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Holiday Tree Lighting

Celebrate the start of the holiday season with friends, family and neighbors at the 30th annual Prairie Village Mayor's Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony! The tree lighting is sponsored by the Prairie Village Foundation, the City of Prairie Village, and Corinth Square Shops.

This year's ceremony will be held on Thursday, December 3rd from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Corinth Square. Mayor Laura Wassmer will kick off the start of the season along with Santa, Dancerz Unlimited, and the Kansas City Christian School Choir. Hot chocolate and treats will be provided. Corinth Square and Village Shopping Center will hold their Holiday Open Houses throughout the day and evening. Look for more information on participating local restaurants also joining forces with the Mayor's Holiday Tree Ceremony at www.prairievillagefoundation.com.

The Mayor's Holiday Tree is lit each year to serve as a reminder of our Prairie Village community members in need. Money raised for the Mayor's Holiday Tree Fund helps deserving and qualified Prairie Village residents with utility assistance, home maintenance needs, food assistance, and other vital needs of the community. The City works with Johnson County Human Services and Heartland Habitat for Humanity to pinpoint specific necessities. This may mean paying an electric, gas, or water bill when a resident simply cannot. Or, it could be receiving assistance with a nagging plumbing problem or adding a fresh coat of exterior paint to the home.

Donations for this worthwhile cause can be made to the Prairie Village Foundation, Attn: Mayor's Holiday Tree, 7700 Mission Rd, Prairie Village, KS 66208. Or, bring your donation to the Mayor's Holiday Tree Lighting. Your donation to the Mayor's Tree Fund will help our neighbors spread the spirit every day of the year.

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Helping Our Neighbors. Enhancing Our Community.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Greetings Prairie Village Residents

Thanksgiving is right around the corner and we have much to be thankful for in Prairie Village!

Prairie Village continues to be a desirable place to live. Housing values are strong and there is an increasing demand to enjoy the quality of life in Prairie Village with a remodeled or new home. While this is good news, it also brings some challenges. So far in 2015, the City has fielded 28 requests to build new homes; the majority of permits issued would require demolition of an existing home.

The City has heard concerns from residents that current building codes do not adequately protect residents from a "towering home" being rebuilt on neighboring property. I agree and have asked staff to fast track draft modifications to our building codes that will help limit the ability to overbuild on Prairie Village lots. These modifications will focus primarily on mass and scale and will not cover specifics on architecture or materials. We are including builders, architects, and residents in our process. More details are covered in this newsletter on page 4.

The Prairie Village and Corinth Square shopping centers are fully leased and doing well. Please remember to support local retailers and restaurants for your holiday shopping and entertainment!

The Meadowbrook redevelopment is on schedule. Fortunately, our TIF plan was not vetoed by the Shawnee Mission School Board and the project is moving forward! The Park Master Plan has been created with much public input. The plan maintains a significant amount of open green space similar to Loose Park, as well as more than 3 miles of walking trails, improved lakes, gardens, a destination playground, an activity center, and tennis/pickleball courts. More information can be found on page 12.

Please join me on Thursday, December 3rd at Corinth Square for the Mayor's Holiday Tree Lighting. This event raises money to help deserving and qualified Prairie Village residents in need through the Prairie Village Foundation.

Sincerely,

Laura Wassmer, Mayor

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COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to the Prairie Village Teen Council

Prairie Village Teen Council is an opportunity for Prairie Village youth to learn and actively participate in municipal government, positively impact the community, and gain leadership experience. Our congratulations to the following students who were selected:

Kellie O'Toole, St. Theresa's Academy

Dennis Rice, Shawnee Mission East

Ben Wang, Pembroke Hill

The Teen Council members will attend City Council and committee meetings, become familiar with the operations of City Hall, Public Works, and the Police Department, and complete a public service project. The students will be mentored by City Council members as they become more involved in our local democratic process.

