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Prairie Village Acquires New Parkland

The City Council agreed on December 19 to purchase the Faith Lutheran Church property located at 67th and Roe. The property will be converted to park land in an effort to increase green space in the northern part of the City, which has long been identified as an underserved park land area. Public input on the park amenities will be sought in 2017. It is anticipated that the City will close on the property in late 2017. The acquisition of Faith Lutheran's property will create a living legacy in the form of a community park.

Significant advancements have been made to the redevelopment of Meadowbrook Country Club. In May 2016, the City of Prairie Village, Van Trust Real Estate, and Johnson County Park and Recreation District celebrated the groundbreaking of the future Meadowbrook Park. Over the next three years, the property will transform from an abandoned golf course to a destination gathering place for Prairie Village residents for generations to come. For more details on the park master plan, visit pvkansas.com/meadowbrook.

Together the two new parks more than double the City's current park land, adding more than 83 acres to the existing 67.5 acres. Studies have revealed parks can have substantial positive impacts on property values and green spaces provide environmental, social, wellness, and community building benefits. The City Council and the Parks and Recreation Committee are committed to creating a high quality park system in Prairie Village.

In addition to the acquisition of new park land, the City of Prairie Village has invested in current park property in recent years. Since 2015, improvements have been made to Porter, Windsor, Taliferro, Bennett, McCrum, Harmon, and Prairie parks. Upgrades include enhanced playground equipment, the addition of natural play areas, drainage improvements, walking trail extensions, ball field upgrades, tennis court reconstruction and other new amenities. Future improvements to existing park land will be announced in an upcoming edition of the Village Voice.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Greetings Prairie Village Residents—

What an exciting and busy 2016! Prairie Village continues to be recognized as one of the best places in Kansas to live and property values continue to increase. As I reflect on the past year, I'm thrilled with the progress the City continues to make.

Because of the premier quality of life Prairie Village has to offer, there has been an increase in the number of tear downs and newly built homes in our neighborhoods. To address resident concerns, new design guidelines were developed to address the size and setbacks of the rebuilds. These changes were a result of considerable work from City staff, Planning Commission, City Council, and residents. We would love to hear your feedback as to whether or not additional restrictions should be considered by the governing body and planning commission.

The Prairie Village park system took significant steps forward in 2016. In addition to beautiful upgrades at our existing parks, construction at Meadowbrook Park is in full swing. It's been exciting to watch the daily progress of the crews hard at work transforming the golf course into a gorgeous new mixed use development and public park. And, with the impending purchase of the Faith Lutheran Church property at 67th and Roe, an additional park will be added to our City's park system. I am grateful to the Faith Lutheran community for their years of ministry within our community and for the rare opportunity to add green space in our fully developed city.

After significant input from the community, infrastructure improvements were completed on Mission Road between 71st and 75th Street. This stretch of road was reconfigured to narrow the roadway, add eight foot wide walking paths with buffers from traffic, and to make aesthetic improvements like landscaping, lighting and new benches. This coming year, you will see the eight foot path continued along the west side of Mission Road from 75th to 83rd and Somerset. This addition will provide a continuous trail from 71st and Mission to Franklin Park via Somerset Drive. In 2017, the trail at 71st Street and Tomahawk will be extended along the Prairie Village Shopping Center to Euston's Hardware.

And last but not least, a balanced budget was established for 2017. We were actively involved in issues at the state legislative level, multiple successful community wide events were held, and changes were made to our solid waste service provider. It's been a productive and successful year thanks to our dedicated staff, our governing body, and our many volunteers! We look forward to serving you in 2017!

Wishing you all the best!

Sincerely,
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COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

Volunteer for VillageFest 2017

The VillageFest Planning Committee will have its first meeting of the year on Thursday, January 26th at 5:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room at City Hall, 7700 Mission Road. The committee will continue to meet on the 4th Thursday of each month through July. If you would like to participate on the committee or would like additional information, please contact Meghan Buom at 913-385-4662 or mbuom@pvkansas.com.



