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SEPTEMBER 9th, 2017

3:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Greetings Prairie Village Residents:
 Many of you experienced damage related to the wild weather that hit the City in late July and early August, when we endured three significant storms in a matter of weeks. We approached this cleanup effort by being as fiscally responsible and efficient as possible, working with Republic Services and Arbor Masters to collect limbs at the curbside. Thank you for your patience during the cleanup efforts, and thanks to our Public

Works crews and Police Officers who helped considerably during and after the storms.

City Council adopted the 2018 Budget at the August 7, 2017 City Council meeting. The 2018 budget remains at the current mill levy rate of 19.471, the second lowest of all first class cities in the state of Kansas. Budget objectives included maintaining high quality services; maintaining streets, parks, and infrastructure; and continuing a strong financial position with an Aaa bond rating.

I'm pleased to announce the appointment of Wes Jordan as Prairie Village's new City Administrator. Wes served as our Assistant City Administrator for over two years following more than 26 years of service in the Prairie Village Police Department with 7.5 years as Chief of Police. His familiarity with the City and the expectations of our residents and his proven leadership skills will ensure that Prairie Village remains a premiere community. I'm grateful that Wes has accepted this appointment to continue his good work in our City. We will be launching a regional search for a new Assistant City Administrator in the near future.

I would also like to announce the appointment of Chad Herring to the open Ward I Council seat; I'm confident he will be a great representative for Ward 1 and Prairie Village as a whole.

JazzFest is right around the corner on September 9, and with Oleta Adams headlining the show, it will certainly be another memorable festival. I hope many of you are able to come out and enjoy the music in beautiful Harmon Park!

Wishing you all a wonderful fall!

Sincerely,

Laura Wassmer, Mayor

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COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

December Foundation Events

THE PRAIRIE VILLAGE Foundation

Helping Our Neighbors. Enhancing Our Community.

The 32nd annual **Prairie Village Mayor's Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony** will be held the evening of Thursday, November 30. 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 9th annual event will be held Sunday, December 3. Proceeds from the parties will finance summer recreation scholarships for qualified Prairie Village families.

The 7th 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 Buum at City Hall - 913-385-4662. Please remember each of these events directly assists our Prairie Village friends and neighbors in need.

11th Annual State of the Arts

Please join us for the 2017 State of the Arts awards gala from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, October 13, 2017 at the R.G Endres Gallery, 7700 Mission Road. Awards will be presented at 7:30 p.m. The selected works will be on display in the Gallery the entire month of October.

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 region's best artists.

The competition awards \$3,500 in awards annually. The "People's Choice" award will return this year, with voting to take place in the gallery from 8:00 a.m. on Monday, October 3 though 7:15 p.m. on Friday, October, 13. The winner will 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 4	Labor Day Observed		Offices Closed
September 5	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers
September 9	Jazz Festival	3:00 pm - 10:30 pm	Harmon Park
September 18	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers
October 2	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers
October 13	State of the Arts	6:00 pm	City Hall
October 16	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers



September - Nanci Stoeffler and Rachel Williams

Nanci Stoeffler, who lives in the Kansas City area, has created her own painting techniques with acrylic on canvas that allow her to express the seemingly inexpressible discoveries and stories from her spiritual experiences. The rich colors in these abstract paintings are delicately rendered to allow the viewer a chance to contemplate, relax and enjoy the moment.

Rachel Williams, from Iowa, mixes images from the animal world with bits and pieces from the suburban domestic world, to reflect the ephemera of her everyday experiences. Her work has elements of collage, aqueous media, drawing and painting. The pieces take months to complete and take the viewer to a magical world where one can understand a beautiful sense of wonder. A reception will be held on September 8, 2017 from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

October—State of the Arts

The Prairie Village Arts Council is proud to sponsor the 11th Annual State of the Arts competition. Artists from the area submit works to be judged for entry in this exhibit with the hope of winning one of nine monetary prizes. A reception will be held on October 13, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 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

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 2017 with graduation occurring in spring 2018.

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 Friday, September 22, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

Visit www.pvteencouncil.org to access the online application. If you have any questions, please email Serena Schermoly: sschermoly@pvkansas.com.



Pool Closes for the Season Sept. 4

The Prairie Village Pool will close for the season on Labor Day, Monday, September 4 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 5, 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. Humans 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 the Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) for the 2016 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 2016 Popular Annual Financial Report, refer to the City's website at www.pvkansas.com/pafr.