2015 State of the Arts Winners

The 2015 State of the Arts Reception was held on October 9, 2015 at the R.G. Endres Gallery. The exhibition is a juried event featuring two-dimensional or three-dimensional artwork. Larry Thomas, professor and chair of the Fine Arts Department at Johnson County Community College, served as the juror and selected the following winners:

- R.G. Endres Best in Show: Jack Nixon, Study in Light and Texture: The Civic Opera Building
- Merit Award: Genevieve Flynn, Tree Frog Teapot
- Merit Award: Joe Bussell, Garden
- Arts Council Award: Holly Hughes, The Eagle
- Honorable Mention: Eileen McCoy, Tourist Information
- Honorable Mention: Cathy Moffett, Dragon's Eye
- Honorable Mention: Mike Terry, Montage
- Honorable Mention: Brandy Gonzalez, Family Tradition
- Honorable Mention: Joan Sowada, Water Works
- Honorable Mention: Fred Trease, #1014

The Prairie Village Arts Council thanks all the volunteers, sponsors and artists for participating in this year's event. The 10th Annual State of the Arts Show will be held on October 14, 2016.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
November 16	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers
Nov. 26-27	Thanksgiving	All Day	City Offices Closed
December 3	Holiday Tree Lighting	6:00 pm	Corinth Square
December 7	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chamber
December 21	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers
December 25	Christmas Day	All Day	City Offices Closed
January 1	New Year's Day	All Day	City Offices Closed

2015 Prairie Village Jazz Festival

With a fabulous line-up featuring Angela Hagenbach and the McFadden Brothers with the Kansas City Jazz Orchestra, music once again filled the air at Harmon Park on September 12th for the 6th annual Prairie Village Jazz Festival. More than 4,000 people enjoyed the beautiful weather and music.

We were pleased to be able to offer both corporate tables and tents for purchase in addition to our VIP tent for the sponsors who made this event possible. Make plans now to attend the 7th annual Prairie Village Jazz Festival on Saturday, September 10th, 2016. If you are interested in serving on the committee, being a sponsor, or purchasing a tent or table, contact Joyce Hagen Mundy at jhmundy@pvkansas.com.



November

Chun Wang was born in Nanjing, China and completed his formal studies in China. He emigrated to the U.S. in 1992 where he continued to study painting and received a Masters of Fine Arts at the University of Missouri. Later, Chun pursued a career in painting and illustration full-time. He participates in many shows including the Oil Painters of America Annual Exhibition. Many of his paintings are collected publicly and privately. A reception will be held on November 13, 2015 from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

December

Peter Smokorowski received his BFA degree from the Kansas City Art Institute. He worked for Hallmark Cards for 38 years. He now paints in watercolor, acrylic, oil, and pastel. Peter has taught Saturday drawing classes at the Art Institute and evening painting classes at the Jewish Community Center in Kansas City. He is a member of the Watercolor Honor Society [Springfield Museum], KWS, and MAPS. He has exhibited in AWS – N.Y.C., Springfield Museum – MO, Dunnegan Gallery of Art – MO, Spanish Pavilion – St. Louis, MO, and Gallery de Arc Angel – Brussels, Belgium. He has won numerous awards. A reception will be held on December 11, 2015 from 6:30 p.m. – 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

Proposed Amendments to Residential Building Guidelines

Mayor Wassmer has asked City Staff to prioritize and recommend revisions to current zoning regulations that govern residential building guidelines. The goal of this initiative is to provide regulatory



framework to protect neighborhood character while balancing the changing demographics and needs of the Prairie Village community. A logical question would certainly be “why now?”. Over the course of the last two years home improvement permits and “new builds” have been steadily increasing. And, in the absence of enforceable HOA Covenants and/or Deed Restrictions, current City Zoning Regulations may allow structure mass/scale that is out of character of typical homes in the neighborhood.

Staff has introduced draft revisions to area developers and architects to solicit solutions and technical expertise in an effort to improve concepts as a working foundation before submitting drafts for public input. The City values the process of inclusion of all stakeholders and public input is certainly encouraged to help shape the future of our City. Public informational sessions are being planned and will be publicized in the near future through media outlets, Homeowner Associations, and through the City website at www.pvkansas.com. Please contact Assistant City Administrator Wes Jordan at wjordan@pvkansas.com or 385-4621 for further information.

Gingerbread House Party Sign-Up

The Prairie Village Foundation is sponsoring Gingerbread House parties for the seventh year. Join in the fun while you help others this holiday season. Proceeds from the parties finance summer recreation scholarships, like pool memberships, for qualified and deserving Prairie Village families.



Brighton Gardens has generously offered to host the parties again this year. The fun begins when you first walk in and smell freshly baked gingerbread. You will then see tables filled with pre-assembled gingerbread houses and a large variety of colorful, delicious candies and food items to decorate your house. Let your imagination run free as you design a beautiful, edible decoration for your holiday enjoyment.

