

THE PRAIRIE VILLAGE Voice

June 2003

VillageFest 2003 – Friday, July 4th

Come celebrate Prairie Village's 7th Annual Independence Day Celebration, VillageFest 2003, on the Municipal Campus, 7700 Mission Road, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A full day of fun is planned for all ages.

The festivities will begin with a pancake breakfast hosted by Chris Cakes. Other activities throughout the day will include a Patriotic Service, a Children's Parade, live music, a Family Creative Center, inflatables for children, displays and demonstrations by the Prairie Village Police Department, Prairie Village Public Works, and Consolidated Fire District #2.



PRELIMINARY 2003 VILLAGEFEST SCHEDULE

8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Pancake Breakfast hosted by Chris Cakes (Cost: \$5 adults; \$4 children under 12)
9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Child Fingerprinting
9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Family Creativity Center
9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Miller Marley Entertainers
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Patriotic Service featuring the VillageFest Choir Presentation of Taliaferro Community Spirit Awards
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Wacky Banana Inflatables
11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Children's Parade. No Registration Needed – Meet in the Shawnee Mission East Parking Lot
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Appearance by KC Wolf
11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.	Jim Cosgrove – Children's Storyteller and Musician
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Appearance by Slugger
1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Med-Act Demonstration

LIVE MUSIC

1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.	Shenanigans
2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	The Rain Dogs
3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	The Uprights, Winners of Rockhurst 2003 Battle of the Bands – Sponsored by the Prairie Village Arts Council

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Prairie Village Police Department and Public Works Displays
- Clowns, Magicians, Uncle Sam, Statue of Liberty
- Black Belt Demonstrations
- University of Kansas Medical Van
- Consolidated Fire District #2 Displays and Demonstrations
- LifeNet Eagle Helicopter (scheduled to appear)
- Beaks-n-Wings Bird Displays
- FREE SWIM for PV Residents
- And plenty more surprises throughout the day!

Everyone is invited to VillageFest 2003! Bring your family, friends, and neighbors! If you need assistance or a reasonable accommodation to participate in VillageFest, please contact the City Clerk's office at cityclerk@pvkansas.com, 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 for more details or call 913-381-6464.

Mayor's Message



Although Summer won't "officially" begin until June 21st, a look around Prairie Village indicates that Summer is in full swing.

- On May 24th, the Prairie Village Pool Complex opened for the season.
- The last day of school for students in the Shawnee Mission School District was May 28th.
- Plans are underway for VillageFest, the City's annual 4th of July celebration. Be sure to check out the VillageFest schedule in this issue of the Prairie Village Voice.
- Each time I pass by one of the City's parks, I notice the playgrounds, ball fields, and walking paths are filled with people of all ages enjoying the sunshine and warm temperatures.
- Driving or walking through the City's neighborhoods, I see people mowing yards, planting flowers and tending gardens.
- The warmer evenings bring families outside for ice cream at TCBY in the Prairie Village Shops, Mely's Yogurt & Ice Cream in Corinth, and Maggie Moo's on State Line.

But Summer isn't all about taking it easy. With swim lessons, baseball and soccer games, tennis tournaments, vacations, and more, any family's schedule fills up quickly.

As the Summer of 2003 gets underway and we go about making the most of the season, I would ask all Prairie Village residents to take some time out of their busy schedules to enjoy all Prairie Village has to offer. Go cool off on a hot Summer day at the Prairie Village Pool; take a stroll through your neighborhood and get to know your neighbors; or spend an evening dining outdoors at one of Prairie Village's fine restaurants.

And, don't forget, plan to spend Friday, July 4th on the Municipal Campus for VillageFest!!

Have a great Summer!!

Ron Shaffer
Mayor

The Prairie Village Arts Council Presents... Joseph L. Smith

What do a student, a teacher, an artist and a firefighter all have in common? Joseph L. Smith...he's been all four! Not only is he a man of many talents, he is also an

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artist with a mastery of a variety of media. Watercolors, acrylics and even ceramics are included in his repertoire.

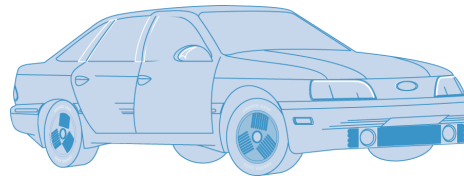
The Prairie Village Arts Council will exhibit his paintings in the R.G. Endres Gallery during June. Joseph has captured recognizable scenes from the Kansas City landscape as well as images from his own ethnic background. Come and see for yourself why this award-winning artist has received both local and national recognition for his works.

The exhibit will be on display through June 30th. Gallery hours are 8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. on Friday.

Volunteer Drivers Needed for Catch-A-Ride

Transportation to the doctor, to the bank, to the grocery store is difficult for many older individuals or those with a disability who cannot drive themselves. Catch-A-Ride is a volunteer program operated by the Johnson County Agency on Aging to match volunteer drivers with those needing a ride.

The service is provided on a donation basis.



