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# THE PRAIRIE VILLAGE VOICE



A Newsletter published for the residents of the City of Prairie Village  
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## Sixth Annual Earth Fair Celebration



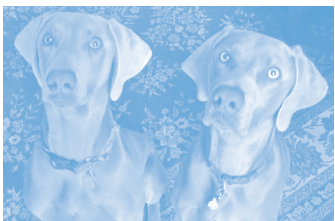
**Saturday, April 8th**  
**Shawnee Mission East High School**

Earth Fair 6 will be held Saturday, April 8th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Shawnee Mission East High School, 75th Street and Mission Road. Admission is free.

The fair will feature cars of the future including all the hybrids and a solar race car from Kansas State University. Chairperson Margaret Thomas said more than 60 organizations will participate with displays, live performances by school groups, Kansas City's own "Green Elvis," craft activities for kids, live animals to touch, eco-products and live plants for sale, an art show, and presentations on how to build a rain garden at your home, garden for butterflies, and make the most of the OWLS (Outdoor Wildlife Learning Sites) at Prairie Village schools.

Earth Fair 6 has something for all ages, and it's a great opportunity to learn about sustainable development. Delicious organic lunches may be purchased. The Fair coincides with SME's gigantic used book sale, too!

Earth Fair is co-sponsored by the Prairie Village Environmental Committee and the Shawnee Mission East Environmental and Recycling Committee.



## ATTENTION PET OWNERS

Be sure to get your animal(s) licensed now. The City will also be conducting an animal census from April 1st to May 15th to account for the number and ownership of all dogs and cats in the City. The census will help keep your animals safe and protected. Prairie Village wants to make sure your pet can be returned safely to its home if lost and that all animals in the City have current rabies vaccinations. We ask for your cooperation in providing this information to our enumerators.

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### DID YOU KNOW...?

- There are 6,110 registered pets in Prairie Village. Of those, 4,330 are dogs and 1,780 are cats.
- The most popular dog breed is the Labrador Retriever and the most popular cat is the Domestic Short Hair.
- The most popular cat name is Lily and the most popular dog name is Maggie.

# MAYOR'S MESSAGE

The words “public meeting” and “standing room only” are rarely used in the same sentence. However, the past few months have seen large crowds at both City Council and Planning Commission meetings. Issues generating significant public comments have included the installation of wireless communications facilities, residential redevelopment, and sidewalks, just to name a few.

While discussion of controversial issues can lead to lengthy meetings, publicly addressing these matters is an important part of the democratic process. Citizens have a right to bring their suggestions, complaints, and even compliments to their elected officials' attention. Attending City Council meetings is also one of the best ways to stay informed about your city government. In Prairie Village, citizens have several methods of making their voices heard at City Hall, including:

**Participating in the public comment session of City Council meetings** – City Council meetings are held on the first and third Monday of each month at 7:30 pm in the City Council Chambers. Time is set aside at the beginning of each meeting for public input.

**Picking up the phone** – While we do not hold regular office hours at City Hall, we're only a phone call away. You may leave a message for any one of us by calling 913-381-6464.

**E-mail** – All elected officials have e-mail accounts which we check regularly. They are:

**Mayor Ron Shaffer:** mayor@pvkansas.com

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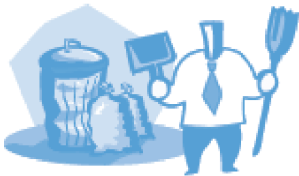
David Belz: dbelz@pvkansas.com

I know I speak for the entire City Council in saying that we all want to hear from you. While we may not be able to solve every problem to your satisfaction, I can assure you that your concerns will be taken seriously and that we will do our best to represent each issue/concern in a responsible manner.

Please join us at an upcoming meeting.



Ron Shaffer, Mayor



## Annual Large Item Pick-Up April 22nd

**Make large item pick-up part of your spring cleaning.**

The City's annual large item pick-up will be on Saturday, April 22nd. All items must be at the curb by 7:00 a.m. for collection.

### CFC CONTAINERS

There will be a separate collection on Saturday, April 22nd for CFC containers including refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, icemakers, and de-humidifiers. Call Deffenbaugh Disposal Service at 913-631-3300 for more information.

### LARGE ITEM PICK-UP RULES

- All items must be at the curb by 7:00 a.m. for collection.
- Large item pick-up is for residential properties only, not for apartments or commercial areas.

- Any large pieces of glass need to be broken down and placed in boxes.
- Swing sets must be disassembled.
- No items larger than a household-size refrigerator will be collected.

### ITEMS NOT COLLECTED INCLUDE

- Tree limbs or tree stumps (only limbs/branches cut into 4 foot lengths and bundled will be collected).
- Hazardous materials (tires, toxic materials, paint cans, car batteries, fireplace ashes, solvents, or oils).
- Excessive quantities of concrete, rubble, or refuse from remodeling, construction, or demolition of buildings.

This is a free service for Prairie Village residents, so take advantage of it. For more information about large item pick-up call 913-381-6464 or visit [www.pvkansas.com](http://www.pvkansas.com).



