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MEADOWBROOK PARK ADVANCES

- ✓ Park announcement (February 2015)
- ✓ Open house informational meetings (March 2015)
- ✓ Johnson County Park and Recreation Department Park Master Plan process (May – December 2015)
- ✓ Creation of the TIF District (September 2015)
- ✓ Property rezoned to Mixed Use Development (December 2015)
- ✓ Park Master Plan approval (December 2015)
- ✓ Developer Agreement and Park Gift Agreement approval (December 2015)
- ✓ Environmental review (April 2016)
- ✓ Final development plan approval (April 2016)

Anticipated schedule:

- Approval of General Obligation and Special Obligation bond sale (April – May 2016)
- Park property purchase (May 2016)
- Street and pond work bids and contract approval (May 2016)
- Start of construction (June 2016)
- Tentative park opening, phase one – trails (Spring 2017)

Detailed information is available at www.pvkansas.com/meadowbrook

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Greetings Prairie Village Residents!

As the weather warms up, the City of Prairie Village seems to be in full bloom! As our trees, grass, and flowers come back to life, so do our parks. It is wonderful to see our friends and neighbors taking advantage of the many beautiful parks and walking trails our community has to offer. In 2009, City Council adopted a comprehensive Parks Master Plan to enhance our City parks. Since that time, Bennett, Franklin, Harmon, McCrum, Prairie, Taliaffero, and Weltner Parks have all been upgraded with many new amenities added. We are excited to see Porter and Windsor Parks receive makeovers in 2016!

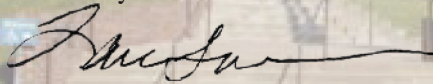
Warm weather also brings about spring cleaning: residents have been sprucing up yards, cleaning out garages, and participating in large item pickup. The City will soon be starting a special spring cleaning of our own. We recently completed an inventory of all statuary and will begin to clean, restore, and repair our statues and fountains. Work will begin this summer and continue for the next several years. Homes Associations and residents work hard to beautify and maintain our islands; we are excited to enhance those efforts by properly preserving our statuary.

Spring marks the beginning of the City's budgeting process. The City welcomes public input and suggestions related to the 2017 budget. As always, a balanced budget will be established.

The Governing Body and City staff continue to work on significant projects such as Meadowbrook Park, residential building guidelines, and capital improvement projects. A conceptual design has been approved for infrastructure and aesthetic improvements on Mission Road from 71st to 75th Street. Details are being finalized with construction to begin this summer. Information about these projects can be found on our website and in future issues of the Village Voice.

Finally, I'd like to thank our outgoing council members for their many years of service to Prairie Village. Ruth Hopkins served the citizens of Ward II for 24 years. David Morrison served the citizens of Ward V for 7 years. Their dedication and passion for Prairie Village is appreciated. I'd also like to extend a welcome to returning council member Courtney McFadden and new council member Serena Schermoly.

I wish everyone a fun and safe start to summer!



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COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

Celebrate the Fourth of July at Villagefest

Mark your calendars for the 20th 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 \$5 per person pancake breakfast hosted by Chris Cakes beginning at 7:30 a.m. All events take place on the Municipal Campus at 7700 Mission Road. Event details can be found at www.pvkansas.com/VillageFest.

Join the fun by designing the 20th Anniversary T-shirt:

- T-shirt design contest - \$100 prize - submit your entry by Thursday, May 12 to mbuum@pvkansas.com

New this year at the event:

- Dunk tank
- Huge Slip-N-Slide down the big hill
- 20th Anniversary T-shirts for sale (during the month of June at City Hall as well as at the event on July 4)
- Classic car show

Crowd favorites that will be returning this year - pie baking contest, craft vendor fair, petting zoo, children's bike parade, Mr. Bones, children's crafts in the Community Center, music entertainment, face and hair painting, historic exhibit, food vendors and much, much more.

And, of course, remember to nominate your favorite PV resident and/or business for a Community Spirit Award. Nominations are due by May 15.



