

Party & Parade, September 15th

The City's 50th Anniversary Celebration will continue on **Saturday, September 15th** with two events: a parade in the morning and an evening concert.

The **Golden Anniversary Parade** will start at 10:00 a.m. at Prairie School, 67th & Mission Road, then head south on Mission Road to the Municipal Campus. Floats representing all aspects of Prairie Village, from neighborhoods to businesses to students will be included. Come early to get a good seat along the parade route. The reviewing stand will be in front of Brighton Gardens at 71st and Mission Road.



Brody Buster

The Post Office will hold an open house at the Prairie Village Post Office, 3710 W. 73rd Terrace, which will feature a commemorative Prairie Village 50th Anniversary hand stamp cancellation.

Immediately following the parade, the Sister City Committee will dedicate a peace pole honoring our sister city of Schaerbeek, Belgium. The ceremony will be on the Municipal Campus, and will also include a presentation by area students.

Make time to stop by the Municipal Campus later in the day for a **"Back to the Future"** party honoring the City's 50th Anniversary.

The party will begin at 6:00 p.m. featuring music, food, dancing, a beer garden, and classic cars. **The Benders**, a local band performing 50's style music, will take you on a musical journey showcased by vocal harmonies reminiscent of years when such groups as The Platters, Dion & The Belmonts, The Coasters, and Elvis ruled the airwaves. The Benders will perform until 8:00 p.m.



The Benders

After a short break the mood will change from 50's pop to Blues, R&B, and Motown sounds featuring Blues harmonica sensation **Brody Buster**, truly a Blues prodigy. By age 12, Brody had already performed with The Four Tops, Quincy Jones, Phil Collins, and the legendary B.B. King. This is a performance, sponsored by the 50th Anniversary Committee and the Prairie Village Arts Council, you won't want to miss.

Ailey Male Trio to Perform in Prairie Village

Come experience the Ailey Male Trio in a special **FREE** workshop sponsored by the Prairie Village Arts Council on Tuesday, October 16, 7:00 p.m. at Mission Valley Middle School, 8500 Mission Road.

The Ailey Male Trio is an engaging experience for students of all ages, as well as their families. The Trio includes three principal male dancers from the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater. The event is part lecture, part class, and part informal performance designed to

provide a dance experience that focuses positively on the male dancer.

In addition to the informal performance, the dancers will also discuss the importance of focusing, work ethic and determination.

For more information about this exciting program, contact Serene Thomas at the Kansas City Friends of Alvin Ailey, 816-471-6003, ext. 11.

Mayor's Message



What's a Roundabout?

You've likely read about them in the newspaper and seen them on TV. You may have even driven through one in Olathe, Parkville, cities in the Eastern United States, or abroad. What are they? They're circular intersections, or **roundabouts**.

How do these intersections work, and are they appropriate for Prairie Village? Come learn more about a proposed design for a roundabout at the intersection of Tomahawk Drive and Mission Road on **Monday, September 17th at 6:00 p.m.** in the City Council Chambers.

Traditional methods to improve vehicular and pedestrian safety and enhance traffic flow at intersections typically include stop signs or traffic signals. However, another method of traffic control, the roundabout or circular intersection, has recently seen a resurgence in popularity throughout the United States, particularly in the Midwest.

There are three types of circular intersections: rotaries, traffic circles, and roundabouts. In these intersections, traffic circulates counter-clockwise around a central island. Roundabouts are generally smaller in size and designed for lower-speed traffic than rotaries and traffic circles. Vehicles within the circular roadway have the right-of-way, while access into the intersection is controlled through yield signs rather than traffic signals. Pedestrian traffic travels at the outer edges of the intersection on the streets approaching the roundabout, well away from the circular roadway.

Studies have shown that roundabouts are generally safer for vehicles and pedestrians than other forms of intersection control. The consistent counter-clockwise movement, lower speeds and consistent flow of vehicles contribute to improved safety. The major reason for the safety improvement is that a roundabout has significantly fewer vehicle-to-vehicle conflict points (locations for possible collisions) and vehicle-to-pedestrian conflict points than a traditional signalized intersection.

This Public Information Meeting has been scheduled due to the potential impact a roundabout would have on drivers in Prairie Village. Before making this type of change in the design of an intersection, the City Council would like to hear input and comments from the public. During this informational meeting, City staff and the City's traffic engineering consultants will present a feasibility study for a roundabout at Tomahawk and Mission Road and answer your questions.

If you would like to experience driving through a roundabout before attending the meeting, two are located nearby. One is at the intersection of South Ridgeview Road and East Sheridan in Olathe. The other is at the intersection of Missouri Route 45 and National Drive in Parkville, Missouri.

For more information, contact Bob Pryzby at 913-385-4640 or send an e-mail to bobpr@pvkansas.com.

I hope to see you on September 17th.

