

THE PRAIRIE VILLAGE Voice

June 2002

VillageFest 2002

Come celebrate **Prairie Village's sixth Annual Independence Day Celebration, VillageFest 2002!** The fun begins at 8:00 a.m. on **Thursday, July 4th**. Admission is **FREE** and all activities will be held on the Municipal Campus, 7700 Mission Road.

ACTIVITIES

Pancake Breakfast featuring **Chris Cakes** begins at 8:00 a.m. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults; children 12 and younger, \$4.00.

Patriotic Service featuring the VillageFest Choir at 10:00 a.m.

Children's Parade: Meet in the S.M. East parking lot by 11:00 a.m. Participants are needed – No registration necessary – Just decorate those bikes, trikes, and wagons and meet us there!

All Prairie Village residents are invited to a **free swim** at the pool complex from 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. on July 4th.

Join the many exciting activities planned: demonstrations by Public Works, the Police Department, and Consolidated Fire District #2.

Inflatables for the children; health screenings provided by the University of Kansas Medical Center Mobile Unit; Family Creativity Center and more!



Rain Dogs

FOOD

Hy-Vee will be selling food and drink all day. You will need lots of energy to enjoy all the activities!

MUSIC

Live Music: Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy live bands throughout the day.

Scheduled to appear: **Jim Cosgrove, Miller-Marley Mini-Tainers, and the Rain Dogs.**

The celebration will culminate with a concert at 2:00 p.m. by **The Wilders**, a bluegrass band.

Everyone is invited to VillageFest 2002! If you need assistance or a reasonable accommodation to participate, please contact the City Clerk's office at 913-381-6464 or TDD 1-800-766-3777 by July 1st to make arrangements.

All events planned are tentative and are subject to change. Visit www.pvkansas.com later in June for details or call 913-381-6464.

★★★★★ **Volunteers Needed!** ★★★★★

Volunteers are still needed to help with VillageFest on Thursday, July 4th. We need volunteers to help with the event and to sing in the VillageFest Choir. Hours are flexible, and benefits are priceless. So get to know your community and make new friends! **VillageFest needs you!**

Please call Kathy Frankum, Volunteer Coordinator, at 913-381-6464 ext. 4206 if you are interested.

Mayor's Message



During March, I had the pleasure of traveling to Jacksonville, Florida to attend the meeting at which our Police Department received the honor of reaccreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). For the second time, the Prairie Village Police

Department belongs to an elite group of over 500 law enforcement agencies in the United States, Canada and Barbados that have received this prestigious, international recognition. The citizens of our City deserve to know that our Police Department has taken extraordinary steps to demonstrate its professionalism and pride in delivering quality law enforcement services to our community.

The Department's initial accreditation in 1999 and its recent reaccreditation is the seal of approval from CALEA, the independent agency consisting of the four major law enforcement membership associations: International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP); National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE); National Sheriffs' Association (NSA); and Police Executive Research Forum (PERF). The Commission is comprised of Chiefs, Sheriffs, elected officials and community leaders appointed by the four founding organizations. CALEA maintains a body of professional law enforcement standards and administers a voluntary process for participation.

Each law enforcement agency seeking accreditation must enter the program voluntarily. Once eligible, the agency must meet or exceed all applicable standards contained in CALEA's manual of 443 standards. The standards

address all areas of administration, operation, and technical support activities. CALEA's rigid standards are met by only 4% of the police agencies in the United States.

Our reaccreditation assures our residents that our Police Department meets the highest standards of professional law enforcement. It represents a pledge by the members of the Police Department to our residents that they demonstrate excellence in their service to our community. The City also benefits monetarily in that we receive a 15% reduction of the City's liability insurance premium due to the Department's adhering to these professional standards.

After attending the ceremony, I now realize how important receiving this reaccreditation is for our Police Department, as well as for the citizens of Prairie Village. I also realize how proud we should be of our Police Department, where the men and women are dedicated to serving each of us with a commitment to excellence. We also need to thank Chief Charles Grover, Lt. Wes Jordan, Lt. John Walter and Cpl. Tim Schwartzkopf for their special efforts to assure this reaccreditation.

We should be tremendously proud of the men and women in our Police Department. When you have the chance, congratulate the members of our friendly, well-trained and nationally recognized Police Department. They deserve our special thanks.

Ron Shaffer
Mayor

The Prairie Village Arts Council Presents. . . Jack O'Neal

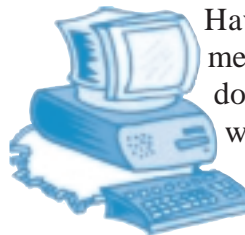


The **Prairie Village Arts Council** is pleased to present the work of **Jack O'Neal** during the month of June.

Jack's watercolor paintings are the product of his "New Beginning" after retirement. Jack has entered and been accepted into a number of regional and national juried art competitions, and his work has been exhibited in five galleries in the Midwest and Idaho. He also has paintings in several corporate collections.

