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**SATURDAY  
SEPTEMBER 12th**

**~2015~**

**2:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.**

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# MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Greetings Prairie Village Residents:

On behalf of the City Council and city staff, I would like to thank the residents who came out to support the 19th annual VillageFest event, as well as the VillageFest Committee for their tireless efforts to plan yet another terrific 4th of July festival. From the pancake breakfast to the live entertainment, the spirit of celebration was alive and well in Prairie Village! The festive atmosphere will continue with the coming Jazz Festival on September 12 at Harmon Park. Check out all the details on pages 5-8. I hope to see you there!

I'm pleased to announce that the City Council adopted the 2016 Budget at the August 3, 2015 City Council meeting. The 2016 budget maintains the current mill levy rate of 19.493 which equates to a monthly rate of \$44.00 for City services for the average homeowner. The 2016 budget objectives included maintaining high quality services and programs, maintaining quality streets, parks and infrastructure, continuing a strong financial position with a AAA bond rating, and increasing financial transparency.

At the August 17, 2015 City Council meeting, Council approved a revised plan with a reduced size and scope for the Mission Chateau senior living facility and townhomes at the former Mission Valley site. The approved plan was agreed upon by the Tutera Group and the Mission Valley neighbors.

VanTrust Real Estate, LLC, Johnson County Government, the City of Prairie Village, and Johnson County Park & Recreation District continue to work together on the redevelopment of the former Meadowbrook Country Club. The City Council voted to set a public hearing on the creation of a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district for September 8, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. Unlike other TIF districts where the funds are used within a private development, the TIF funds generated by this project will be used to purchase and develop a regional County park and other public infrastructure. The Council will review and discuss many actions related to the Meadowbrook project through the end of 2015.

The projects above are just a few of the items being worked on by City Council and staff. I invite you to peruse the pages of the newsletter, visit our website, and of course, attend our City Council meetings to stay up to date on the latest happenings within Prairie Village.

Sincerely,

Laura Wassmer, Mayor

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# COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

## Save the Date for Holiday Events



**Mayor’s Tree Lighting**—Celebrate the start of the holiday season with friends, family, and neighbors at the 30th Annual Mayor’s Holiday Tree Lighting. This year’s ceremony will be held the evening of Thursday, December 3rd .

**Gingerbread House Parties**—The 7th Annual Gingerbread House decorating parties will be held on Sunday, December 6th. Details and sign up information will be announced later this fall. Proceeds from this festive

annual event finance summer recreation scholarships for qualified and deserving Prairie Village families.

**Shop with a Cop**—The 5th Annual “Shop with a Cop” event will be held in December 2015. Each year, the Prairie Village Police Department teams up with deserving children from Prairie Village. The officers treat the children to holiday shopping and a pizza party at the Police Department. If you or your business would like to contribute to this special program, please contact Jennifer Wright at 913-385-4607.

## Community Forum on Kansas Environmental Issues

The Prairie Village Environmental Committee and Kansas Natural Resource Council, in partnership with True Blue Women and Sierra Club, Kanza Group invite you to attend the 14th annual Community Forum on Kansas Environmental Issues.

“Ripe for Change: Cultivating Connections between Farmers, Consumers, and the Environment in Kansas”

When: Thursday, October 1, 2015 | 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Where: Village Presbyterian Church, 6641 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS 66208

Advance registrations are needed by Thursday, September 24th. \$15 covers locally grown appetizers and the program. The cost for the program only is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Reservations can be made online at <http://www.knrc.ws/conference.htm> or by mailing a check to KNRC/Community Forum, 7301 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS 66208. Receipt of payment by check or online confirms your reservation. Please contact Kathy Riordan with questions: [kfriordan@att.net](mailto:kfriordan@att.net).

### UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
September 7	Labor Day Observed		Offices Closed
September 8	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers
September 12	Jazz Festival	2:00 pm - 10:30 pm	Harmon Park
September 21	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers
October 5	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers
October 9	State of the Arts	6:00 pm	City Hall
October 19	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers



### September - Sister City Exhibit

This exhibition presents the best pictures of ten photographers from the Dolyna photo club: Yuriy Chernevyy, Oleh Kostetsky, Anatoliy Kondryn, Ihor Yashchur, Marko Dubensky, Ivan Yarych, Yaroslav Savchyn, Sofiya Fedoryshyn, Kseniya Tsyhanyuk, Tetyana Hnatkovska, who have tried to show life in Ukraine, as seen through the camera. The exhibition in Prairie Village is a very important event in the cultural life of our photo club and our city. We are happy that we can share photos with our sister city.

A reception will be held on September 11, 2015 from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

### October - State of the Arts

The Prairie Village Arts Council is proud to sponsor the 9th Annual State of the Arts competition. Artists from the area submit works to be judged for entry in this exhibit with the hope of winning one of nine monetary prizes. See the back cover for more information.

A reception will be held on October 9, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 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

## Popular Annual Financial Report

The City of Prairie Village is pleased to announce its third Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) for the 2014 Fiscal Year. The City produces a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) each year, which outlines the City's financial position and operating activities and includes audited financial statements; however, due to its length and scope, the CAFR is not a user-friendly document.

In an effort to make financial information more accessible, the Finance Department developed the PAFR which includes a summary of City services, Statement of Net Position, revenues, expenditures, debt and an economic outlook. To view the 2014 Popular Annual Financial Report, refer to the City's website at [www.pvkansas.com/pafr](http://www.pvkansas.com/pafr).



## CFD2 Earns a Class 1 ISO Rating

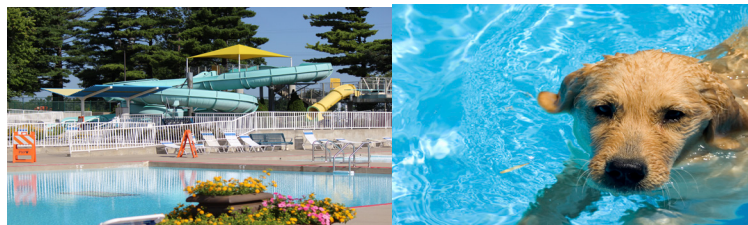
CFD2 Consolidated Fire District #2 (CFD2), serving NE Johnson County Kansas, has received a Public Protection Classification (PPC) rating of 1 by ISO (Insurance Services Office). CFD2 improved its ISO rating from a previous rating of 3. CFD2 is one of only ninety-seven fire organizations in the country with a Class 1 ISO rating.



ISO evaluates the fire suppression capabilities of fire organizations across the country according to a uniform set of criteria in areas such as: emergency communications, equipment, staffing, training, station location, operations, community risk reduction and water supply. Information gathered is used to assign PPC ratings. These ratings are utilized by many insurance companies in establishing insurance premiums for homes and businesses. CFD2's achievement of a Class 1 rating may provide an opportunity for residents and business owners within the Fire District to see savings on their insurance premiums. Home and business owners served by CFD2 may want to contact their insurance agents for further information

## Pool Closes for the Season Sept. 7

The Prairie Village Pool will close for the season on Labor Day, Monday, September 7 at 6:00 p.m. Thanks for a great summer!



## Prairie Village Puppy-Pool-Ooza

Area dogs have a chance to get the last splash before the Prairie Village pool is drained for the season. From 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 8, dog owners are invited to bring their pooches for an end of the season swim.

Puppy-Pool-Ooza costs \$5 per dog. Dog owners must provide proof of current vaccinations (no exceptions). Vaccination records can be obtained from your veterinarian. All dogs must remain leashed unless in the water. Dogs weighing less than 25 pounds will be located in the baby pool and dogs weighing more than 25 pounds will be in the zero-entry/leisure pool. Humans will not be allowed to enter the pool during this event.

We hope you can join us for some furry fun to end the pool season!

## Peanut Butter Drive

The City of Prairie Village is once again teaming up with Harvesters Community Food Network to sponsor the 31st Annual Prairie Village Peanut Butter Week Food Drive from October 5 - 9.

Approximately 66,000 different people receive assistance through Harvesters' network in any given week. Harvesters can provide 5 meals to the hungry with a \$1 donation.

