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FUTURE OF THE ARTS GALA



The City of Prairie Village and the Prairie Village Arts Council celebrated the third annual “Future of the Arts” during the month of April, highlighting the artistic creativity and talent of children in the Kansas City metro area. The gala celebration on Friday, April 13 brought a record crowd of almost 160 people of all ages who enjoyed a make-and-take art project, scavenger hunts, and appetizers while taking in the fine arts. The gala featured several live musical, dramatic, and literary performances with an exciting awards presentation for each age group and art category.

We are pleased to announce the following 1st place award winners:

- Literary Art, 1-3 grades: Olivia Senter for her poem, “When the Oak Trees Sprout Green Leaves”
- 2D/3D Art, 1-3 grades: Ethan Alexander for his mixed media spray painting “Share the Love”
- 2D/3D Art, 4-6 grades: Lillian Toyne for her acrylic painting “Calm of the Ocean”
- 2D/3D Art, 7-9 grades: Annie Roney for her mixed media “Color Morph”
- 2D/3D Art, 10-12 grades: Morgan Hickman for her mixed media “City Boy”
- Dramatic performance: 1-3 grades: Mary Ryan O'Sullivan for her “Four Theams of Acting”
- Performance, 1-3 grade: Violinist, Emmeline Walker playing “Bouree” by Handel
- Performance, 4-6 grade: Vocalist, Danielle Droessler singing “I Feel the Spirit” by Cynthia Jackson
- Performance, 7-9th grades: Pianist, Emily Franklin Playing “River Flows in You” by Yiruma

We gratefully thank our dedicated and talented judges: Nelson Atkins Art Educator and Programs Manager, Linda Nickell, and Shawnee Mission East and Indian Hills Middle School music educator, musician, and jazz band director, Alex Toepfer.

Many thanks to the Arts Council members especially event founder and chairperson, Julie Flanagan, city staff representative Barbara Fisher and to the submitting artists and their dedicated parents. The 2019 "Future of the Arts" exhibit will be held in January.

The Prairie Village Arts Council continues to bring new and creative opportunities to the City of Prairie Village. This event is one of many monthly art exhibitions that take place each year at the R.G. Endres Gallery located in City Hall – join us for art receptions on the second Friday of each month from 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Greetings Prairie Village Residents—

In April of 1998, I was elected as a Ward 4 City Council Woman. That in and of itself was more than I had ever imagined. 20 years later and serving the past 3 1/2 years as your Mayor, I am beyond grateful for the opportunity to have worked with so many other talented and dedicated

individuals who strive to make a positive difference for our community and the communities around us.

I have learned that you can accomplish a lot in 20 years if you have a vision, a dedicated and effective staff, resources, public input and support, and a governing body who works together. Together, we have come a long way and our accomplishments are too long to list in this column, but I will forever be proud of adding an additional 86 acres of parkland to Prairie Village, our AAA bond ratings, maintaining one of the lowest tax bases in Johnson County, and achieving national recognition for being one of the safest and most livable cities in the nation.

I am so proud to have been a part of these accomplishments and many other decisions over the past 20 years that have brought Prairie Village to where it is today. So it is with profound gratitude that I announce that I will not be seeking a second term as Mayor and therefore will be “giving up the reins” in January. This was a difficult decision, but feel the time is right for me to pursue other passions. There is still work to be done, but Prairie Village is stronger than it’s ever been. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Mayor and thank you for the past 20 years!

Sincerely,

Laura Wassmer
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COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

Celebrate Villagefest

Mark your calendars for the 21st 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 that will be 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.

And, of course, remember to nominate your favorite PV resident or business for a Community Spirit Award. Nominations are due by May 15.



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.



Neighborhood Design Standards

The Planning Commission, Governing Body, and City Staff have been hard at work on many significant projects, including phase II of the neighborhood design standards to address teardown/rebuild projects in the City. Following the adoption of amendments to the zoning regulations in 2016, the City formed an ad hoc committee to continue to analyze and make recommendations for design standards. Stay tuned for more information on this effort.