- Sunday, December 6, 2015
- 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. OR 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Brighton Gardens, 7105 Mission Rd, Prairie Village KS 66208
- \$42 per house prior to November 30th
- \$48 per house November 30th and after
- Last day for reservations are December 4th, or until sold out
- Reservations are accepted from November 1st – December 5th, or until sold out

Make your reservation early as this popular, annual event sells out quickly! To register, visit www.prairievillagefoundation.com or stop by City Hall, 7700 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS. When you register, you will be asked the total number of attendees in your party. Please note that only four participants will be allowed per house. Unfortunately, after registration is complete, we cannot accommodate additional participants.

Now is your chance to create a wonderful holiday memory for your family and create exciting summer memories for Prairie Village families in need.

Shop with a Cop

The fifth annual “Shop-With-A-Cop” event will be held in December. Sponsored by the Prairie Village Foundation, “Shop-With-A-Cop” is a chance for the Prairie Village Police Department to team up with needy and deserving children in our community. Last year, the Police Department hosted ten children identified by school counselors and the Police Department D.A.R.E. officer. Once again this year, police officers will take children holiday shopping and pay for their purchases. Children may buy gifts for both themselves and family members. After shopping, each child will be treated to dinner and have their packages wrapped free of charge. If you are a Prairie Village business or resident



who would like to make a contribution to this special program (monetary or specific gifts for children), please contact Jennifer Wright at 385-4607.

Also, don't forget to drop off your old cell phone at the Police Station, 7710 Mission Road. The Police Department is collecting phones to help support the “Shop-With-A-Cop” program. A cell phone collection box is located in the Police Station lobby. Used phones may be dropped off at any time for recycling. Your old cell phone is our treasure!

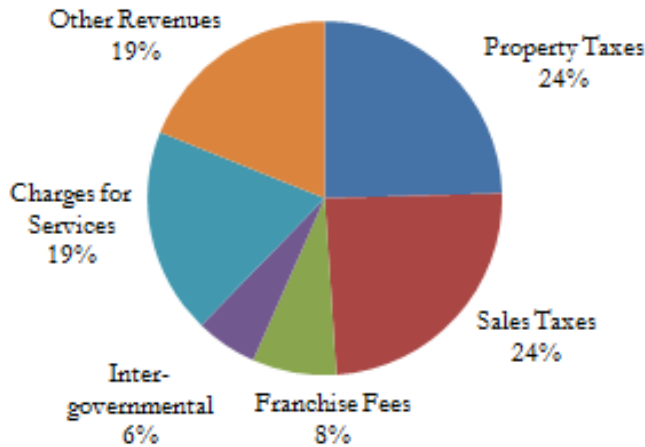


2016 Prairie Village Budget

The annual budget serves as a financial plan, provides guidance to City staff and communicates the City's financial condition. Most importantly, it presents the Governing Body's vision for the community by describing how public funds will be spent in order to achieve policy objectives.

The next few pages provide an overview of the City's 2016 Budget and covers the items most relevant to the residents. A full version of the budget can be found at www.pvkansas.com. Questions regarding the budget can be directed to Lisa Santa Maria, Finance Director at 913-385-4661 or lsantamaria@pvkansas.com.

2016 Revenue Sources - All Funds



Goals & Objectives for the 2016 Budget

- Maintain high quality services and programs
- Maintain quality streets, parks and infrastructure
- Continue strong financial condition
- Maintain AAA Bond rating
- Increase financial transparency
- Increase citizen participation in budget issues
- Be mindful of the tax burden

Property Tax: Tax on real estate and personal property. It is computed by applying the City's mill rate to the County's assessed valuation.

Sales Tax: Tax comes from two sources: Local Sales Tax and County Sales Tax.

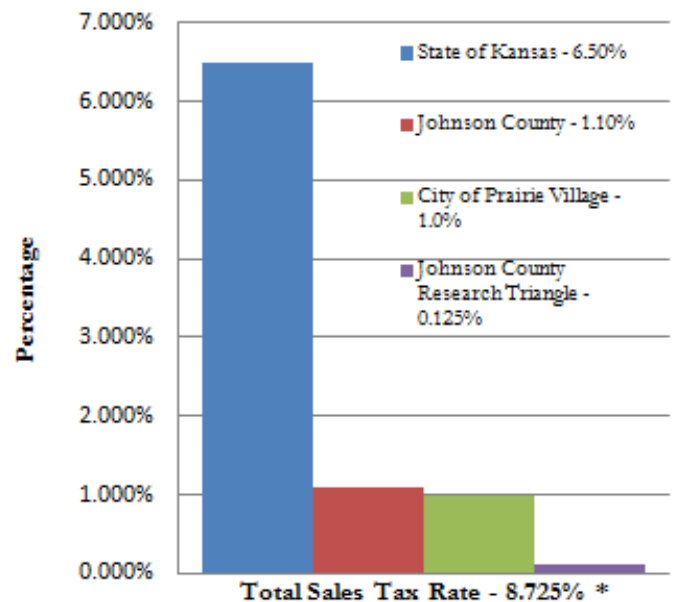
Franchise Fees: Franchise fees are charged on major utilities within the City. The fee is 5% of gross receipts as defined and permitted by state statutes.