Ronald L. Shaffer
Mayor

Martha S. Heimbaugh Displays in the R.G. Endres Gallery



Summer Garden, 2000

The Municipal Offices' R.G. Endres Gallery will feature a new exhibit by local artist **Martha S. Heimbaugh**. The series "In the Garden" includes a mix of painted word phrases, garden scenes, and abstract imagery. Her three-dimensional works capture light and shadow in exciting and stimulating ways. Her paintings are achieved with fabric paints or fiber-reactive dyes. The exhibit will be on display from September 4th to September 27th. A reception will be held on Friday, September 14th from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to honor Martha and her work. We invite you to explore the stitches she has sewn, the fabrics she has painted, and the shapes she has nurtured. Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Peanut Butter Week September 17th - 21st

Mark your calendars! September 17th through 21st is **Peanut Butter Week** in Prairie Village. This is your opportunity to lend support to **Harvesters** in their efforts to reduce hunger in the greater Kansas City area (including Johnson and Wyandotte Counties) by donating jars of peanut butter at your church, synagogue, school, supermarket, or at the Prairie Village Municipal Offices. You may also help buy peanut butter with your cash contribution by completing and returning the donation form to the right or by making an online donation at www.harvesters.org. Harvesters Food Pantry will distribute the peanut butter to social and charitable agencies serving over 55,000 households.

This is a great opportunity to participate in a community service project. Please join in the 17th annual Prairie Village Peanut Butter Week campaign and help us make this year's Peanut Butter Week the best ever.



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Please complete this form if you wish to make a monetary contribution for Harvesters to purchase peanut butter:

***Make Check Payable to Harvesters**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Amount \$ _____

Drop this form off with your contribution or mail to:
 City of Prairie Village
 Attn: Peanut Butter Week
 7700 Mission Road
 Prairie Village, KS 66208

Volunteers Needed

With children heading back to school, new opportunities to serve our county's senior population are available. The Johnson County Nutrition program delivers noon meals, enabling many seniors to live independently in their homes. Many times, these volunteers provide the only human contact these seniors receive each day.

Countywide volunteers deliver meals to over 565 homebound clients. In Prairie Village alone, meals are delivered to approximately 60 residents each day. Multiply that number by five days a week, and you begin to see the need for volunteers to make sure the meals get delivered every day.

Would you like to be someone's one and only? You could be that for many of our senior citizens who rely on a daily noon meal Monday through Friday from the Johnson County Nutritional Program. If you want to make a difference, call 913-477-8120 for more details.

Tree Board to Host Program

The Fall seminar is set for **Tuesday, September 18th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Prairie Village Community Center. Matt Evans, Tree Board member, will discuss trees appropriate for planting in Prairie Village. Plaques will also be presented to Prairie Village property owners having "Champion Trees" and "Best of Tree Species."

For more information, contact Bob Pryzby at 913-385-4640 or send an e-mail to bobpr@pvkansas.com.

Animal Ordinance Change

The City Council recently amended the City's animal licensing regulations to allow the licensing of pets if their rabies vaccination is current at the time of licensing. This will enable all pet owners to license their pets without changing the date for their animal's annual rabies vaccination. Multiple year vaccinations will continue to be accepted. This change will enable all pet owners to renew their 2002 animal licenses next January and February without incurring a late penalty. If you have any questions, contact the City Clerk's office at 913-381-6464 or send an e-mail to cityclerk@pvkansas.com.

September Tips from the City of Prairie Village Tree Board

Fall is tree planting time. Consider the red maple, which has beautiful red color throughout the year. It is fast growing and tolerates various soil types. Evergreen trees and shrubs stay green year-round and have many advantages such as: good variety in shapes and sizes, great wildlife habitat, good windbreakers, and provide screens between you and your neighbor.



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.



Back-to-School Basics

Shopping for school supplies, clothes, and lunch boxes all signal the beginning of a new and exciting school year. At the beginning of every school year, we need to review safety precautions. Many of these reminders seem like common sense, but without them, many of us would forget the back-to-school basics of safety.



Dawn Clausius

Parents:

- Review the safest route to school with your child and know which route your child will be taking to school.
- Review what "Stranger Danger" is and teach your child what to do if someone tries to abduct them.
- Teach children to walk in pairs and use the "buddy system" when possible.
- Teach children to report suspicious activity to an adult or police officer immediately.

Children:

- Let your parents know where you are going and the route you will travel to get there.
- Know who you can and cannot accept rides from, and never accept a ride from a stranger or anyone your parents have not approved, even if the person tells you it is okay.
- If approached by a stranger or suspicious person while walking or riding to or from school, immediately report it to a teacher, parent or police.
- Always obey street signs and traffic signals, and use crosswalks if they are available.

By following the basics of safety listed above, together we can help ensure that children get to and from school safely.

If you have any questions, you may contact the Prairie Village Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit at 913-385-4613.

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