



*The Star of Kansas*

*The Prairie Village*

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# Voice

## HOLIDAY GIFTS

Need a great Holiday gift for the person who has everything? The Prairie Village Arts Council continues to sell personalized bricks, which will be installed in the patio of the Community Center during June, 2009. 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 the engraving and installing the bricks, and help support continued cultural arts programs for the community through the Prairie Village Municipal Foundation.

For additional information or to receive an order form, call the staff in the City Clerk's office at 913-381-6464, e-mail the [cityclerk@pvkansas.com](mailto:cityclerk@pvkansas.com) or download the form at [www.pvkansas.com/aboutpv/Pave\\_the\\_Patio.shtml](http://www.pvkansas.com/aboutpv/Pave_the_Patio.shtml).

## "Scooters" – Licensing Requirements

We have received several questions concerning the licensing requirements for a variety of two-wheeled motorized vehicles that have been categorized as "scooters." Applicable laws can be rather confusing to scooterists because those laws vary according to engine size, i.e. cubic centimeters or "cc's." City staff has simplified the rules of the road by creating the following chart, which breaks down the laws in relation to engine size. If you still have questions, the City's Traffic Unit would be happy to assist you (913-385-4656).

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### MOTORCYCLES / SCOOTERS WITH MOTORS LARGER THAN 130 CC



### MOPEDS WITH MOTORS SMALLER THAN 130 CC



### POCKET BIKES GENERALLY SMALLER THAN 50 CC OR ELECTRIC MOTOR



Does it require a KS driver's license?	Standard driver's license with motorcycle endorsement.	Standard driver's license, and must be 15 years of age.	No.
Does it require Proof of Insurance?	Yes.	Yes.	No.
Does it require a license plate?	Yes.	Yes.	No.
Does it require a helmet?	Yes, for those under 18 years of age.	Yes, for those under 18 years of age.	Highly recommended.
Does it require protective eyewear?	Yes.	Yes.	Highly recommended.
Is it legal to drive on the public roads?	Yes.	Yes.	No.

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# Mayor's Message

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 24th at Corinth Square, as I help our special guest from the North Pole light the City's Holiday Trees.

This annual event is sponsored by the Prairie Village Municipal Foundation. 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 necessary 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 and return it with your donation to the Municipal Offices at 7700 Mission Road.

During last year's holiday season, Prairie Village residents and businesses contributed over \$9,000 to the Fund. Since its inception, the Mayor's Holiday Tree Fund has raised over \$131,600 for Prairie Village residents in need.

The trees, located at Corinth Square, in Porter Park, in Franklin Park, and at the corner of Cherokee & 75th Street, will glow during this holiday season, bringing warmth to both contributors and families needing assistance.

Sincerely,

Ron Shaffer, Mayor

MY TAX-DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE MAYOR'S HOLIDAY TREE FUND IS ENCLOSED

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Phone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_

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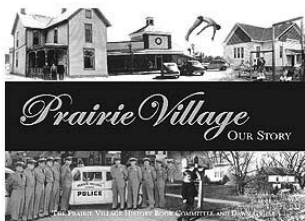
Please make your check payable and return it to:  
 Prairie Village Municipal Foundation  
 7700 Mission Rd, Prairie Village, KS 66208

Thank you for your generosity to those in need.

## Another 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, just call the City Clerk's staff at 914-381-6464 or download the order form at [www.pvkansas.com/aboutpv/anniv\\_book.shtml](http://www.pvkansas.com/aboutpv/anniv_book.shtml). 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.



## Shop Local – Shop Prairie Village!

The holidays are almost here! The Prairie Village gift card is a great gift idea for teachers, employees, friends and family. Many merchants in Prairie Village accept the gift card and you can purchase them at the City Clerk's office in the Municipal Offices, 7700 Mission Road, or at the Prairie Village Merchant's Association, 3920 W. 69th Terrace. The gift cards are available in denominations of \$10 or greater. You can even download an order form at [www.pvkansas.com/aboutpv/Gift\\_Card.shtml](http://www.pvkansas.com/aboutpv/Gift_Card.shtml), mail it to the City Clerk's office with payment, and the staff will mail your card(s) back to you within the USA! A current list of participating merchants is available at the above web address and a list will be included with each card. Shop Prairie Village for the holidays!

## Peanut Butter Success!

Peanut Butter week was once again a great success. During the week of September 22 - 26th over 4,751 pounds of peanut butter was donated along with monetary donations of \$550.00. Thanks to your generous donations 6,405 meals will be provided to those in need. A big Thank You to all who participated.

## Park Master Plan Update

We would like to thank all those who attended the Parks Master Plan Public Workshop on October 27th. We received valuable feedback on how the Master Plan is progressing as well as some thoughtful suggestions. The next step for the consultant is to take your feedback and integrate as much of it as possible into the Final Draft Report. Once the Final Draft Report is completed there will be another opportunity for public input. For more info, contact Chris Engel at 913-381-6464 or [cengel@pvkansas.com](mailto:cengel@pvkansas.com).

## Public Works Notes

The Farmers Almanac is predicting more snow this winter. The variety of winter storms and weather extremes create a special challenge to Public Works employees who strive to keep your streets usable in the winter months.