***Starring
Oleta Adams***

**Saturday
September 9
2017**

3:00pm – 10:30pm

**Harmon Park
77th & Mission Rd**

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

**THE PRAIRIE VILLAGE
Foundation**

Helping Our Neighbors. Enhancing Our Community.

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 seven 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 9th and hope you enjoy the show.



Saturday
September 9
2017

3:00pm – 10:30pm

Harmon Park
77th & Mission Rd

Thank you to our 2017 Jazz Fest Sponsors and Contributors!

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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

**PRAIRIE
VILLAGE**
JAZZ
FESTIVAL

Get all the details at:
pvkansas.com/jazzfest

Make sure you follow us:



SME Blue Knights

Under the direction of Alex Toepfer

3:00 pm



The Project H

4:00 pm



Bram Wijnands

Swingtet

5:20 pm



Sax & Violins

6:30 pm



***Eddie Moore &
The Outer Circle***

7:40 pm

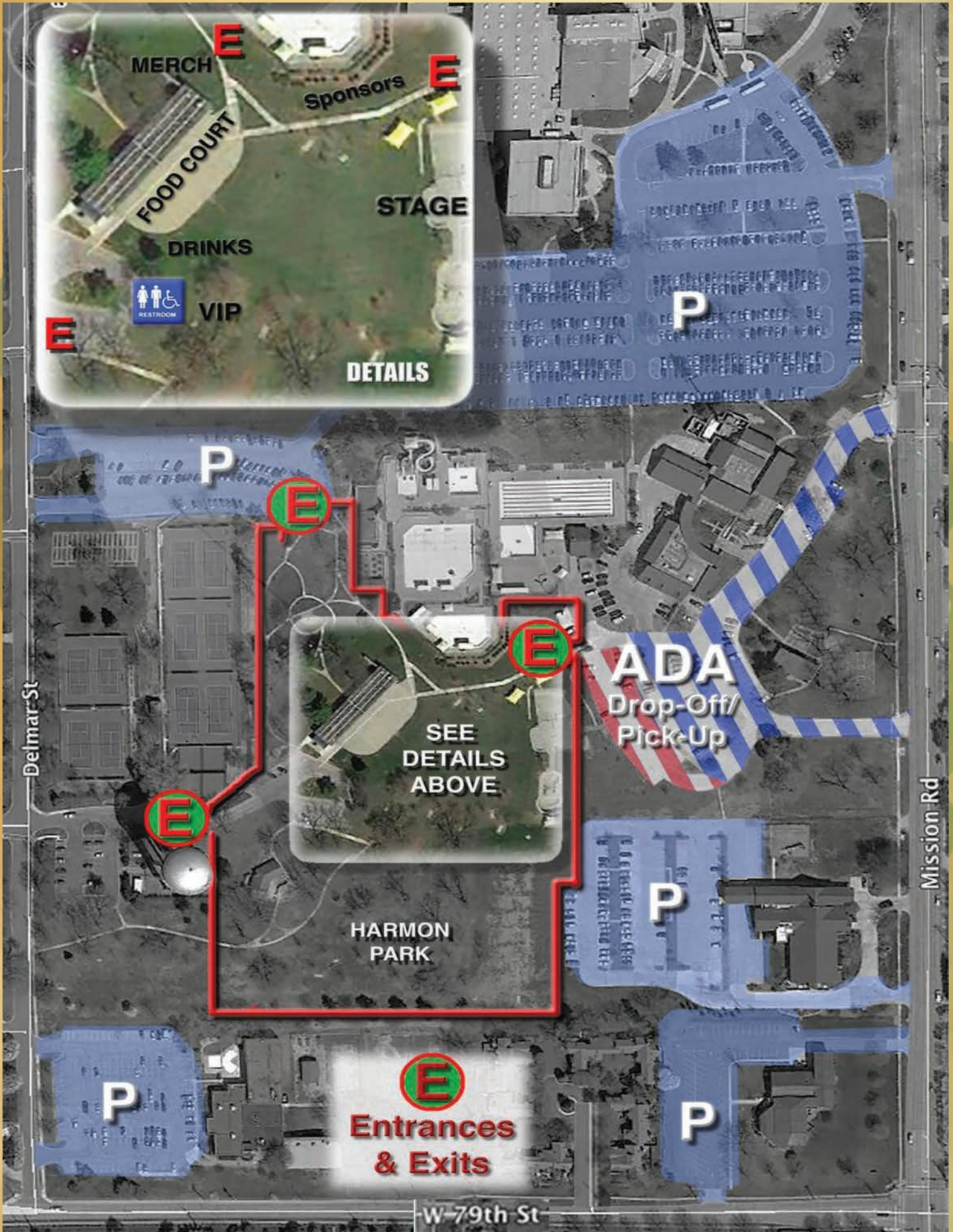


Oleta Adams

9:00 pm



Jazz Fest Event Map



PUBLIC SAFETY

Emergency Management Tips

Why Prepare For Disaster?

