



The Star of Kansas

The Prairie Village

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Voice

75th Street Corridor Study Update September and October Workshops to be Rescheduled

The City of Prairie Village appreciates the individuals who provided input at the public workshops or through email correspondence. The June Workshop Series provided a great deal of valuable insight, information and ideas about the potential of this significant corridor. Some of the many ideas generated include: looking at ways to make the 75th Street corridor more pedestrian friendly; making the corridor more public transit oriented; finding ways to connect 75th Street to existing Prairie Village shopping centers (Prairie Village, Corinth and HyVee Shopping Centers); finding ways to make the corridor greener with additional street tree plantings and developing ways to make the 75th Street corridor express the identity and attributes we all value about the City of Prairie Village.

As we move forward in developing a guide plan for future generations, it will be important that we take adequate time to explore all of the ideas, concepts, and expectations which were suggested during this initial stage of the study process. Before we move forward to the next stage of the study, the City believes that it is critical that we take a more detailed look at



each of the ideas and concepts generated. Gaining a complete understanding of these issues will be very important in developing a guide plan which will enable us to keep this corridor vital through the next thirty years.

Because of the need for additional time to study all of the ideas, the meetings originally set for this September and October will be rescheduled. The City is committed to developing a guide plan which enables this important corridor to be an asset to Prairie Village. As we establish a new timeline for the additional public meetings, we will keep you informed through the Village Voice, public notices and the City's website www.pvkansas.com. If you would like to provide additional comments about the 75th Street Corridor you can email

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your comments to 75@pvkansas.com or call Dennis J. Enslinger, Assistant City Administrator at 913-385-4603.

Citizen Survey

A citizen survey has been included in this edition of the Village Voice to gauge citizen satisfaction with the delivery of police services. We have enjoyed a long tradition of positive relationships with our community and it is important to our department that our successful partnership continues. We are very appreciative of your support and look forward to any suggestions you may have to offer to improve our level of service. **Before you ask – I cannot offer anyone a “get out of jail free card” as an incentive for returning this survey, only my assurances we will take your comments to heart.**

Thank you in advance for your participation, Chief Wes Jordan

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

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Mayor's Message

Many residents contacted me and other City officials regarding the Meadowbrook project. We appreciate the interest and comments from concerned Prairie Village residents.

On July 28th, after much deliberation, the City Council approved the rezoning of the Meadowbrook golf course to mixed-use zoning to enable the retention of the country club and development of a senior housing facility and condominium units.

In arriving at their decision, the Council listened to the views of the residents and the unanimous recommendation of the Planning Commission. Their recommendation was forwarded after almost two years of discussion and deliberation with the applicant. This zoning designation change is just one of the steps in the process. Additional steps include Planning Commission review of final development plan and building plan review.

Many of the concerns related to the recent mailer sent to nearly every address in Prairie Village. The mailer was marked "Official Notification" below the sender of: Meadowbrook Neighborhood Alliance. This was not an "Official Notification" from the City and we apologize if you were led to believe it was.

As one would expect from all the good neighbors of Prairie Village, the response to this mailer was overwhelming as residents wanted to be properly informed. The City Council members and I were inundated by your questions, comments and concerns this mailer created. We responded as best we could to your comments and concerns.

It is unfortunate that this "Official Notification" was taken as official City correspondence. We understand why our Prairie Village residents would be concerned, considering the panic nature and misinformation represented in the mailer. Once we became aware of the flyer, we tried to address the concerns and verify the information related to the Meadowbrook rezoning and development plan.

The applicant has indicated they will be requesting public financing for portions of the project. As the developer moves forward, the review and discussion of public incentives will be held in a public forum and residents will have opportunity to share your thoughts. You can be assured that all issues of this project will receive the highest order of attention among the city staff and City Council. We will keep you informed of the accurate facts and details of each issue.

For more information about the status of the project, I encourage you to visit with your Council member and the City's website www.pvkansas.com at the Meadowbrook Rezoning link. If any resident is interested in providing comment regarding this development please share with City Council or staff. Thank you for your concern and interest.