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MAY

Joleen Goff, Linda Nickell, and Marcia Streepy will be the featured artists throughout the month of May. The Prairie Village Arts Council will host a wine and cheese reception for the artists on Friday, May 11, from 6 p.m. -7 p.m.

Joleen Goff's artwork evolves from an intuitive process of transforming materials - primarily paper and fabric - through dyeing, printmaking, painting, and stitching.

Linda Nickell uses oil and acrylic paints with mixed media, including hand painted papers she creates herself.

Marcia Streepy works with pastels watercolors, acrylics and oils. She has worked with figures, buildings, landscapes, and still life.

JUNE

Joe Bussell, Tanya Lueck, and Judy Crissey will be the featured artists throughout the month of June. The Prairie Village Arts Council will host a wine and cheese reception for the artists on Friday, June 8, from 6 p.m. -7 p.m.

Joe Bussell will present a series of paintings of dramatic designs in oil on canvas as well as ceramic creations that employ splashes of color.

Tanya Lueck captures the beauty of the cosmos in her paintings of oil and acrylics on wood panels.

Judy Crissey employs mixed media, including charcoal, ink, watercolors and acrylics, to create a layered effect of depth and diversity.

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 26th

Join us for opening day at the Prairie Village Pool Complex on May 26. Regular hours are 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 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 1-3, 2018 at the Prairie Village shopping center. Children's activities, food, drink, great art, and a festive atmosphere will be available the entire weekend.



UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
May 7	Council Meeting	6:00 pm	Council Chambers
May 21	Council Meeting	6:00 pm	Council Chambers
May 26	Pool Opens	11:00 am	Pool Complex
June 4	Council Meeting	6:00 pm	Council Chambers
June 18	Council Meeting	6:00 pm	Council Chambers
July 4	VillageFest	7:30 am	Municipal Campus

2019 Budget Hearing

A public hearing will be held on Monday, July 16 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers to hear comments and suggestions about the City's 2019 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.



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 Management What You Can Do

Can You Help? Yes! You can be a stormwater steward. That means in simple, every day activities, like bagging your pet's waste or taking your car to a commercial wash, you can help keep harmful pollutants out of our waterways.

How to Prevent Stormwater Pollution:

- Use fewer lawn chemicals and don't water right away. Try using compost instead of chemical fertilizer. Don't water after applying lawn chemicals and don't apply them before a heavy rainfall is predicted.
- Clean up after your pets. Carry disposable bags while walking your dog so you can pick up and dispose of pet waste in the trash. In your own yard, pick up pet waste, bag it and put it in the trash. Leaving it in the grass sends unsafe bacteria into the storm drains when it rains.
- Recycle used oil. Find an oil recycling center near your home or work to properly dispose of used oil. Johnson County has more than 30 used-oil recycling sites, such as gas stations, automotive supply stores and lubrication service centers. For a list of sites, go to www.recyclespot.org
- Sweep driveways and sidewalks rather than washing them off with the hose. Remove grass clippings, dirt and other debris and dispose of it properly.
- Use a commercial car wash to minimize the effects on the environment . If you wash your car at home, do it on the grass. Use biodegradable, phosphate-free, water-based cleaners only. Use a spray nozzle to save water.
- Properly dispose of trash and yard waste.
- Use household products as directed. Properly store and dispose of all hazardous household products at a hazardous waste facility permitted facility.
- Shop smart. Purchase and use nontoxic, biodegradable, recycled and recyclable products whenever possible.
- Reduce stormwater runoff from your home by installing a rain garden.

Yard Waste Management Frequently Asked Questions

Is it okay to put leaves or grass clippings in the storm drain?

No! It is illegal to dump anything, other than clean water, into the storm drain. Not only is it bad for water quality because stormwater is not treated, it can cause clogs in storm water catch basins which could result in localized street flooding. And this causes increased maintenance costs for the city, which could result in higher taxes for you.