Charges for Services: Includes revenue which is a charge for contract services and special assessments to recipients of certain services.

Intergovernmental: Includes revenues provided by other jurisdictions, primarily the State and Federal governments.

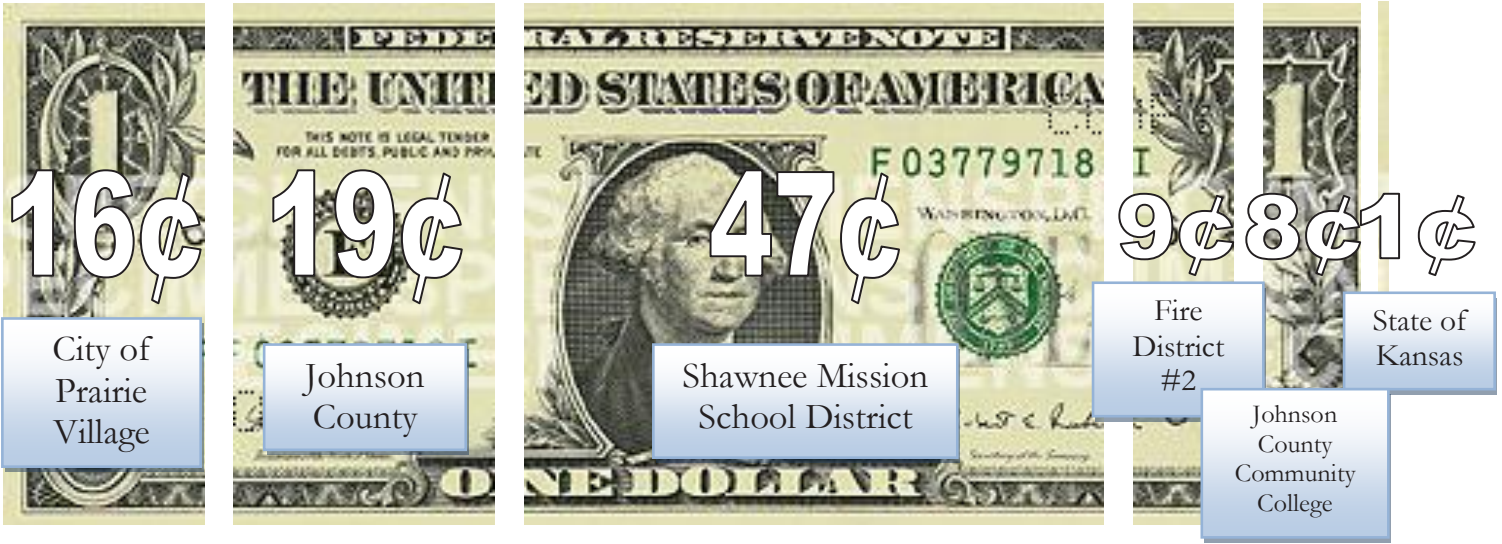
Other Revenues: Includes use tax, motor vehicle tax, liquor tax, license & permits, recreation fees, fines, interest income and miscellaneous revenue.

