



*The Star of Kansas*

*The Prairie Village*

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# Voice

## Frank Bardwell Honored

What do you think of when someone mentions the Corinth Square Hen House? Fresh produce? Low prices? If you're like many people, you think of **Frank Bardwell** with his friendly, helpful demeanor and signature crew cut.

After 67 years in the grocery business, the past 44 in Prairie Village, first at the Payless grocery store and, since 1991, the Corinth Square Hen House, Frank retired on December 30th, 2006. Co-workers, customers, and friends wished Frank a unique farewell with a lap around the store in a grocery cart following a celebration of Frank's service to his employer and the community.

"Frank will be missed at the Hen House by the thousands of customers he has faithfully served and the hundreds of people he has worked with. He's been a fixture in Corinth Square for years, and we wish him all the best in his well-deserved retirement," said Mayor Shaffer.



L to R: Mayor Ron Shaffer, Frank Bardwell, and former Mayors Bill Franklin, Austin Harmon, Sue Weltner and Roe Talaferrro.

## VillageFest 2007 Volunteers Needed

VillageFest, the City's annual 4th of July community celebration, is gearing up for its 11th year. Once again, volunteers are needed to make VillageFest 2007 another smashing success. Meetings are held in the multi-purpose room at City Hall on the fourth Thursday of the month. If you're interested in serving on the VillageFest 2007 committee or would like additional information, please contact Jeanne Koontz at 913-381-6464 or send an email to [jkoontz@pvkansas.com](mailto:jkoontz@pvkansas.com).

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## VILLAGE VISION



In January, 2005, the City of Prairie Village initiated the process to prepare a new Comprehensive Plan for the City. The City Council appointed a committee of residents from every part of the City to provide the leadership necessary to guide this strategic effort.

More than 250 Prairie Village residents and other community stakeholders participated in the initial planning process, generating 552 ideas for the future. The next 18 months were spent converting the ideas into a massive database which could be categorized, and finally developed into goals for the future.

The result, which is more than a comprehensive land use plan, is a Strategic Investment Plan. When complete, it will result in recommendations for leveraging the City's limited assets in order to encourage appropriate private investment and ensure that Prairie Village remains a premier community in the region. The Plan is currently being reviewed in "draft form".

This effort has required commitment and hard work by members of the Steering Committee, City staff and consultants. Soon the results will be presented to residents of Prairie Village. Watch for the time and date of future meetings in upcoming issues of the *Prairie Village Voice*.

*A Newsletter published for the residents of the City of Prairie Village*

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# Mayor's Message

On January 8th, the 2007 session of the Kansas Legislature began in Topeka. For the next several months, Representatives and Senators from across the state will be considering issues affecting the lives of all Kansans, including those of us in Prairie Village.

For over 17 years I have had the pleasure of serving Prairie Village residents, first as a council member serving Ward 1 and, since, 1999, as your Mayor. During this time two of the most important things I've learned regarding the State Legislature are that bills can be proposed, debated, and passed very quickly, and that your state Representatives and Senator value your opinion and would like to hear from you.

There are several ways to stay abreast of developments in the Statehouse. You can follow the Legislature's activities in local newspapers and on the Internet. The Legislature's web site, [www.kslegislature.org](http://www.kslegislature.org), provides a wealth of information about bills that have been proposed and their status in the legislative process. The site also provides links to the full text of bills, state statutes, and links to your state legislators. You can even listen-in live to the Legislature while it's in session. A toll-free Legislative Hot-line is also available by calling 1-800-432-3924.

Your state legislators take your opinions and concerns seriously, and would like know what you think about the issues. All can be contacted by either phone or e-mail.

- **Sen. David Wysong (R) - District 7**  
785-296-7369  
wysong@senate.state.ks.us
- **Rep. Kay Wolf (R) - District 21**  
785-296-7655  
wolf@house.state.ks.us
- **Rep. Sue Storm (D) - District 22**  
785-296-7650  
storm@house.state.ks.us
- **Rep. Terrie Huntington (R) - District 25**  
785-296-7667  
huntington@house.state.ks.us

Becoming and remaining an educated and active citizen requires some effort, but it's very rewarding. Each of us should do our best to stay informed about the issues and communicate with our elected representatives at all levels of government.

Ron Shaffer, Mayor

## Lifeguard and Coach Applications Being Accepted

The City is accepting applications for:

- Lifeguard
- Operations Attendant
- Assistant Swim Coach
- Assistant Pool Manager - Cash Operations
- Assistant Pool Manager - Aquatics

City Employment applications and job descriptions are available at [www.pvkansas.com](http://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 Craig Doty at 913-381-6464 or [cdoty@pvkansas.com](mailto:cdoty@pvkansas.com).

## Part-Time Animal Enumerators Needed

The City of Prairie Village is seeking individuals for temporary employment to conduct a door-to-door animal census within the City. Workers must provide their own transportation and will receive mileage reimbursement. Flexible working hours, including evenings and weekends. Census will be conducted Mid-March to May. Send letter of interest to Human Resources Specialist at 7700 Mission Road, Prairie Village, Kansas 66208 or email [jobs@pvkansas.com](mailto:jobs@pvkansas.com).



