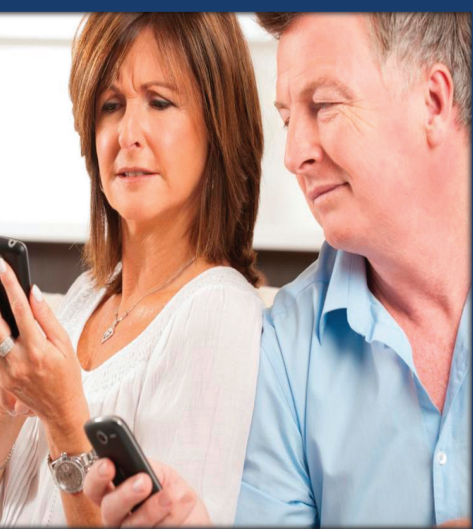


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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Hello Prairie Village Residents!

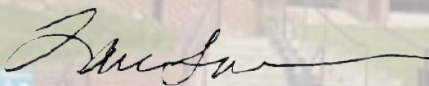
On April 7, 2015, I was honored to be elected as the eleventh Mayor of Prairie Village. I've had the pleasure of serving on the City Council as the Ward 4 representative for 17 years and I'm thrilled and grateful to continue my service to Prairie Village as Mayor.

I moved to Prairie Village in 1993 for many of the same reasons that fellow residents do—excellent schools and parks for my children, beautiful neighborhoods, low crime rate, and convenience to local amenities. Over twenty years later the quality of life in Prairie Village remains high. As your Mayor, I remain committed to working with residents, business owners and the City to keep Prairie Village a special place.

In my new role, I have been working with my fellow elected officials, city staff, and volunteers to streamline internal processes and to set priorities. We are currently working to establish our 2016 budget, with the goal of providing the high level of city services you have come to expect at the best possible value.

I believe one of the City's primary goals should also be to ensure we are adequately funding aging infrastructure, especially our streets. More than 20% of our neighborhood streets are rated in fair and poor condition. Delaying maintenance will cost taxpayers 4-5 times more in the long run, so the City must stay ahead of the deterioration rate as much as possible. The 75th Street improvements currently underway are a prime example of making necessary updates while improving pedestrian thoroughfares and connectivity. Other immediate priorities include the development of Meadowbrook Park and preparing the city for Google Fiber and AT&T GigaPower. As always, Council decisions must be based on strong fiscal management, high principles, and input from our citizens.

I look forward to serving you over the next four years. Thank you for your support!



Laura Wassmer, Mayor

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COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

Join us for the 6th Annual Prairie Village Jazz Festival

Mark your calendars now for the 6th Annual Prairie Village Jazz Festival on Saturday, September 12th at Harmon Park. For more information visit www.pvkansas.com/JazzFest or contact Joyce Hagen Mundy at 913-385-4616 or jhmundy@pvkansas.com.

Celebrate the Fourth of July at Villagefest



Mark your calendars for the 19th Annual VillageFest Celebration on July 4. You won't want to miss this free, family friendly event. Activities run from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with a pancake breakfast hosted by Chris Cakes beginning at 7:30 a.m. All events take place on the Municipal Campus at 7700 Mission Road.

As part of this year's festivities we will be hosting the 3rd Annual Pie Baking Contest. Bring your best made-from-scratch pie and enter to win. Choose from three categories: fruit, nut, and other. We'll even accept dairy pies. Judging will take place at the Harmon Park pavilion on July 4. Registration is free and must be completed by June 26. To find out more or register, visit www.pvkansas.com/piebakingcontest.

Another part of this year's festivities is the 4th Annual Craft Fair. The craft fair vendor fee is \$25 and the deadline to apply is June 15. Contact Barb Shaw at shawb333@hotmail.com for more information or visit www.pvkansas.com/VillageFest to download an application.

We're also looking for nominations for the Community Spirit Awards. Each year the VillageFest Committee recognizes residents and businesses that exemplify a caring spirit in our community. We encourage nominations of citizens who are well-known for community service, but also seek those less known neighborhood heroes who have selflessly helped their neighbors in need of extra care or in an emergency and those who help out under other circumstances like snow removal, grass cutting or other burdens of daily living for neighbors unable to do their own due to age or infirmity. Visit www.pvkansas.com/VillageFest to download an application and nominate an individual or business. Nominations are due May 15.



Arts COUNCIL Prairie Village

MAY

Stacy Krieg local artist from Mission, Kansas, has chosen to title this show *Éclater*, (French for "breaking out") because it represents the fact that she is taking her work in a new, exciting direction. This show will contain figures that are elusive and abstract, portraying shape and form in a simple, vibrant way.