Disaster can strike without warning, forcing you to go for days without basic necessities or to evacuate your home. Relief workers will be on the scene quickly following a disaster, but may not be able to reach you immediately. The City of Prairie Village constantly prepares for the unfortunate events that affect life, property and services. The Prairie Village Police Emergency Management department has the following tips to help our citizen's plan on what to do before, during and after a disaster. Having a plan is one of the most important steps in disaster preparedness.

Creating a Basic Emergency Plan:

- Decide what you and your family would do in each potential emergency situation. Choose a place away from your neighborhood where family members can meet in case you are separated and cannot return home due to a disaster.
- Identify a friend or relative who lives out of the area for family members to contact if you are separated. Post emergency numbers by every phone and teach children how and when to dial 911.
- Know how to shut off the water, gas and electricity at the main switches in your home. Plan how to help elderly or disabled neighbors in a disaster.
- Check that your insurance policies are up-to-date and provide good coverage. Many insurance companies do not cover everything that results from a disaster.

Pencils, Backpacks and Fire Trucks

What did five grade school children have in common with ten firefighters in early August? School supplies! And lots of them! The first annual "Back to School with a Firefighter" program was a huge success. The Prairie Village Foundation teamed up with Consolidated Fire District #2 NE Johnson County for this new program. The Prairie Village Foundation worked with area elementary school principals to sponsor five deserving children who needed an extra boost this coming school year. Children ages six through ten met at Fire Station #21 in Mission. Each child was paired up with two firefighters and went to Target in Mission to shop for school supplies directly from the district's requirement list. The children were able to purchase necessary supplies like backpacks, lunch boxes, notebooks, paper, pencils and pens. The children also picked out clothing items and shoes for the first days of school.

The Prairie Village Foundation would like to give special thanks to the International Association of Firefighters Local #1371 NE Johnson County Consolidated Fire District, Great Southern Bank, and Target for their generous support.

The Prairie Village Foundation works year-round to help our City and County residents in need. At The Foundation's February Board Meeting, The Foundation funded eight different community based programs for a total of \$8,550. These programs help our community in numerous ways. The Board also voted to instate the new "Back to School with a Firefighter" program. Anyone who wishes to contribute to The Foundation, can stop by City Hall to drop off a monetary donation. The Prairie Village Foundation - helping our neighbors, enhancing our community.



PUBLIC WORKS

Arbor Day 2017: New Swamp White Oak is Planted at Weltner Park in Spite of Rain and Cold

On April 29 Prairie Village celebrated Arbor Day by planting a Swamp White Oak (*Quercus bicolor*) at Weltner Park.

This Arbor Day was a milestone for the state and for our community. The Kansas Forest Service celebrated its 130th year in existence and Prairie Village celebrated its 20th year as a Tree City USA designee. Every Arbor Day the Tree Board determines a location within our parks to plant a tree that enhances the site and introduces a new species to that site. The trees are signed to promote public awareness of the many species of trees that are worthy of consideration for use in our landscapes. We hope to include one hundred different species within our park system, earning the name of Prairie Village Parks and Arboretum.

When deciding on which tree to plant, Rick Howell, Prairie Village Tree Board, picked a spot at Weltner Park that needed both beautification as well as shade. The site had some challenges as it tended to be wet. The native Swamp White Oak fit perfectly. We want to extend a special thank you to Rosehill Garden, who donated the tree this year.



Dig KC Day in Prairie Village

Saturday, May 13 was “Dig KC Day.” 500 Scouts in the Heart of America planted flowers all around the Kansas City metro area. For the 8th year, Scouts from Troop 98, St. Ann, and Troop 91, Village Presbyterian, descended on a Prairie Village Park. This year, the Scouts spread multiple trucks worth of mulch around trees and planter beds in Taliaferro Park. Previously, the Scouts have worked at Franklin, Harmon, and Porter Parks.