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## Sister City Committee Seeking Volunteers



Are you interested in Citizen Diplomacy? Would you like to learn about other cultures and share yours? The Sister City Committee is exploring many exciting possibilities and needs your enthusiastic participation.

We are looking for people to encourage community involvement in our selection process and participate in citizen exchanges. Skills needed are marketing, event planning, home stay hosts, fundraising, and publicity. Foreign language skills are helpful but not required. Contact Cindy Dwigans at 913-381-9165 for more information.

## Remodeling Idea Book Now Available

Thinking about expanding or remodeling your home but don't know where to begin? The Mid-America Regional Council's First Suburbs Coalition Idea Book is a great place to start.

The Idea Book examines four of the most common housing types found in first suburbs such as Prairie Village - Ranch, Split Level, Two story, and Cape Cod - and provides dozens of ideas for appropriate ways to update and make additions to them. The 40-page, folio-sized book offers color illustrations of each design and the elements which can be renovated or added.

The book also addresses windows, doors and garages as well as other basics of exterior appearance. Considerations such as energy efficiency, financing and universal design are also discussed in the book along with a section of guidelines for selecting and working with reliable contractors.

A copy of the book is available for review at the Codes Administration counter in the Municipal Offices. Books may also be purchased for \$10.

## 07 Fit and Feisty

Stretch, tone and strengthen your core muscles and cardiovascular system with a mix of Pilates, Yoga, 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 Tuesday and Thursday, from 7:15 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. at the Prairie Village Community Center located at 7700 Mission Road. For more details, contact the 50 Plus Coordinator, Michelle Alexander at 913-236-4343.

## Community Profile Available

The Community Profile is full of information including the history of Prairie Village, City departments, frequently needed phone numbers and much more! Stop by City Hall and pick up one today.

## Prairie Village Fights Storm

From January 12th-15th, rain, sleet, and snow fell on Prairie Village and the rest of the metro area, closing schools and making travel extremely difficult.

Several days before the storm, Public Works crews made preparations by

# Arts COUNCIL Prairie Village

## PRESENTS

Mark your calendars now to view these exhibits and attend opening receptions honoring these talented artists.

### FEBRUARY

Rebecca Darrah  
Watercolors on cloth

### MARCH

A.J. Weber, Contemporary  
Mixed Media  
Opening Reception - March 9th

### APRIL

Kay Trieb, Photography  
Opening Reception - April 13th

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Gallery hours are Mon - Fri  
8:00am - 5:00pm.  
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getting trucks and plows loaded with chemicals and salt. On Friday, January 12th, crews began working in 12 hour shifts to ensure round-the-clock efforts to clear ice and snow from city streets.

Over this four day period, Public Works employees worked a total of 785 hours and traveled over 5,000 miles treating streets with 819 tons of salt and 965 gallons of chemicals. The cost of the City's response to this storm in time and materials was \$71,000, or about \$8 per household.

Let's hope there won't be any more big storms this season. But if there are, rest assured that City crews will be hard at work keeping Prairie Village's streets clear and safe for travel.

## Prairie Village... Needs You!

Volunteers make Prairie Village work! Through a network of over 20 advisory committees, Prairie Village residents have the ability to help make an impact on our community. There are currently vacancies on the City committees listed below. If you would like more information or are interested in applying for membership on one of these committees, contact the City Clerk's office at 913-381-6464 or download a volunteer application form at [www.pvkansas.com](http://www.pvkansas.com).





# Prairie Village Notes



## Offices Closed

City Offices will be closed in observance of President's Day on Monday, February 19, 2007.



## Come to a Council meeting

The Prairie Village City Council meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. If you have issues you would like to share with the Mayor and City Council, or questions you would like to ask, please come to a meeting.

On the Friday before each meeting, an information packet, including the meeting agenda, is available online at [www.pvkansas.com](http://www.pvkansas.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 1-800-766-2777) at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting time, if possible, to make arrangements.



# Crime Prevention

with Officer Dan Robles

## Residential Protective Lighting Security

Greetings from your Crime Prevention Officer! It was recently discussed at one of the last Crime Prevention and Safety Committee meetings the importance of residential lighting. A question I often hear during residential surveys and crime prevention presentations is, "Do I illuminate the outside of my residence at night, or do I leave the exterior of the house dark so the burglar can't see around the house?"

The Crime Prevention Unit suggests the following lighting security tips to help reduce and deter residential burglaries:

- Properly illuminate all points of entry, especially doorways and windows.
- Lighting should be used on a regular basis, not just when you're away from home.
- Photo-cell lighting which automatically turns on at

night and off at sunset is one effective type of lighting.

- Motion detection lighting which illuminates when motion is sensed is effective.
- Interior and exterior lights on timers that create the illusion the home is occupied when you're away.
- Place exterior light fixtures out of the reach of potential burglars so they can't unscrew the light bulb.
- Keep shrubbery and limbs trimmed away from light fixtures to allow the most illumination possible.

Interior and exterior lighting may not only pay for itself in dollar sense, but it may also pay for itself in peace of mind for you and your neighborhood. Remember to "Light It Up, and Lock It Up" while you're home and away!

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