Will mulch mowing leaves cause thatch in my lawn?

No! Research has shown that you can mulch up to 6 inches of leaves into your lawn. To do this effectively, it is best to stay ahead of the leaves and not try to mulch 6 inches at once, but mulch frequently throughout the fall season. Also, make sure and have your mower blade sharpened before the fall season to ensure effective mulching. Additionally, thatch is not caused by mulching leaves or grass clippings into your lawn. Thatch is caused by many factors which include, frequent and shallow watering, excessive use of nitrogen fertilizer and pesticides, compacted and poorly aerated soils, and infrequent, high mowing.

Is it OK to blow or rake my leaves or grass clippings into the street-- doesn't the city pick them up?

The City of Prairie Village does not offer a leaf removal service. The street sweepers you may see on your street are there to pick up the leaves that fall on the street and ONLY those leaves that fall on the street. They are not equipped to remove a large amount of leaves, such as those raked intentionally from a yard. Several area Homes Associations have negotiated on behalf of their residents with a third-party contractor to provide a fee-based leaf-collection service. Please contact your homes association directly for more information. The City of Prairie Village has weekly curbside yard waste collection, but requires leaves to be in paper bags or in a container clearly marked as yard waste. Up to 12 yard waste items can be put at the curb each week.

Public Works "Touch a Truck" Event - May 23

In celebration of National Public Works Week, Prairie Village Public Works is hosting a "Touch a Truck" event from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 23 at their facility located at 3535 Somerset.

City staff will display and demonstrate the wheel loader, skid steer, dump truck, street sweeper, and more. All ages are invited to attend to learn more about Prairie Village Public Works. Enjoy light refreshments and grab a take-home hard hat for the kids!



PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Department Chaplain Program

As you can imagine, police officers willingly put themselves at risk each and every day. Whether it's behind the wheel in a patrol car or responding to a disturbance, officers often deal with escalating situations and stress. The Prairie Village Police Department offers resources to its officers and staff, which can benefit them in numerous ways. We are excited about the most recent resource found in the new Chaplain Program at the Department.

Five local members of the clergy have volunteered their time to serve the Department. The main goal for the chaplains is to be a resource to our officers, staff, and their family members. In addition, they will serve as a resource for officers to use during significant incidents in the City. The Chaplains are Morgan Greer, Aaron Roberts, Tom Are, Scott White, and Rick Holland.

We are looking forward to the benefits brought about by the Chaplain Program, both for those in the Department, as well as in our community.



PVPD is now on Twitter!

PVPD is now on Twitter! We are constantly trying to find ways to have an open line of communication with our awesome community. Please take a moment to follow us @PVPoliceDept.



Prairie Village Police

@PVPoliceDept

Official Twitter account of the Prairie Village, KS Police Department. Follow to stay up to date on City and Police Department events and information.

Johnson County Mental Health Partnership

Johnson County Mental Health (JCMH) and several Northeast Police Departments have partnered together to have a Mental Health professional (Co-Responder) working with them. The Prairie Village Police Department is one of seven agencies sharing this resource. The purpose of the Co-Responder program is to provide a mental health professional to respond alongside officers as they handle calls for service involving individuals dealing with mental health issues.

Taylor Hopkins has been employed as the Northeast Johnson County Mental Health Co-Responder since April 2017. Taylor assists officers by doing assessments on site, as well as continued follow-up



to engage individuals into services to prevent over-utilization of jails and emergency rooms and continued police presence. For the 2017 calendar year, Taylor assisted on 76 calls for service involving mental health consumers in Prairie Village. She assisted with coordination of care for 22 individuals and provided referrals to other social service agencies for 29 individuals. Even in its early stages, the Co-Responder program has proven to be a benefit to both officers and residents of our City.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Help Keep Our Village Beautiful

We're working to keep our community beautiful in 2018 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

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 or trailers stored in front yard and subject to screening requirements.

Trash Storage

Trash carts 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.



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 ALSO 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 9th Annual Prairie Village Jazz Festival

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