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THE PRAIRIE VILLAGE VOICE



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Concerned About the Environment?

If so, the Prairie Village Environmental Committee is for you!

Some of the most successful environmental work in the Kansas City area has been done in Prairie Village through a committee that refers to itself as the "environment gang." Officially known as the **Prairie Village Environmental Committee**, this active group of Prairie Village residents has dreamed up and carried out projects such as:

- Curbside recycling
- Yard waste collection
- Phone book and magazine recycling
- Recycling at Prairie Village schools and businesses
- Sponsoring environmental education programs



The Environmental Committee has had many successes and there are surely more to come. To discover new ideas and make them work, we need others to join this active, friendly, enthusiastic group. To get involved and make a difference, contact Margaret Thomas at 913-341-5805 or send an e-mail to mgt84roe@aol.com.

Sister City Young Artist Competition

The Prairie Village Sister City Committee is sponsoring the **2005 Young Artists Competition**. To enter the local competition, art work inspired by the theme "**Connecting Global Villages**" can be submitted by Prairie Village residents ages 13 to 18. Prizes will be awarded to the top three winners in the local competition. The winning piece

will be submitted to Sister Cities International, Inc. and entered in the international competition. For more details or to pick up a brochure, contact Joshua Farrar at 913-381-6464 or e-mail jfarrar@pvkansas.com or visit www.pvkansas.com.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

The ghosts and goblins of Halloween have passed, the elections are behind us and there is a chill in the air. Winter is definitely on its way, along with the holiday season. It's the time of year when we gather together with family and friends, enjoy each other's company and, more often than not, exchange gifts.

In holiday seasons past, you've likely read articles in the *Prairie Village Voice* encouraging you to "Shop Prairie Village for the Holidays" and support local merchants and other businesses. I would like to share with you a new and exciting way you can help support Prairie Village businesses this holiday season and throughout the year . . . with the **Prairie Village Gift Card**.



The **Prairie Village Gift Card** is a stored value gift card. It is similar to a typical store issued gift card, but with one major difference. . . the **Prairie Village Gift Card** is redeemable at over 100 shops, restaurants, and service businesses located throughout the City. For a complete list of participating businesses, stop by the Municipal Offices or visit www.pvkansas.com.

Gift cards will be available for sale beginning December 1st at the Municipal Offices, through the Prairie Village Merchant's Association office in the Prairie Village Shopping Center, and by mail with the order form included in this issue of the *Prairie Village Voice*.

As Prairie Village residents, we are well aware of the unique shopping, dining and other business opportunities in our city. The **Prairie Village Gift Card** will allow us to share Prairie Village with family, friends, and anyone else we wish this holiday season. So this year, give the gift of Prairie Village for the holidays.

To learn more about the Shop Prairie Village Gift Card program, contact Doug Luther at 913-385-4603, send an e-mail to dluther@pvkansas.com, or visit the City's web site, www.pvkansas.com.

Have a happy and safe holiday season. And remember to Shop Prairie Village!!!

Ron Shaffer
Mayor

Peanut Butter Week is a Success

Peanut Butter Week 2004 ended on a high note. Prairie Village presented The Harvesters Community Food Network with over **7,000 pounds** of peanut butter and **over \$500** in monetary donations.

We would like to especially thank **Mark Harken**, a fifth grader at Prairie Elementary School. He collected 216 jars of peanut butter (\$280 worth)! Mark contributed \$75 of his allowance and received donations from his parents, grandparents, aunt & uncle, and his pastor to purchase peanut butter.

This outpouring of kindness, support and goodwill for such a worthwhile cause is greatly appreciated.



Mayor's Holiday Tree Lighting

Make plans now to attend the annual Mayor's Holiday Tree Lighting Celebration! Join your City Council representatives and City staff at **6:30 p.m.** on **Monday, November 29th** at the Municipal Offices, 7700 Mission Road.

This annual event is sponsored by the **Prairie Village Municipal Foundation** to support the **Mayor's Holiday Tree Fund**. Trees in various parts of the City will be lit as a reminder that there are people in our community who may not be able to afford to pay their utility bills or make repairs to their homes. To meet the needs of our fellow citizens, the Prairie Village Municipal Foundation makes an annual appeal for contributions to the Fund to help our neighbors.

If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution, please cut out the donation form below and return it to the Municipal Offices at 7700 Mission Road.

Have a happy and safe holiday season.

Yes, I want to help! Enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution to the Mayor's Holiday Tree Fund.

