



The Star of Kansas

The Prairie Village

January 2008

Voice

2008 Street Program

The 2008 Street Resurfacing Program is a City program to repair existing streets throughout Prairie Village. Every street is evaluated based on its existing condition and given a numerical rating. This rating is derived from formulas that take into account the amount and type of distresses in the existing asphalt pavement.

Below is a tentative list of streets, and their proposed improvements. **Please note that this list (and the proposed treatments) are tentative and that streets may be deleted or added based on budgetary restrictions.** You will be notified approximately two to three weeks prior to construction if your street made the final list of streets to be resurfaced or reconstructed in 2008.

- 1. Colonial Drive (Lamar Avenue to 75th Street)** - This street is scheduled to be a mill and overlay. Existing deteriorated curb, driveways and sidewalk will be repaired as necessary. Approximately two inches of existing asphalt pavement will be removed and replaced. Existing storm drainage inlets and pipe may be replaced.
- 2. 75th Terrace (75th Street to Colonial Drive)** - This street is scheduled to be a partial reconstruct. Existing curbs and driveway aprons may be replaced and the existing sidewalk will be repaired as necessary. The existing pavement will be removed full depth and replaced with new asphalt. Some minor drainage work may also be performed. New sidewalk will be constructed on the west side of the cul-de-sac.
- 3. Delmar Street (67th Street to 69th Street)** - This street is scheduled to be a full reconstruct. Existing curbs, driveway aprons and sidewalks will be replaced. The existing pavement will be removed full depth and replaced with new asphalt. Some minor drainage work may also be performed.
- 4. 80th Street (Nall Avenue to Rosewood Drive)** - This street is scheduled to be a partial reconstruct. Existing curbs and driveway aprons may be replaced and the existing sidewalk will be repaired as necessary. The existing pavement will be removed full depth and replaced with new asphalt. Some minor drainage work may also be performed.
- 5. Hodges Drive (63rd Street to 67th Street)** - This street is scheduled to be a mill and overlay. Existing deteriorated curb and driveways will be replaced as necessary. Approximately two inches of existing asphalt pavement will be removed and replaced. New five foot sidewalk will be constructed on the east side adjacent to the curb.

If you have and questions or would like additional information please contact Tom Trienens at ttrienens@pvkansas.com or 913-385-4642.

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Mayor's Message

On November 2, 2007, along with eighteen other area mayors including Mayor Funkhouser, I signed the Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement on behalf of Prairie Village. Our city joins over 700 others nationwide voluntarily to reduce greenhouse gases.

To our benefit, Prairie Village has one of the most active environmental committees in the Kansas City area. Our Public Works director, Bob Pryzby, has worked for years to make our city buildings more energy-efficient. In the coming months, we will be talking about other ways that our municipal operations can be more energy efficient.

But municipal activities are not enough - typically, a city's operations account for 5% or less of greenhouse gases produced by a community. That means that the city needs your help in reducing Prairie Village's use of energy.

I signed the agreement in the confidence that Prairie Village is a community of educated, committed citizens who will help us achieve the necessary efficiencies.

Please watch the Village Voice each month for more details on what you can do to help, or contact Margaret Thomas at margarethomas@gmail.com or Kristin Riott at kristinwr@kc.rr.com, members of the environmental committee.

By going "green", we can not only reduce our use of energy, but breathe cleaner air, get more exercise, and feel more connected to our community.

Sincerely,
Ron Shaffer, *Mayor*

Another Successful Year for the Mayor's Holiday Tree Fund

On November 26th, the Prairie Village Municipal Foundation sponsored the 21st annual **Lighting of the Mayor's Holiday Trees** at Corinth Square. The **Corinth Elementary School** choir entertained the audience with a selection of Holiday songs and **Dancerz Unlimited** wowed the audience with their dance routines. Santa even showed up on a street sweeper. A special thanks goes to **Highwoods, Corinth Merchants Association, and Commerce Bank**.

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 \$8,600 has been contributed so far this holiday season.

Although the holidays are over, the need still exists. Contributions to the Holiday Tree Fund are welcome any time of year. If you would like to contribute to the Mayor's Holiday Tree Fund, bring or send your tax-deductible donations to the Prairie Village Municipal Building, 7700 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS, 66208. Checks should be made out to the Prairie Village Municipal Foundation. For more information, contact Jeanne Koontz at 913-381-6464 or send an email to jkoontz@pvkansas.com.

