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SEPTEMBER 10th, 2016

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# MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Greetings Prairie Village Residents:

As the heat of summer winds down, so do many of our construction projects. On behalf of the City Council and city staff, I thank our residents for their patience during what can seem like the season of construction! Significant projects included the reconfiguration of Mission Road from 71st Street – 75th Street, city-wide street repairs, and the addition of sidewalks on many streets. We've already seen many of

our young families enjoying the new amenities as they walk to school!

Summer doesn't just mean construction—in Prairie Village it means celebrating VillageFest, enjoying our parks, and making a splash at the pool! From the pancake breakfast to the giant slip and slide, the spirit of celebration was alive and well at the 20th anniversary of our 4th of July festival. Enhancements are underway at Porter, Windsor, Bennett, and Taliaferro parks. And, a hot and dry summer made for a terrific pool season!

This fall, the festive atmosphere will continue as we celebrate both performance and visual art in Prairie Village. Marilyn Maye will be headlining our annual Jazz Festival on September 10 at Harmon Park. Our 2016 State of the Arts Gala will display more than 40 pieces of original artwork. I hope to see you at these celebrations of arts and culture.

I'm pleased to announce that the City Council adopted the 2017 Budget at the August 1, 2016 City Council meeting. The 2017 budget remains at the current mill levy rate of 19.493. The 2017 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.

The items above are just a small number of things that make Prairie Village a community of excellence. 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

## Call for Artists

The Prairie Village Arts Council currently has three calls for artists: State of the Arts 2016 is the tenth annual juried competition for artist 18 and older. The show, held every October, features 2D and 3D art with an application deadline of Sunday, August 28th, 2016. Apply at <http://artspv.org/call/sota> or follow the links on [pvkansas.com](http://pvkansas.com).

R.G. Endres Gallery monthly exhibitions 2017 are currently open to artist 18 and older who wish to participate in one of our 2D and 3D monthly shows. Apply at <http://artspv.org/call/monthly> or follow the links on [pvkansas.com](http://pvkansas.com). Deadline is October 31, 2016.

Future of the Arts 2017 is our second annual juried competition for young artist grades 1 through 12. This exhibit features work juried in four age groups and the following categories :

- 1) All 2-Dimensional and 3-Dimensional art of any media.
- 2) All performance art including music.
- 3) All theatrical performance including dance.
- 4) All forms literature.

Entries are accepted August 1st, 2016 through January 31st, 2017, with the exhibition in April 2017. Apply art <http://artspv.org/call/fota> or follow the links on [pvkansas.com](http://pvkansas.com).

## State of the Arts 2016

Please join us for our tenth annual State of the Arts awards gala from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, October 14th, 2016 at the R.G Endres Gallery, 7700 Mission Road. Awards presentation at 7:30 p.m. Selected works will be on display in the Gallery from October 3rd through October 28th, 2016.

State of the Arts is one of the Prairie Village Arts Council's annual juried shows featuring two-dimensional and three dimensional art from some of the regions best artists. The juror for 2016 will be William Rose, a figurative/portrait artist who works primarily in oil, and has attracted a significant national following of corporate, sports and private collectors. Please visit his website [www.williamroseart.com](http://www.williamroseart.com).

The competition awards \$3,500.00 in awards annually. This year will bring back the "People's Choice" award. Voting will take place in the gallery from 8:00 a.m. on Monday, October 3rd though 7:30 p.m. on Friday, October, 14th. Winner to be announced shortly after close of voting.

In addition to viewing the art and awards, the gala offers the opportunity to meet the artists while enjoying music, hors d' oeuvres, sweets, and drinks.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
September 5	Labor Day Observed		Offices Closed
September 6	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers
September 10	Jazz Festival	3:00 pm - 10:30 pm	Harmon Park
September 19	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers
October 3	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers
October 14	State of the Arts	6:00 pm	City Hall
October 17	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers



### September - Gary Cadwallader & Jodi Harsch

**Gary Cadwallader**—Cadwallader likes images at the very front of a painting as if they are reaching out, trying to touch the viewer. There seems to be more depth created when one has to peer around an object in order to see to the back of a painting. He is not interested in a single point of interest but wants complexity and visual rewards anywhere the viewer might look.

