

Third Annual Earth Fair – Saturday, April 12th, 9 AM-2 PM Shawnee Mission East High School Gym • 75th and Mission Road FREE ADMISSION!

The Prairie Village Environmental Committee is teaming up with the **Shawnee Mission East Environmental Club** to bring you the third annual Earth Fair!

Come and have fun with the whole family! Exhibits and displays at this year's Earth Fair celebration will include:

- Cars of the future
- Award-winning films for all ages
- Local bands
- Organic lunch
- Briarwood, Corinth, and Indian Hills performers
- Solar and wind energy alternatives
- Native perennials on sale
- Eco-friendly handcrafted gifts
- Awesome live animals
- Sign-ups for organic produce from local family farms
- Computer games
- Crafts for kids
- Information about Kansas environmental issues
- Door prizes
- Giant used book sale
- And MORE, MORE, MORE!!!!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!! **EARTH DAY 2003 IS NOT A SPECTATOR SPORT!**

Your help is needed to make Earth Day 2003 a success. Schools, businesses, churches, and other community groups and interested individuals are needed to help publicize Earth Day.

To find out how you or your organization can help, contact Margaret Thomas at 913-341-5805 or e-mail mgt84roe@aol.com.

Learning About Prairie Village

Have you ever wanted to know why the City requires a permit to remodel your home or replace your roof? Would you like to know what the City Planning Commission does? Do you have questions about the City's Code Enforcement program?

If so, join us at **7:00 p.m.** on **Tuesday, March 25th** in the Municipal Offices for the next installment of "Learning About Prairie Village". City staff members, including the

Building Official and Code Enforcement Officer, will provide information about the City's Planning, Zoning, Code Enforcement, and Municipal Court programs. The sessions last about 90 minutes and refreshments will be provided this session.

For more information or to register to attend this session, please contact Lori Franke at 913-381-6464 extension 4207 or send an e-mail to lfranke@pvkansas.com.

Mayor's Message



Although we're just a couple of months into 2003, planning is already underway for the City's 2004 budget. As we all know, these are difficult times. Many in the metro area, including Prairie Village, have lost their jobs or their jobs are in jeopardy. Some local business owners are finding it difficult to stay profitable. And for months we've been following the State's budget crisis. The City's financial situation is directly linked to those of our citizens. Given this set of circumstances, developing a balanced City budget for 2004 will be a major challenge.

Recent statements by Governor Sebelius and State legislators indicate cities should not expect to continue receiving financial assistance from the State. For Prairie Village, this means an immediate loss of at least \$300,000 in funds that are critical to maintaining existing City services like police protection, street and storm sewer maintenance, and more. If these funds are not available, City Council members, staff and myself will be faced with many difficult decisions. When money is tight, it's necessary to re-evaluate priorities and find creative ways to make ends meet. A likely theme for the City's 2004 budget process will be "Doing more with less."

So, what role can Prairie Village residents play in addressing these problems? First, you can help City Council members and me set priorities by talking to us. We're ready to listen. You can call us, send an e-mail to citycouncil@pvkansas.com, strike up a conversation with one of us while standing in line at the grocery store, or attend a City Council meeting. Your thoughts and suggestions are important and greatly appreciated.

You can also contact your State Legislators and let them know your opinions. Phone numbers and e-mail addresses for these individuals are available in the "links" section of www.pvkansas.com.

Although balancing the City's 2004 budget will be difficult, I'm confident that together, we can work through these challenges and continue to provide high-quality City services we all take for granted at a reasonable cost.

We look forward to hearing from you!!

Ron Shaffer
Mayor

Homes Association Organizational Meeting Wednesday, April 16th

A Homes Association Organizational Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 16th** at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. The meeting will address advantages of having an active homes association. We will cover ways to start one, what is involved in the initial stages, and how to energize an inactive homes association. All Prairie Village residents are invited to attend.

For more information, contact Brett Wise at (913) 381-6464 or send an e-mail to bwise@pvkansas.com.

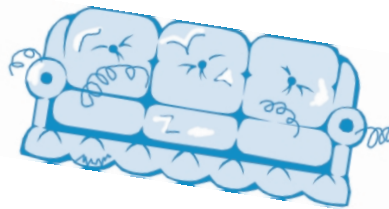
Arbor Day Observance

In observance of Arbor Day, the **Tree Board** will be at the City Nursery (east of the Santa Fe Pavilion) on **Saturday, March 22nd** at **10:00 a.m.** This year's observance will include pruning and mulching the trees in the nursery. For more information, contact Bob Pryzby at 913-385-4640 or send an email to bobpr@pvkansas.com.



