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2005 Young Artists Competition

Sponsored by the Prairie Village Sister City Committee

The Prairie Village Sister City Committee is sponsoring the 2005 Young Artists Competition. The competition's goal is to engage youth from around the world with the sister city mission. Young artists use the competition's theme to express their concept of the mission. This year's theme is "**Connecting Global Villages.**"

Each participating student artist must be between the ages of 13 and 18, and a resident of Prairie Village. Each entry requires a completed official entry form, which must be submitted with the art work by February 11, 2005. Only two-dimensional artwork, no larger than 24" x 30" is accepted. Water color, oils, pastels, pen and ink, charcoal, photography, two dimensional mixed media, and computer generated art are all acceptable media. Entries should be mounted on foam core. Please do not submit framed artwork. All artwork received will be displayed

in the Municipal Offices' R.G. Endres Gallery during March 2005.

All entrants will receive a Certificate of Participation. Locally, three prizes will be awarded: Prairie Village Gift Cards in the amount of \$75, \$50, and \$25 for the top three entries. The overall winning entry will be submitted to the international competition.

Ten winners of the international competition will receive \$300 each. The art work becomes the artistic property of Sister City International and will be displayed at the Sister Cities International Annual Conference in Spokane, Washington, July 27 – 30, 2005.

To receive an entry form visit www.pvkansas.com, call Joshua Farrar at 913-381-6464 or send an email to jfarrar@pvkansas.com.

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Attention Homes Associations

Does your Homes Association have a website? If so, contact Doug Luther at 913-385-4603 or send him an email at

dluther@pvkansas.com so your homes association's website can be linked to the City's site.



This month, the Kansas Legislature will begin its 2005 session in Topeka. While any number of issues may arise during the course of this year's legislative session, here are a few likely ones:

- State funding of public education
- Economic development policy
- Tax policy, including sales and excise taxes
- Transportation policy

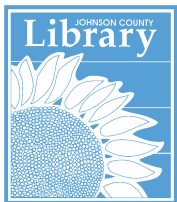
Your state legislators will be tackling these and other difficult issues in the coming months. Their decisions will affect us all.

A few months ago, I encouraged Prairie Village residents to become informed voters and cast ballots in the November, 2004 election. Thank you for your critical interest. Becoming an active and involved citizen is an ongoing process, and a great number of our residents do participate, not just every four years, but on a continuing basis. Each of us should make an effort to let our elected officials know how we feel about the issues, regardless of whether or not there is an upcoming election. They do value our opinions.

For a listing of the Prairie Village legislative delegation and how to contact them, visit the "links" section of www.pvkansas.com. Updates about this year's legislative session in Topeka are also available at www.kslegislature.org.

Ron Shaffer, *Mayor*

MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Johnson County Library Ranks as One of the Nation's Best

The Johnson County Library is one of the best public libraries in the nation, according to an American Public Library Rating Index (HAPLR). In an article released in the October 2004 American Libraries magazine entitled "Great American Public Libraries", Thomas J. Hennen, Jr. presented his rating system of more than 9,000 libraries nationwide. Johnson County Library ranked second highest in the population category of 250,000 to 499,999, which included 95 libraries.

In the state averages on the HAPLR index, Kansas public libraries ranked 6th and Missouri libraries ranked 15th. More information about the tabulations in the HAPLR index can be found on the Web at www.haplr-index.com.



Lifeguard & Coach Applications Being Accepted

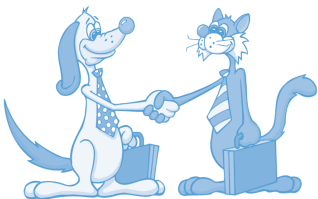
The City is accepting applications for:

- **Lifeguards**
- **Dive team head coach**
- **Assistant dive coach**
- **Swim team head coach**
- **Assistant swim team coach**
- **Synchronized swim team head coach**
- **Assistant synchronized swim teach coach**

City Employment Applications and job descriptions for these positions are available at www.pvkansas.com.

Return all applications to: Human Resource Specialist, Prairie Village Municipal Offices, 7700 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS 66208.

For more information, contact Joshua Farrar at 913-381-6464 or email jfarrar@pvkansas.com.



2005 Animal Licensing

City ordinance requires the annual licensing of all cats and dogs residing in the City. The ordinance also requires proof of a current rabies vaccination for licensing. Now is the time to license your dog or cat for the 2005 licensing year.

NOTE: The vaccination does not have to be valid throughout the calendar year, but must be valid at the time of licensing. THEREFORE, ALL PETS CAN BE LICENSED IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY before late fees are assessed. The license fee for a spayed or neutered pet is \$6. The fee for an animal that has not been spayed or neutered is \$12. Additional information is available at www.pvkansas.com or you can contact the City Clerk's Office at 913-381-6464 or send an email to cityclerk@pvkansas.com.

Arts COUNCIL Prairie Village

PRESENTS

January

The R.G. Endres Gallery will be closed during the month of January.

February

The Prairie Village Arts Council is pleased to present the work of Norma J. Herring in the R.G. Endres Gallery during the month of February. Herring's exhibit will focus on watercolors created at her Summer cottage on the beautiful Lake of the Woods in southern Ontario, Canada. The native wildlife and pristine scenery serve as the inspiration for many of her works.

The exhibit will be on display from February 2nd - February 25th.

The Gallery is located in the Prairie Village Municipal Offices at 7700 Mission Road and is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



City Offices Will Be Closed

City offices will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday on **Monday, January 17th, 2005.**

City offices will be closed in observance of President's Day on **Monday, February 21st, 2005.**

As always, Emergency Services will remain available by calling 911.

Upcoming Trash Holidays

Deffenbaugh, the City's solid waste collection and recycling contractor, will be observing the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday on Monday, January 17th. As a result, trash and recycling collection will be one day late during the week of January 17th.

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.



VillageFest 2005

The VillageFest 2005 Planning Committee will have its first meeting on Thursday, January 27th at 7:00 p.m. in the Prairie Village Community Center. The Committee will continue to meet on the 4th Thursday of each month.

If you would like to participate in planning the event or would like additional information, please contact Joshua Farrar at 913-381-6464 or send an email to jfarrar@pvkansas.com.



Holiday Tree is a Success

The eighteenth annual Lighting of the Mayor's Holiday Trees ceremony was held on November 29th.

Belinder Elementary School choir entertained those in attendance with a selection of Holiday songs. A special thanks goes to Mely Ballard, owner of Mely's Yogurt & Ice Cream for donating a gingerbread house to be raffled off. Mely has donated a gingerbread house for the past several years and we greatly appreciate her support for this cause.

The Prairie Village Municipal Foundation sponsors this annual event, which serves as a reminder that there are many in our community who need assistance paying utility bills, or making much-needed repairs to their homes. More than \$7,000 has been contributed this holiday season.

Thank you for your continued support of the Prairie Village Municipal Foundation.

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