Sales Tax Rate by Entity



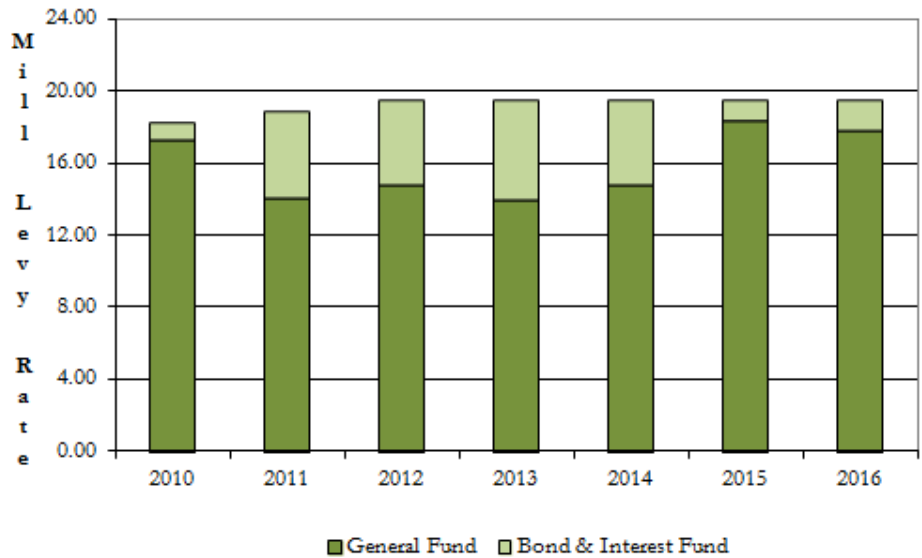
*Additional 1% Sales Tax at PV Shops & Corinth Shops

How are your property taxes used?



Your property tax bill is divided between several entities of which the City is only 16%

Mill Levy Rate 2010-2016



How is the Mill Levy used?

The mill levy rate is applied to the assessed valuation for your property.

The 2016 budget does not include a mill levy rate increase. The mill levy rate was last increased in 2012 by 0.6 mills.

* The shift from General Fund to Bond & Interest Fund in 2011 reflects issuance of bonds.

How much of your property taxes are spent on City services?

Residents Receive City Services

In 2015, the average market value of a Prairie Village Home is \$232,990. In 2016, on average, a homeowner will pay \$44.00 each month for City services. The checkbook below illustrates how this amount is divided among various City programs.

Program	Monthly Cost
Public Safety	\$15.84
Public Works	\$14.96
Community Development	\$ 5.28
Administration	\$ 4.84
Parks & Recreation	\$ 1.76
Municipal Court	\$ 1.32

Average Homeowner City of Prairie Village	7555
PAY TO: <u>City of Prairie Village</u>	DATE: <u>May 15, 2016</u>
	\$ 44.00
Forty four and 00/100***** DOLLARS	
MEMO <u>Monthly property tax for City services</u>	<u>TAXPAYER</u>

What services are provided by City Programs?

Public Safety: Animal Control, Crime Prevention, Patrol, Investigations, DARE and Emergency Services

Public Works: Operate and maintain the City's drainage system, streets, buildings and grounds, swimming pool, tennis courts, parks and vehicles

Community Development: Building Permits, Code Enforcement and Solid Waste Management

Administration: Mayor and Council support, Management and Planning, Financial Management, Information Technology, Human Resources, Business Licensing and Animal Licensing

Parks & Recreation: Arts Council programs, VillageFest, JazzFest, Swimming Pool, Aquatic Teams and Tennis program

Court: Municipal Judges, Prosecutor Services and Court Services

Special Assessments:

Your property taxes also include special assessments or fees for trash and recycling services and storm water system maintenance.

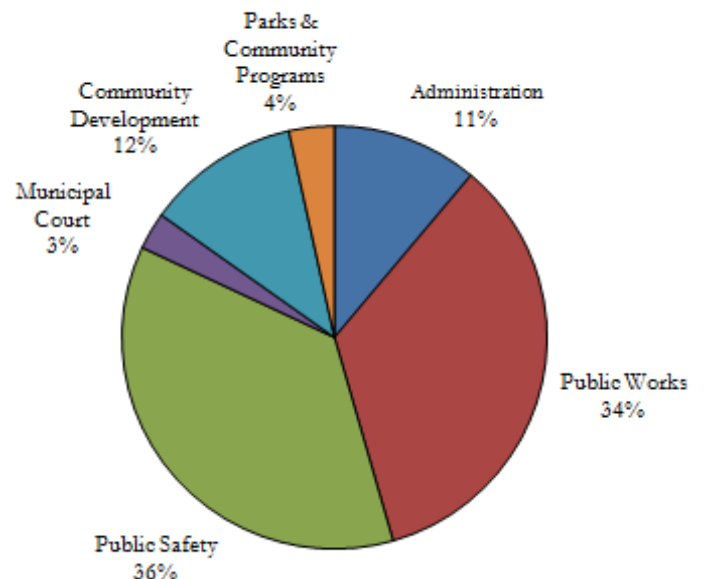
Trash Fee:

\$174.00 per year or \$14.50 per month

Stormwater Fee:

\$0.04/sq ft of impervious area

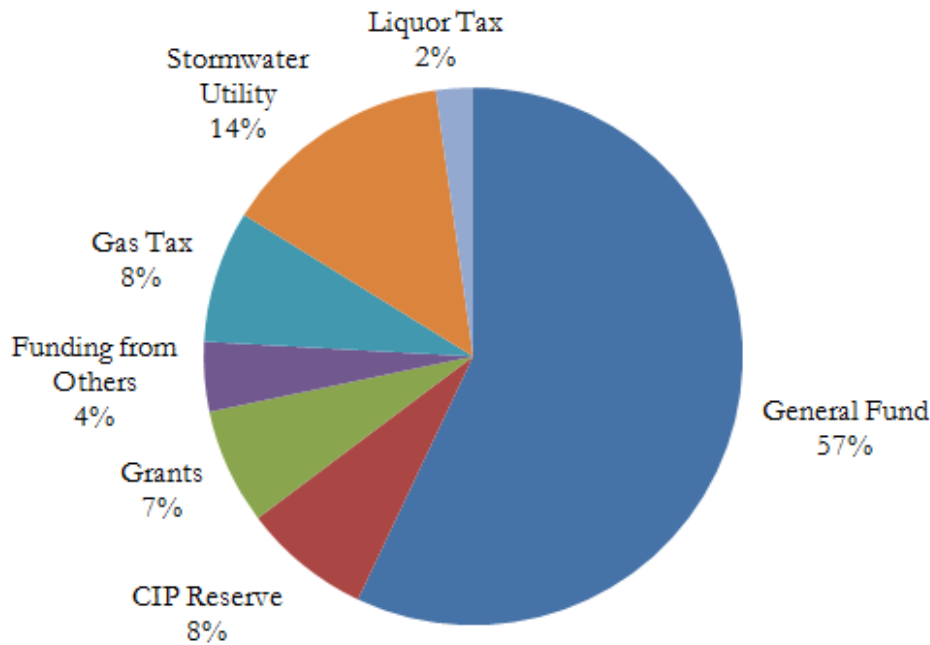
2016 Budget by Department



Capital Infrastructure Program

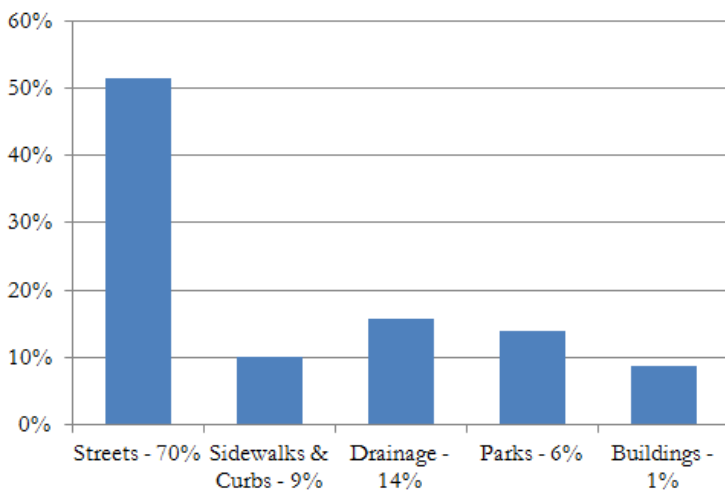
The City maintains a four-year **Capital Infrastructure Program (CIP)** to aid the City Council and staff in planning and budgeting for the City's infrastructure needs. The CIP is reviewed and updated each year during the budget process. The majority of the funding for the CIP comes from the General Fund. Other funding sources include bond proceeds, the gas tax, the stormwater utility fee, grants, participation by neighboring cities and 1/3 of the liquor tax which is required to be spent on parks and recreation programs.

2016 Capital Improvement Program Funding Sources



The CIP is divided into five sections:

2016 CIP Expenditures



Parks: Includes plans for redevelopment and replacement of existing park structures and materials.

Drainage: Includes plans for replacement of components of the City's storm drainage system.

Streets: Includes plans for major improvements that extend the life of the City's street system.

Buildings: Includes plans for replacement or major improvements that extend the life of the City's buildings.

Sidewalks & Curbs: Includes plans for replacement or major improvements that extend the life of the City's sidewalk and curb system. Also includes plans for additions to the system to comply with the City's sidewalk policy or ADA regulations.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Holiday Safety Tips

The winter time presents some new challenges to protect yourself and your property. With increased shopping and number of gifts, your home is a target more than ever. Please take the time to review these tips to ensure your safety during the holiday season.