**Jodi Harsch**—Currently Harsch teaches art classes to senior citizens at area senior centers and assisted living facilities. She has exhibited her art in many art competitions and gallery exhibitions and encourages her students to do the same. Many of her students, several of which are over ninety years old, have received awards and ribbons at various competitions and have developed a passion for drawing and painting.

A reception will be held on September 9, 2016 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

## December Foundation Events

# THE PRAIRIE VILLAGE Foundation

Helping Our Neighbors. Enhancing Our Community.

The Prairie Village Foundation hosts three events in December. Save the date!

The **31st annual Prairie Village Mayor's Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony** will be held the evening of Thursday, December 1st. This extremely important event raises money to help Prairie Village residents in need throughout the year. Also that day, join Corinth and Village Shopping Centers, as they hold their holiday open houses.

**Gingerbread House Decorating Parties** - This 8th annual event will be held Sunday, December 4th. Proceeds from the parties will finance summer recreation scholarships for qualified Prairie Village families.

The **6th annual Shop with a Cop** event for Prairie Village children will be in mid-December. The Prairie Village Police Department teams up with The Prairie Village Foundation and area businesses to host 10 deserving children for an afternoon of shopping, talking, laughing, wrapping, eating, and celebrating.



If you or your business would like to contribute to any of these special programs, please contact Meghan Boom at City Hall - 913-385-4662. Please remember each of these events directly assists our Prairie Village friends and neighbors in need. More details on each of these events will be coming soon!

## Code Enforcement

The Codes Administration Department has hired a new Code Enforcement Official. Cindy Gaunt joined the staff in July to replace Marcia Gradinger who will retire at the end of August. Cindy started her employment with the City in 2008. She worked for the police department for two years as a School Crossing Guard and for five years as a Community Service Officer. She moved over to City Hall in 2015 and worked in the Municipal Court as a Court Clerk. Cindy is responsible for properties north of 75th Street and can be reached at [cgaunt@pvkansas.com](mailto:cgaunt@pvkansas.com) or 913-385-4605. Derek Wright is responsible for properties south of 75th Street and can be reached at [dwright@pvkansas.com](mailto:dwright@pvkansas.com) or 913-385-4679.

## Pool Closes for the Season Sept. 5

The Prairie Village Pool will close for the season on Labor Day, Monday, September 5 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 6th, 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; vaccination records can be obtained from your veterinarian. All dogs must remain leashed unless inside 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. Pet owners 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!

## Popular Annual Financial Report

The City of Prairie Village is pleased to announce its third Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) for the 2015 Fiscal Year. The City produces a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) each year, which outline 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 2015 Popular Annual Financial Report, refer to the City's website at [www.pvkansas.com/pafr](http://www.pvkansas.com/pafr).

**PRAIRIE  
VILLAGE  
2016**



**JAZZ**

**FESTIVAL**

**Saturday  
September 10  
2016**

**3:00pm – 10:30pm**

**Harmon Park  
77th & Mission Rd**

**Adults: \$5.00  
18 & Under: FREE**



***Starring***

***Marilyn Maye***

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### ***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 six 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 10th and hope you enjoy the show.





**Saturday**  
**September 10**  
**2016**

**3:00pm – 10:30pm**

**Harmon Park**  
**77th & Mission Rd**

**Thank you to our 2016 Jazz Fest  
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### Featured Food Vendors



*Butterfluff Popcorn*

### Festival Information

#### Admission:

Adults: **\$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, please, 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



Get all the details at:  
[pvkansas.com/jazzfest](http://pvkansas.com/jazzfest)