Join us for the 7th Annual Prairie Village Jazz Festival

Mark your calendars now for the 7th Annual Prairie Village Jazz Festival on Saturday, September 10th at Harmon Park. For more information visit www.pvkansas.com/JazzFest or contact Joyce Hagen Mundy at 913-385-4616 or jhmundy@pvkansas.com.

Prairie Village Art Show

The Prairie Village Art Show is back again with over 100 artists displaying their works on the weekend of June 3-5, 2016. Children's activities, food, drink, great art, and a festive atmosphere will be available the entire weekend.



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The May exhibit will feature the work of "The Saturday Group," 10 to 15 artists from Johnson County Community College. A reception will be held on Friday, May 13th from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

JUNE

The June exhibit will feature the work of Jean Cook, Luke Severson, and Sara Nguyen. Jean Cook is a signature member of the Society of Animal Artist, founder of the Heartland Art Guild miniature show and KC area teacher. Luke Severson is a 3D artist whose work speaks to themes of opposition and resolution, hero and villain, natural and produced, systems and chaos, fair and foul. Sara Nguyen's work evokes memory, play, ritual, the dissolving boundaries of waking life and dreams. A reception will be held on Friday, June 10th 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 28th

Join us for opening day at the Prairie Village Pool Complex on May 28th. 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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
May 16th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers
May 28th	Pool Opens	11:00 am	Pool Complex
June 6th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers
June 20th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers
July 4th	VillageFest	7:30 am	Municipal Campus

2017 Budget Hearing

A public hearing will be held on Monday, August 1st at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers to hear comments and suggestions about the City's 2017 budget. A copy of the proposed budget will be available online and at the City Clerk's office by August 1st. Please refer to the City's website at www.pvkansas.com for other key budget dates.

Textile Recycling Discontinued

As of May 1, 2016, the curbside textile recycling program will no longer benefit the Prairie Village Foundation. Team Thrift will continue to collect items on your regular trash day. Residents may call 913-707-7938 or email CommunityDonations@TeamThrift.com with questions or missed pickups. The City encourages residents to recycle textile, clothing, and household items to charities or other entities of your choice.

Election Results

The spring general election took place on Tuesday, April 5, 2016. Council members Ashley Weaver (Ward 1), Andrew Wang (Ward 3), Brooke Morehead (Ward 4), and Ted Odell (Ward 6) were reelected. Two new council members were elected: Serena Schermoly (Ward 2) and Courtney McFadden (Ward 5). They were sworn in at the City Council meeting on April 18, 2016.

"Future of the Arts" A Children's Juried Art Exhibit

In an effort to celebrate the creativity and talent of our local children, the Prairie Village Arts Council hosted "Future of the Arts", a juried art show for children in grades 1-12. This exhibit is featured during the month of April at the Endres Gallery. The opening gala on Friday, April 8th brought a crowd of almost 100 people of all ages. Gracing the walls of City Hall was a lively collection of 2D and 3D visual artwork done by residents of the Shawnee Mission area. The gala also featured several live performances. Families enjoyed a "scavenger hunt" through the art, a "make and take" art project, piano jazz, finger foods and an exciting awards presentation. We are pleased to announce the following winners:

- **2D/3D Art, 1-3rd grades:** Parker Ramirez, marker on paper, "Bear and Friends"
- **2D/3D Art, 4-6th grades:** Samantha Gillepsie, pastel watercolor, "Arabesque Movement 1"
- **2D/3D Art, 10-12th grades:** Italia Venegas, acrylic on canvas, "Darker than the Night"
- **2D/3D Art, 10-12th grades:** Josh Swaistyn, pen on a natural leaf, "Leaf Peaks series"
- **Performance, 4-6th grade:** Lilly Agpoon-Sachen, Filipino dance "Tinikling"
- **Performance, 10-12th grades:** Rachel Field, classical vocal song



The Prairie Village Arts Council's "Future of the Arts" is off and running as the new annual April event for the City of Prairie Village. Many thanks to the Arts Council, City Staff, judges, parents, and the Johnson County Arts Council for their contributions.