There are several ways you can donate to Harvesters during Peanut Butter Week:

- Bring jars of peanut butter to City Hall or your local Prairie Village school
- Contribute online at [www.harvesters.org](http://www.harvesters.org)

## CITY CONTACT INFORMATION

### CITY HALL & MUNICIPAL COURT

7700 Mission Rd  
 Quinn Bennion, City Administrator  
 Wes Jordan, Assistant City Administrator  
 Joyce Hagen Mundy, City Clerk  
 Lisa Santa Maria, Finance Director

### PUBLIC SAFETY

7710 Mission Rd  
 Tim M. Schwartzkopf, Chief of Police

### PUBLIC WORKS

3535 Somerset Dr  
 Keith Bredehoeft, Public Works Director



# HEADLINING THE 2015 PRAIRIE VILLAGE JAZZ FESTIVAL



## THE MCFADDEN BROTHERS WITH THE KANSAS CITY JAZZ ORCHESTRA

The McFadden Brothers are a triple threat, as tap dancers, singers and musicians. They've tapped with the Count Basie Orchestra and entertained all over the world. They dance with a silken touch and a range of styles covering everything from soft shoe to street corner moonwalking with the rare ability to captivate audiences of all ages.

They are matched with The Kansas City Jazz Orchestra, Kansas City's premiere big band. Filled with the best of this area's jazz musicians, and led by artistic director Clint Ashlock, the Orchestra regularly packs the Kauffman Center with a subscription series that adds symphony-style professionalism to jazz music.

## ANGELA HAGENBACH

Singer Angela Hagenbach has been a Kansas City favorite for a quarter century. She has toured the world and performed with jazz elite, like Clark Terry and Christian McBride. After hearing Angela's sultry contralto cover his songs, Johnny Mandel wrote, "The beautiful and gifted Angela Hagenbach...sings with perfect taste and sounds like no one else."



## WORLD CLASS JAZZ IN THE HEART OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE

The Prairie Village Jazz Festival offers our community the opportunity to enjoy world-class jazz entertainment in beautiful Harmon Park, within walking distance for hundreds of Prairie Village residents and their families.

For the past five years the Prairie Village Jazz Festival has showcased top jazz acts, all with hometown Kansas City connections, in a fun, safe, family-friendly and convenient setting in the heart of Prairie Village.

Our elected leaders and city government, many local businesses and hundreds of committed volunteers generously contribute their time, resources and financial support to make the Prairie Village Jazz Festival possible each year.

The Prairie Village Jazz Festival takes great pride in celebrating this unique American art form with our neighbors and friends in the heart of our community. We are dedicated to ensuring that the Jazz Fest will continue to provide exceptional value as a thrilling cultural experience for fans of jazz and musical performance throughout Prairie Village and beyond.

We thank you for your support now and in the future. We look forward to seeing you September 12th and hope you enjoy the show.

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ADULTS \$5.00,  
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# THANK YOU to our 2015 Jazz Fest Sponsors and Contributors



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**Harmon Park  
7700 Mission Road  
Prairie Village**



PRAIRIE VILLAGE, KANSAS



## FEATURED FOOD VENDORS



## FESTIVAL INFORMATION

### ADMISSION:

Adult Admission \$5.00, 18 & Under: FREE

### OTHER INFORMATION

Beer, sangria, wine, soda and water available. Cash sales only.  
Festival merchandise and artist CDs available. Cash, check or charge.  
No coolers or outside food.  
No pets, excluding service animals.

### FREE PARKING AT:

SME Lot off Mission & 75th  
PV Pool Lot off Delmar  
Mission Bible Church  
Community of Christ Church  
ADA Drop-off and Parking available at the PV City Hall



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**THE BLUE KNIGHTS**  
UNDER THE DIRECTION  
OF ALEX TOEPFER  
**2:30 - 3:00 PM**