A reception will be held on May 8th from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

JUNE

The **Shawnee Mission East Co/Lab** is a project that allows high school students to find connections to multiple disciplines in their artwork by working with professionals in a variety of fields to explore collaboration and multi-disciplinary approaches to problem solving. Students meet with professional artists, architects, landscape architects, scientists, engineers, and environmental groups and then create their own individual and group projects that are installed as a public exhibition at the Healthy Rivers Partnership headquarters.

A reception will be held on June 12th from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Gallery is located in City Hall at 7700 Mission Rd.

PV HAPPENINGS

Pool Opens May 23rd

Join us for opening day at the Prairie Village Pool Complex on May 23rd. Regular hours are 11:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. 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. Pool memberships and registrations can also be processed at the City Clerk's Office from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday at 7700 Mission Road.



2015 Budget Hearing

A public hearing will be held on Monday, August 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers to hear comments and suggestions about the City's 2016 budget. A copy of the proposed budget will be available online and at the City Clerk's office by August 3. Please refer to the City's website at www.pvkansas.com for other key budget dates.

Police Chief Appointment

Tim Schwartzkopf has been named the Chief of Police for the City of Prairie Village. Schwartzkopf has served the City of Prairie Village for 21 years starting his career as a Police Officer in 1994. He was promoted to the rank of Corporal in 1997, Sergeant in 2002, and Captain in 2005. During his career, he has served as a School Resource Officer, SIU Supervisor, and Shift Supervisor. As a Division Commander, he has managed the Staff Services, Patrol, and Investigations Divisions.

Capt. Schwartzkopf holds a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Kansas and is currently a graduate student in the Masters of Public Administration Program at KU. He is a graduate of the 200th Session of Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command and the 238th Session of the FBI's National Academy. He is a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the FBI's National Academy Associates.



Textile Recycling

The new textile recycling program got off to a great start. More than 16,000 pounds of textiles were collected within the first month of the program.

Clothing and textiles will continue to be collected weekly. Acceptable materials (in any condition) include clothing of any type, towels, sheets, blankets, shoes, rags, bedding, curtains, sewing scraps, and more. Items should be bagged or boxed, marked "PV," and placed by the front door, porch, or garage by 7:00 a.m. on your regular trash and recycling collection day. The donation container will not be returned. Your donated items are tax deductible. Team Thrift will collect the items and leave a tax receipt on the front door.



UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
May 18th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers
May 23th	Pool Opens	11:00 am	Pool Complex
June 1st	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers
June 15th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers
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 displaying their works on the weekend of May 29th – 31st. Children’s activities, food, drink, great art, and a festive atmosphere will be available the entire weekend.

Schedule:

Friday, May 29

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Art Show hours
7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Michael Beers Band

Saturday, May 30

10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Art Show hours
8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Chris Cakes Pancake Breakfast
7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Boogie Wonderland

Sunday, May 31st

11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Art Show hours



Fourth Friday Concert Series

Live music and free food will be center stage at the tenth annual Fourth Friday Concerts in the Park series sponsored by Hillcrest Covenant Church. Concerts are from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Franklin Park on the fourth Fridays in May, June, July and August. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and join the fun.

Concert Dates:

May 22: Moon City Big Band

June 26: Hard@Play

July 24: Riptide

August 28: Abbey Road



Prairie Village Blood Drive

The Community Blood Center holds four blood drives a year at Village Presbyterian Church, 6641 Mission Road. The next drive is Tuesday, October 20th from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The blood drive dates for 2016 will be from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on January 19th, April 26th, August 23rd, and October 18th.



If you are able to donate, please put these dates on your calendar. If you have questions about your eligibility, call 800.245.7035. You can register online at savealifenow.org with Sponsor Code of villagepres. You can also leave a message at 722-0165 or acolston1113@gmail.com with an approximate time you would like to donate. Once your appointment is scheduled, you will receive an email confirmation.

Thanks so much for your time and interest! The Community Blood Center with your help needs 580 pints per day. The red blood cells only last 42 days, thus the tremendous need. Community Blood Center sends out 3,600 units of blood a week to supply area hospitals.

Election Results

The spring general election took place on Tuesday, April 7. Laura Wassmer ran unopposed and was elected as Mayor. She was sworn in at the April 20, 2015 City Council meeting.



Ward 4 Appointment

Sheila Myers was appointed by Mayor Laura Wassmer, and confirmed by the city council, to fill the vacant Ward 4 city council seat. The term expires in 2018. Myers has lived in Prairie Village for 18 years and has served as a volunteer on the Community Garden Committee, as well as many other community organizations.



