

Municipal Foundation Donations Serve Many Purposes

Many Prairie Village residents are aware of the Prairie Village Municipal Foundation, which supports a variety of charitable causes, including the Mayor's Holiday Tree Fund. What you may not know, however, is that Prairie Village residents may make contributions to the Municipal Foundation to honor a loved one or to help beautify public areas.



Robertson Tree

Over the past several years, Prairie Village residents have utilized the Municipal Foundation to plant trees in City parks, maintain the rose garden in Franklin Park, and install personalized bricks in the Community Center patio. In recent months, two Prairie Village residents have honored family members and other special occasions with contributions to the Municipal Foundation.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Robertson recently made a contribution to the Municipal Foundation in honor of Mrs. Robertson's mother, Mary Munter, who passed away last year. In Mrs. Munter's memory, a redbud tree was recently planted in Santa Fe Park.



Munday Tree

To honor their 50th wedding anniversary, former City Council member Ben Munday and his wife Rosemary, encouraged friends and family members to make a contribution to the Municipal Foundation. These contributions resulted in the planting of a White Pine in Franklin Park.

If you would like to learn more about how to designate a gift to the City through the Prairie Village Municipal Foundation contact Barbara Vernon, City Administrator, at 913-385-4601 or e-mail bvernon@pvkansas.com.



Wendy Burton...A Prairie Village Star!!!

As a teenager, Wendy Burton grew up in Prairie Village, attending Ridgeview Elementary and Meadowbrook Junior High (now Mission Valley Middle School) before her family moved to Colorado. Within time, Wendy met her husband, Dave, and they moved back to Prairie Village to raise their family. In 1998, Wendy became the co-chair for Villagefest, Prairie Village's annual Fourth of July Celebration. She is actively involved in the Somerset Elementary School PTA, has served as a crossing guard at Somerset, has worked at Asbury

Children's Center as an office manager, and, most recently, began working for the City as a Police Department Records Clerk.

When asked why she and Dave decided to raise their family in Prairie Village, Wendy says, "It's such a close knit community. I wanted my children to be raised in an environment which is safe and family oriented."

Prairie Village is fortunate to have second generations returning to the community. Wendy, we all appreciate the time and effort you spend to keep Prairie Village a great place to raise a family.

Mayor's Message



Over the past several months I've been reminded of Prairie Village's history and the contributions my predecessors in the Mayor's office have made to our community. In October, the City dedicated a new park at Tomahawk and Mission Road to Ralph Brenizer, the first mayor of Prairie Village. Also in

October, I had the sobering experience of attending the funeral of former Governor and Prairie Village Mayor Robert Bennett. Through these experiences, one joyous and the other somber, I was struck by the commitment these individuals and the hundreds of community volunteers over the years have made to their community. Without the efforts of individuals like Mr. Bennett, Mr. Brenizer, and other volunteers, Prairie Village would not be what it is today.

The coming year of 2001 will be Prairie Village's 50th Anniversary. In the spirit of community volunteerism, a group of well over 100 volunteers is working tirelessly to plan, organize, and coordinate a fabulous golden anniversary celebration for Prairie Village. The organizing

committee for this event has selected the following theme for the City's 50th Anniversary Celebration:

- **Saluting our heritage. . .**
- **Celebrating the present. . .**
- **Launching our future.**

In keeping with this theme, events are planned throughout the year. Among these is a reception on February 19th, Prairie Village's official birthday, honoring former and present civic leaders, teachers, and clergy. We will also sponsor neighborhood block parties, Villagefest held on the 4th of July, and in September a Golden anniversary parade which will both literally and figuratively lead Prairie Village into its next fifty years.

On behalf of current and past community volunteers, I ask you to participate in the City's Golden Anniversary Celebration and keep its theme in mind throughout next year.

Ron Shaffer
Mayor

Personalized Bricks. . . the Perfect Gift!

Make the Prairie Village Arts Council's Pave the Patio Project a part of your holiday shopping.

Slowly but surely, the Prairie Village Arts Council is filling up the patio of the Prairie Village Community Center with personalized bricks purchased by residents, business owners, and others wishing to help beautify the Community Center patio and help support the arts in Prairie Village.

Individual bricks cost \$35, and corporate sponsorships begin at \$100. Money raised through brick sales will go toward purchasing, engraving, and installing the bricks, and to help support continued arts programming in the community. If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution to the Prairie Village Arts Council and purchase a brick for yourself, a friend, or a family member, please complete the order form below and return it to Doug Luther. If you have any questions, please call Doug Luther at 913-385-4603.