**PETER SCHLAMB QUARTET**  
ORIGINAL COMPOSITIONS AND  
BE-BOP STANDARDS  
**3:20 - 4:10 PM**



**TYRONE CLARK**  
and **TRUE DIG**  
FEATURING VOCALIST LISA HENRY  
**4:30 - 5:20 PM**



**HORACESCOPE**  
THE MUSIC OF HORACE SILVER,  
WITH STAN KESSLER ON TRUMPET.  
**5:40 - 6:30 PM**



**MATT KANE**  
with the Kansas City Generations Sextet  
EXCLUSIVE KANSAS CITY ENGAGEMENT!  
**6:50 - 7:40 PM**



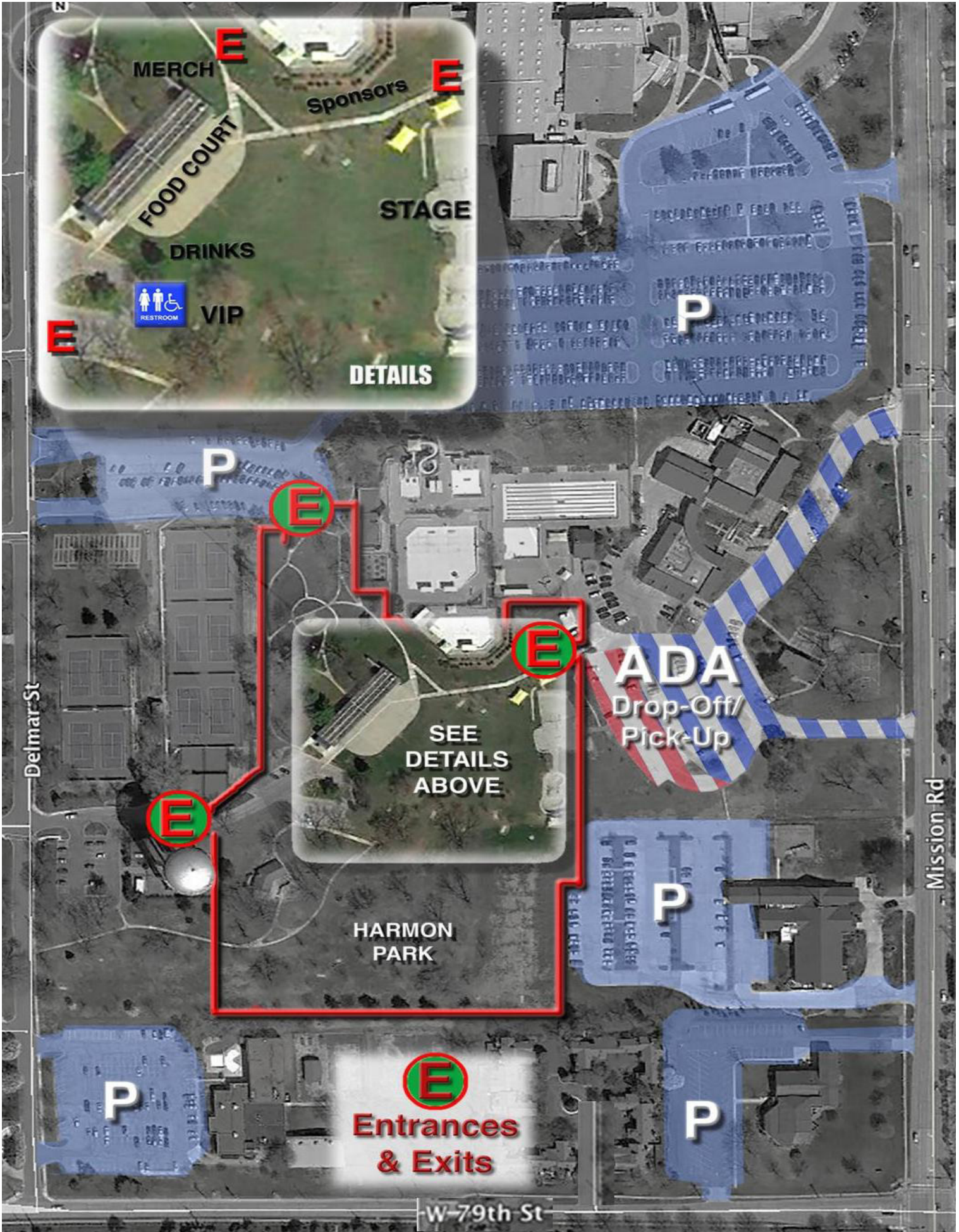
**ANGELA HAGENBACH**  
KANSAS CITY'S OWN TAKES THE  
PV JAZZ FEST STAGE  
FOR THE 1<sup>ST</sup> TIME  
**8:00 - 8:55 PM**