**SME Blue Knights**  
*Under the direction of Alex Toepfer*  
**3:00 pm**



**KCKCC Vocal  
Jazz Ensemble**  
**3:50 pm**



**Chris Hazelton's  
Boogaloo 7**  
**4:40 pm**



**Sons of Brasil**  
**5:50 pm**



**Dan Thomas  
and Voyage**  
**7:00 pm**



**Marilyn Maye**  
**8:30 pm**

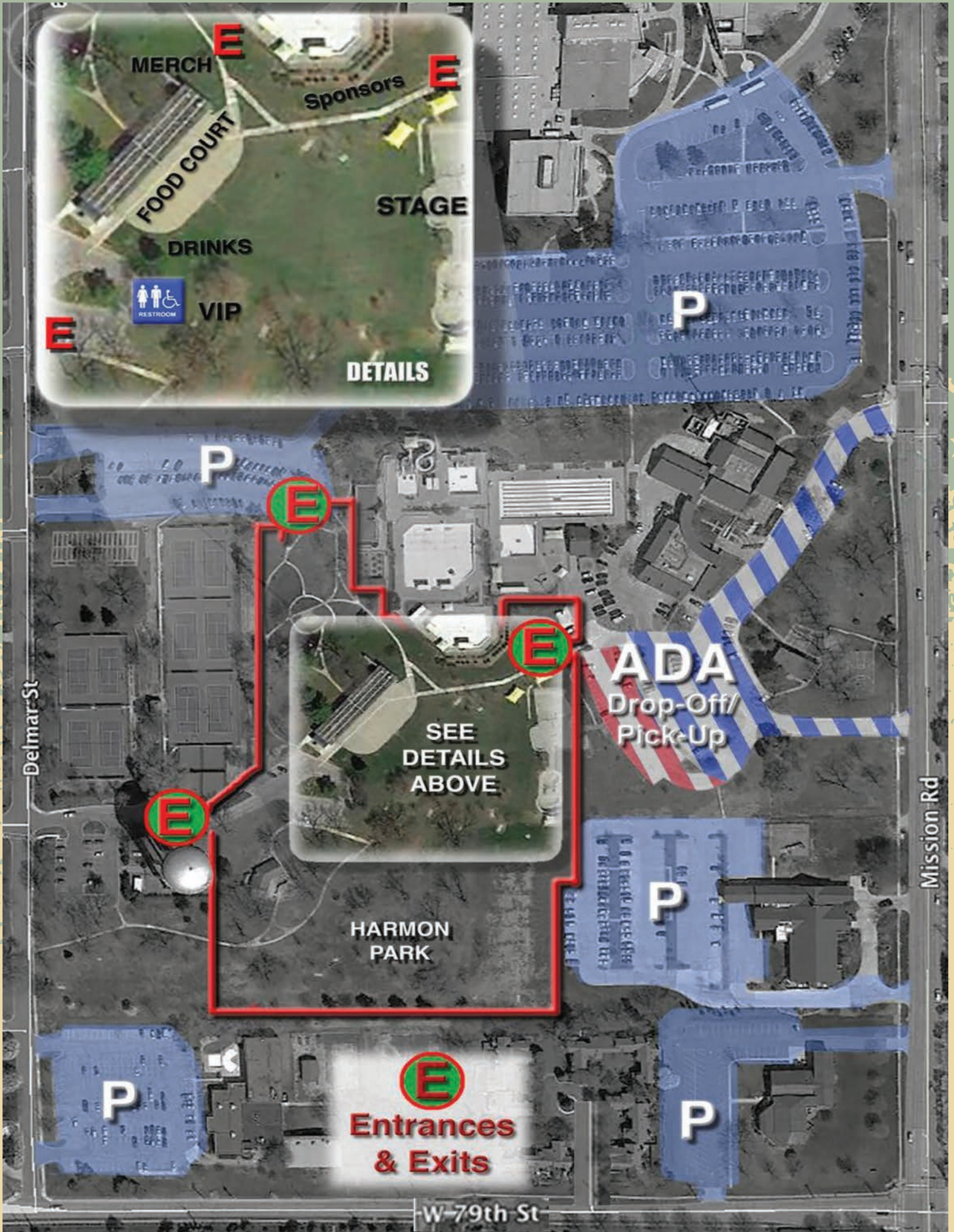


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# Jazz Fest Event Map





# PUBLIC SAFETY

## Prairie Village Citizens' Police Academy

The Prairie Village Citizens' Police Academy is a community-involved program designed to provide citizens with firsthand knowledge of the day-to-day operations of a modern police department.