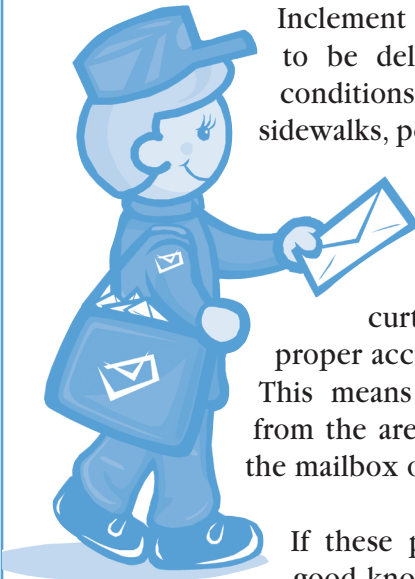
City Council Filings

City Council elections will be held for all Wards on April 1, 2008. Persons interested in filing for office should contact the City Clerk's Office at 913-381-6464 or send an email to cityclerk@pvkansas.com. **Filing deadline is noon, January 22, 2008.**



Take Care of Your Neighborhood Mail Carrier!

As we were all reminded with the snowfall last month, winter weather can mean slippery surfaces for both you and your mail carrier.



Inclement weather may cause mail delivery service to be delayed or curtailed because of hazardous conditions such as snow buildup or snow and ice on sidewalks, porches or steps. Also, mail carriers are not allowed to dismount for curblines or cluster boxes that are blocked by snow and ice buildup. To prevent mail delivery service from being delayed or curtailed, please ensure mail carriers have proper access to mail receptacles when snow arrives. This means removing large accumulations of snow from the area approximately six feet on both sides of the mailbox or cluster box.

If these precautions are taken, then you can feel good knowing that both your mail carrier and your mail are safe.

Meet Author Diane Glancy

The Corinth Library, in cooperation with Claridge Court, is pleased to invite you to meet Author **Diane Glancy** on Sunday, January 13th at 3:00 pm at Claridge Court, 8101 Mission Road. Glancy, a professor of Native American Literature and Creative Writing, will present Dance Partner and other works.

Accessible parking for persons with disabilities is available at Claridge Court. Additional parking is available at the Library and the Mission Bank building at Somerset and Mission Road.

For more information call 913-967-8650. The meeting is free and open to the public. No registration is required.

VillageFest 2008

The VillageFest 2008 Planning Committee will have its first meeting on Thursday, January 24th 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 Jeanne Koontz at (913) 381-6464 or send an email to jkoontz@pvkansas.com.



Arts COUNCIL Prairie Village

PRESENTS

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

JANUARY

Rusty Leffel works the streets of the big cities to discover the subjects of his art. As a photographer, fascinated by the way people interact with their surroundings, he captures on film moments in the lives of perfect strangers. His works are produced digitally in sepia tones on archival paper, which adds to the everyday feel of his subjects. Just ordinary people, doing ordinary things, but reproduced in such a way, that they are unforgettable. Take a moment and see the world through Rusty's eyes.

FEBRUARY

Mark Glover, Oil
Opening Reception February 8th, 6:30 pm

MARCH

Clark Stokley
Opening Reception March 14th, 6:30 pm

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



Prairie Village Notes

Holiday Office Closings

City offices will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday on Monday January 21, 2008.

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 21st. As a result, trash and recycling collection will be a day late during the week of January 21st.

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

Auto Theft Prevention and Safety Alert

During the cold months of the year some citizens like to warm their vehicles in the driveway or on the street before they go to work or are preparing to run errands.

Leaving a vehicle unattended with the engine running is an easy mark for a car thief. When the car is toasty warm inside that is an added bonus for the bad guy. Every year the Police Department takes reports from victims whose vehicle is stolen while it is warming up. The Police Department strongly encourages you to lock your car if you are leaving it unattended while it warms up to help deter auto thefts.

There is a city Open Ignition Ordinance which prohibits persons from leaving a vehicle unattended and unlocked, either on public or private property, with the vehicle running or where the keys are clearly visible inside the vehicle. The ordinance allows vehicles to be left running as long as they are locked or the owner or person in charge of the vehicle is in the immediate vicinity in order to have direct control of any access to the vehicle.

The goal of this reminder is to further public safety by restricting the accessibility of vehicles that are left unlocked, running and unattended. Call the Crime Prevention Unit at 913-385-4613 or e-mail your comments and questions to Officer Robles at drobles@pvkansas.com.

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