There is a desperate need for volunteer drivers in Northeast Johnson

County. If you're at least 25 years of age, have a car, a valid driver's license, automobile insurance, and you'd like to fill this need in the community, please give Volunteer Coordinator Kelli Wroten a call at 913-477-8174 or Jane Hurst at 913-722-0039. You can set your own schedule.

Summer Safety Tips



Dawn Clausius

The rising temperatures and extra daylight make it a perfect time to clean, organize and make those needed renovations or changes to your home. Now is an ideal time to get outside and take a look at the security of your home. There are many simple steps you can take to help avoid becoming a victim of a burglary. Here are some of these simple steps:

- Have a residential security survey performed on your home by the Crime Prevention Officer. The survey addresses locks, lighting, landscaping and other security and safety issues. The survey is free of charge to Prairie Village residents.
- Keep doors and windows locked and secure at all times. Many burglaries occur through unsecured or open doors or windows both during daytime and nighttime hours. Locks are not for looks — they are to be used.
- Use your lights at night! Put inside lights on timers to give the appearance that someone is home. Burglars have been known to drive the streets after dark and pick

which homes they want to target due to lack of interior lighting. Exterior lighting can also be a deterrent to criminal activity. Be sure to place exterior lighting up high and out of reach of a possible burglar.

- Utilize the Housewatch Program when you go out of town. When leaving town, call the Police Communications Center at 913-642-5151, and request your home be placed on Housewatch. A police officer will periodically check the security of your home while you are away.
- Report suspicious activity to the police when you see it! Police officers are on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and available to respond to your call. Police would rather investigate the activity when it happens than respond later to take a criminal activity report.
- Get in the habit of keeping your home safe and secure and teach your family to do the same!

By making a few simple changes, you can reduce the opportunity for a burglar or thief to target your home or property. For more information about crime prevention, please contact the Crime Prevention Officer at 913-385-4613, or send an e-mail to dclausius@pvkansas.com.

Longtime Planning Commissioner Retires



For the past eleven years, Robin Walker has been a fixture on the Prairie Village Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals. During that time, Robin has observed many changes in Prairie Village and has been instrumental in helping Prairie Village develop and maintain the City's residential character.

Mr. Walker recently announced his retirement from the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals.

At the May 19th City Council meeting, Mayor Shaffer honored Robin for his years of service to the City with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Update: The Communicator Emergency Notification System

The Prairie Village Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit would like to update Prairie Village residents on the status of the Communicator emergency notification system. Since its announcement in January, the Department has received correspondence from over 200 residents wanting to add their non-published phone numbers to the system and two requests to be removed from the system. We received many questions on how the system works, what it will be used for and if the system is capable of contacting residents who use special communication devices.

The City wishes to ensure that this important service is provided to its residents who need special communications in order to receive messages from the Communicator emergency notification system. If you or any other resident are using a special communication service and want to be contacted by The Communicator System, please contact Crime Prevention Officer Dawn Clausius at 913-385-4613, TDD 1-800-766-3777 or by e-mail at dclausius@pvkansas.com.

All information submitted will be confidential and used solely for The Communicator System.

City Offices Will Close Early

Due to the July 4th holiday, the Municipal Offices will close at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 3rd. The office will reopen on Monday, July 7th at 8:00 a.m.

As always, emergency services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week by dialing 9-1-1.

Fall Tree Board Seminar is Scheduled

The Prairie Village Tree Board is planning its annual Fall Tree Seminar for October 1, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. in the Prairie Village Community Center. The program will include the giving of Champion Tree awards and a discussion by a State Forester on services provided by the State of Kansas. Refreshments will be provided and drawings will be held for shrubs and trees.

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.

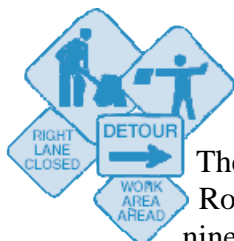


Take a Dip After Dark – Moonlight Swim

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.

Weather permitting, moonlight swims will be on:

- June 27th
- July 18th
- August 8th



Mission Road Bridge Replacement: Construction to Begin June 16th

The Mission Road bridge between Mission Lane and Tomahawk Road will be replaced beginning June 16th and take approximately ninety (90) days to complete. The following detours will be used:

- Truck traffic will use a detour along 75th Street, Roe, and Tomahawk Road.
- Passenger vehicles will use a detour along 71st Street and Tomahawk Road.

The Mission Road entrance to the Prairie Village Shopping Center just North of 71st Street will remain open during construction.

For more information, contact Kevin Bruemmer, Public Works Project Coordinator, at 913-385-4646 or by e-mail at kbruemmer@pvkansas.com.

★ ★ Volunteers Needed! ★ ★

Volunteers are still needed to help with VillageFest on Friday, July 4th. We need volunteers to help with the event and to sing in the VillageFest Choir. Hours are flexible and benefits are priceless.

Get to know your community and make new friends! VillageFest needs you! If you're interested in volunteering, call 913-381-6464 or send an email to villagefest@pvkansas.com.

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