With winter approaching, Public Works has begun its preparations for the ritual of removing snow and ice from city streets. Training sessions for all personnel have been conducted to review the operation on all trucks, particularly the new trucks. All the procedures and practices for plowing and salting have been reviewed and updated as necessary. The salt barn is 100% full (2400 tons of salt - enough for two normal winters).

When a winter storm is forecast, Public Works staff develops an operation plan considering time of day, type of weather, temperature, wind, length of storm, etc. Crews are generally scheduled to work in 12 hour shifts to clear streets. The work priorities are:

1. Maintain bare pavement on arterial streets
2. Maintain bare pavement on collector streets
3. Maintain public building and park sidewalks
4. Plow or salt one lane on residential streets
5. Maintain interior sidewalks and parking lots in the parks.



The City does not remove ice or snow from private property. City Code states that property owners are responsible for removing ice and snow from the sidewalks abutting their property within 24 hours from the time that the snow or ice storm ends. If the snow falls or ice accumulates upon the sidewalks in the night time, removal of it must be within 24 hours after sunrise.

It is also unlawful for any person to remove snow from private property and place it upon any public street or public sidewalk. Please discuss this with the private company you hire to clear your driveway and sidewalks. As the property owner, you are held responsible for the conduct of the hired company.

If you have any questions about the City's snow removal program, contact the Public Works Department at 913-385-4647 or send an e-mail to [publicworks@pvkansas.com](mailto:publicworks@pvkansas.com).

# Arts

## COUNCIL Prairie Village

### PRESENTS

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

#### November

##### MidAmerica Pastel Society

This will be the twelfth year for the Mid-America Pastels small painting exhibit in the R. G. Endres Gallery. The paintings are all 10" x 12" and will be showcasing the talents of 35 artists! So come meet the artists at the opening reception on November 14th from 6 – 8 p.m.

#### December

##### Tom Wilson, Melanie Nolker and Wendy Taylor

Opening Reception  
December 12, 6:30 pm

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Gallery hours are Mon – Fri  
8:00am – 5:00pm.  
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## Arts Council Member Featured in American Artist Drawing Magazine

Bill Rose has been a member of the Prairie Village Arts Council since 2004 and originally discovered his affinity for drawing while doodling on his daughter's art class sketch pad. Bill was recently named winner of the American Artist Drawing Magazine's Cover Competition with his charcoal drawing entitled "Rossina's Apple."

As part of the honor, the summer issue of the magazine also featured an interview with Bill Rose in which he stated that while he usually enjoys working from life more than from photos, the image of "Rossina's Apple" was completed from a photograph. Bill added that "the look in her eyes was one of those elusive, momentary expressions that are very difficult, if not impossible, to capture from life."

The City of Prairie Village wishes to congratulate Bill on this most recent honor and is honored that he takes time to volunteer as a member of the Arts Council.



*Rossina's Apple*  
By William Rose



# Prairie Village Notes

## City Offices Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

City Offices will close at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, November 26 and will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 27th and 28th in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. As always, emergency services will remain available by calling 9-1-1.

## Upcoming Trash Holidays

Deffenbaugh, the City's solid waste collection and recycling contractor, will be observing the Thanksgiving Holiday which falls on Thursday, November 27. If this is your normal pick-up day, your solid waste, yard waste, and recyclables will be collected on Friday that week, and if your normal pick-up day is Friday it will be collected on Saturday, November 29th.

## Your Holiday Lights May Require a Permit

If your Holiday decorating includes stringing lights across City streets, public rights-of-way, or storm drainage channels, please contact the Public Works department first. A right-of-way permit is required for electrical and traffic safety.

For more information contact the Public Works Department at 913-385-4640 or send an e-mail to [publicworks@pvkansas.com](mailto:publicworks@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

## Calling all Cars!

If you own a car and treasure it as much as I do mine, then you should keep a watchful eye on your car. In this month's newsletter the Crime Prevention Unit is asking residents to help prevent auto thefts and auto burglaries.

Sometimes it can be as simple as locking your car after you have exited it, and making sure you store valuables out of sight. Here are five ways to help decrease your chances of being a victim of an auto burglary.

- 1) Park your car in the garage whenever possible.
- 2) Check your car door lock by pulling up on the door handle to make sure it is secure, especially when using your door lock remote.
- 3) Do not leave items of value in your car. This will decrease the chances of a car burglar wanting to enter your car.
- 4) Leave a porch light on or park your car under a street light to illuminate your car at night.
- 5) If you have a removable stereo faceplate, take it off before exiting your vehicle whether it is at your home or at a store parking lot.

By following these simple and easy to follow crime prevention steps you may greatly reduce the chance of your car being stolen or burglarized. Remember with the colder weather approaching soon, don't leave your car warming up in the driveway unlocked and unattended. It is against the city ordinance and it can also be hard on your car's engine and pocket book if your car is stolen.

Call the Crime Prevention Unit with your questions or concerns at 913-385-4613 or e-mail Officer Robles at [drobles@pvkansas.com](mailto:drobles@pvkansas.com).

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