The goal of the academy is to improve the relationship between the community and its police officers by personalizing the Department. The Academy achieves this goal through lectures, visual aids and hands-on field work to give the attendees the ultimate insight into the functions of the Prairie Village Police Department.

The Academy will meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. from September 14 through November 16, 2016.

If you are interested in attending the Citizens' Police Academy, download the application from the city website, [www.pvkansas.com](http://www.pvkansas.com), and return it to the Prairie Village Police Department. Contact Captain Myron Ward at 913-385-4610 for further information.



## CFD2 Update



“July was another busy month for CFD2. Periods of excessive heat and little moisture force additional safety measures. Although we are careful to take the heat into consideration, we do continually train and prepare to respond to calls for help from the community. Current world events also prompt us to be prepared. During July, CFD2 participated with our partners in Fire, EMS and Law Enforcement in County-Wide Hostile Event response drills. During this time of high temperatures, CFD2 responded to more than 400 calls, including building fires, house fires, a few rollover auto accidents, and many medical calls to include a number of heat illness emergencies. CFD2 crews always seek to promote fire prevention and provide public education, which we did in July for events like Village Fest, several Independence Day events, Mission Summer Camp activities, as well as hosting a very well attended Open House at our 9011 Roe Fire Station. Though we keep busy, we are always proud to serve the communities of Northeast Johnson County, Kansas.”

## Prescription Drug Take Back Event

The Prairie Village Police Department will participate in the DEA's National Prescription Drug Take-Back on October 22nd from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. A take back site will be located in the circle drive at the Municipal Complex (7710 Mission Road) so local residents can return their unwanted, unneeded, or expired prescription drugs for safe disposal. Needles and syringes cannot be accepted.

The National Prescription Drug Take-Back addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Many Americans are not aware that medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are at alarming rates, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that many abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, many Americans do not know how to properly dispose of their unused medicine, often flushing them down the toilet or throwing them away – both potential safety and health hazards.



# COMMUNITY CORNER

## Johnson County Rose Society

It may be warm out now, but it won't be long before it is time to prepare our roses for the cold winter ahead! No one wants to find their wonderful roses have not survived the winter, so come to the Johnson County Rose Society's September meeting and pick up the tips and techniques you will need to keep your roses safe over the winter months!

The meeting will be held at 7pm on Thursday, September 8th, at the Prairie Village Community Center, 7720 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS. ARS Rosarians will lead the Johnson County Rose Society's meeting in small group discussions of how best to prepare roses for winter and care for them during the winter months. Election of officers for 2017 will also be held at this meeting.

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! The Consulting Rosarians will also give timely tips about caring for roses "This Month In The Rose Garden."

Members of the JCRS will be contacted directly regarding the annual members-only dinner to be held in October. 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).



## Voters to Decide on Public Safety Issues November 8

Johnson County voters will be asked on November 8th to vote on a quarter-cent public safety sales tax to fund a new courthouse to address safety and security issues for victims, families, and jurors; accessibility challenges, and overcrowding due to the growing population.

The sales tax will sunset in ten years. It will also fund a coroner facility. Currently, the county pays to use a lab in Wyandotte County.

The current courthouse design makes it difficult to keep inmates separated from victims, jurors and families. This leads to close contact between victims and their alleged perpetrator in hallways and courtrooms, and between jurors and inmates during trial and deliberation. Numerous remodels and renovations have been completed to try to address these issues in the 64-year old courthouse, built for a population of 63,000 and now serving 575,000.

A new courthouse is less expensive than renovation and expansion of the current courthouse due to the significant design changes needed to improve security and accessibility and plan for growth. Renovating and expanding the existing building will cost approximately \$34 million more than a new courthouse. Over the next 20 years, operating and maintaining the current courthouse will cost an estimated \$155 million more than a new courthouse due to the aging building and its inefficiencies.