Presents look nice under the tree, but placing them close to a window can invite a burglar into your home. Try to put the presents out Christmas morning or keep them hidden from exterior windows. Lock your doors and windows at all times. Even if you are away for only a few minutes, an unlocked door can ruin your holiday season. Remember, if you can get into your home without using a key so can burglars. Do not open your door to anyone you do not know and trust; look out the peep hole or a window before opening any door to an unexpected person.

Outside security can be as important as inside security. Do not keep a spare key in a hiding spot around your house; burglars know these hiding spots. Keep all sheds, gates, and garages locked when not in use. Keep bicycles and tools locked away and out of sight. Use security lights to help light the outside and warn away intruders. If you are expecting a package delivery, have someone home to accept it, leave it with a trusted neighbor, or have the delivery person hide it out of sight from the main roads. A package left outside for a few hours is not only a target to be stolen, but an indication to a burglar that no one is home. Also, if you park your vehicle in the driveway, please lock the doors and make sure to keep valuables out of sight.

When you go on holiday trips or to visit family and friends, do not forget to take a few easy steps to protect your property. Tell someone close to your home where you are going and when you will return. Call the Police Department for a house watch on your residence. Cancel paper, mail, and any other regular deliveries to the home. A pile of newspapers is a sure sign that someone has not been home for a while. Set timers on lights, radios, or TVs to give the appearance that 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 or Twitter. You want only people you trust to know when your home will not be occupied.

After the season is over don't let your guard down because all of the presents have been opened. When you take the trash out after the holidays, avoid taking large product 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, computer, or laptop box on the curb tells everyone that drives by what there is to steal in your home. Please take a few minutes of your time now to help safeguard your home and your family.

Please be safe and have a happy holiday season!



GREEN PRAIRIE VILLAGE

Residential Recycling Guidelines

RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING

GUIDELINES:

→ NO

Unacceptable Materials

- › Automotive Product Bottles
- › Blueprints/Carbon Paper
- › Construction Paper
- › Drink Pouches (Foil)
- › Egg Cartons
- › Film Canisters
- › Aluminum Foil
- › Frozen Food/Juice Containers or Straws
- › Gift Wrap
- › Hanging Folders
- › Hardback Books
- › Microwave Trays
- › Motor Oil Bottles
- › Paper Towels, Plates or Cups
- › Paperback Books
- › Photographs
- › Pizza Boxes
- › Plastic Bags (Including Box Liners)
- › 6-Pack Rings
- › Scrap Metal
- › Shredded/Tissue Paper
- › Trash
- › Vitamin or Prescription Bottles
- › Wax Cardboard



→ YES

Acceptable Recyclable Materials



- › Newspaper
- › Advertising Inserts
- › Office Paper
- › Chipboard
- › Telephone Books
- › Carrier Stock
- › Envelopes
- › Manila File Folders
- › Junk Mail
- › Magazines
- › Catalogs
- › Aluminum Cans
- › Corrugated Boxes
- › Drink Cartons
- › Steel (Tin) Food and Beverage Cans
- › #1-7 Plastics (no Styrofoam)
- › Plastic Bottle Caps
- › Yogurt or Margarine Tubs
- › Deli or Salad Bar "Clamshells"

PLEASE, NO GLASS!

Visit www.rippleglasskc.com for a list of glass recycling drop-off locations.



Donate. Do Good For Our Village.

Maybe some things in your world have outlasted their useful purpose: the electric generator you bought for Y2K, the strapless dress from your 20-year reunion, or the Big Bertha clubs that were going to change up your golf game.

The good news is: there's new life in those items, and the Prairie Village Foundation can be the beneficiary of your generosity.

Our community's textile recycling program began in February, with residents setting out donations of clothing, household items, and other hard goods on the same day as their scheduled trash and recycling pick-up. Already, more than 50,000 pounds of clothing and household items have been saved from landfills!

The Team Thrift Textile Recycling truck winds its way through neighborhoods each week, picking up used clothing, towels, sheets, blankets, shoes, small appliances, books and other hard goods. The recycling program provides residents an eco-friendly and convenient way to clear their homes of unwanted items.

Team Thrift takes most of the items to local thrift stores for sale or has them shipped to developing countries where they bless the poor and needy. Other items are re-purposed to create products like sound barrier insulation.

