

# VOICE

The Star of Kansas



## Holiday Tree Lighting

Celebrate the start of the holiday season with friends, family and neighbors at the 32nd Annual Prairie Village Mayor's Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony! The tree lighting is sponsored by the Prairie Village Foundation, the City of Prairie Village, and Corinth Square Shops.

This year's ceremony will be held on Thursday, November 30 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Corinth Square. Mayor Laura Wassmer will kick off the start of the season along with Santa, Dancerz Unlimited, a local choir, and special guests Snoopy and friends. Hot chocolate and treats will be provided. Corinth Square and Village Shopping Center will hold their Holiday Open Houses throughout the day and evening.

The Mayor's Holiday Tree is lit each year to serve as a reminder of our Prairie Village community members in need. Money raised for the Mayor's Holiday Tree Fund helps deserving and qualified Prairie Village residents with utility assistance, home maintenance needs, food assistance, and other vital needs of the community. The City works with Johnson County Human Services and local charities to pinpoint specific necessities. This may mean paying an electric, gas, or water bill when a resident simply cannot. Or, it could be receiving assistance with a plumbing problem or adding a wheelchair accessible ramp to a home.

Donations for this worthwhile cause can be made to the Prairie Village Foundation, Attn: Mayor's Holiday Tree, 7700 Mission Rd, Prairie Village, KS 66208 or online at [www.prairievillagefoundation.com](http://www.prairievillagefoundation.com). Or, bring your donation to the Mayor's Holiday Tree Lighting. Your donation to the Mayor's Tree Fund will help our neighbors spread the spirit every day of the year.



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# MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Prairie Village residents—

While the typical “park season” is winding down, there will be quite a bit of action happening behind this scenes this winter to strengthen our park system.

The next year will bring significant changes to the corner of 67th Street and Roe Avenue. At the time of this publication, the City plans to close on the Faith Lutheran Church property on October 31. Following closing, the City will solicit bids for demolition of the building and begin the public process for input on park amenities. Look for more information on that public process coming soon!

The City is also seeking resident feedback on the Harmon and Santa Fe Parks master plan. I hope you can make time to attend one of our open houses scheduled in mid-November; your input on this project is extremely valuable. Please see page 3 of this newsletter for more information.

If you traveled down Mission Road this summer, you certainly noticed the construction crews hard at work on the expansion of our trail system. The addition provides a continuous trail from the Village Shopping Center to Franklin Park, with connections to the Meadowbrook Park trail system. The trails at Meadowbrook are expected to open in Spring 2018.

Finally, as we approach Thanksgiving, I would be remiss to not thank our residents, volunteers, City Council, and City staff. It is the hard work and passion of many that make Prairie Village such a wonderful place to call home. I’m continually impressed by the generous spirit of our community—each year, residents come together at the Mayor’s Holiday Tree Lighting to raise funds for our neighbors in need. I hope to see you all there.

Wishing you and your loved ones blessings this holiday season!

Sincerely,

Laura Wassmer, Mayor

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
November 6	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers
November 20	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers
Nov. 23-24	Thanksgiving	All Day	City Offices Closed
November 30	Holiday Tree Lighting	6:00 pm	Corinth Square
December 4	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chamber
December 18	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers
December 25	Christmas Day	All Day	City Offices Closed
January 1	New Year's Day	All Day	City Offices Closed

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# COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

## Harmon/Santa Fe Parks Master Plan Open House

**City Hall - November 14 & 16**  
**5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

Earlier this year, the City of Prairie Village hired BBN Architects to develop a conceptual plan for Harmon and Santa Fe Parks. The goal of this “Village Square” project is to build upon the 2009 Parks Master Plan that would transform the underutilized park and green space into a focal point in the heart of the City by offering an array of activity opportunities, connectivity, and intergenerational appeal to the Prairie Village community.

For the community’s convenience, the City will be hosting two open houses in the City Hall Council Chambers to solicit feedback from the community on the conceptual plan for park improvements at Harmon and Santa Fe Parks.