PUBLIC SAFETY

Truck Route Ordinance Update

Recently the ordinance regulating truck traffic in Prairie Village was updated to better accommodate current vehicle standards. Prior to this update any vehicle designed to carry more than 1,500 pounds of cargo was required to remain on designated truck routes within the City. Anything larger than a Ford Ranger pick-up fell into this category! Here is a summary of the new definitions (11-701) and regulation (11-706):

- “Bus” shall mean a motor vehicle designed or used to carry 10 or more passengers, other than vehicles commonly referred to as passenger vans, full size vans or minivans.
- “Commercial vehicle” shall mean any motor vehicle other than bus or a passenger vehicle (as each is defined in this article) or a recreational vehicle (as defined in Section 11-1501 of Article 15 of this Chapter).
- “Passenger vehicle” means a motor vehicle designed primarily for the transportation of people as opposed to equipment, freight or other vehicles, and sold primarily to individuals for personal use, and includes cars, except as excluded below, vehicles commonly referred to as passenger vans, full size vans or minivans (whether or not seats have been removed to allow the carrying of cargo), and, except as excluded below, vehicles commonly referred to as pickup trucks.
- A motor vehicle shall not be excluded from the definition of “passenger vehicle” because such vehicle is carrying items commonly found in residential areas, such as ladders, saw horses, or building materials, or because accessories, such as racks, storage boxes or shells have been added to the vehicle, provided that the original exterior walls of the vehicle remain intact.
- The following vehicles are excluded from the term “passenger vehicle”:
 - a. Pickup trucks that do not have the traditional pickup bed and side walls;
 - b. Vans that have extended height or width and are primarily designed to carry cargo instead of passengers;
 - c. Vehicles with aerial buckets or platforms (e.g. "cherry pickers"), welding equipment, mechanical lifts or arms designed to assist in loading and unloading freight; and
 - d. Vehicles commonly referred to as step vans, box vans, flatbed trucks, buses, as defined in this article, semi-tractors and trailers, former military vehicles, cement mixers, construction equipment, and any vehicle with dual rear axles.
- “Truck” means any bus or commercial vehicle as defined in this article.
- No truck as defined in section 11-701 of this article (except those owned and/or operated by the City, emergency vehicles, or those operated by public utilities and engaged in repair, maintenance or construction of utilities, and buses picking up and dropping off passengers in residential areas) shall be allowed to enter upon any of the streets of the city except the following named streets:
 - 75th Street;
 - 95th Street;
 - Nall Avenue;
 - State Line from 75th Street to 79th Street;
 - Mission Road from Tomahawk to 95th Street;provided, that at the time of any alleged violation of these restrictions, there shall be posted upon the streets of the city, signs indicating streets which allow truck traffic. Trucks delivering or receiving goods or merchandise to or from any house or premises within the city shall be permitted to enter thereon while delivering the goods or merchandise, provided that the trucks travel as close to their destination point as is reasonably possible on the closest designated truck route, then from that truck route using the most direct route to the point of pick up or delivery and shall return to the nearest designated truck route after the delivery as is reasonably possible.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Help Keep Our Village Beautiful!

We're working to keep our community beautiful in 2015 by encouraging good property maintenance practices citywide. Our Code Enforcement Team will be in your neighborhood in the coming weeks looking for common code violations. Below are a few tips to help you keep our village beautiful. For more information, contact Marcia Gradinger at 913-385-4605.

Exterior Home Maintenance

- All exterior surfaces (such as walls, fences, etc.) free of damage, decaying paint, rust, etc.
- All sidewalks, walkways, and driveways should be in good repair
- Roof and flashing should be sound and tight
- No broken windows, doors, or gutters

Trash Storage

Trash cans must be stored behind the front building line and screened from view from the street at all times, except the evening before the day of their scheduled trash collection. Here is an example of how one Prairie Village homeowner screens their trash cans.