**THE MCFADDEN  
BROTHERS**  
with  
**THE KANSAS CITY  
JAZZ ORCHESTRA**  
KC'S PREMIERE BIG BAND,  
DIRECTED BY CLINT ASHLOCK  
**9:15 - 10:30 PM**



# EVENT MAP







# COMMUNITY CORNER

## Johnson County Rose Society: Raking up & Preparing for a KC Winter

The summer is coming to a close and this meeting of the Johnson County Rose Society will help us know what to do to get our roses ready for their winter nap. The meeting will be held on Thursday, September 10, at 7:00 p.m. at the Prairie Village Community Center, 7720 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS. Dr. Glenn Hodges, Laura Dickinson, and John Riley, all ARS Consulting Rosarians, will lead a panel discussion of the best methods of protecting your rose bushes over the winter, and the best time to do this winterizing work.



All JCRS meetings are free and open to the public. Refreshments are provided. Members and guests are welcome to take advantage of the "Consulting Rosarians Corner"- a free individual consultation with a Consulting Rosarian. Bring your questions and concerns about any aspect of growing and caring for roses - you can even bring samples of your plant! The Consulting Rosarians will also give timely tips about caring for roses.

For more information about the meetings, programs and other activities of the Johnson County Rose Society, visit their website at [www.rosesocietyjoco.org](http://www.rosesocietyjoco.org). You can also find them on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/JoCoRoses](http://www.facebook.com/JoCoRoses).

## Hazardous Waste & Electronics Collection Events

Johnson County Department of Health and Environment is hosting household hazardous waste, paint, and electronic recycling events on the second Saturday of September and October from 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. This safe disposal option is free to Johnson County residents who want to get rid of the extra paint in their garage or basement, chemicals under the sink, or out of date electronics (a small fee applies for CRT/tube televisions).



### Paint, Chemical, & Electronic Recycling Event

When: Saturday, September 12 and Saturday, October 10 from 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Location: Johnson County Household Hazardous Waste Facility (5901 Jim Bills Road, Mission, KS 66203)

This is by appointment only. Schedule an appointment online at [www.jocogov.org](http://www.jocogov.org). For electronics, please call (913) 715-6907. Charges apply for CRT/tube televisions (cash and check only).

## St. Ann Blood Drive

St. Ann Catholic Church is holding a blood drive with the Community Blood Center. More than 580 pints are needed daily; save a life by making a donation:

Location: St Ann Parish Hall

Address: 7341 Mission Rd.

Date: September 8, 2015

Time: 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

"Walk-ins" are accepted or make an appointment at [savealifenow.com](http://savealifenow.com)

## Financial Security Advisors Charitable Giving

Financial Security Advisors, a Prairie Village, fee-only financial planning firm, recently arranged for donations to be made to local charities selected by team members. Total donations were \$13,000. Each donation was made in the name of the team member.

Financial Security Advisors helps clients with retirement planning, investments, and tax strategies. These donations help the firm practice what it preaches, because all donations were made with appreciated securities, not cash. [www.financial-security-adv.com](http://www.financial-security-adv.com)



Pictured in photo (L to R) Jim Stoutenborough, CFP, LaDonna Parker, Marsy Gordon, and Sandi Weaver, CPA, CFP, CFA.

## Animal Enumeration

Do you have a pet in Prairie Village? The City will be conducting an animal census this fall to account for the number and ownership of all dogs and cats. The census will help keep your animals safe and protected by ensuring pets are properly vaccinated and can be returned safely home if lost. The animal licensing application may be obtained at City Hall or at [pvkansas.com/petlicense](http://pvkansas.com/petlicense). If you have questions about licensing your pet, please call 913-381-6464 or email [petlicense@pvkansas.com](mailto:petlicense@pvkansas.com). If you would like to assist with the enumeration, please contact Joyce Hagen Mundy at [jhmundy@pvkansas.com](mailto:jhmundy@pvkansas.com).