Further details can be found on the City’s webpage:  
<http://pvkansas.com/villagesquare>.



## Gingerbread House Party Sign-Up

The Prairie Village Foundation is excited to host its ninth annual Gingerbread House Decorating Party! Join in the fun and give back to your fellow community members at the same time. Proceeds from the event help finance summer recreation scholarships (like pool memberships and swim lessons) for qualified and deserving Prairie Village families.

The fun begins when you first walk in and smell the freshly baked gingerbread houses made by Mely Ballard at Mely's Yogurt & Ice Cream. The beautiful houses are pre-assembled and ready for your creative decorating touches. A large variety of colorful and delicious candies and food items are available for decorating and snacking!!

### 8th Annual 2017 Gingerbread House Decorating Party

Briarwood Elementary Cafeteria -  
 5300 W. 86th Street, Prairie Village, KS  
 Sunday, December 3, 2017  
 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

### Make your Reservation Online at:

[prairievillagefoundation.com](http://prairievillagefoundation.com) or stop by City Hall, 7700 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS

- Gingerbread Houses are \$42 each if ordered on or before Monday, November 27.
- Houses sold after the November 27 deadline are \$50 each and available through 12:00 p.m. on Friday, December 1 or until the event is sold out.
- Be sure to include how many people will be in your party. Please note only four participants are allowed per house.
- Unfortunately after registration is complete, we are unable to accommodate additional participants.

## Shop With a Cop

The seventh annual “Shop-With-A-Cop” event will be held in December. Sponsored by the Prairie Village Foundation, “Shop-With-A-Cop” is a chance for the Prairie Village



Police Department to team up with deserving children in our community. Last year, the Police Department hosted ten children identified by school counselors and the Police Department D.A.R.E. officer. Once again this year, police officers will take children holiday shopping and pay for their purchases. Children may buy gifts for both themselves and family members. After shopping, each child will be treated to dinner and have their packages wrapped free of charge. If you are a Prairie Village business or resident who would like to make a contribution to this special program (monetary or specific gifts for children), please contact Jennifer Wright at 913-385-4607 or [jwright@pvkansas.com](mailto:jwright@pvkansas.com).

Also, don’t forget to drop off your old cell phone at the Police Station, 7710 Mission Road. The Police Department is collecting phones to help support the “Shop-With-A-Cop” program. A cell phone collection box is located in the Police Station lobby. Used phones may be dropped off at any time for recycling. Your old cell phone is our treasure!



# PV HAPPENINGS

## Preventing Contamination in Recycled Materials

According to Republic Services, Prairie Village is one of their cleanest recyclers, with only a 10 to 12 percent rejection rate for our recycled materials due to contamination. With your help in reducing contaminants in the recycled materials, we can make that rate even lower. Contamination of recycled materials can be a big problem, particularly in the single-stream recycling provided in Prairie Village. According to a 2014 EPA webinar, an average of over 16 percent and up to 50 percent of materials (by weight) submitted for recycling may be rejected, and contamination costs an average of \$140 per ton.

Contamination of recycling materials is caused when the wrong things are put into the recycling system (hoses, propane tanks, etc.) or when the right materials are prepared the wrong way (recyclables in plastic bags, food left in containers). Problems include:

- Landfill disposal of materials that could have been recycled
- Worker injury
- Equipment damage
- Increased labor costs
- Loss of revenue for the recycler

The profitability of recycling in general has gone down and the cost has gone up due to reduced international demand for some recycled items (newspaper and cardboard), the low cost of petroleum products that are used to produce new plastic, and production of new products that require less recyclable material (e.g., thinner plastic bottles). Contamination of recyclable materials increases the cost even further. These costs are ultimately passed on to Prairie Village, so it is to our benefit to minimize the contamination costs that we can control.