## NEW FACILITY RESERVATION FEES

The City Council recently approved the following facility reservation fees:

**Park Shelters** - \$5 per hour for residents (maximum 6 hrs per reservation) or \$10 per hour for non-residents (maximum 6 hrs per reservation)

**Prairie Village Community Center** - \$5 per hour for residents or \$10 per hour for non-residents

**Ball Fields in City Parks** - \$1 per hour (maximum 3 hrs. per week)

For more information contact the City Clerk's Office at 913-381-6464 or send an email to [cityclerk@pvkansas.com](mailto:cityclerk@pvkansas.com).



## Brick Order Deadline April 1st

The Prairie Village Arts Council continues to sell personalized bricks for the Community Center patio. If you would like to order a brick for yourself or a loved one, your order must be received by April 1st for the brick to be installed in time for VillageFest 2006. Individual bricks are priced at \$35, with a portion of the amount being tax-deductible. Corporate sponsorships begin at \$100.

For more information, contact Lauren Claas at 913-381-6464 or send an email to [lclaas@pvkansas.com](mailto:lclaas@pvkansas.com).

Order forms are available at City Hall or at [www.pvkansas.com/aboutpv/Pave\\_the\\_Patio.shtml](http://www.pvkansas.com/aboutpv/Pave_the_Patio.shtml).

# Arts COUNCIL Prairie Village

## PRESENTS

*While you're out and about, stop by the Municipal Offices' R.G. Endres Gallery to view the work of several talented artists. Many of the pieces on display in the Gallery are available for sale.*

### MARCH

The Prairie Village Arts Council is pleased to present the beautiful work of **Virginia Fortner**. Also on display will be the Sister Cities International Young Artists in the R.G. Endres Gallery. The theme of this year's competition is "What Does Global Citizenship Look Like?" The winning entry will be sent to Washington D.C. to compete in an international competition.

### APRIL

This month will carry work from **Bobbi Toyne** and **Bess Duston**. They will be displaying several mixed media pieces including pastels, oils, watercolors and screen printing.

Gallery hours are Mon - Fri  
8:00am - 5:00pm.

The 2006 R.G. Endres Gallery Schedule is available online at [www.pvkansas.com](http://www.pvkansas.com).



## Volunteer for Meals on Wheels!

Meals on Wheels needs your help! This program delivers approximately 600 hot meals a day to seniors in Johnson County and the number continues to rise.

Meals are delivered between 10:45 a.m. and noon, Monday through Friday. Volunteers may deliver one day per week or one day per month. Routes are available throughout Johnson County.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Vicky Owens at (913) 477-8174 or email [vicky.owens@jocogov.org](mailto:vicky.owens@jocogov.org) for more information. If you would like to request meal delivery, please call 913 894-8811, ext. 1.



## Start the New Year Doing Yourself a Favor...

Stretch, tone and strengthen your core, muscles and cardiovascular system with a combination of Pilates, Strength Training and Hi-Low Aerobics. Join the Total Body Workout Class (Fifty Plus Fit and Feisty) sponsored by the Johnson County Recreation 50+ Program.

Classes are held Monday - Thursday, from 7:15 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. at the Prairie Village Community Center. For more details, contact Michelle Alexander at 913 236-4343.



## Contact Your Legislators

Events in Topeka can have a major impact on life here in Prairie Village. While the Legislature is in session, contact your Representative or Senator.

The Prairie Village delegation includes:

Senator David Wysong (R) – District 7  
Phone: 785-296-7369  
Email: [wysong@senate.state.ks.us](mailto:wysong@senate.state.ks.us)

Rep. Terrie Huntington (R) – District 25  
Phone: 785 296-7667  
Email: [huntington@house.state.ks.us](mailto:huntington@house.state.ks.us)

Rep. Sue Storm (D) – District 22  
Phone: 785 296-7650  
Email: [storm@house.state.ks.us](mailto:storm@house.state.ks.us)

Rep. Kay Wolf (R) – District 21  
Phone: 785-296-7654  
Email: [wolf@house.state.ks.us](mailto:wolf@house.state.ks.us)

## 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.



# Parents and Kids; Know the Rules for Personal Safety

Today's world has changed so much since I was a child growing up in Prairie Village. Now that I'm an adult and raising my own two kids, I realize why my parents were always asking me where I was going.

Below are some basic safety rules parents, and most importantly kids, should be aware of as they traverse in such a busy community.

- Always check first with your parents or with the person in charge before you go anywhere.
- Use the "Buddy System" and try not to go anywhere alone even when you're playing.
- Know your full name, address and phone number and your parents' full name too!
- Say "No" to anyone who tries to touch you or treat you in a way that makes you feel uncomfortable or scared.
- Tell your parents if you feel scared, confused or uncomfortable about any situation.
- Never hitchhike or try to get a ride with anyone you do not know and stay away from people who try to lure you to their car.
- If you get separated from your parents in a public place, immediately go to a store employee or checkout counter and inform the person you are lost and need help locating your parents.

Remember, these are rules to live by. Think safety and security as you move about in this hustle and bustle world.

Parents, for your information the KBI and Johnson County Sheriff's Department maintains a website on sexual predators which you can access on the City's website at [www.pvkansas.com/police/index.shtml](http://www.pvkansas.com/police/index.shtml).

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