Nominations Being Accepted for Arbor Day Honoree

The Prairie Village Tree Board is accepting nominations for this year's Arbor Day Honoree. This is an opportunity for the community to recognize the efforts and contributions of outstanding citizens who have made a difference in Prairie Village. Nominees must be current or former Prairie Village residents. Their efforts should have had a positive and lasting impact on the community; they may be living or deceased individuals or couples and may have served the community in any capacity. Nominations will be accepted until February 28, 2017. You may obtain nomination forms online at www.pvkansas.com or at the Municipal Offices. Nominations received after that date will be considered for the following year. Nominations will be considered for three years before being removed from consideration.

UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
January 16th	Offices Closed for Holiday	All Day	
January 17th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers
February 6th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers
February 20th	Offices Closed for Holiday	All Day	
February 21st	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers
March 6th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers

Save the Date for the 2017 Earth Fair

The 16th annual Earth Fair will be held on Saturday, April 15 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Shawnee Mission East High School. This year's theme is "Make the Earth Great Again: A call to heal and conserve our natural home." This event - brought to you by the Prairie Village Environment & Recycling Committee ([Facebook.com/JoCoEnvironmentalAdvocates](https://www.facebook.com/JoCoEnvironmentalAdvocates)) and Shawnee Mission East High School - features a variety of exhibitors, family fun entertainment, educational presentations, and much more!



January

The Arts Council is pleased to exhibit Prairie Village's city owned art. On display will be the art usually kept in storage and located throughout the municipal complex in public and private offices. Several pieces will be auctioned through the month at City Hall.

A reception will be held on January 13, 2017 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

February

The February art exhibit will feature the work of Carl D'Amico, James Kilmer, and R. Gregory Summers. A reception will be held on February 10th from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

March

A reception will be held on March 10, 2017 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

2017 Exterior Grant Program

The 2017 Exterior Grant program will begin accepting applications (\$25.00 associated fee; cash or check accepted) on Wednesday, March 1st at 8:00 a.m. Applications will be received on a "first-come, first-served" basis due to limited funding. This program is funded through the Economic Development Fund and \$50,000 has been allocated to improve the quality of our neighborhoods. Eligible improvements include but are not limited to: complete exterior house painting or siding, door/window repair and replacement, new roof, gutters, shutters, front-facing concrete work, foundation repairs, awnings, and building additions. In order to qualify, the property must be owner-occupied or have a current rental property license in place for the previous 365 days prior to approval. The City Council has adopted the following changes in order to increase the number of eligible homes and to promote an emphasis on addressing code violations.

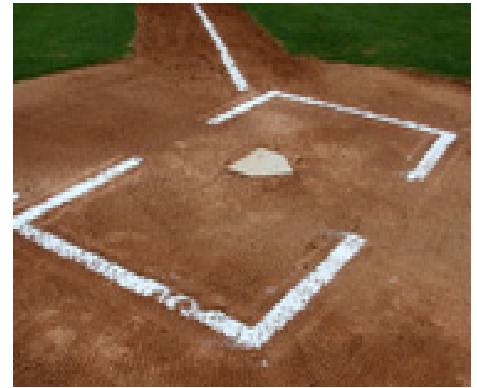
- In previous years, recipients were required to own a home within one of three designated areas. However, in 2017 the grants will change from an "area" to the Johnson County appraised value of less than \$175,000 – anywhere within City boundaries.
- Grants reimburse 20% of the total projects costs – the new amount for 2017 will be between \$2,500-\$12,500 dollars in qualifying expenses.

For more specific information on the program visit www.pvkansas.com/exteriorgrant or call the Codes Department at 913-385-4604.



Reserve a Ball Field for Your Team

Baseball season will be here before you know it, and ball fields in Prairie Village are always in demand. Make plans now to reserve a practice field for your team. The City of Prairie Village allows reservations of ball fields for soccer,



baseball, and softball practices. Prairie Village teams (those with a majority of players who are Prairie Village residents or attend school in Prairie Village) will be given priority for field reservations, but any team may apply to reserve a field. Teams can reserve two practice times per week for up to 1½ hours. Fields are available in Porter, Franklin, Windsor, and Taliaferro Parks. If your team reserved a field during 2016, your coach should have received a 2017 application form via email. You may also obtain one at the Municipal Offices or online at www.pvkansas.com under Leisure & Lifestyle>>>Recreation Programs. Applications for the spring season are due January 12th.