### Items that cannot be recycled curbside in Prairie Village include:

Coated cardboard (frozen food containers)	Napkins/Paper Towels/ Tissue	Paper with glue (Stickers/ Address labels/Sticky notes)	Fabric (clothing/ rugs/carpet pads)
Food waste	Glass	Ceramics	Fabric
Shredded paper	Styrofoam	Batteries	Aerosol cans
Wood	Scrap metal	Plastic bags	

### There are other trends that should be considered:

- Many containers are made up of multiple plastics. For instance, the body of a plastic water bottle is #1 plastic, while the lid and connector are #5. That means that if the lid and connector are not removed, the bottle is recycled as a blended plastic, which has a lesser value.
- Many containers are made up of multiple materials. For example, a prepared food may have a Styrofoam body, foil seal, and plastic cover. These cannot be recycled.
- Some prepared food is being provided in blended material containers, an example being replacement of soup cans with blended foil/plastic packages. The new blended containers cannot be recycled.

Suggestions from Republic Services:

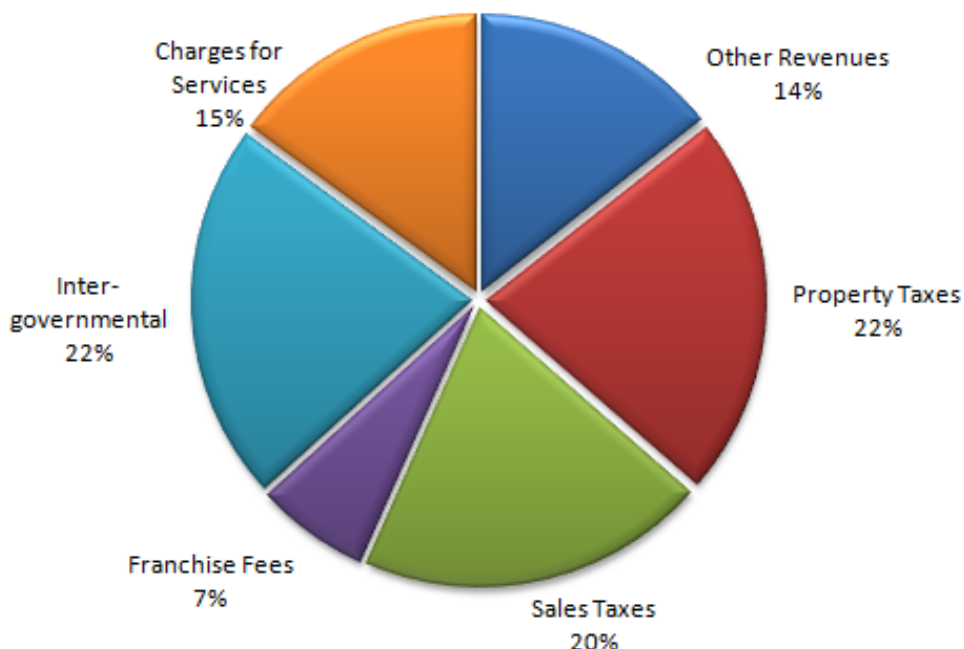
- Think before you toss! See guidelines above.
- Try to put all materials in or on top of the bin. If you have extra cardboard boxes, deconstruct them and place them in the container or flat on the top of the container. If you do have things for recycling that don't fit in the bin, bag them and clearly label the bags for recycling. Otherwise they will be collected as trash.

# 2018 Prairie Village Budget

The annual budget serves as a financial plan, provides guidance to City staff and communicates the City's financial condition. Most importantly, it presents the Governing Body's vision for the community by describing how public funds will be spent in order to achieve policy objectives.

The next few pages provide an overview of the City's 2018 Budget and covers the items most relevant to the residents. A full version of the budget can be found at [www.pvkansas.com](http://www.pvkansas.com). Questions regarding the budget can be directed to Lisa Santa Maria, Finance Director at 913-385-4661 or [lsantamaria@pvkansas.com](mailto:lsantamaria@pvkansas.com).