A new coroner facility would provide an accredited location to evaluate evidence and prevent cross-contamination of evidence. It would ensure autopsies are done in a timely manner.

Under state statute, cities in Johnson County would split 34% of the total sales tax revenue for needed resources such as police, fire, streets and other improvements.

The city of Prairie Village would receive approximately \$5.4 million in revenue over 10 years. The public safety sales tax would add a quarter to a \$100 retail purchase.

Public tours of the existing courthouse in downtown Olathe are being offered through Nov. 1. For more information, see [www.jocopublicsafety.org](http://www.jocopublicsafety.org).

### How much will a new county courthouse and coroner facility cost compared to renovation, addition to the existing facility?

Building a new courthouse	\$182 million
Building a new coroner facility	\$19 million
Renovating and adding on to the existing courthouse, no county coroner facility	\$216 million <i>\$34 million more than building a new courthouse</i>

Estimates are in today's dollars

When comparing costs over a 20-year period, cost estimates indicate that the continued use and maintenance of the current courthouse **will cost \$155 million more than that of a new courthouse.**





# COMMUNITY CORNER

## Community Forum on Kansas Environmental Issues

The Prairie Village Environmental Committee and Kansas Natural Resource Council, in partnership with the Sierra Club, Kanza Group invite you to attend the 15th annual Community Forum on Kansas Environmental Issues.

**Death by a Thousand Cuts:** Budget reductions have deeply impacted natural resource and environmental protection programs in Kansas. Learn more about the direct – and domino – effects of these cuts, along with positive actions you can take to revive and rebuild essential programs that protect our beloved home state.

**When:** Thursday, October 6, 2016 | 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

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

The program includes exhibits from Kansas environmental organizations, a timely legislative update and four 10-minute fact-filled talks by Dorothy Barnett, Paul Johnson, Cindy Kemper and Joyce Wolf, each covering a specific aspect of environmental policy in Kansas.

Advance reservations needed by Thursday, September 22nd. \$15 covers exhibits, appetizers, and program. Free for high school students. Register and pay online at <http://knrc.weebly.com/forum>. Or, mail your check to KNRC/Community Forum, c/o Donald Kaiser, 12408 West 126th Street, Overland Park, KS 66213.



## Notify JoCo

It's back to school time! Have you updated your NotifyJoCo profile with your child's new school or day care location? NotifyJoCo is Johnson County's countywide mass notification service. Sign up or update your account at [NotifyJoCo.org](http://NotifyJoCo.org) and tag up to five specific addresses in Johnson County to get alerts about locations that matter to you and your family most.



## Animal Enumeration

Do you have a new pet? The City will be conducting an animal census this fall to account for the number and ownerships of all dogs and cats in the City. The census will help keep your animals safe and protected. Prairie Village wants to make sure your pet can be returned safely to its home if lost and that all animals in the City have current rabies vaccinations. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, contact Barb Fisher at 913-385-4685 or [bfisher@pvkansas.com](mailto:bfisher@pvkansas.com).



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## Prairie Village Teen Council

The mission of the Prairie Village Teen Council is to give our teens an opportunity to learn and actively participate in municipal government, positively impact our community, and gain leadership experience. This program will coincide with the academic school year beginning fall 2016 with graduation occurring in spring 2017.

The teens will have an opportunity to work closely with City Council representatives, sit on the dais and participate in discussions during the Council Committee meetings, tour and learn about our Public Works department, do a ride-along and learn about our Police Department, attend committee meetings, a school board meeting, and work together on a public service project. We are excited to offer this very hands-on learning experience for our youth in Prairie Village.

There are requirements to participate in this program. The student must be a Prairie Village resident, be a sophomore, junior, or senior high school student, and the teens and the parents must be willing to sign an agreement to complete all of the requirements. The teen must complete an application, write an essay and obtain two letters of recommendation.

Applications, including all supplementary materials, must be submitted by Monday, September 12, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

Visit [www.pvteencouncil.org](http://www.pvteencouncil.org) to access the online application.

If you have any questions, please email Serena Schermoly: [sschermoly@pvkansas.com](mailto:sschermoly@pvkansas.com).



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