PV's Showcase of Young Talent

The Prairie Village Arts Council is pleased to announce the Future of the Arts will return to the R.G. Endres Gallery in April 2017. The Future of the Arts will feature artwork and performances by area students from first to 12th grade. Visual 2D and 3D art of any medium, performance art including music, theatrical and dance performance, and all forms of literature will be adjudicated, and artists will be selected for our April exhibition at the R.G. Endres Gallery in the Prairie Village Municipal Building. A gala reception showcasing the selected performers and visual artists will take place on Friday, April 7, 2017 at the gallery.

If you are a teacher, or have a child or grandchild who resides in Prairie Village or attends a school which draws students from Prairie Village, we invite you to look over the entry details with your child and assist them with the online application available at www.pvfota.org.

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PV HAPPENINGS

Mark Your Calendar Now for Large Item Pick-up

- **Saturday, April 22, 2017** for residents on and north of 75th Street
- **Saturday, April 29, 2017** for residents south of 75th Street

Large items must be at the curb by 7:00 a.m. and no larger than a standard-size refrigerator. Republic Services will also pick up refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, and ice makers, however, the refrigerant must be removed.

Residents are also allowed to set out one bulky item per month (no larger than a microwave). Bulky items are collected during the first full week of the month. See the Yard Waste & Bulky Item Calendar on page 7 for more details.

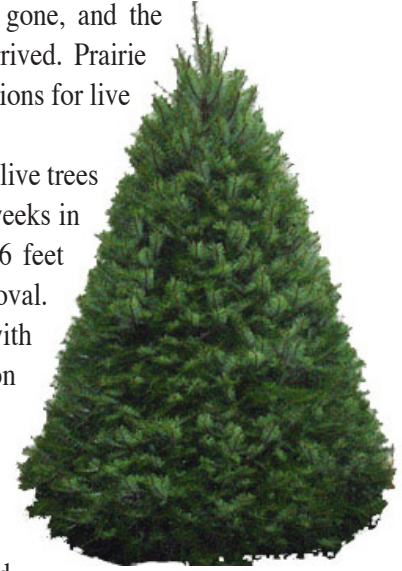


How to Dispose of Your Holiday Tree

The holidays have come and gone, and the time to un-deck the halls has arrived. Prairie Village residents have several options for live tree disposal.

Republic Services will pick up live trees at the curbside for the first two weeks in January 2017. Trees taller than 6 feet must be cut in half prior to removal. The trees will be picked up with other compost/yard waste items on each resident's typical trash pickup date.

Additionally, the City sponsors a tree recycling program which runs from December 23rd through January 20th. Trees may be placed in designated areas of Porter, Franklin and Taliaferro Parks. Trees must be free of all lights, ornaments, stands, metal nails, etc. as these items will damage the chipping machine. Residents may take the chips for their own use.



Citizen's Police Academy

The next Prairie Village Police Department Citizens' Academy will begin in April 2017. This community-involved program is 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 is an 11-week course and meets one day each week from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. If you are interested in attending the Citizens Police Academy, download the application at pvkansas.com and return it to the Prairie Village Police Department.

The Citizen's Police Academy covers the following topics:

- Traffic Enforcement
- Officer Safety Tactics
- Shoot/Don't Shoot
- Communications
- Kansas law
- Crime Scene
- Processing Records

You must be able to meet the following established criteria to be considered a candidate for the Citizen's Police Academy:

- Must be able to commit both time and energy;
- Must possess a concern for law enforcement service in our community; and
- Must be at least 16 years of age.

Please contact Captain Myron Ward with questions: mward@pvkansas.com or 913-385-4610.