## 2018 Revenue Sources - All Funds



### Goals & Objectives for the 2018 Budget

- Maintain high quality services and programs
- Maintain quality streets, parks and infrastructure
- Continue strong financial condition
- Maintain AAA Bond rating
- Increase financial transparency
- Increase citizen participation in budget issues
- Be mindful of the tax burden

**Property Tax:** Tax on real estate and personal property. It is computed by applying the City's mill rate to the County's assessed valuation.

**Sales Tax:** Tax comes from two sources: Local Sales Tax and County Sales Tax.

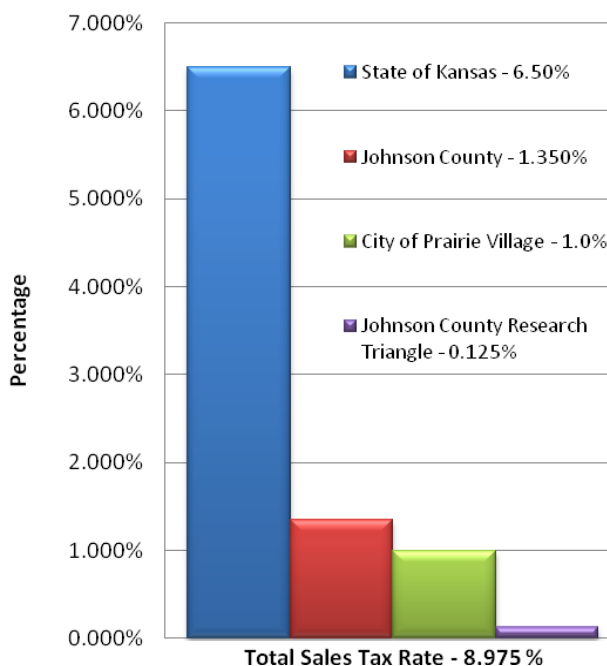
**Franchise Fees:** Franchise fees are charged on major utilities within the City. The fee is 5% of gross receipts as defined and permitted by state statutes.

**Charges for Services:** Includes revenue which is a charge for contract services and special assessments to recipients of certain services.

**Intergovernmental:** Includes revenues provided by other jurisdictions, primarily the State and Federal governments.

**Other Revenues:** Includes use tax, motor vehicle tax, liquor tax, license & permits, recreation fees, fines, interest income and miscellaneous revenue.

## Sales Tax Rate by Entity



(Additional 1% Sales Tax at PV Shops & Corinth Shops)

# How are your property taxes used?



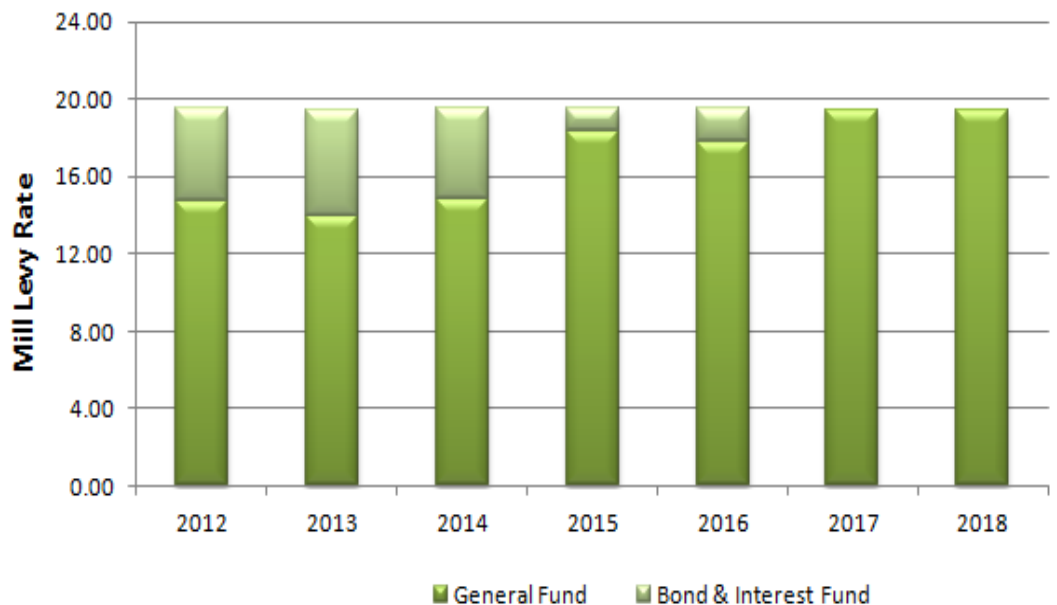
*Your property tax bill is divided between several entities of which the City is only 16%*