Assistance for Homeowners

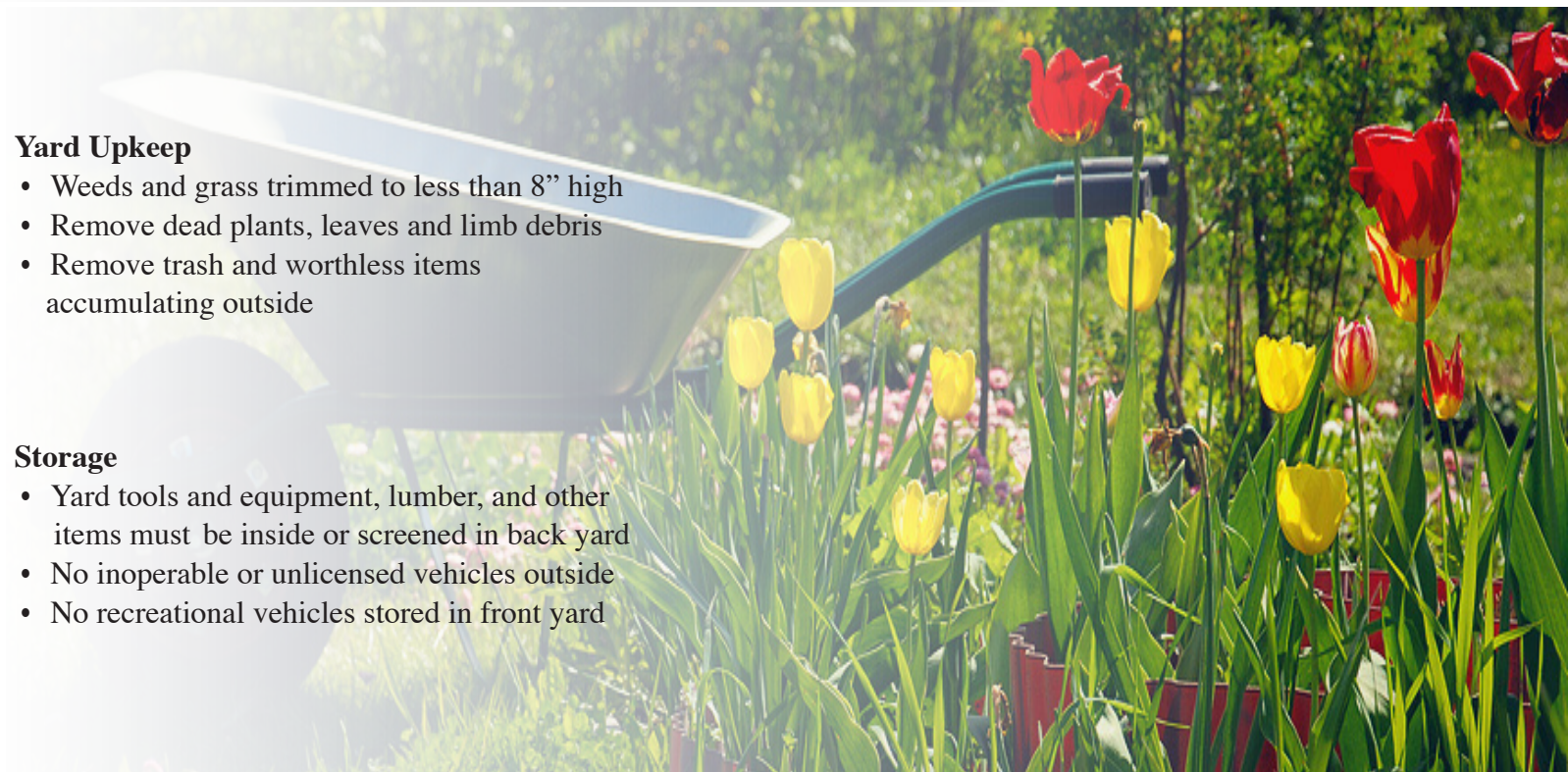
Springtime programs, such as the annual exterior grant and large item trash pickup, have already passed. However, resources are still available to help homeowners meet the city's appearance and maintenance requirements. Johnson County Housing Services administers two programs for low-income homeowners, the HOME Program and the Minor Home Rehabilitation Program. Contact Johnson County Housing Services to see if you qualify and apply for the program at 913-715-6616. City code enforcement staff can also refer qualified homeowners to A Brush with Kindness, a Heartland Habitat for Humanity program that matches community volunteers with homeowners who need help with exterior upkeep.

Yard Upkeep

- Weeds and grass trimmed to less than 8" high
- Remove dead plants, leaves and limb debris
- Remove trash and worthless items accumulating outside

Storage

- Yard tools and equipment, lumber, and other items must be inside or screened in back yard
- No inoperable or unlicensed vehicles outside
- No recreational vehicles stored in front yard



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VILLAGE GREEN

City of Prairie Village's Cost-Share Reimbursement Program

The City of Prairie Village has once again received a grant in the amount of \$5,000 from Johnson County for the Stormwater Treatment Facilities (STF) cost-share program. This program is an innovative approach to controlling stormwater thus improving water quality and aiding in reducing erosion. The program also encourages residents and businesses to plant native plantings that are indigenous to our region.

Individual homeowners and businesses that would be interested in incorporating STFs on their property can find the application forms and additional information about the program on the City's website. The program runs from April 1st to October 31st 2015. Funding is available on a first come, first served basis and is subject to applicable laws and provisions including but not limited to the City of Prairie Village Municipal Code. A homeowner or business is allowed to apply for one STF in a calendar year. Please see Program Requirements on the City's website for additional information. You may also contact Debbie Templeton at 816-810-3601 or dtempleton@pvkansas.com

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