If program costs are met the Foundation receives proceeds to help with recreation scholarships, utility assistance, and other community benefits. To donate your items, simply bag or box the items in a container clearly marked "PV" and place by the front door, garage or porch before 7 a.m. A tax donation receipt will be left at your door. To schedule a bulky item pickup, or for missed pickups, please call Team Thrift at 913-951-0123. For more information about donation procedures, visit the city's FAQ page at PVKansas.com/textiles.

PRAIRIE VILLAGE TEXTILE
(# Household Goods!) RECYCLING



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for our Village



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Benefiting The Prairie Village Foundation

COMMUNITY CORNER

Rebranded Johnson County Buses Hitting the Road

On Monday, Oct. 19, Johnson County rolled out a new color scheme and brand for its bus fleet, replacing the 16-year-old design featuring the capital letters “JO,” a play off the Kansas license plate sticker showing where a vehicle is registered.

Johnson County buses are now painted blue with a streak of gray and feature the “RideKC” logo, a new regional brand for all buses in the Kansas City area. The rebranding initiative does not affect bus service or time schedules. Riders should confirm they are boarding the correct bus by watching the overhead sign above the windshield.

RideKC represents the vision for transit in the greater Kansas City area. It is one identity under which all transit services and information can be found. As transit agencies and providers, we are focusing on what unites us and how to best serve the public. The new RideKC initiative is intended to create one transit brand, regardless of where riders live in the Kansas City area. The same brand that is used in Johnson County will be employed in Wyandotte County, Kansas City, and Independence.

The first freshly painted Johnson County RideKC bus was put on the road on October 19, with more coming this year and next.

For route information, call the Regional Call Center at (816) 221-0660 weekdays from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. or visit the new regional transit website, www.RideKC.org.



A Brush with Kindness

Since 2011 the Prairie Village Foundation and the Property Maintenance department have worked with Heartland Habitat for Humanity and their “Brush With Kindness Program” to help homeowners who physically or financially have trouble maintaining their properties to code. The program helps with exterior issues such as painting, minor repairs, gutters, and yard and vegetation clean up. Eleven Prairie Village residents have been assisted since 2011 and two additional projects are pending.

During the week of September 19-26, Habitat for Humanity launched a nationwide “Brush With Kindness” week to help residents across the county with needed repairs and improvements to their properties. Heartland Habitat and the City of Prairie Village were selected to participate in this nationwide initiative out of 1,500 Habitat affiliates.

During “Brush With Kindness Week” Heartland Habitat, the Codes Department and numerous volunteers worked to help three Prairie Village residents. The homes were painted, rotten wood and gutters were replaced, and landscaping was cut and cleaned up. Additionally, two of the homes received new windows through the Johnson County Minor Home Rehabilitation Program.

The Prairie Village Foundation provides all of the funding for the Brush With Kindness projects and also provided the funding for the new windows. The Foundation was started 32 years ago and provides assistance to Prairie Village Residents in need.

If you would like to know more about the Brush With Kindness Program you may contact Marcia Gradinger at 913-385-4605 or mgradinger@pvkanss.com.



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Prairie Village, KS 66208
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MEADOWBROOK PARK UPDATE

Following the public announcement in February of 2015, VanTrust Real Estate, LLC along with the City of Prairie Village, Johnson County Government, and Johnson County Park & Recreation District have been working together on the proposed Meadowbrook redevelopment project. This will include a significant opportunity for a regional park in Northeast Johnson County. Overall, this joint project is estimated to bring a private development investment exceeding \$100 million.

The proposed plan preserves approximately two-thirds of the green space which will be owned, operated, and maintained as a county park by Johnson County Park and Recreation District. All of the park acquisition, park improvements, and other public improvements would be funded by the taxes generated by the private development. The public park cost is projected at \$18 million. The remaining 42 acres of the approximate 136 acre site will be developed by VanTrust, a Kansas City-based national developer of residential communities and commercial projects, and provide multiple housing options.

Johnson County Park and Recreation District has recently completed two open house meetings for area residents to provide input and direction on the master plan for the regional park. The public response for the project has been overwhelmingly supportive of the plans.

Over the next few months, the Prairie Village City Council will have many discussions regarding Meadowbrook redevelopment. The City of Prairie Village has approved the creation of the TIF District. There is a public hearing for the TIF Plan on November 16th. The property is also working to complete the rezoning process which will require approval from the Planning Commission and the City Council. Work is being completed to finalize the Development Agreement and bond financing concluding in March 2016. Pending necessary approvals, construction is expected to start in the summer of 2016 lasting two years.

For additional information and future updates, please visit www.pvkansas.com/meadowbrook.

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