PUBLIC WORKS

City to Seek Bids for Solid Waste Contract

The Governing Body has directed City Staff to seek competitive bids for solid waste services for trash, recycling, yard waste, and large item pickup for nearly 8,400 residents. The contract with Waste Management (formerly Deffenbaugh) is set to expire December 31, 2016. The last time the contract was formerly bid was in 2002 with subsequent negotiated extensions.

The new contract is anticipated to maintain current services while increasing yard waste to 12 bags/containers each month of the year – currently 12 bags are allowed during March, April, August, September, October, and November; with 8 bags during January, February, May, June, July, and December. While the time frame for completing the bid process is not certain, City Staff plans to complete this process by mid-summer with updated details appearing in future publications.

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 1 to October 31, 2016. 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 Melissa Prenger at 913-385-4655 or mprenger@pvkansas.com

Replacing your Driveway? Information you Need to Know

Are you thinking about replacing your driveway? If so, here is a reminder of what the City requirements are:

- The Public Works Department requires that any work in the City right-of-way requires a Right-Of-Way Permit. The City right-of-way area is typically 10 to 12 foot from the back of the curb.
- The Contractor that you have hired needs to obtain the Right-Of-Way Permit and meet the permit requirements as stated in the City's Right-of-Way Ordinance. Please make sure your contractor obtains this permit prior to beginning work on your driveway.
- The City Ordinance requires that residential driveway entrances be no wider than 22 feet (not including the wings) and that the driveway entrance should be at least 2 feet from the adjoining property line.
- The City also has specifications on the requirements for the right-of-way portion of your driveway.
- If you want to vary the right-of-way portion of your driveway from the City specifications then you must get approval from the Public Works Department and also sign a driveway variance waiver.

Note that Right-of-Way Permits are required for any work in the City right-of-way, which includes but is not limited to:

- Irrigation System Installation
- Landscaping
- Tree Planting
- Electric Underground Fences
- Utility Work
- Driveways

If you have questions about replacing your driveway or any other work in the City right-of-way, please contact the Public Works Department at (913)385-4647 or publicworks@pvkansas.com.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Crime Prevention Tip: Look Before You Build

Are home repairs, remodeling, or homebuilding in your spring plans? If so, this month's crime prevention article addresses some things you may want to contemplate before you dust off that hammer. Below is a check list that may save you and your wallet some unexpected expenses as you repair, update or build your new home.

- Always check the references of persons whom you choose to work on your home.
- Ask a friend or neighbor which contractors they have used who they know and trust and who are reliable.
- Trust your instincts; especially if you feel uncomfortable with the workers you chose.
- Remember it is your home that you are allowing a stranger into so trust is a must.
- Store away any items of value while work is being done so you don't have to worry about the potential of "missing" property.
- Try to avoid leaving your house unlocked for expected workmen, instead leave a house key with the contractor supervisor.

These are easy tips to follow and they may be even easier on your pocketbook as you move forward with the construction project on your home. It is always better to plan ahead and be security conscience when you are having construction work performed on one of the biggest investments you ever made: your home.

Have a safe spring!

Bicycle Safety

With warmer weather finally here, the number of bicyclists using the roads in Prairie Village is on the rise. For everyone's safety, it is important to remember that bicycle riders are not only granted the same RIGHTS as drivers of vehicles, but also are subject to all of the same RESPONSIBILITIES as drivers. Below are some tips for safe bicycle riding:

Traffic Signals:

- Individual riders can enter the intersection on yellow, but not red.
- Trailing riders in a group may be cited if they enter on a red light.
- Riders may consolidate in a group at a red light in order to clear the intersection faster when it turns green.

Riding Single and Double File:

- Never ride more than double file except when passing.
- Merge to single file on two-lane streets when cars approach from behind.
- Ride single file on busy two-lane streets.
- Ride as far right as practicable, whether in single or double file.

Passing:

- Complete the pass promptly.
- Do not impede trailing cars.
- Pass all the way to the next break in the group.



Regarding riding formations, Kansas Law specifies that riders may not travel more than two abreast. Although we understand peloton or pack riding is a common practice, it is neither safe nor practical for busy city streets. Riders must obey this and all traffic control ordinances in the same manner as any other motorist. By doing so, we can all help reduce the likelihood of collisions with motorists and pedestrians. The Police Department encourages all cyclists to visit www.ksdot.org and review all of the laws pertaining to cyclists on Kansas roadways.

