

Peanut Butter Week was a Big Success

The citizens of Prairie Village celebrated their 16th annual Peanut Butter Week Drive the week of September 18th - 22nd and presented The Harvesters Community Food Network with a little over 4,600 pounds of food and approximately \$650 in monetary donations. Sponsors of this year's food drive included churches, synagogues, schools, day care providers and two retirement communities. A special thanks goes to the Claridge Court community for providing a volunteer who personally delivered posters to each of the drop-off locations. This outpouring of kindness and goodwill for such a worthwhile cause... feeding the hungry, is truly appreciated.

Thank you to one and all for your valuable contributions.



Dropping off peanut butter from Pam's Day Care are Matthew Dunn, Greta Smithmier, Camron Myers, Erin Penner, Lauren Browne, Kaylee Mack and Mary Dennington.

Prairie Village's First Mayor Honored



The skies were clear and the weather warm, a perfect day to be at the park...or a park dedication. The City of Prairie Village dedicated its newest park at Tomahawk and Prairie Lane in honor of Mayor Ralph A. Brenizer on Sunday, October 1st. In his speech, current Mayor Ron Shaffer thanked Mayor Brenizer and the first City Council members for their dedication and hard work, noting that they were in many ways personally responsible for Prairie Village's success as a community. Mayor Shaffer and City Council President Nancy Vennard presented Mayor Brenizer with a certificate of appreciation for his service as the first mayor of Prairie Village. Among the crowd of nearly sixty people were many of Prairie Village's first City Council members and staff. Brenizer Park, which is located across from the Prairie Village Shopping Center, offers residents a peaceful place to relax while shopping or strolling through the neighborhood.

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Prairie Village may be looking for You!

To help celebrate the City's 50th Anniversary, the Prairie Village Communications Committee is looking for:

1. The person who has lived in Prairie Village the longest.
2. The business which has been located in Prairie Village the longest.
3. The person who has taught in Prairie Village schools the longest.
4. The family which has the most generations currently living in Prairie Village.

If you think you qualify or know someone who does, please contact Doug Luther at 913-381-6464 or email him at dluther@pvkansas.com.

Mayor's Message



Make plans now to attend the annual **Mayor's Holiday Tree Lighting Celebration!** Join your Council representatives and City staff at **6:30 p.m.** on **Monday evening, November 27, 2000** at the Municipal Offices, 7700 Mission Road, as Mayor Shaffer, with a little help from a special guest from the North Pole, lights the Holiday Tree.

The annual event is sponsored by the **Prairie Village Municipal Foundation**. Three trees will be lighted as a reminder that there are people in our community who may not be able to afford to pay heating/utility bills or finance repair costs for their homes. To meet the needs of our fellow citizens, the Municipal Foundation makes an annual appeal for contributions to the Mayor's Holiday Tree Fund. If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution, please cut out the donation form included in this issue of the *Prairie Village Voice* and return it to the Municipal Offices at 7700 Mission Road.

During 1999, Prairie Village residents and businesses contributed over \$5,000 to the Fund. The Municipal Foundation hopes to exceed this amount for 2000.

The trees, located on the Municipal Campus, at Porter Park, and the corner of Cherokee & 75th Street, will glow, bringing warmth to both contributors and families needing assistance.

Thanks for your help and have a happy and safe holiday season.

Ron Shaffer

Mayor



YES...I want to help!
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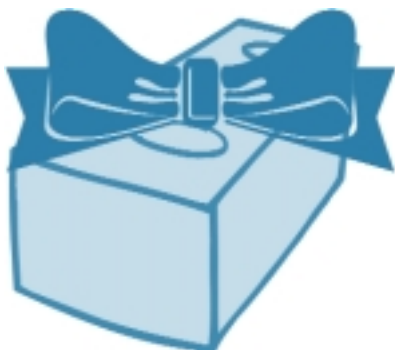
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and mail with this form to

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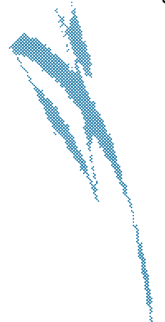
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Order Your Brick for the Holidays!!!



What do you give the person who has everything? A brick! Make sure to put the Prairie Village Arts Council's "Pave the Patio" project on your holiday shopping list. The Arts Council is still selling personalized bricks, which will be installed in the patio of the Community Center. Prices for individual bricks are \$35, and corporate sponsorships begin at \$100. Funds raised through the "Pave the Patio" project will cover the costs of engraving and installing the bricks, and help support continued cultural arts programming for the community. Order forms are available at the Municipal Offices or by calling 913-381-6464.