Sincerely,

Ron Shaffer, Mayor

Public Works Needs YOUR Eyes!

Public Works is not always aware of potholes, low hanging tree limbs, sidewalks needing repairs, drain inlets not working properly, tree and lawn debris deposited in drain channels, icy road spots, traffic signal malfunctions, broken playground equipment, and so forth. You can help by reporting these problems by emailing publicworks@pvkansas.com or calling 913-385-4640 any day or time. Public Works is working for you, by providing the right service, at the right time, at the right cost.

SME Celebrates 50 Years of Lancer Pride

Shawnee Mission East High School is celebrating its 50th year this Fall, on Friday, October 17, 2008. The community, all SME alums, former staff, and teachers are invited to join in the celebration during its traditional Lancer Day. For more info: www.sme50.com or contact Beth Fowler at 913-722-3075.

4th Annual Renovation Sensation Homes Tour

The fourth annual Renovation Sensation Homes Tour will be held on Wednesday, September 17, 2008, from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All Proceeds will benefit S.H.A.R.E., which stand for "Students Helping in Areas Related to Education." Based out of Shawnee Mission East High School, S.H.A.R.E. is the largest non-profit student-led organization in the country. Tickets are available at Corinth, Prairie Village and Fairway Hen Houses, and The Bank of Prairie Village. Cost is \$15 in advance and \$20 on the day.

Contact Melissa Rooker at 913-384-7371 for more information.

FACTOID
There are 3,665 traffic signs maintained by Public Works.

Electronics Recycling Event

Do you need to get rid of your old computer, stereo, scanner or personal printer? If so, the City of Prairie Village will be hosting an Electronics Recycling Event.

Electronics Recycling Day
Oct. 25, 2008
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Shawnee Mission East High School parking lot



Residents can bring their unwanted electronics to this collection event. Some of the collected equipment will be inspected, reconditioned and reused whenever possible. Obsolete or non-working equipment will be disassembled and the components recycled.

Why is it important to recycle your electronics? Electronic devices can contain significant amounts of hazardous or toxic substances. Cathode ray tubes found in most computer monitors and TVs contain significant amounts of lead while other equipment may contain mercury, cadmium, chromium and other heavy metals. When electronic devices are disposed of these pollutants may pose environmental risks.

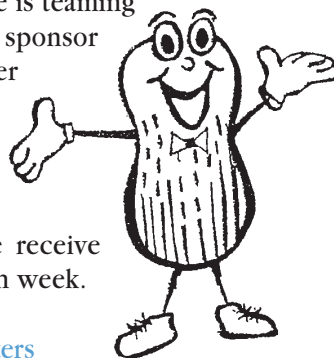
There is no charge to recycle computer keyboards, computer mice, cell phones, CD players, or personal printers. Charges of \$10 to \$30 will apply to computer monitors, televisions and large printers, etc. More information about specific costs can be found at <http://www.pvkansas.com/aboutpv/ElectronicsRecyclingDay>

In order to sponsor the event the City will need volunteers to help with the event. Volunteers can help check in materials, collect fees and sort electronic devices. If you want to volunteer contact Dennis Enslinger, Assistant City Administrator, at denslinger@pvkansas.com or 913-385-4603.

24th Annual Peanut Butter Week

For the 24th year in a row, the City of Prairie Village is teaming up with Harvesters Community Food Network to sponsor the Peanut Butter Week food drive from September 22 - 26, 2008.

An estimated 205,200 people receive emergency food assistance annually through Harvesters' network. Approximately 60,000 different people receive assistance through Harvesters' network in any given week.