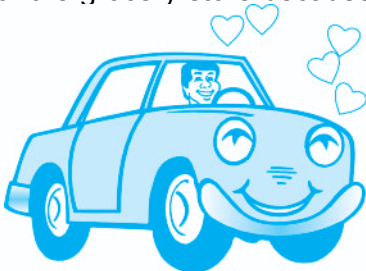


Name _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Home Phone #: _____
Work Phone #: _____
Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: **Prairie Village Municipal Foundation**
and mail with this form to **Mayor's Holiday Tree Fund**
City of Prairie Village, 7700 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS 66208

Meals on Wheels and Catch-A-Ride Need Volunteers

Many older adults in Johnson County receive noon meals at their residence or need a ride to doctor's appointments or the grocery store because they are no longer able to drive. These services are provided by caring volunteers who not only deliver a nutritious meal or a ride, but also a personal link to the community.



The need for these services is growing, and additional volunteers are needed. Please join in the effort to help older adults remain independent in their homes.

For more information contact the Volunteer Coordinator at 913-477-8174.

Arts

COUNCIL
Prairie Village
Presents

MidAmerica
Pastel Society

The MidAmerica Pastel Society (MAPS) will be presenting its Seventh Annual Small Painting Show in the Municipal Offices' R.G. Endres Gallery. This talented group of individuals proves that size does not really matter in the world of art, as they capture landscapes, still lifes, florals, figures and wildlife in oil pastel paintings no larger than 8" x 10".

The exhibit will be on display from November 2nd - November 29th.

*The Gallery is located in the
Prairie Village Municipal Offices
at 7700 Mission Road
and is open
Monday through Thursday
8: a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and
Fridays until 5:00 p.m.*



City Offices Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

City offices will close at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 24th and will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 25th & 26th in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. As always, Emergency Services will remain available by calling 9-1-1.

Upcoming Trash Holiday

Deffenbaugh, the City's solid waste collection and recycling contractor, will be observing the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 25th. If this is your normal pick-up day, your solid waste, yard waste, and recyclables will be collected one day later.

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 1-800-766-2777) at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting time, if possible, to make arrangements.



Prairie Village: Our Story — *The Perfect Gift!*

Prairie Village: Our Story is a 50th Anniversary book celebrating the history of Prairie Village. The pages are filled with stories and photos of Prairie Village past and present.

The book is available in the City Clerk's Office. Stop by and purchase your copy today. You may also place your order by mail. The cost of the book is \$21.43, if purchased at City Hall and \$25.75, if purchased by mail. The mail order cost includes shipping. Please make checks payable to City of Prairie Village.

Order Your Brick for the Holidays!

Personalized bricks make great holiday gifts for those who have everything! The Prairie Village Arts Council continues to sell personalized bricks, which will be installed in the patio of the Community Center during June, 2005. Prices for individual bricks are \$35 and corporate sponsorships begin at \$100. Funds raised through the "Pave the Patio" project will cover the costs of engraving and installing the bricks, and will help support continued cultural arts programs for the community.

For additional information or to receive an order form, call Lori Franke at 913-381-6464, e-mail to lfranke@pvkansas.com or visit www.pvkansas.com.

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Prairie Village Gift Card Order Form



This holiday season, share Prairie Village with friends, family and colleagues with the Prairie Village Gift Card.

The Prairie Village Gift Card is a gift certificate to restaurants, unique shops, and services provided by Prairie Village businesses.

The Prairie Village Gift Card is redeemable at over 100 locations throughout the City.

Gift Cards may be purchased at:

- Prairie Village Municipal Offices, PV Merchants Association, Prairie Village Shopping Center
- By mail/fax — complete the attached order and mail/fax with your payment to the Municipal Offices

To learn more about the Prairie Village Gift Card, contact Doug Luther at 913-385-4603 or send an e-mail to dluther@pvkansas.com.

Purchaser Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

Number of Gift Cards: _____

Amount: \$10 \$25 \$50 \$100
(Circle one) _____ Other _____ (\$10 minimum)

Total \$ _____

Payment Type (circle one)

Cash Check Visa / MC

Name on Credit Card: _____

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date _____

Signature: _____

The issuer of the card identified on this item is authorized to pay the amount shown as TOTAL upon proper presentation. I promise to pay such TOTAL (together with any other charges due thereon) subject to and in accordance with the agreement governing use of such card.

Mail or fax to:
City of Prairie Village
Attn: Prairie Village Gift Card
7700 Mission Road
Prairie Village, Kansas 66208
Fax: 913-381-7755

Upon receipt of your order, a Prairie Village Gift Card will be mailed to the address identified above.