vehicles in your driveway. If you must park on the street, park on the even-numbered side of the street.
- Avoid placing snow from your driveway back into the street or the sidewalk.
- Clear sidewalks adjacent to your property. Property owners are responsible for removing ice and snow from the sidewalks abutting their property within 24 hours from the time that the snow or ice storm ends.

Contact the Public Works Department at 913-385-4647 or publicworks@pvkansas.com with questions regarding snow removal.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Cold Weather Safety Tips

As it gets colder and darker outside, we tend to think less of safety and more of how to simply stay warm. Now is not the time to let your guard down -- here are some tips to help keep you safe during the cold weather.

- Do not leave your vehicle running and unattended. Not only is it an ordinance violation, it takes only a few seconds for a thief to steal an unlocked, running vehicle.
- Do not park on the street when a big snow is forecast to allow the street crews room to remove snow.
- Avoid taking large boxes out to the curb. Cut the boxes up and turn the labels inside out so no one knows what was in the box. Leaving a large flat screen TV, Wii, computer, or laptop box on the curb tells everyone who drives by what there is to steal in your home.

If you are traveling:

- Call the Police Department for a house watch on your residence. Cancel paper, mail and any other regular deliveries to the home.
- Set timers on lights, radios, or TVs to give the appearance someone is home and moving around the residence.
- Ask a trusted friend or neighbor to keep an eye on your home while you are away.
- Ask a neighbor to make tire tracks in the driveway when it snows to give the appearance someone is home.
- Do not post your travel plans on social networking sites like Facebook, MySpace, or Twitter. You want only people you trust knowing when your home will not be occupied.

Please take a few minutes of your time now to help safeguard your home and your family and have a safe winter season. If you have any questions, or comments, contact Crime Prevention Officer Matt Boggs at mboggs@pvkansas.com or 913/385-4613.

PV HAPPENINGS

Mark Your Calendar Now for Large Item Pick-up

- **Saturday, April 5, 2014 for Residents on 75th Street and North**
- **Saturday, April 12, 2014 for Residents South of 75th Street**

Large items must be at the curb by 7a.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.

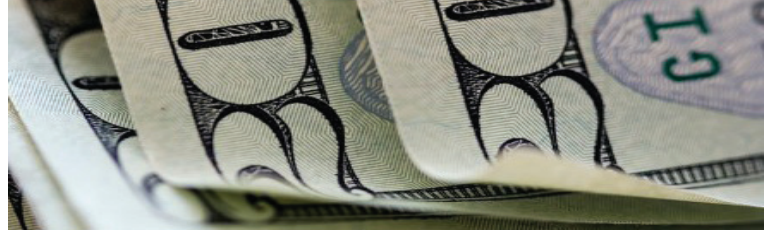
Residents are also allowed to set out one bulky item per month (no larger than a microwave). Bulky items are collected during the first full week of the month. See the Yard Waste & Bulky Item Calendar on page 5 for more details.



Budget Simulator

The City of Prairie Village is looking for feedback from citizens on identifying service priorities and expectations for specific programs that will be considered during the 2015 Budget Process. The simulator is designed to provide citizen feedback to the City Council. You can choose to increase, decrease, or maintain services. Through your selections you can see the effect of your choices on your personal taxes. An example of service priority would be the Emerald Ash Borer infestation. The City wants feedback from Prairie Village citizens on whether to increase, decrease, or maintain the current level of service when considering the Emerald Ash Borer issue.

Please email (lsantamaria@pvkansas.com) or call Lisa Santa Maria at 913-385-4661 with your suggestions.



2013 Citizens Police Academy

The 2013 Citizens Police Academy graduation ceremony was conducted at the City Council meeting December 16, 2013. The Academy had 14 participants including two Council Members and a local high school student. The course of instruction provided them all with an opportunity to learn about the Department and become more familiar with police operations. Police Chief Wes Jordan presented participants with their certificates and they were recognized by the City Council for their dedication and successful completion of the Academy.



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VILLAGE GREEN

Community Gardens - Plotting the Future

The Prairie Village Community Gardens enjoyed a great second season and we're working hard to make our third even better! For 2014, a few 4' by 20' and 4' by 10' 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 the three informational meetings in January:

- Saturday, January 11th at 9 am at City Hall in the Multi-Purpose Room
- Monday, January 14th at 7 pm at the Community Center
- Saturday, January 18th at 1 pm at City Hall in the Multi-Purpose Room

4' x 20' plots are \$40 and 4' x 10' plots are \$20. 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. Prairie Village residency is required for plots at Harmon Park.



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