

## Police Citizens Academy Announcement

Applications are now being accepted for the Prairie Village Police Citizens Academy, to begin in late October. Classes are normally scheduled on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. for a ten-week period.

Past participants have been: leaders in the community, other interested and concerned citizens, business and academic professionals, and high school students. The Academy takes a hands-on approach to learning, and classes offer a unique opportunity to involve participants in discussing the Department's methods of operation,

philosophies and goals. Some of the topics covered include Traffic Enforcement, Officer Safety Tactics, Shoot/Don't Shoot, Kansas Law, and Crime Scene Processing.

Interested persons may pick up an application at the Police Department or online at [www.pvkansas.com](http://www.pvkansas.com). For questions, please contact Sgt. John Womer at 913-385-4623, or e-mail Chief Charles Grover at [chiefgrover@pvkansas.com](mailto:chiefgrover@pvkansas.com).

## Chamber of Commerce Auction – October 27th

Get your poodle skirts and saddle shoes out of the closet and mark Saturday, October 27th on your calendar for the Northeast Johnson County Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau's annual auction at Homestead Country Club, 6510 Mission Road. The event will have a 1950's theme.

A silent auction will begin at 7:00 p.m. with a live auction to follow. Tickets are \$30 per person and include beverages and hors d'oeuvres.

The Annual Auction is a great way to help support your Chamber of Commerce, enjoy an evening of food and fun, and do some early holiday shopping. Items to be auctioned include a car, an autographed Chiefs football, vacation packages, original art work, and MORE.

To purchase tickets or for more information, contact the Chamber office at 913-262-2141.

## Redevelopment Update – 75th & Reinhardt

Prairie Village's newest office building is set to open soon, bringing with it 26,000 square feet of new class "A" office space. Formerly the site of an Amoco station and two vacant houses, 3515 W. 75th Street will now be home to Nearing, Staats, Prelogar and Jones, an architectural firm, and Coulson & Company, L.L.C., co-developers of the building.

The co-developers plan to move their offices into the building during October. Additional office space is available for lease. For more information, contact Fred Coulson at 913-362-6000.



## Mayor's Message



None of us will forget where we were or what we were doing the morning of September 11th when we first learned of the terrible tragedies in New York City and Washington D.C. I was at my office listening to a talk radio program in the background when the broadcast was interrupted with news of the first plane crashing into the World Trade Center.

Immediately following this tragedy, the City had a difficult decision before us: Should we continue the scheduled 50th Anniversary Celebration on September 15th? Was this an appropriate time for celebration?

In light of the horror and anger we all felt at the loss of so many innocent lives, a decision was made to cancel the evening events of September 15th. However, in an effort to honor those who lost their lives during this tragedy, it was decided to continue with the City's 50th Anniversary Parade.

The parade, however, became much more than a celebration of Prairie Village's history. Rather, it was a celebration of America. A celebration of the fact that we, as Americans, enjoy the freedom to join together in expressing support for our nation and its leaders when faced with threats from those seeking to attack and disrupt our way of life.

During the parade, a group of firefighters carried a banner with the words "**One Nation Indivisible**" along the parade route. Immediately following the parade and for the next week, Prairie Village residents placed messages of their thoughts, prayers, and support on the banner, which was sent to New York City. In the midst of the sorrow and pain we all felt that Saturday morning, we sought strength and comfort from each other. We stood together, saluting our heritage as a community and our commitment to our freedom and our desire to defend it.

The events of September 11, 2001 have made an indelible mark on our lives and our nation's history. After the shock has subsided and we return to our daily routines, the needs of those affected by this tragedy will remain. If you haven't already done so, please contribute to the relief efforts. As we move forward in dealing with the aftermath from this terrorist attack on the United States, we should all make an effort to help ease the suffering of our fellow citizens.

God Bless America!

Ron Shaffer  
Mayor



## Taking Care of Falling Leaves

When Fall arrives, leaf raking season begins. The Public Works Department once again reminds you that it's important to properly dispose of your leaves. Here are several options:

### DO:

- **Mulch** – If the leaves in your yard aren't too deep, you can simply mow over them with a mulching mower, returning the clippings to your lawn.
- **Compost** – Leaves are an important ingredient in any compost pile. For information about the City's composting regulations, contact Marcia Gradinger at 913-385-4605.
- **Rake and Bag** – When you rake leaves, bag them and place them at the curb for collection on the same day as your regular household trash and recycling.

### DON'T:

- Rake leaves into the street – This can clog up the storm drains and may create a traffic hazard.
- Rake leaves into creeks or drainage channels – This can cause drainage problems. Besides, it's against the law.

Leaves are beautiful...when they're on the trees. Once they fall to the ground, they should be disposed of properly.

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## Scare Up Some Crafts at the Corinth Library



Drop by and create some cute and creepy crafts to decorate your house for Halloween on Monday, October 29th, 2001 from 10:30 a.m. until noon at the Corinth Library. An adult must accompany children under 5 years of age. No registration is required. Call (913) 967-8650 for more information.

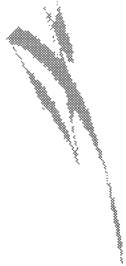
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## City to Conduct Animal Census

The City of Prairie Village requires all dogs and cats to be licensed. In an ongoing effort to ensure this is done, enumerators will be going door to door through the month of October.

**Pets can be licensed if they have a current rabies vaccination.** License applications are available at the City Clerk's Office in the Municipal Building at 7700 Mission Road.

Thank you for your cooperation.