In closing, we consider Prairie Village as a "pro" cycling community. The City has recently added a button to the traffic light pole on the northwest corner of 75th Street and Belinder for southbound bicyclists to use to "trip" the red light and turn it green. This was done to improve the safety for bicyclists since the sensors at this intersection have had difficulty detecting some types of bicycles. Safe Cycling Tip brochures are still available in the Prairie Village Police Department lobby. If you have any further questions, you can contact Sgt. Washington at 913/385-4603 or by email at iwashington@pvkansas.com.

COMMUNITY CORNER

New Look for Foundation

THE PRAIRIE VILLAGE Foundation

Helping Our Neighbors. Enhancing Our Community.

The Prairie Village Foundation started in 1983 in order to care for our park system. Since that time, the Foundation has continued to grow along side our community. Over the years, the Foundation has continued to stretch into a caring organization with multiple branches. Last year, we set out to update our logo to reflect our growth and caring spirit. We removed the tree in the logo and changed our tagline to reflect the direction we believe the Foundation is headed. The Foundation proudly reaches deep into our community, so it was a tough task. But, we are pleased to show you our new look. Our new logo features earth friendly colors symbolizing the beauty of Prairie Village. (Blue sky and Prairie Village green grass, of course!) The new logo also has a new tagline encompassing the Foundation's current message. Along with parks, the Foundation cares for community members in need through utility assistance, minor home repairs/maintenance, food assistance, and other vital needs of the community. We are also proud to support Prairie Village arts, recreational activities, and various community events. The Foundation looks forward to walking hand in hand together for years to come. Watch for more articles about how the Foundation helps Prairie Village residents and the Johnson County area. The Prairie Village Foundation - Helping Our Neighbors. Enhancing Our Community.

Fiber Networks in Prairie Village

Fiber networks are now available throughout Prairie Village, offering enhanced internet and television services with connections up to 100 times faster than traditional broadband speeds. More than 150 miles of fiber connections have been installed in the City including connections installed by the Shawnee Mission School District; thank you for your patience during the construction period. Service to the home is now available in all areas through Google Fiber and/or AT&T GigaPower. For more information, or to sign up, please contact the providers directly:

Google Fiber: www.fiber.google.com or 866-777-7550

AT&T GigaPower: www.att.com/gigapowercities or
913-676-1801

Johnson County Rose Society

By now, the roses are planted or pruned, and we want to do what we can to have a summer of beautiful blooms. The Johnson County Rose Society invites you to attend its meeting on Thursday, May 12, at 7:00 p.m. The Consulting Rosarians will lead a round-table discussion about basic rose care. Come and learn about the basics of watering, spraying, fertilizing, and pest control. Everyone is invited to bring their questions and tips about caring for roses. The meeting will be held at the Prairie Village Community Center, 7720 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS. All JCRS meetings are free and open to the public. Refreshments are provided.

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

Prairie Elementary Celebrates 150 Years

The community is invited to an open house (Friday, May 13 from 5:00-8:00 p.m.) and fair (Saturday, May 14 from 3:00-8:00 p.m.) at Prairie School, 6642 Mission Road. Prairie opened its doors as a one-room schoolhouse in 1866. In 1941, J.C. Nichols built a new subdivision on 80 acres just south of Prairie. Prairie School District #44 had been in existence for many years and inspired the Nichols Company to name the new subdivision "Prairie Village." In the past 150 years, thousands of students have walked through Prairie's doors. Despite a devastating fire in 1990 and the changing landscape of education, Prairie has continued to provide a strong educational foundation for its students.



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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Help Keep Our Village Beautiful

We're working to keep our community beautiful in 2016 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 (North of 75th Street) or Derek Wright at 913-385-4679 (South of 75th Street).

Yard Upkeep

- Weeds and grass trimmed to less than 8" high
- Remove dead plants, leaf, 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

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 your scheduled trash collection.

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