There are several ways you can donate to Harvesters during Peanut Butter Week:

- Bring jars of peanut butter to City Hall between September 22nd - 26th. The City Hall offices are open from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday - Friday.
- Complete the contribution form and mail it in, along with your contribution, to 7700 Mission Road.
- Contribute online at www.harvesters.org

Arts

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

September

The **Images Group** consists of approximately forty professional artists from the metropolitan area. Their works include a variety of subjects as well as mediums. With the vast amount of talent included in the exhibit, no doubt there will be something for everyone to see and enjoy. Opening Reception September 12th, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

October

State of the Arts Exhibition

The Arts Council will be hosting the State of the Arts Exhibition Opening Reception on October 10th from 6-8pm. This event is a juried art show and will include many new artists. The event will include live music and appetizers. Please mark your calendar for this special event. For more information see the City's website.

November

MidAmerica Pastel Society

Opening Reception
November 14, 6:00 p.m.

Gallery hours are Mon - Fri
8:00am - 5:00pm.
PV City Hall, 7700 Mission Rd.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Contribution Amount \$ _____

Make Check payable to HARVESTERS

Mail to: City of Prairie Village
Attn: Peanut Butter Week

Prairie Village *Notes*

Prairie Village Municipal Foundation

The Prairie Village Municipal Foundation provides assistance to persons in need and fosters and promotes the parks and recreation facilities and the cultural arts. Donations are tax-deductible and can be made to the Prairie Village Municipal Foundation and sent to 7700 Mission Road Prairie Village, KS 66208. www.pykansas.com/aboutpv/PrairieVillageMunicipalFoundation.shtml

Pet Courtesies

As it gets cooler, just a reminder that when you're walking your pets please be courteous and pick-up after them.

Home Exhibits and Renovation Expo

Remember to mark **October 11th** on your calendars this fall. Why, you ask? Because that's the day the 2nd **Annual Home Ideas and Renovation Expo** will take place at the Sylvester Powell Jr. Community Center from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. This event is being co-sponsored by the cities of Mission, Prairie Village, Roeland Park, and Merriam and will feature workshops and exhibits specializing in energy efficiency, remodeling, landscaping, and other home-related topics.

Environmental Committee Community Forum

The Prairie Village Environmental Committee will be hosting a community forum on October 9, 2008 at 7pm at the Village Presbyterian Church (6641 Mission Road). Karl Brooks, PhD, JD, Associate Professor of History and Environmental Studies, will present a discussion on "Blowing Smoke: Environmental Law and Kansas Air Quality." See website for more info.

2008 Recreation Wrap-Up

The PV Swim Team once again topped out at over 185 swimmers. Coach Rob Cole's team has consistently improved over the last four seasons and scored over 400 more points than last year at the All City Championship. The highlights of the season included a dual meet win vs. Olathe (five-year defending champs) and the 1-2-3 finish in the 11 & Under Boys Breaststroke at the All City Championship. The 4th place finish at the All City Championship was the best finish in over six years.

82 participants represented Prairie Village in the Kansas City Junior Tennis League this summer. For six weeks, the teams practiced, played matches against each other to determine their position on the team ladder and competed in matches against other clubs. 18 singles players and 9 doubles pairs entered the JTL tournament at the end of the season.

Both the participants and Coach Te Holmes put in a lot of time and effort throughout the summer resulting in a highly successful season.

Led by Coach Cathy Jones, the PV Dive Team did a great job this year and finished by tying for 4th at All City! This was a wonderful improvement from the 6th place finish last year. The 49th Annual Prairie Village Water Show was held at the Municipal Pool on Sunday, July 27th. This year's theme, "Hollywood H2O", was wonderfully choreographed by Coach Nancy Morgan and the participants' hard work was clearly evident.

All of the aquatics teams would like to thank pool manager Joel Rios and his great staff for their hard work and assistance this summer.

The Annual Fall Tree Seminar Presented by the Prairie Village Tree Board



The topic for this year's event is the Economic and Environmental Benefit of Trees in our Community. Kim Bomberger, District Community Forester, will discuss the findings of the recent Mid-America Regional Council Study on Trees.

The 2008 Fall Tree Seminar will be on Wednesday, October 1st at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers at 7700 Mission Road.

The Champion and Best of Species Tree Awards will be presented as well as a prize drawing for plants.

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