

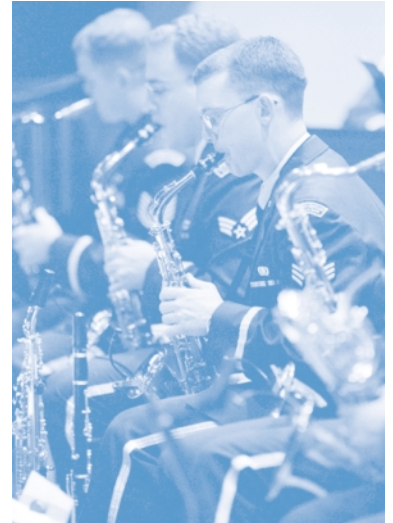
The Noteables Return to Prairie Village

Back by popular demand, **The Noteables**, the official jazz ensemble of the United States Air Force Heartland of America Band, are returning to Prairie Village. This **FREE** concert, sponsored by the **Prairie Village Arts Council**, is scheduled for **7:30 p.m.** on **Sunday, April 7th** at **Asbury United Methodist Church, 5400 W. 75th Street.**

The group's high level of talent and professionalism enables them to perform with unparalleled excitement and versatility. This concert for the

community will feature their extensive repertoire of big band jazz selections including a variety of vocal and instrumental soloists. Audiences of all ages are sure to enjoy **The Noteables**. You won't want to miss this outstanding performance. Free tickets are available at the municipal offices, 7700 Mission Road.

To learn more about the United States Air Force Heartland of America Band, visit them on the web at www.offutt.af.mil/band.



Attention Pet Owners

On **April 1st** the fee for licensing your cat or dog will increase to **\$8** for neutered/spayed pets and **\$16** for pets that have not been neutered or spayed. On **May 1st** the fee will increase to **\$18** for neutered/spayed pets and **\$26** for pets that have not been neutered or spayed. Contact the City Clerk's Office at 913-381-6464 if you have any questions or send an email to cityclerk@pvkansas.com.



Come to a Council Meeting!

City Council meetings are held on the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Offices. At the beginning of each meeting, residents and others wishing to address the Council may participate in the public portion of the meeting. If you have issues you would like to share with your Mayor and City Council, or questions you would like to ask, please come to a meeting and make your voice heard.



City Council meetings for the next few months will be held on:

- March 18th
- April 1st
- April 15th
- May 6th
- May 20th

Mayor's Message



Last month many residents, including my family, were without electricity for several days due to one of the biggest ice storms in Kansas City history. Falling trees knocked down not only power lines, but actual poles in many neighborhoods throughout the City. The City Hall switchboard

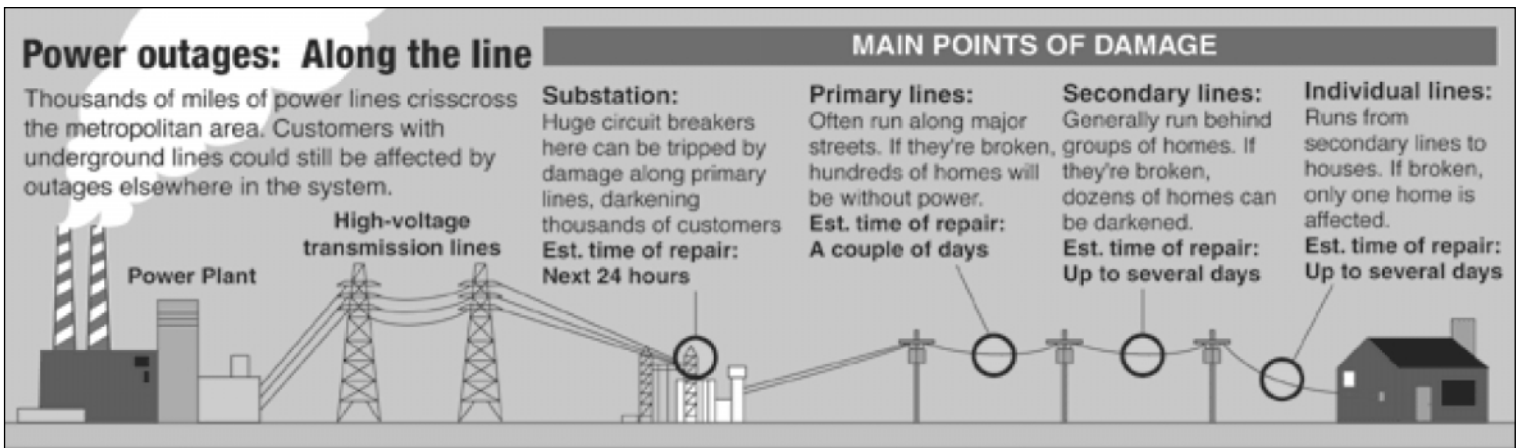
was inundated with phone calls from residents wanting to know why the City could not call Kansas City Power & Light (KCP&L) and have the electricity restored at a faster rate.