PUBLIC WORKS

City Prepares for Winter Storms

The City's Public Works Department follows a priority system for removing snow and ice from the City's streets. Crews work 12-hour shifts throughout a winter storm to provide 24 hour coverage. The City has 8 trucks working to clear 258 miles of road.

Priority Level	Streets Treated	Details
1	Main Roadways	Typically high traffic volume multilane roads (i.e. 75th St, Mission, Roe, Nall).
2	Collector Streets	Typically two lane streets within neighborhoods (i.e. 79th St, 83rd St)
3	Residential Streets & Cul-de-sacs	Plowed after snowfall and after Priority 1 and Priority 2 streets are cleared. If plowing is not required, the City will spread materials only.

How You Can Help

- Stay back a least 50' from the rear of a plow truck so the driver can see you.
- Park your vehicles in your driveway. If you must park on the street, park on the even-numbered side of the street.
- Avoid placing snow from your driveway back into the street or the sidewalk.
- Clear sidewalks adjacent to your property. Property owners are responsible for removing ice and snow from the sidewalks abutting their property within 24 hours from the time that the snow or ice storm ends. The City does not plow sidewalks or driveways unless it is part of City-owned property

Contact the Public Works Department at 913-385-4647 or publicworks@pvkansas.com with questions regarding snow removal.

Proper Leaf Disposal

During the fall and winter months residents will frequently see maintenance workers from Public Works cleaning leaves and other landscape waste from storm water catch basins by hand. An accumulation of leaves, limbs and other yard debris at a catch basin inlet, as pictured, can lead to a blockage and flooding of the street and surrounding property.

A common misunderstanding is that the purpose of the street sweeper is to pick up leaves and other landscape waste that has been blown or raked into the streets. While the intended goal of the street sweeping program is to clean streets and gutters of debris that could block a storm water catch basin, picking up leaves for residents with the sweeper is impracticable for a city the size of Prairie Village. Operators will go around piles of leaves deliberately blown into the roadway. Residents can help prevent blockages of catch basins and storm water pipes by collecting leaves and other yard debris for the trash service to remove.



Certain streets have storm water basins that naturally clog more frequently than others. During fall and winter, these streets receive more frequent treatment from the sweeper than others in an attempt to prevent flooding of streets and homes. During the remaining months of the year the sweeper is assigned regular routes with a goal of treating all streets in Prairie Village.

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Solid Waste Collection 2017

Large item pick-up: April 22nd for 75th Street & North of 75th Street / April 29th for South of 75th Street

Denotes Bulky Item/Holiday Delay

Denotes Small Bulky Item Week

Denotes Holiday Delay

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For more information, visit republicservices.com/residents or download the Republic Services "My Resources" app.

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Holiday Events a Great Success

The Prairie Village Foundation would like to thank the following businesses for their support in December. Each helped in a specific way to make the Mayor's Holiday Tree Lighting, Shop with a Cop, and the Gingerbread House Party events a success. Because of their generous efforts, The Prairie Village Foundation will be able to provide increased funding throughout the community.

American Family Insurance—Cindy Jarvis
Bank of Prairie Village
Bijin Salon and Day Spa
B-Bop Comics & Games
Catherine Kraii
Central States Capital Market
Corinth Dentistry—Dr. Mark Wooddy
Corinth Square Merchant's Association
Country Club Bank
Country Hill Motors
Dancerz Unlimited
Edward Jones Investments – Marc Beelman
Euston Hardware
First National Bank

First Washington Realty
GINIA Foundation
Great Harvest Bread
Hen House
Hy-Vee
Intrust Bank
Jason Domingues Photography
Johnny's Tavern
Kansas City Royals
Laura Little's Candies
Mely's Yogurt and Ice Cream
Minsky's Pizza
Notes to Self, LLC
Old Navy

Peachwave
Planet Sub
Prairie Village Dentists – Grant R. Smith DDS
PV Merchants Association
SPIN! Pizza
Standees
Target Greatland
Tavern in the Village
TCBY
Tiffany Town
The Big Biscuit
The Learning Tree
The Salty Iguana
UMB Bank

...and the many volunteers who helped at each event!

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