Remember! Large Item Pick-Up is MARCH 29th

This year the City's annual large-item pick-up will be on **Saturday, March 29th**. 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 the website at www.pvkansas.com.

All items must be at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on March 29th for collection.



The Prairie Village Arts Council Presents: The Friends of Johnson County Developmental Supports

The **Prairie Village Arts Council** and the **Friends of Johnson County Developmental Supports** (JCDS) will sponsor an exhibit of original abstract art in the Prairie Village Municipal Offices' R.G. Endres Gallery during the month of March.



The artwork is provided by men and women participating in JCDS Vocational Training programs. Creating these one-of-a-kind abstracts provides

physical therapy, recreation and socialization for the artists, as well as an outlet to freely express themselves and their creativity. The artists use a variety of media including watercolors, acrylics, powdered chalk, and crayon. The uniquely individual pieces are then matted and framed by volunteers.

The exhibit will be on display from March 3rd to March 31st. Gallery hours are 8 am – 7 pm Monday – Thursday and 8 am – 5 pm Friday.

Help Wanted— Lifeguards and Concession Workers for the Prairie Village Pool

The City of Prairie Village is accepting applications for lifeguards and concession workers for the 2003 pool season. Lifeguard pay begins at \$8/hour. Concession workers' pay begins at \$5.50/hour. Applicants must be 16 years of age or older at time of hire to work as a lifeguard or concession worker. The interview process for lifeguards began in late February, so any additional applications should be submitted as soon as possible. Returning lifeguards and concession workers must also submit an application.

Applications are available at the City Clerk's office at 7700 Mission Road or on-line at www.pvkansas.com. If you have questions contact Brett Wise at 913-381-6464 ext. 4206 or email to bwise@pvkansas.com

The American Red Cross is offering lifeguard certification courses. Please contact Michelle Jantz at 816-931-8400 for further information on these courses. All Prairie Village lifeguards must be Red Cross certified at time of hire.

Brick Order Deadline March 28th

The Prairie Village Arts Council continues to sell personalized bricks for the Community Center patio, but time is running out! If you would like to order a brick for yourself or a loved one, your order must be received by **March 28th** for the brick to be installed in time for VillageFest 2003. Individual bricks are priced at \$35, with a portion of the amount being tax-deductible. Corporate sponsorships begin at \$100.

Simply fill out and mail your order form to have your personalized message **“Carved in Stone.”** For more information about the Prairie Village Arts Council's Pave the Patio Project, call Lori Franke at 913-381-6464 extension 4207 or send an e-mail to lfranke@pvkansas.com.

Pave the Patio Order Form

Name _____ *Company or Individual*

Contact _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Day Phone _____

Line 1

Line 2

Maximum 30 characters per brick

Attach copy of corporate logo if applicable

Attach additional pages for multi-brick orders

- \$35 Individual Donor
- \$100 Corporate Donor
logo in 2 bricks
- \$300 Corporate Patron
6 bricks (including logo)
- \$500 Corporate Sponsor
10 bricks (including logo)
- Gift Certificate**
for the above individual

*Checks payable to
Prairie Village Arts Council*

Mail to: City of Prairie Village
Pave the Patio Project
7700 Mission Road
Prairie Village, KS 66208

Questions call Lori Franke
381-6464, Ext. 4207

Volunteers Needed!

The **Prairie Village Environmental and Recycling Committee** is looking for Prairie Village residents eager to serve. The Committee meets monthly at City Hall. Volunteers help engage and educate the local community about recycling and environmental education through a variety of interesting and fun events including Earth Fair, VillageFest, and community forums. If interested, contact Margaret Thomas at 913-341-5805 or mgt84roe@aol.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.



Voted Best Mail Carrier

Mr. Russell White, postal carrier for many residents of Prairie Village, was recently named as "Best Mail Carrier" by *The Squire*.

We congratulate Mr. White on his achievement.

A Message from Consolidated Fire District No. 2

According to the National Fire Protection Association, space heaters are one of the leading causes of home fires. When used improperly, space heaters that are gas-fueled, kerosene-fueled, or electric, fixed or portable, can lead to serious injury or death.

- When buying a portable or fixed space heater, make sure it carries the mark of a nationally recognized testing laboratory. Follow the manufacturer's instructions when utilizing home heating equipment, and make sure wood stoves are properly installed.
- Keep portable space heaters at least three feet from anything that can burn.
- When buying space heaters, make sure that they include an automatic shut-off feature in case the unit becomes over heated or tips over.
- Be sure any gas-fueled heating device is properly ventilated to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning.

If you have any questions, please contact your local Fire Department at 913-432-1105.

Chief Ron Graham
Fire District #2

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