## How is the Mill Levy used?

The mill levy rate is applied to the assessed valuation for your property.

The 2018 budget does not include a mill levy rate increase. The mill levy rate was last increased in 2012 by 0.6 mills.

**Mill Levy Rate 2012-2018**



# How much of your property taxes are spent on City services?

## Residents Receive City Services

In 2017, the average market value of a Prairie Village Home is \$274,082. In 2018, on average, a homeowner will pay \$51.00 each month for City services. The checkbook below illustrates how this amount is divided among various City programs.

Program	Monthly Cost
Public Safety	\$20.40
Public Works	\$15.81
Community Development	\$ 6.63
Administration	\$ 5.10
Parks & Recreation	\$ 1.53
Municipal Court	\$ 1.53

Average Homeowner City of Prairie Village	7555
DATE: <u>May 15, 2018</u>	
PAY TO: <u>City of Prairie Village</u>	\$ 51.00
<u>Fifty one and 00/100***** DOLLARS</u>	
MEMO <u>Monthly property tax for City services</u>	<u>TAXPAYER</u>

## What services are provided by City Programs?

**Public Safety:** Animal Control, Crime Prevention, Patrol, Investigations, DARE and Emergency Services, Information Technology

**Public Works:** Operate and maintain the City's drainage system, streets, buildings and grounds, swimming pool, tennis courts, parks and vehicles

**Community Development:** Building Permits, Code Enforcement and Solid Waste Management

**Administration:** Mayor and Council support, Management and Planning, Financial Management, Human Resources, Business Licensing and Animal Licensing

**Parks & Recreation:** Arts Council programs, VillageFest, JazzFest, Swimming Pool, Aquatic Teams and Tennis program

**Court:** Municipal Judges, Prosecutor Services and Court Services

## Special Assessments:

Your property taxes also include special assessments or fees for trash and recycling services and storm water system maintenance.

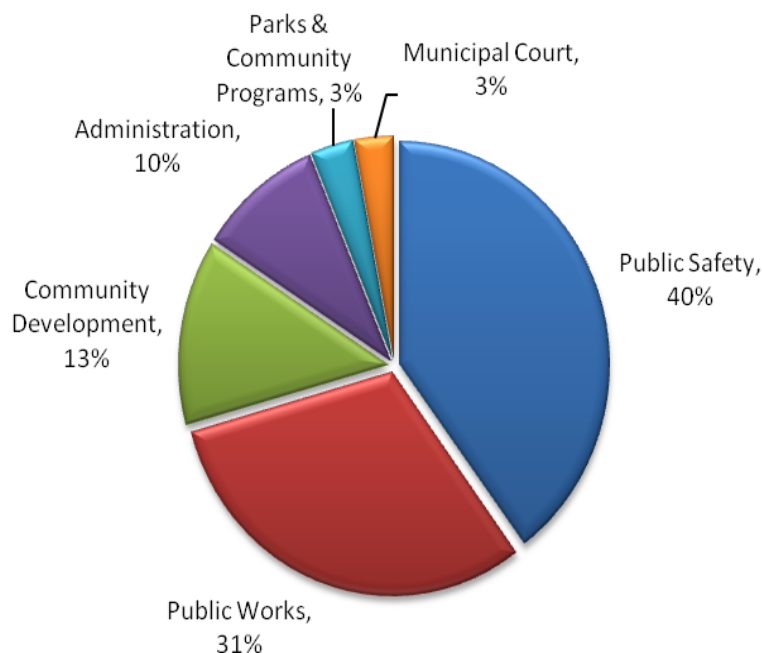
### Trash Fee:

\$192.00 per year or \$16.00 per month

### Stormwater Fee:

\$0.04/sq ft of impervious area

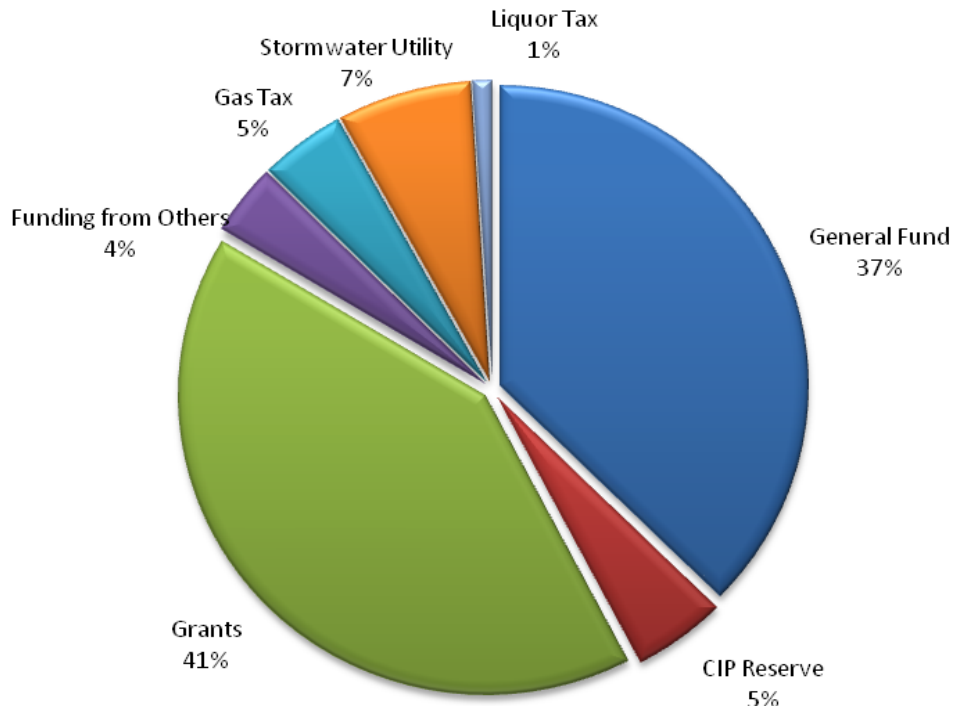
## 2018 Budget by Department



# Capital Infrastructure Program

The City maintains a four-year **Capital Infrastructure Program (CIP)** to aid the City Council and staff in planning and budgeting for the City's infrastructure needs. The CIP is reviewed and updated each year during the budget process. The majority of the funding for the CIP comes from the General Fund. Other funding sources include bond proceeds, the gas tax, the stormwater utility fee, grants, participation by neighboring cities and 1/3 of the liquor tax which is required to be spent on parks and recreation programs.

## 2018 Capital Improvement Program Funding Sources



The CIP is divided into five sections:

**Parks:** Includes plans for redevelopment and replacement of existing park structures and materials.

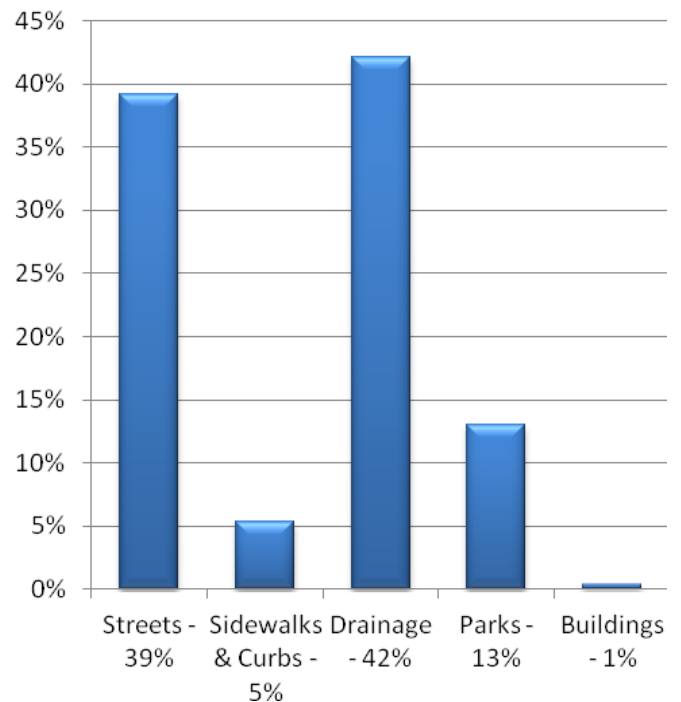
**Drainage:** Includes plans for replacement of components of the City's storm drainage system.

**Streets:** Includes plans for major improvements that extend the life of the City's street system.

**Buildings:** Includes plans for replacement or major improvements that extend the life of the City's buildings.

**Sidewalks & Curbs:** Includes plans for replacement or major improvements that extend the life of the City's sidewalk and curb system. Also includes plans for additions to the system to comply with the City's sidewalk policy or ADA regulations.

## 2018 CIP Expenditures





# PV HAPPENINGS

## State of the Arts Winners

The 2017 State of the Arts Reception was held on October 13, 2017 at the R.G. Endres Gallery. The exhibition is a juried event featuring two-dimensional or three-dimensional artwork. Eva Reynolds served as the juror and selected the following winners:



- Best of Show:** In Search of the Bluest Blue, Kristen Reichert
- Merit Award:** Soar, Ryan Delgado
- Merit Award:** Morning Glow, Cris Chapin
- People’s Choice:** Gone, Kim Taggart
- Honorable Mention:** A Fork in the Road - Flint Hills, Bradley Sadler
- Honorable Mention:** Connected No. 7, Katrina Revenaugh
- Honorable Mention:** Winter at Slate Creek, Marcia Streepy
- Honorable Mention:** Lucy #2, Chase Bailey
- Honorable Mention:** Rain Puddles, Linda Brown

The Prairie Village Arts Council thanks all the volunteers, sponsors and artists for participating in this year’s event. The 12th Annual State of the Arts Show will be held on October 12, 2018.

## 2017 Prairie Village Jazz Festival

With a fabulous line-up featuring Oleta Adams, music once again filled the air at Harmon Park on September 9 for the 8th annual Prairie Village Jazz Festival. More than 4,000 people enjoyed the beautiful weather and music.

We were pleased to be able to offer both corporate tables and tents for purchase in addition to our VIP tent for the sponsors who made this event possible. Make plans now to attend the 9th annual Prairie Village Jazz Festival on Saturday, September 8, 2018. If you are interested in serving on the committee or becoming a sponsor, contact Joyce Hagen Mundy at [jhmundy@pvkansas.com](mailto:jhmundy@pvkansas.com).





### November

**Shelley A. Preston**— As an artist, Shelley has been described as a "mark-maker", using a variety of expressive and personal brushstrokes to create signature marks in her paintings. Intentional and bold, movement and stability, abstract with objective, and process with product.

**Gary Beaumont**— The ceramic pieces Gary shows are large, colorful and textural. The clay becomes a canvas—an excuse to use different glazes fired to many different temperatures.  
A reception will be held on November 10, 2017 from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

### December

**Mid America Pastel Society**— MAPS educates and promotes community interest and support for the medium of pastels in the visual arts.  
A reception will be held on December 8, 2017 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.

# POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Prairie Village Police Department Implements a New Bicycle Unit

Prairie Village Police Department embraces community policing and has created a Bicycle Unit to continue building our relationship with our community. This allows our citizens to positively interact with officers in our shopping areas, parks and trails. It also allows us to provide a police presence in areas where police vehicles cannot operate. Our officers attended and successfully completed the required training with the International Police Mountain Bike Association this summer. Please feel free to stop and talk with Officer O'Neill or Officer Steck when you see them out riding in the City.



## Emergency Management Tips: Why Prepare For Disaster?

The second part of our seven part series covers how you can put together your own Disaster Supply Kit. Having this prepared before the disaster strikes could be very beneficial to you and your family. It ensures that you will have the necessary supplies no matter how fast you may need to evacuate. Many of us have children who have left over backpacks after school lets out for the summer. Use these backpacks and duffel bags to store your Disaster Supply Kit in. Your Supply Kit will also come in handy if you must take shelter in your home during an emergency. The following is a list that will help ensure that your Disaster Supply Kit includes all the essentials.

### WATER

- Pack at least one gallon per person per day for at least three days.
- Store water in tightly sealed, non-breakable plastic, fiberglass or enamel lined metal containers.
- Change your water every six months.

### FOOD

- Pack enough food to last each family member at least three days.
- Include canned and boxed foods because they require little preparation and stay good for long periods of time.
- Manual can opener or to buy food in self-opening cans.
- Pack foods in sealed metal or plastic containers.
- Replace foods every six months
- Include foods for infants and family members with special diets.

### TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT

- Battery powered radio
- Flashlights
- Spare batteries
- Resalable plastic bags
- Washcloths and towels
- Paper cups, plates and plastic utensils
- Heavy duty plastic garbage bags
- Blankets or a sleeping bag

### PERSONAL ITEMS

- Personal identification
- Copies of birth certificates, marriage license, bank account numbers and any other important documents that if lost would be difficult to replace quickly
- Extra car and house keys
- Prescription medications

# PUBLIC WORKS

## Construction Projects Continue Into the Fall

When people hear the words "construction season" it is often thought to be a spring and summer activity. However, construction season spans all four seasons; starting in March and often continuing into November or December.

Residents will continue to see orange cones and contractors as we wrap up our construction improvements this fall. Please stay alert to the traffic control necessary to perform the work. Some of the remaining work for this year includes:

### **Mission Road: 79th to 84th**

The contractor will be on this roadway throughout November to complete miscellaneous items. This work is scheduled to include sidewalk construction, restoration and clean up. Be alert during their work hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., as the contractor will have changing traffic patterns to address these items.

### **2017 Paving Program:**

There are a few remaining streets to be milled and overlaid this year. Please check the website for updates on these streets. Streets are added or removed based on budget.

### **2017 Drainage Improvements Program:**

There will be winter work on the drainage improvements program. These are isolated repairs on concrete channels in the City. Please check the website for updates on the channel improvements.



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## Congratulations to the Prairie Village Teen Council

Prairie Village Teen Council is an opportunity for Prairie Village youth to learn and actively participate in municipal government, positively impact the community, and gain leadership experience. Our congratulations to the following students who were selected:

Jack Mikkelson, Shawnee Mission East, Junior  
Carly Hendrickson, Shawnee Mission East, Junior  
Daniel Long, Shawnee Mission East, Senior  
Lauren Wittek, St. Teresa's Academy, Sophomore

The following students will be returning for their second year on the Council:

Zoe Renee Nason – Homeschool, Senior  
Ainsley "Scout" Rice - Shawnee Mission East High School, Junior  
Tyler Ruzich - Shawnee Mission North, Junior  
Haoyang "Helen" Sun - Kansas City Christian School, Senior  
Luke Hafner - St. James Academy, Senior



The Teen Council members will attend City Council and committee meetings, become familiar with the operations of City Hall, Public Works, and the Police Department, and complete a public service project. The students will be mentored by City Council members as they become more involved in our local democratic process.

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