For additional information contact:

Terrence Gallagher

Scoutmaster Troop 98

Council member Ward 6

913-488-2868



Right of Way Trees

Public Works frequently receives questions about who is responsible for maintaining the street trees in front of a home. The City Ordinance states that the property owner is responsible for maintaining the trees on their property, including the street trees in front of the property. The street trees are generally located within 10 – 12 feet of the curb.

The property owner is responsible for removing any limbs or branches that overhang the street, sidewalk or public way of the City, which are a danger to public travel in those areas. The City Ordinance sets the minimum clearance over sidewalks at nine (9) feet and minimum clearance over streets at fourteen (14) feet.

The City does remove street trees that are dead or dying at no direct charge to the property owner and will plant a new replacement street tree whenever possible. Residents who would like to remove a street tree themselves must first receive permission from the Prairie Village Tree Board. The City’s goal is to promote and maintain a healthy urban forest for all residents of Prairie Village. Permission is not typically granted to remove street trees on nuisance-based complaints such as messy fruit or seeds, leaf drop, and/or tree root conflicts.

If you have questions concerning street trees, contact the Public Works Department at (913)385-4647 or publicworks@pvkansas.com.



COMMUNITY CORNER

Crisis in Cowtown? Coping with Climate Change

Climate change is occurring now in our region and will continue even with the most aggressive mitigation efforts. The trend for our area is warmer and wetter. Estimates based on recent studies suggest average temperatures will increase about 8 degrees Fahrenheit and precipitation will increase almost 6 inches annually in the years 2061 to 2100. Those two factors—temperature and rainfall—will combine to produce conditions that will challenge our metro area's infrastructure, as well as health and social institutions, in ways both predictable and surprising. Some impacts are already being felt.

Certainly, we all want to keep Kansas City among the most vibrant and livable metropolitan areas in the nation. How will we adapt? What kind of planning is already underway? It is important for our state and local governments, businesses, nonprofits and agricultural organizations—and individuals—to evaluate our vulnerabilities, discuss costs and options, and prioritize projects. Many projects such as a new airport, stormwater management systems, and home improvements need to be considered in light of climate change impacts. Our health care systems will need to deal with new diseases caused by higher temperatures and wetter conditions.

At the 16th annual Community Forum, we will review the latest data, discuss the coming environmental challenges and harness that fabled Midwestern pragmatism to consider our options and step forward with an action plan.

Community Forum on Environmental Issues

Johnson County Arts & Heritage Center,
8788 Metcalf Avenue, Overland Park, KS

Thursday, October 5, 2017, 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

\$20 per person, includes hearty local appetizers, exhibits and a panel of experts

SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS:

Kansas Natural Resources Council
Sierra Club Kansas Chapter
JOCO Environmental Advocates

For more information contact:

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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 and tag up to five specific addresses in Johnson County to get alerts about locations that matter to you and your family most.



Light the Town Pink Lighting Ceremony

Thursday, September 28, 2017

7:15 p.m. Program / 7:30 p.m. Lighting

The Village Shops in Prairie Village

71st Street and Mission Road

The Village Shops in Prairie Village and the Shawnee Mission Cancer Center will be adorned in pink lights for the month of October in recognition of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Join us in Prairie Village as we flip the switch and bring light to the importance of mammograms in early detection of breast cancer. Event includes family entertainment and door prizes!

Donations will be accepted for Camp Bluebird, Shawnee Mission Health's camp dedicated to adults diagnosed with cancer.

<http://www.shawneemission.org/health-services/cancer-care/light-the-town-pink>



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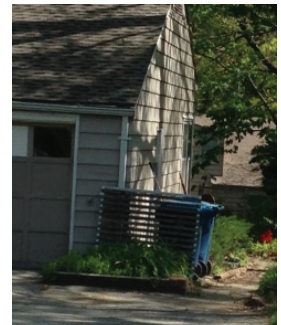
We're working to keep our community beautiful in 2017 by encouraging good property maintenance practices citywide. City Council recently approved an updated ordinance regarding storing and screening trash containers.

Trash containers need to be screened or located so as not to be in the view of persons using public streets or walkways, except when placed in position for pickup. Trash containers may be placed at the curb the evening before the day of your scheduled trash collection. Normally three-sided screening is necessary. If a home is located on a corner lot, the containers must be screened in such a way that they are not visible from any street that is fronting or adjacent to the property. Screens shall not be comprised of deciduous trees, shrubs, or bushes that shed their foliage in the fall/winter, air conditioning units, chain link fences without barrier weaving, vehicles, tarps, flower pots, or similar items.

ACCEPTABLE:



NOT ACCEPTABLE:



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