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FUTURE OF THE ARTS GALA

Celebrating the creativity and talent of Kansas City's children, the Prairie Village Arts Council hosted their 2nd annual "Future of the Arts," a juried art show for children in grades 1-12. This exhibit was featured during the month of April at the Endres Gallery. The opening gala on Friday, April 14th brought a crowd of almost 140 people of all ages. Gracing the walls of City Hall was a lively collection of 2D and 3D visual artwork done by children throughout the metro area. The gala also featured several live musical 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:

- Literary Entry, Grades 4-6: Katie Hull for her poem, "HOPE"
- 2D/3D Art, 1-3 grades: Anderson Wilson for his painting "Sailing for Treasure"
- 2D/3D Art, 4-6 grades: Ronan Hosed for his photograph "Light at Nelson Atkins Museum of Art"
- 2D/3D Art, 7-9 grades: Sydni Williams for her ink rendering "The Woven Land"
- 2D/3D Art, 10-12 grades: Scout Barratt for her graphite rendering "Grid Girls"
- Performance, 4-6 grade: Alissa Harris for her Piano 3-part medley
- Performance, 7-9 grades: Sidney Harris on the electric guitar playing back-up to The Beatles' "Come Together"
- Performance, 7-9 grades, Very Honorable Mention to Brandon Wilson on Saxophone, "Angels We have Heard on High"

With grateful thanks to our dedicated and talented judges: Local children's books illustrator Brad Sneed and nationally known Kansas City art educator Christine Webster.

Many thanks to the Arts Council's members especially city staff representative Barbara Fisher and to the submitting artists and their parents. The Prairie Village Arts Council continues to bring new and creative opportunities to the City of Prairie Village.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Greetings Prairie Village Residents—

There is nothing like spring in the City of Prairie Village! 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, green spaces, and walking trails our community has to offer. The tennis courts at McCrum Park were rebuilt this spring, Taliaferro Park had a new playground installed, and soon construction will begin on the extension of Tomahawk Trail. Public Works, Homes Associations, and residents work hard to beautify and maintain our islands, and they have never looked better!

Spring also marks the beginning of the City's budgeting process. The City welcomes public input and suggestions related to the 2018 budget. You can follow along with the City Council's discussions on budget at our meetings, or at pvkansas.com/2018budgetbook. As always, a balanced budget will be established while we maintain our mill levy of 19.471, the second lowest for cities of the first class in Kansas.

I'd like to remind dedicated and passionate Prairie Village residents who have an interest in local government that the filing deadline for City Council positions in each of our six wards is June 1st. Feel free to attend one of our upcoming City Council meetings if you would like to see what it's all about!

As summer begins, I hope to see many of you out and about enjoying everything Prairie Village has to offer – whether it be perusing the offerings at the Prairie Village Art Show, enjoying a meal at one of our great restaurants, walking your dog through our beautiful neighborhoods, or enjoying family time at the park.

I wish everyone a fun and safe start to summer!

Sincerely,

Laura Wassmer
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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.

Crowd favorites returning this year include the giant slip n' slide, pie baking contest, craft vendor fair, petting zoo, children's bike parade, Mr. Bones, children's crafts in the Community Center, musical entertainment, face & hair painting, historic exhibit, food vendors and much, much more.



VillageFest Pie Baking Contest

Calling bakers of all ages! It's time to break out the rolling pin and start brushing up on your baking skills. The annual pie baking contest will return to VillageFest on July 4!

- No entry fee required
- Cash prizes awarded
- Only from-scratch pies (crust & filling) accepted
- Number of entries limited to 50
- Pre-registration recommended
- Walk-ups accepted if space is available

Registration and rules available at PVKansas.com/VillageFest.



MAY

Sean Ward and Jackie Keiman-Hale will be the featured artists throughout the month of May. The Prairie Village Arts Council will host a reception for the artists on Friday, May 12th, from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Sean Ward's work draws from his experience and training in graphic arts to produce extraordinary pieces in acrylic painting. Sean found the perfect mixture of his digital techniques along with traditional application and painting to create several interesting and appealing series of pieces. The resulting works are dramatic expressions in vibrant colors and imagery.

Jackie Keiman-Hale makes landscape and seascape art out of fabric, beads, ribbon, and embroidery that celebrates the endless possibilities of beauty around all of us. In her words, "I communicate the wonder of an everyday moment so that the viewer can see that beauty and calmness of a single moment in nature."