Pave the Patio Order Form

Name: _____
Company or Individual

Contact: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Line 2
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Maximum 30 characters per brick

Attach copy of corporate logo if applicable

Attach additional pages for multi-brick orders

- \$35** Individual Donor
- \$100** Corporate Donor
logo in 2 bricks
- \$300** Corporate Patron
6 bricks (including logo)
- \$500** Corporate Sponsor
10 bricks (including logo)
- Gift Certificate** *For the above individual*

Checks payable to Prairie Village Arts Council

Mail to: *City of Prairie Village
Pave the Patio Project
7700 Mission Road
Prairie Village, KS 66208*

Questions? call Doug Luther 913-385-4603

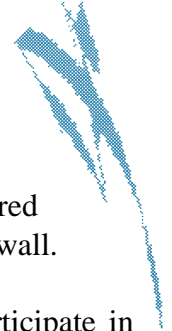
Prairie Village Arts Council Receives Grant for Tile Mural Project

The Prairie Village Arts Council was recently awarded a \$3,000 grant from the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation to help develop a tile mural to celebrate Prairie Village's children, the City's history, and to commemorate the City's 50th Anniversary. The mural's theme will be, "My Favorite Things in Prairie Village."



In cooperation with the Johnson County Library and, in particular, the Corinth Library at 81st and Mission Road, children from throughout the area will design tiles to be included in the mural, which, when complete, will be

installed in the Prairie Village Community Center on the Municipal Campus. After the children make their designs, they will be sent to the Prairie Village Arts Council, which will review the designs and select over 200 to be included in the mural. Children whose designs are selected for the mural will then paint their design on a ceramic tile which will be fired and installed on the Community Center wall.

If you would like for your child to participate in this piece of Prairie Village history, contact Christi Haines, Youth Services Librarian at the Corinth Library, by calling 913-967-8658.



Remember to License Your Pet

ANIMAL LICENSE REGISTRATION

Animal's Name _____ Color _____ Breed _____ Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> F Vaccination Date _____ Rabies Tag # _____	Your Name _____ Address _____ Phone Number _____ Name of Veterinarian Clinic _____
Animal's Name _____ Color _____ Breed _____ Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> F Vaccination Date _____ Rabies Tag # _____	Return form to: City of Prairie Village Attn: Animal Licensing 7700 Mission Road Prairie Village, KS 66208

You may also cut out the form to the left and mail it to the City Clerk's Office, Attn: Animal Licensing, 7700 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS 66208 along with proof of your pets' vaccinations and registration fee.

Please note that the rabies vaccination for your pet must be valid through December 31st, 2001.

If your pet is currently licensed with the City, you will be receiving renewal registration cards in the next few weeks. If you are renewing pet licenses, please complete the registration card you will be receiving in the mail.

City ordinances permit each household to have a maximum of four pets, but no more than three dogs or three cats. The license for spayed or neutered pets is \$6. The fee is \$12 if your pet has not been spayed or neutered.

Ballfield Reservation Applications Due

Baseball Spring training will be here before you know it, and ballfields in Prairie Village are always in demand. Make plans now to reserve a field for your team.

The City of Prairie Village allows reservations of ballfields for soccer/baseball/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 1 1/2 hours. Fields

are available in Porter, Franklin, Windsor, and Meadowlake parks.

If your team reserved a field during 2000, your coach should receive a 2001 application form soon, or you may obtain one at the Municipal Offices, 7700 Mission Road. The deadline for submitting applications is **January 12th, 2001.**



Codes Corner

Holiday Light Safety

Once again the holiday season is upon us, bringing with it festive electrical decorations and lighting. We may all enjoy a safe and attractive season by following some basic rules for electrical safety.

Outdoor holiday lighting should be checked for exposed or frayed wires. Damaged lights or extension cords should be replaced with new ones. All exterior lights or displays should be plugged into a Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) type outlet. These are the outlets found in most bathrooms and kitchens, with the red and black push buttons.

Extension cords are one of the leading causes for electrical fires in the United States. They are designed for temporary use only. When purchasing new cords, look for the size of the cord on the label. The lower the

numerical gauge of the wire, the greater the wire's capacity for safely carrying electricity. The minimum recommended gauge is number 14.

A few simple rules about extension cords:

- Cords should be unplugged when left unattended.
- Resist the temptation to run extension cords under carpets, rugs, furniture, etc.
- Coiling electrical cords into neat bundles may hide slack in the cord. However, a coiled cord may increase the risk of fire.
- Avoid pinching cords in doors and windows.

Decorative lighting and displays should be taken down as soon as reasonable following the holiday. Most of these products are not designed for long term exposure to sun and rain, and they will last you many more years if removed after the season. Feel free to call the Codes Administration Department at 913-381-6464 if you have any questions regarding holiday lighting or other electrical safety issues.

Prairie Village Notes

Everyone May Participate

If any individual requires an accommodation to participate in public meetings, contact the City Clerk's Office at 913-381-6464 (TDD 1-800-766-3777) at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting time, if possible, to make arrangements.



Upcoming Trash Holidays

Deffenbaugh, the City's solid waste collection and recycling contractor, will be observing the following holidays during December, 2000 and January, 2001. If your regular trash day falls on or after one of these holidays, your trash and recycling will be picked up one day late that week.

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| • Christmas | December 25th |
| • New Year's Day | January 1st |
| • Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday | January 15th |

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