

Door-To-Door Do's and Don'ts

Warm weather may bring an increased number of door-to-door solicitors into your neighborhood. The City's door-to-door solicitation ordinance limits the times these persons may come to your home. City ordinances state that door-to-door solicitors:

- May call on residences between **10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., and from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** They **may not** solicit between 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- **MUST** obtain a **permit** from the City and display it at the door

- **MUST** possess **photo identification** and furnish it to residents upon request
- **MAY NOT** call on or approach any residence posted "No Solicitation" or "No Trespassing"

"No Solicitors" stickers are available at the Municipal Offices free of charge. For persons with disabilities who are unable to pick up the stickers at the Municipal Offices, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 913-381-6464 or TDD 1-800-766-3777 and stickers will be mailed to you. If your house is posted "No Solicitors" and a solicitor comes to your door, call the police by dialing 9-1-1. Please note that these requirements do not apply to not-for-profit organizations.

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Comfort Tips For The Summer

With the hot Summer days now upon us, it's more important than ever to reduce waste and conserve energy. Here are some tips from **Kansas City Power & Light** to help you make it through the Summer heat.

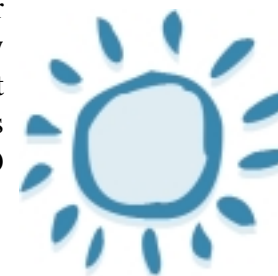
Energy tips:

- Set air conditioner thermostats at 78° (or higher)
- Turn off unnecessary lights and appliances, especially computers and monitors when not in use
- Avoid baking, washing dishes, and doing laundry between the hours of 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Comfort tips:

- Use ceiling fans, portable fans, and your air conditioner's blower fan to circulate air
- Avoid opening outside doors
- Don't leave the refrigerator door open
- Close window blinds and shades
- Cook by microwave or slow cooker

For more tips on making or keeping your home energy efficient, visit KCPL's web site at www.kcpl.com or call KCPL's Energy InfoLine at 816-221-INFO (4636) extension 7055 .



Planning Commission Adopts New Citizen Participation Policy

Citizen participation in the planning process is essential to the successful growth of our community. To help facilitate citizen participation, the Planning Commission recently adopted a Citizen Participation Policy. The purpose of the new policy is to ensure that citizens have an opportunity to learn about and comment on applications before the Planning Commission which may affect their neighborhoods.

Citizen participation is required when applicants seek the following type of approvals from the Planning Commission:

- Re-zoning
- Conditional Use Permits
- Special Use Permits
- Preliminary Plat Approval
- Site Plan Approval

While the citizen participation policy is not intended to achieve complete consensus on all applications, it is designed to encourage applicants to be good neighbors and to keep residents informed about potential changes to their neighborhoods.

City staff members are available to assist both applicants and citizens in the development process. If you have questions please contact the City Administrator at 913-385-4601 or e-mail bvernon@pvkansas.com.

Safe Disposal Options for Household Hazardous Waste

The Johnson County Environmental Department provides a Household Hazardous Materials Collection Program, which is free to all residents. By calling 913-492-0402 you can set up an appointment to bring your household hazardous materials to their drop-off site in Mission. A mobile pickup service is available for homebound residents or persons with disabilities.

What is a hazardous material?

If a label has any of the following words: Warning, Caution, Poison, or Danger, then the product has ingredients that may have one or more of the following hazardous characteristics: corrosive, reactive, toxic, flammable or explosive. Some of the more common household hazardous materials accepted at the Johnson County Environmental Department are: car batteries, cleaning products, disinfectants, herbicides, paint, brake fluid, gasoline, insecticides, motor oil, and solvents.

For more information, contact the Johnson County Environmental Department at 913 492-0402.



Clear the Way

As you travel through Prairie Village you will undoubtedly encounter residents (and sometimes their pets) using the City's sidewalks. When asked what makes

Prairie Village a great place to live, many residents will say the sidewalks in our community add to the charm of Prairie Village neighborhoods.

Property owners are reminded that City ordinances require that streets and sidewalks abutting their property be kept clear for vehicles and pedestrians. Tree limbs must be trimmed to a height of at least nine feet above sidewalks and fourteen feet above streets. In addition, bushes, hedges, and other plantings must be trimmed so they do not block the sidewalks, and cars parked on the street should be parked at the curb, not on the sidewalk.

Thanks for your cooperation to help keep Prairie Village neighborhoods looking great.

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.

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Prairie Village is now on-line!! To find out more, just visit our website at www.pvkansas.com. The site is a great source of information about Prairie Village programs and services, like actions taken at City Council meetings, building permit requirements, or finding out

about park shelter reservations. pvkansas.com also lets you e-mail your elected officials and City staff.



We hope you'll find the website fun and informative. Keep checking back as new information will be added.

Mayor's Message



How many times have you heard the words "Shawnee Mission Schools" when friends or neighbors describe why they choose to live in Prairie Village?

This month, I've asked Shawnee Mission Board of Education members Donna Bysfield and Brian Sisney, both Prairie Village residents, to share their thoughts and concerns regarding important school financing issues as our community enters the 2000-2001 school year.