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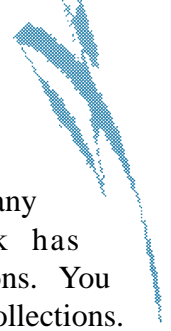
November in the R.G. Endres Gallery... Jane Pronco & Barbara Frets

The Prairie Village Arts Council is honored to have two renowned artists display their work during this month. The artistic talent that will flood the halls of the Gallery is endless. These two artists have chosen different subject matter to portray, but somehow they find a common ground that everyone can understand.

Jane Pronco has a way of taking you into the moment she has created. Her artwork teaches you a new way to see. You begin to imagine the movement, the sounds, the emotion, and the season *Pronco* portrays. Her work is displayed in many public, private, and print collections throughout the Midwest. She has received numerous awards and recognition for her work.

In *Barbara Frets's* paintings, as well as her sculptures, the interpretations of gesture establish a basic truth of the figures and their environment, while your imagination does the rest. It is the enchantment with the ocean and its luminous expansiveness along with the absurdity of human recreation and pleasure that she portrays. *Frets* has received many prestigious awards and her artwork has appeared in solo and group exhibitions. You can also find her work in many public collections.

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This exhibit will be on display **November 1st -30th, 2000**. The Municipal Offices' R.G. Endres Gallery is open from 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday. If you are out on a cold day in November, stop by, enjoy the warmth, and browse the walls of the R.G. Endres Gallery. You will be taken to another world.

City to Conduct Animal Census

The City of Prairie Village requires all dogs and cats to be licensed. In an ongoing effort to make sure this is done, enumerators will be going door to door through the month of November. The pet's rabies vaccination must be current in order to obtain a license. License applications are available at the City Clerk's Office in the Municipal Offices at 7700 Mission Road.



Shop Prairie Village for the Holidays!

Savvy shoppers can complete their holiday shopping without leaving Prairie Village! Between the **Prairie Village Shops, Corinth Square**, the **Hy-Vee Center** on State Line, and the City's other retail destinations, you can find unique and special gifts without fighting the crowds at a greater Kansas City area shopping mall.

Shopping in Prairie Village is not only convenient, it also enriches local businesses, neighbors, and the community at large. Each time you make a purchase in Prairie Village, the money you spend helps support local merchants, and a portion of the sales tax helps fund City services and programs such as police protection, the City pool, street maintenance, and much more.

Remember - **Shop Prairie Village for the Holidays!**

Anita Solter named Neighborhood Hero

Anita Solter, of the Corinth Hills Homes Association, was named a Neighborhood Hero earlier this year by KC 150, the Kansas City area sesquicentennial celebration. She was among 24 neighborhood activists honored at the first round of such awards. Ceremonies were held at the Kauffman Foundation on the Plaza. Each was nominated for making a positive impact and for giving selflessly to the betterment of the neighborhood and community. Serving eight years as Islands Chairman for

Corinth Hills Homes Association, she also is a member of the Board and was formerly vice president and newsletter editor. Anita was a Cub Scout den leader and has been PTA Landscape Chairman at Briarwood, Mission Valley, and Shawnee Mission East schools.



Safety Corner

“Fall” Into Safety

Cooler weather, football, and the foliage changing colors signals that fall has arrived. With the change, residents will be spending more time in their homes preparing for the cooler weather and the upcoming holiday season. The Prairie Village Police Department’s Crime Prevention Unit suggests residents prepare their homes by conducting a residential security survey.

A residential security survey is simply looking for weak or vulnerable entry points into your home, which a burglar may use to advantage. Listed below are some security suggestions to use as you prepare your home for the cooler season ahead.

- All doors that lead to the exterior of the residence and doorframes should be of solid wood or metal construction. This includes basement and interior garage doors.

- Replace worn-out window hardware such as latches, locks, screws, and pins.
- All outside doors and inside garage doors should have securely mounted deadbolt locks with a minimum 1-1/2 inch throw.
- Strike plates should be affixed to the doorframe with a minimum of two fully threaded 3 inch screws.
- All points of entry into the residence should be properly illuminated and clear of obstructions.



Dawn Clausius

As you prepare your home to keep the cool weather out, prepare your home to keep burglars out, too. Remember to dial **9-1-1 immediately** if you observe any suspicious activity at your residence or in your neighborhood.

For a **free** residential survey or a **free** copy of the ‘Burglary Prevention Through Home Security’ guide please contact the Crime Prevention Unit at 913-385-4613.

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.



Leaf Etiquette



The Public Works department requests your cooperation this Fall. As trees throughout the City drop their leaves, it’s tempting to simply blow or rake them into the street. However, doing this causes many problems for Public Works crews who try to keep City streets and storm drains clean. In addition, obstructing a storm drain is against the law.

When leaves pile up against the curb and gutter, they clog storm drains. This can cause water to back-up during heavy rains, and create a traffic hazard. Likewise, when leaves are raked into drainage channels, it can cause these channels to back up and flood streets and your neighbors’ yards. So this Fall, remember to dispose of your leaves properly by bagging or mulching them.

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