JUNE

Janey Greene and Jean Wender will be the featured artists throughout the month of June. The Prairie Village Arts Council will host a reception for the artists on Friday, June 9th, from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Janey Greene has worked in various artistic media but found her passion in acrylic painting. Her exhibit will include a selection of her acrylic paintings. Her works are predominantly stylized still-life subjects in bold colors. She has exhibited throughout the region, including ongoing exhibits at the Phoenix Gallery in Lawrence and the Homestead Cafe in Baldwin City. Ms. Greene is a member of the Lawrence Art Guild.

Jean Wender will be displaying stoneware sculptures. These unique designs are the manifestations of Ms. Wender's connection to the clay medium and her kinship to artisans throughout the ages. Her works have been displayed throughout the Kansas City area and beyond. An exhibit of her sculptures will be concurrently displayed in Decatur, Georgia. Ms. Wender is a graduate of the Kansas City Art Institute.

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 27th

Join us for opening day at the Prairie Village Pool Complex on May 27th. 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.



Prairie Village Art Show

The Prairie Village Art Show is back again with over 100 artists displaying their works on the weekend of June 2-4, 2017. Children's activities, food, drink, great art, and a festive atmosphere will be available the entire weekend.



UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
May 15th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers
May 27th	Pool Opens	11:00 am	Pool Complex
June 5th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers
June 19th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers
July 4th	VillageFest	7:30 am	Municipal Campus

2018 Budget Hearing

A public hearing will be held on Monday, July 17th at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers to hear comments and suggestions about the City's 2018 budget. A copy of the proposed budget will be available online and at the City Clerk's office. Please refer to the City's website at www.pvkansas.com for other key budget dates.

Open City Council Positions

Council member positions in each of the City's six wards are up for re-election this fall. The deadline for filing is Thursday, June 1st at Noon. Filing is done at the Johnson County Election Office. For more information regarding the election and filing, visit www.jocoelection.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 WORKS

Stormwater Treatment Facilities 2017 Reimbursement Program

What is stormwater?

Stormwater runoff is water that is generated when rain, snow melt, and surface drainage flows over land or impervious surfaces and does not percolate into the ground. Impervious surfaces are defined as hard surfaces where water is unable to soak or infiltrate into the ground, such as streets, parking lots, sidewalks, and roof tops.

Where does stormwater go?

As stormwater runoff flows over land and impervious surfaces, it picks up sediment, contaminants, litter, nutrients, and other pollutants which then discharge into our waterways untreated. Unmanaged stormwater could adversely affect waterways causing water pollution, stream bank erosion, and even flooding.

What can I do?

By capturing rain water where it lands and infiltrating or slowing down the stormwater through stormwater treatment facilities (STFs), the pollutants and sediment have a chance to settle out rather than create adverse affects in the City's waterways. These facilities can help promote water quality of our streams and creeks, ultimately helping to improve the water quality downstream.

City of Prairie Village's Cost-Share Reimbursement Program

The City of Prairie Village has 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 encourages individual homeowners and businesses to incorporate STFs on their property and is intended to help cover the cost of material and/or contractor labor to install such facilities. The program runs from April 1st to October 31st 2017. Funding is available on a first come, first serve 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 for additional information.

Public Works Promotions

Prairie Village Public Works Field Superintendent James Carney introduced three new employees and announced six promotions at the City Council meeting on April 3.

Pictured from left to right:

Sylvester Finck:

Maintenance Worker I, Grounds Crew - hired Jan 2017

Dan Ogle:

Crew Leader, Grounds Crew - promoted Dec 2016

Chris Kraft:

Maintenance Worker I, Grounds Crew - hired Jan 2017

James Carney

Bedford Whitaker:

Senior Building Technician - promoted Jan 2017

Steve Tomlinson:

Maintenance Worker I, Grounds Crew - hired Aug 2016

Kyle Frye:

Maintenance Worker II, Grounds Crew - promoted Nov 2016

Larry Enochs:

Maintenance Worker II, Grounds Crew - promoted Nov 2016

Not pictured:

Brandon Wright:

Maintenance Worker II, Streets/Drainage Crew - promoted Jul 2016

Elmer Zavala:

Maintenance Worker III, Pool/Signs Crew - promoted Dec 2016



KCP&L Performing Line Clearance Work in 2017

KCP&L will be in the City of Prairie Village performing line clearance work in 2017. Trees growing into electrical lines and equipment can cause power outages and interruptions, potentially creating a public safety hazard. KCP&L is committed to supplying their customers with safe, reliable electric service; therefore, vegetation that may interfere with electrical lines must be managed. Please note the KCP&L will continue to individually notify affected customers no more than 90 days in advance of work to be performed on their property.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Barking Dog Ordinance

Our barking dog ordinance is classified as a 'public nuisance' and protects residents from enduring excessive barking, whining, howling, or any other disturbance, which is continuous or untimely. When Animal Control is listening to a barking dog, some of the things considered are the time of day, volume and length of time. It's important to remember that dogs have a different way of communicating and barking is just one of those channels. Part of being a good dog owner in a residential neighborhood is recognizing it is inappropriate to allow a dog to bark in the middle of the night, or for an extended amount of time.

For more information, visit the City website to view a copy of City Ordinances and look for section 2-108 Public Nuisance or call Animal Control at 913-385-4631.



Police Department Promotions

Five employees of the Prairie Village Police Department were promoted on March 24, 2017.

Pictured from left to right: Cpl. Joel Colletti, Cpl. Kyle Mason, Sgt. Luke Roth, Sgt. Adam Taylor, Cpl. Josh Bernal



Update from CFD2

The dry weather over the last few months presented a heightened risk for fire, prompting our Fire Marshal Kerkhoff to issue a burn advisory for most of February and March. We did see a few minor grass fires in the District due to the dry weather but thankfully no major property damage or injury. Our crews, along with many other area departments, were called upon to assist at the large apartment fire in Overland Park on March 20th where we were able to help with the extinguishment of the source fire as well as several house fires that resulted. Fortunately no citizens were hurt in that incident and only a few firefighters suffered minor injuries as a result of the intense heat.

Our personnel completed a great deal of training over the last month, including EMS Skills & Simulation, classes on Safe Haven procedures, learning about the Medical Director's initiative to focus on lift assists and determining if they need further assistance. We also participated in Hostile Events Drills with our NE JoCo Law Enforcement partners, some of our CFD2 Fire Investigators attended Fire Investigation Training, and other CFD2 members taught RIT (Rapid Intervention Teams) at the State Capital Area Firefighter Association's annual training conference.

Also this month, we hosted a group from the Johnson County Citizens Academy and presented to the NEJC Chamber Leadership Northeast class during their public safety day.

We officially welcomed our newest firefighter, Jack Dillon, to CFD2 with a badge pinning ceremony. Jack comes to us with 12+ years' experience in fire and EMS. We feel very fortunate to have him join our ranks. On March 31st Firefighter Don Tinklin retired after 18 years with CFD2 and over 30 years in the fire service. We are thankful for his many years of dedicated service and wish him all the best in his retirement.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Help Keep Our Village Beautiful

We're working to keep our community beautiful in 2017 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 Cindy Gaunt at 913-385-4605 (North of 75th Street) or Derek Wright at 913-385-4679 (South of 75th Street).

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 their scheduled trash collection. Here is an example of how one Prairie Village homeowner screens their trash cans.

Yard Upkeep

- Weeds and grass trimmed to less than 8" high
- Remove dead plants, leaves 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 and subject to screening requirements.



Assistance for Homeowners

Springtime programs, such as the annual exterior grant and large item trash pickup, have already passed. However, resources are still available to help homeowners meet the city's appearance and maintenance requirements. Johnson County Housing Services administers two programs for low-income homeowners, the HOME Program and the Minor Home Rehabilitation Program. Contact Johnson County Housing Services at 913-715-6616 to see if you qualify and apply for the program. Qualified homeowners may participate in "A Brush with Kindness", a Heartland Habitat for Humanity program that matches community volunteers with homeowners who need help with exterior upkeep. Contact Steve Thompson at 816-215-0873 to see if you qualify and to apply for the program.

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Join us for the 8th Annual Prairie Village Jazz Festival

Mark your calendars now for the 8th Annual Prairie Village Jazz Festival
Saturday, September 9th at Harmon Park.

For more information visit www.pvkansas.com/JazzFest
or contact Joyce Hagen Mundy at 913-385-4616 or jhmundy@pvkansas.com.



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