Ron

Ron Shaffer
Mayor

Special Guests:

Donna Bysfield & Brian Sisney,

Shawnee Mission Board of Education Members

When the new school finance law was passed by the Kansas legislature in 1992, the Shawnee Mission School District lost control of its finances. At that time, the state assumed the responsibility for supporting education and allocated \$3,600 per pupil across the state. This figure, which was not related to educational needs, was selected by dividing the amount of available state money by the number of students in the state.

Since the district was already spending in excess of this amount, school officials were allowed to supplement state funds through a "local option budget" raised through local property taxes. This additional funding, however, was limited to 25% of the district's general

fund budget limit. Considering the fact that the district needed to use 16.4% of its capacity the very first year, it was not long before the cap was reached.

At the same time that the district experienced a leveling off of local funding, the funds provided by the state were frozen for three years. Large districts received some special help, and beginning in 1995-96, annual increases in base state aid were granted. For the past eight years, however, revenue increases have averaged only 2.5%. Compounding the problem is the fact that since 1994-1995, the school district experienced a decline in enrollment. While students are not leaving the district, many new families are not moving to the area.

In order to manage the change in the state finance formula and the shift in demographics, the district has been controlling expenditures in an effort to run as cost effectively as possible. The goal has been to decrease spending without affecting children in the classrooms. Now, school officials have formed a committee to review the entire budget. It is composed of 26 stakeholders, including parents, patrons, staff members, and students. This group will report its findings to the Board of Education in the Fall.

Other officials are studying this problem from the state perspective. A hearing will be held in the Shawnee Mission area by the Governor's task force on August 18th from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Shawnee Mission Center for International Studies, 67th and Lamar. The district needs to retain the local option budget and achieve an annual increase in the amount allocated per pupil.

Although the district faces a critical challenge brought upon us by the state funding of education for our children, we will do our part to make the changes that will allow us to continue to offer outstanding programs as well as attract and retain an excellent staff. Once these changes are accomplished, the Shawnee Mission School District will emerge stronger and better than ever.

Donna Bysfield

Donna Bysfield, SM Board of Education
East Area Representative

Brian Sisney

Brian Sisney, Member, SM Board of Education
At-Large Representative.



Free Health Screenings offered by the 50 Plus Program



The Johnson County 50+ program will be offering free health screenings at the Prairie Village Municipal Offices during September. The schedule is as follows:

Date	Time	Topic
September 6th	1 – 3p.m.	Jeffrey Roith, DPM of Kansas City Podiatry Associates, P.A. will conduct a foot screening. He will check for corns, calluses and circulation problems.
September 13th	1 – 4p.m.	A representative from Hunkeler Eye Centers, P.C. will do a vision screening which will include a measure of distance and near visual acuity.
September 20th	1:30 – 3:30p.m.	Kenneth Smith of Hearing Associates, Inc. will do hearing screenings which will include a hearing test and an examination with a video otoscope.

There is no fee, but please call the Roeland Park 50 Plus program at 913-236-4343 to schedule an appointment time. The TDD number is 913-831-3342.

The Prairie Village Arts Council Presents. . .



The *Prairie Village Arts Council* is pleased to welcome back the *Senior Arts Council* as our visiting artists during August in the Municipal Offices' R.G. Endres Gallery. Gallery hours are Monday - Thursday 8a.m. to 7p.m. and Friday 8a.m. to 5p.m. Please stop in, browse, shop if you like and sign the visitors' guest book.

Formed in 1977, the Senior Arts Council is dedicated to showing experienced adults the difference their artistic contributions make to the community. Their goal is to help develop and heighten their members' talents. Senior Arts Council members strive to stimulate and encourage the exchange of ideas and talents among all generations. Members also use their life experiences to expand their horizons and apply them to all aspects of the art arena.

The Senior Arts Council holds monthly programs on fine art techniques and artisan crafts. Membership is open to anyone age fifty or older. For more information about becoming involved in the Senior Arts Council, contact Dorothy Catayoc at 816 741-8570.

THE TOP 5 THINGS YOUR ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER WANTS YOU TO KNOW!!

1. All dogs and cats in Prairie Village need to be licensed, whether or not they go outside of your house. A City animal license is required *in addition to* a rabies tag. When you license your pet, be sure to bring proof of your pet's rabies vaccination.
2. The Prairie Village leash law applies to both dogs and cats. Anytime your pet is off your property, it must be on a leash or under its owner's control. Voice control is NOT an alternative.
3. Prairie Village has a pooper scooper law. Please pick up after your pets when they are off your property. Be a good neighbor. . . and obey the law at the same time.
4. Pit bulls, Staffordshire pit bull terriers, American pit bull terriers, American Staffordshire bull terriers (pure breeds or combinations of any of these breeds) are not allowed in Prairie Village.
5. Animal abuse is a serious subject. All animals must have adequate shelter for the weather, fresh food, fresh water, and be treated with respect. Animal Control will investigate all reports of animal abuse.

If you have questions or would like to talk about animal control issues, you may contact an Animal Control Officer at 913-642-6868, ext. 4898. If you have a problem that needs immediate attention, please call the non-emergency dispatch number, 913-642-5151.