Unfortunately, Prairie Village was not the only City struggling with power outages. Many parts of the metropolitan area were also in the dark. At the peak of the storm there were 285,000 KCP&L customers without power. There were 350 crews from KCP&L and 421 out-of-state crews from 12 different states working 16-hour shifts to restore power. City officials received daily updates from KCP&L representatives regarding efforts to restore electricity to Prairie Village neighborhoods. At every occasion City officials urged KCP&L to restore power as quickly as possible.

Not having power can be very frustrating, and patience can run low for everyone. However, working on power lines is a dangerous and time-consuming job. It is very important for the crews to be cautious when repairing downed lines. It can take a crew four hours or more to replace one pole which may only result in power for 12 households. Below is a diagram that may help to understand how power lines are damaged. It also explains the time-frame needed to repair them.

Power outages seem to be more common in Prairie Village and Northeast Johnson County than any of us would like. In an effort to better understand why these power outages occur and to examine possible solutions to this problem, Prairie Village is making plans to join with other cities in Northeast Johnson County in working with Kansas City Power & Light. Stay tuned to future issues of the *Prairie Village Voice* for more information.

Ron Shaffer
Mayor



Source: KCP&L

City Elections: April 2, 2002

When you vote on April 2, 2002 you will be using one of the new Accuvote-TS touch screen voting machines.

Residents are invited to stop by City Hall prior to April 2, 2002 to learn how the machines work and give them a test. If you are unable to make it by City Hall, you can call the Johnson County Election Office at 913-782-3441

and make an appointment to stop by and see a demonstration.

To learn more about the new voting machines check out the Johnson County Election website at www.jocoelection.org.

Large Item Pick-Up is May 18th

This year the City's annual large-item pick-up will be on **Saturday, May 18th**. This is a free service to Prairie Village residents, so take advantage of it. This is a great time to get rid of those old appliances, pieces of furniture, and other bulky items that cannot be hauled away with your regular trash, and are taking up space in your garage or basement. For more information about large item pick-up call 913-381-6464 or visit www.pvkansas.com.

All items must be at the curb by 7:30 a.m. on May 18th for collection.



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.



My Dog is Lost. What Do I Do?

Unfortunately, a surprisingly large number of Prairie Village residents ask themselves this question. Each year Prairie Village Animal Control responds to hundreds of lost animal calls.

Prairie Village's Community Service Officers **Michele Craig** and **Tina Howard** are here to help. They are on duty every day, enforcing the City's Animal Control ordinances, such as the leash law, animal licensing regulations, and the City's "pooper scooper" ordinance.



Community Service Officers Michelle Craig (left) and Tina Howard

If your pet is lost, contact the Police Communications Center at 913-642-6868 or 913-642-5151. A Dispatcher will take general information on your animal and will check to see if someone has already located your missing pet. When a Community Service Officer finds an animal, an attempt is first made to return the animal to its owner. But if the owner cannot be located, the animal is taken to the **Animal Medical Center**, located at 75th & Wornall. The phone number of Animal Medical Center is 816-333-4484.

If you live close to another municipality, you should check with them as well. Pets know no boundaries!

Leawood:	913-642-5555
Northeast JOCO:	913-782-6410
Overland Park:	913-895-6410
Kansas City, MO:	816-871-5900

One of the best ways to increase the chances of your pet being safely returned to you is to make sure your pet has a collar with a current Prairie Village Pet License tag as well as an identification tag with your address and phone number on it.

Hopefully you will never need to make these calls. But if you do, Prairie Village Animal Control is here to help.

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