The exhibit will be on display through June 30th. Gallery hours are 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, and 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Fridays.

Pool Applications Available on the Web



Haven't purchased your 2002 pool membership yet? Don't worry, you can download the application from our website at www.pvkansas.com. You can also check out the pool rules and pool membership fees.

After you've completed your application, stop by the Municipal Offices and register in person or drop the application in the mail. Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Tree Planting at City Nursery

The Prairie Village Tree Board, in observance of Arbor Day, participated in the Shawnee Mission East High School Earth Day on April 13th. **Tree Board Members Jack Lewis, Kathy Riordan, Matt Evans and Todd Heuser**, organized a group of Boy Scouts from Troop 299, Asbury United Methodist Church, to work with Public Works employee **Chris Johnson** to plant approximately 150 seedlings in the City Nursery, located just south of the Municipal Campus. This event provided the Boy Scouts an opportunity to perform a community service project and the City received recognition for an Arbor Day activity from Tree City USA.



At the April 15th City Council meeting, Mayor Shaffer received a trophy and a new Tree City USA flag marking the five years the City has been a member of Tree City USA. **THE TREE BOARD WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS PROJECT BECOME AN ANNUAL EVENT!**

A big thanks to the following boy scouts and their troop leaders: Scouts - **Joey Koukel, Robbie Lee, Tommy Lee, Joey Lee, Charles Johnson, Mark Oswald, Alex Abramovitz, Brad Mascall, Taylor Hughes, Tate Kernell, and Alex Zinser.** Adult Leaders - **Mark Koukel and Jim Lee.**

Kids Care ID Event



Jamie McDonald picks out a prize after receiving his KidCare ID Kit.

Missouri Bank & Trust, located in the Prairie Village Shopping Center, recently helped parents create a special identity record for their children. The Kids Care ID event was a hit! Each child received a special booklet containing a photo, height and weight measurements, and fingerprints. A Prairie Village Police Officer was also on hand to meet with the kids and talk about basic safety rules.

This event will take place again in September. For more information contact the Missouri Bank & Trust located at 4140 West 71st Street by calling 913-432-8200.

New Face on City Council

At the April 15th City Council meeting, Council members and City staff said good-bye to council member **Nancy Vennard**, Ward V who leaves after six years of dedicated service to Prairie Village and its residents.

April 15th was also inauguration day for new Council member: **Jeff Anthony**, Ward V. Retaining their seats on the Council were **Bill Griffith**, Ward I; **Steve Noll**, Ward II; **Robert Pierson**, Ward III; **Laura Wassmer**, Ward IV; and **Patty Markley**, Ward VI.



From left to right: Bob Pierson, Steve Noll, Bill Griffith, Jeff Anthony, Patty Markley, Laura Wassmer.

Take a Dip After Dark... Moonlight Swim

The Prairie Village Pool will stay open until 10:00 p.m. on three evenings this summer. This is a great opportunity to get together with friends and enjoy an evening by the Pool. Moonlight swims this summer will be on:

Friday, June 28th • Friday, July 19th • Friday, August 9th



NEEDED: School Crossing Guard

The City of Prairie Village is seeking a School Crossing Guard for the 2002-2003 school year at **Tomahawk Elementary School**, 79th and Lamar, morning and afternoon sessions daily. Morning sessions are from 7:30 a.m. to 8:10 a.m. and afternoon sessions are from 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. This position is for the nine-month school year and pays \$8.45 per session. Uniforms and training are provided. Paid holidays and school breaks. EOE. Persons interested in applying should contact Sgt. Steve Hunter at 913-385-4617 or send an e-mail to jobs@pvkansas.com.



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.



What Is Identity Theft?



Dawn Clausius

Identify Theft happens when someone steals your personal information in order to commit fraud or theft. Identity Theft is a felony.

Identity Theft becomes a concern to victims when purses or wallets are lost or stolen. Due to the amount of personal identification inside, a thief may, for example, use your information to open a credit card account or charge purchases to a card in your name. Many times the victim's credit rating is adversely affected before they even know it.

Here are a few tips:

- Shred or tear up all paperwork with personal information on it before placing it in the trash.
- Shred all applications for credit cards that you receive in your mail if you are not going to obtain the card. Many times all it takes is a signature to activate an account in your name!
- Do not give out personal information to telephone solicitors or anyone you may be unsure of. Instead, obtain their phone number and call them back. Legitimate companies will have no problem giving you their telephone number.
- If your purse or wallet is stolen, obtain a credit report immediately afterwards.

The Internet can be a great source of information for the curious, including thieves! Before putting personal information or your credit card number out on the Internet, determine if the site is a secure site. Most sites will let you know if they are secure or not.

If you would like to receive a free identity theft information pamphlet, contact Dawn Clausius with the Prairie Village Crime Prevention Unit by calling 913-642-6868. For more information about Identity Theft, visit www.pvkansas.com and click on the crime prevention link.

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