## Go to the Johnson County Museum with the Prairie Village Arts Council

On **Friday, December 28th**, the Prairie Village Arts Council will host a trip to the Johnson County Museum to visit the “Seeking the Good Life” exhibit. The exhibit features over 500 artifacts highlighting Johnson County’s history from 1880 to the present. The trip will also include a tour of the 1950’s All-Electric Model House. A bus will leave from Prairie Village City Hall at 10:00 a.m. and return around 2:00 p.m.

The fee of \$2.00 includes refreshments, transportation to and from the Museum, and admission to the 1950’s All-Electric Model House.

If you’re interested in joining the Prairie Village Arts Council on this trip through Johnson County’s history, contact Doug Luther at 913-385-4603 or send an e-mail to [dluther@pvkansas.com](mailto:dluther@pvkansas.com).

For more information about the Johnson County Museums, call 913-631-6709 or visit them on the web at [www.jocoks.com](http://www.jocoks.com).

## Recycling Tips!

Did you know that approximately 65% of Prairie Village residents participate in the City’s Curbside Recycling Program? Last year, Prairie Village residents recycled **4.75 million** pounds of paper, plastic, glass, and aluminum. Curbside recycling in Prairie Village is simple, convenient, and helps protect the environment by diverting recyclables from the landfill. Just put them in your green recycling bin and place it at the curb on trash day.

Deffenbaugh, the City’s solid waste and recycling contractor, will accept the following recyclables:

**PET#1** - containers such as soft drink, liquor, juice, and water bottles. Containers with a screw-neck such as personal care products, salad dressing bottles and peanut butter jars. Remember to rinse out the containers and remove the caps before placing these items in your recycle bin.

**HDPE#2** – containers such as juice, water, detergent, fabric softener, shampoo, and dishwashing detergent bottles. Remember to rinse out the containers and remove the caps before placing these items in your recycle bin.

**Newspapers (preferably dry:)** Loose in the recycle bin or bagged in paper grocery sacks.

**Magazines & Telephone books:** Publications printed on “slick stock” type paper, either magazines or catalogs, including slick ad inserts from newspapers, placed either directly in the bin or bagged in paper grocery sacks.

**Office Paper:** Miscellaneous office paper, envelopes, junk mail, etc., may be bagged with magazines or placed

directly in the recycling bin.

**Glass:** Unbroken, clear, green or brown jars and bottles. Food/beverage containers only. Labels may be left on, but remember to remove the caps before placing them in the recycling bin.

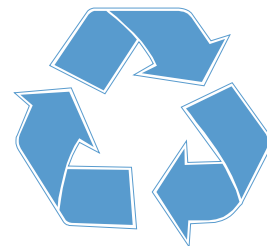
**Aluminum/Steel Cans:** Food/beverage cans only. Labels may be left on, but please empty and rinse the cans before placing them in the recycling bin.

Deffenbaugh **WILL NOT** pick up the following items for recycling:

Motor oil, automotive product bottles, margarine or yogurt containers, pesticide/herbicide bottles, household hazardous waste containers, Styrofoam, broken glass, cardboard such as cereal boxes, or corrugated cardboard, window glass, light bulbs, mirrors, drinking glasses ceramics, etc. Recyclables placed in plastic bags **WILL NOT** be collected.

Please have your recycling bin at curbside by 7:00 a.m. on your collection day.

For more information, please call Deffenbaugh at 913-631-3300.



# Attention Ward 4 Residents and Businesses

Your City Council representatives, **Jerry Kelso** and **Laura Wassmer**, will be hosting a town hall meeting on **Wednesday, October 17th, 7:00 p.m.** in the City Council Chambers, 7700 Mission Road. This is a great opportunity to learn about programs and services provided by the City and, more importantly, to ask questions of your Council representatives and City staff.

If you have any questions about the meeting, contact Doug Luther at 913-385-4603 or send an e-mail to [dluther@pvkansas.com](mailto:dluther@pvkansas.com).



## Prairie Village Notes

### License Plates for Sale

Prairie Village license plates are now on sale for \$2.00 each. Get yours now before they're all gone!

**THANKS TO ALL THE  
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ONE WHO PARTICIPATED  
IN  
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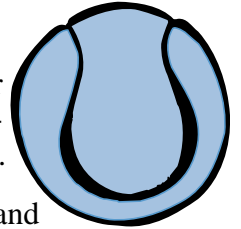
### Everyone May Participate

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.



## JTL Summer Wrap-Up

The Prairie Village Junior Tennis League was stronger than ever this year! The children, ages 11-18, flourished under the leadership of Head Pro, John Morris and Assistant, Rebecca Snodgrass.



The hard work of the kids paid off with the 13 year old boys and girls coming in first place in their division. The 18 year old girls also ranked first place and the 18 year old boys season improved dramatically as it went on with them winding up fifth out of tenth place. The 11 and under boys and girls ended the season ranking seventh and ninth out of 14, respectively.

As an exciting end to the season, Molly McMahon of the Prairie Village Junior Tennis League won first place in the metro area J.T.L. tournament for 13 year old girls. Second place in doubles in that age group went to Prairie Village's Leah Latenser and Molly McMahon. Third place in that group went to yet another Prairie Village player, Caitlin Aaron, followed by Alison Rierison in fourth place.

The 13 year old boys walked away from the tournament with second going to Prairie Village team-mate Justin Anderson. Kyle Westphal and Justin Anderson fought their way through the excruciating heat to take first place.

Junior Tennis League is a program of teams from various clubs in the metro area ranging from nearby locations such as Indian Hills, Carriage Club and Homestead to other locations like Lake Quivira and Northland Racquet Club. So, our heartfelt gratitude is extended to the parent volunteers who donated their time to drive the Prairie Village teams to and from the various matches. Without them this wonderful opportunity couldn't exist for our kids. Kudos to all involved in making 2001 an outstanding year for Prairie Village Junior Tennis League!

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