# COMMUNITY CORNER

## Fall K-State Extension Workshops Sponsored by the Positive Aging Coalition

Positive Aging Coalition events are cosponsored by Johnson County Library and K-State Extension. Library programs are open to the public at no charge. The events listed below will be held at Corinth Library, 8100 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS 66208.



### **Social Networking... What is it?**

**Friday, Sept. 11 | 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

What is social networking? What does one do with it and who sees it? Learn how Facebook, Pinterest and blogs can help you stay organized and connected to your family and community. Feel free to bring your laptop or smart phone to follow along.



### **Falling Less: A Positive Aging Coalition Program**

**Thursday, Oct. 8 & Friday, Oct. 9 (two-part program) | 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**

As people age, their chance of falling increases, with one in three adults 65 or older reporting a fall each year. Attend these two 90-minute sessions to learn how to develop your personalized plan to address the top four risk factors.

### **Understanding Reverse Mortgages: Do They Make Sense For You?**

**Friday, Nov. 13 | 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

For some individuals a reverse mortgage is attractive because it provides access to home equity to pay for living expenses or home repairs while retaining the borrower's right to live in their home. However, reverse mortgages are complex financial products with significant impacts on the long term financial well-being of borrowers. Learn about the costs and benefits of utilizing a reverse mortgage and develop a strategy to consider this financial product and make an informed borrowing decision.

Interpretative services and other accommodations for those with special needs are available.

Please request these services from library staff at (913) 826-4382 one week or more in advance of program.

# PUBLIC WORKS

## 2015 Park Updates

Bennett Park improvements are nearing completion. A new nature play area and walking path have been added to the park. Temporary erosion control measures have been installed until sod season this fall. This park is back open for play!

Construction is currently underway at Taliaferro Park. A nature play and sand area will be added between the existing play area and shelter. Improvements will be made to the soccer and t-ball fields.

Public Works truly appreciates your patience while we work in your neighborhoods.



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## STATE OF THE ARTS 2015

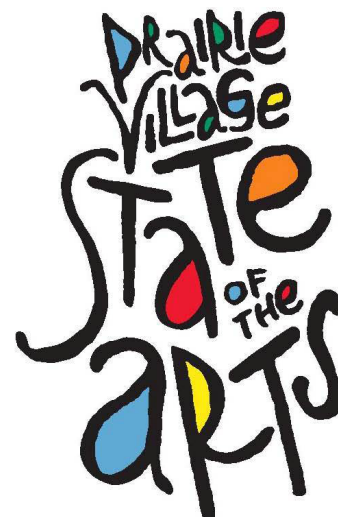
The 9th Annual State of the Arts Gala is quickly approaching and you won't want to miss the festivities! Since its inception by the Prairie Village Arts Council in 2007, State of the Arts has proven to be better every year and this year promises to be no exception. Mark your calendar now for the evening of October 9, 2015, as the Prairie Village Arts Council members extend a warm invitation for you to attend the awards reception.

The State of the Arts exhibition is a juried event featuring two-dimensional or three-dimensional artwork. The 2015 juror is Larry Thomas, professor and chair of the Fine Arts Department at Johnson County Community College. He is represented by the Sherry Leedy Contemporary Art Gallery.

It is anticipated the jurist will select approximately forty pieces of original art of varying mediums for this year's show. From these forty pieces, nine prizes of varying amounts will be awarded including the R.G. Endres Memorial Best of Show Award for \$1,000. The State of the Arts prizes are made possible by our generous sponsors.

In addition to the opportunity to view exceptional original artwork, the opening reception offers the opportunity to meet the artists while enjoying live music, hors d'oeuvres, sweets, and wine.

The selected works from this year's State of the Arts will be on display at the R.G. Endres Gallery in City Hall, 7700 Mission Rd, throughout the month of October. The awards reception is free and will take place from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with the awards announcement at 7:30 p.m.



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