



*The Star of Kansas*

*The Prairie Village*

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# Voice

## 2009 CARS PROGRAM

The 2009 CARS Program is a joint City/County program to repair existing arterial and collector streets throughout Prairie Village.

1. Roe Avenue (83rd Street to Somerset Drive) - Replacement of existing damaged or deteriorated concrete curb and sidewalk, construction of new ADA (American's with Disabilities Act) pedestrian sidewalk ramps, resurface the entire street with asphalt pavement and new pavement markings. A new five foot wide sidewalk will be constructed on the east side of Roe Avenue with a four foot grass strip between the sidewalk and curb. Concrete pavement will be constructed on the west and north approaches to Somerset Drive and on all four approaches to 83rd Street.

2. 83rd Street (Roe Avenue to Somerset Drive) - Replacement of existing damaged or deteriorated concrete curb and sidewalk, construction of new ADA (American's with Disabilities Act) pedestrian sidewalk ramps, resurface the entire street with asphalt pavement and new pavement markings. A new five foot wide sidewalk will be constructed on the south side of 83rd Street with a four foot grass strip between the sidewalk and curb. Concrete pavement will be constructed on the west approach to Somerset Drive.

## RECYCLING TIPS!

Did you know that approximately 65% of Prairie Village residents participate in the City's Recycling Program? Last year, Prairie Village residents recycled 5.75 million pounds of paper, plastic, and aluminum. Curbside recycling in Prairie Village is simple, convenient, and helps protect the environment by diverting recyclables from the landfill. Just put them in your green recycling bin and place it at the curb on trash day.

Deffenbaugh, the City's solid waste and recycling contractor, will accept the following recyclables:

### PLASTICS

**(PET#1)** – Containers such as soft drink, liquor, juice and water bottles and containers with a screw-neck such as personal care products, salad dressing bottles and peanut butter jars. Remember to rinse out the containers and remove the caps before placing these items in your recycle bin.

**HDPE#2** – Containers such as juice, water, detergent, fabric softener, shampoo, and dishwashing detergent bottles. Remember to rinse out the containers and remove the caps before placing these items in your recycle bin.

**Newspapers (preferably dry):** Place loose in the recycle bin or bagged in paper grocery sacks.

**Magazines & Telephone books:** Publications printed on "slick stock" type paper, either magazines or catalogs, including slick ad inserts from newspapers, placed either directly in the bin or bagged in paper grocery sacks.

**Office paper:** Miscellaneous office paper, envelopes, junk mail, etc., may be bagged with magazines or placed directly in the recycling bin. No shredded paper.

**Cardboard:** Such as cereal boxes and corrugated cardboard boxes. Please try to fold boxes and place into recycling bin.

**Aluminum/Steel Cans:** Food/beverage cans only. Labels may be left on, but please empty and rinse the cans before placing them in the recycling bin.

Deffenbaugh **WILL NOT** pick up the following items for recycling:

Glass, Motor oil, automotive product bottles, margarine or yogurt containers, pesticide/herbicide bottles, household hazardous waste containers, Styrofoam, broken glass, window glass, light bulbs, mirrors, drinking glasses, ceramics, etc. Recyclables placed in plastic bags **WILL NOT** be collected.

Please have your recycling bin at curbside by 7:00 AM on your collection day.

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## The Mayor's Holiday Tree Fund

On November 24th, the Prairie Village Municipal Foundation sponsored the 22nd annual **Lighting of the Mayor's Holiday Trees** at Corinth Square. The **Prairie Elementary School** choir entertained the audience with a selection of Holiday songs and **Dancerz Unlimited** performed several dance routines. Santa arrived on a Harley Davidson and gave out candy canes to the children. A special thanks goes to **Highwoods, Commerce Bank and Corinth Merchants Association** for providing support for the event.

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 \$7,000 has been contributed so far this holiday season.

*Mayor's Message*

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 913/385-4662 or send an e-mail to [jkoontz@pvkansas.com](mailto:jkoontz@pvkansas.com).

Sincerely,

Ron Shaffer, *Mayor*

## Ball Field Reservation Applications Are Due

Baseball season will be here before you know it, and ball fields in Prairie Village are always in demand. Make plans now to reserve a practice field for your team.

The City of Prairie Village allows reservations of ball fields for soccer, baseball, and softball practices. Prairie Village teams (those with a majority of players who are Prairie Village residents or attend school in Prairie Village) will be given priority for field reservations, but any team may apply to reserve a field. Teams can reserve two practice times per week for up to 1 1/2 hours. Fields are available in Porter, Franklin, Windsor, and Meadowlake Parks.

If your team reserved a field during 2008, your coach should receive a 2009 application form soon. You may also obtain one at the Municipal Offices or online at [www.pvkansas.com/parks](http://www.pvkansas.com/parks). There is a \$75 reservation fee per team that must be submitted with your application.

The deadline for submitting applications is January 16, 2009.

If you have any questions, contact Nancy Yoakum in the City Clerk's office at 913/381-6464 or email to [cityclerk@pvkansas.com](mailto:cityclerk@pvkansas.com).

## 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.

## Start the New Year out Right

Join the Total Body Workout Class (Fifty Plus Fit and Feisty) sponsored by the Johnson County Recreation 50+ Program. Spend an hour twice a week stretching, toning and strengthening your core, muscles and cardiovascular system with a mix of Pilates, Strength Training and Hi-Low Aerobics. 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 in Prairie Village. For more details, contact the 50 Plus Coordinator, Michelle Alexander at 913/236-4343.

## Who Can You Call?

After you finish reading this issue of the Prairie Village Voice, cut out this handy guide of telephone numbers and websites and keep it in a useful place. The next time you need information; it's just a call or click away!

<b>Emergency</b>	<b>9-1-1</b>	
Animal Control	913-642-6868	<a href="http://www.pvkansas.com">www.pvkansas.com</a>
Before You Dig - KS One Call	1-800-DIG-SAFE	<a href="http://www.kansasonecall.com">www.kansasonecall.com</a>
Building Inspections	913-385-4604	<a href="http://www.pvkansas.com">www.pvkansas.com</a>
Code Enforcement	913-385-4605	<a href="http://www.pvkansas.com">www.pvkansas.com</a>
Deffenbaugh Disposal or for special pick-up	913-631-3300	
Driver's License Office	913-432-2266	<a href="http://www.ksrevenue.org">www.ksrevenue.org</a>
Johnson County Courthouse	913-715-5000	<a href="http://www.jocogov.org">www.jocogov.org</a>
Johnson County Fire District #2	913-432-1105	<a href="http://www.jocofiredist2.org">www.jocofiredist2.org</a>
Johnson County Parks & Recreation	913-831-3355	<a href="http://www.jcprd.com">www.jcprd.com</a>
Johnson County Sheriff	913-791-5200	<a href="http://www.jocosheriff.org">www.jocosheriff.org</a>
Johnson County Wastewater	913-715-8500	<a href="http://www.jocoks.com">www.jocoks.com</a>
Kansas Gas Service	1-800-794-4780	<a href="http://www.kgas.com">www.kgas.com</a>
KCPL Customer Service	816-556-2200	
To report street lights out	816-471-5275	
To report lights out at home	888-544-4852	<a href="http://www.kcpl.com">www.kcpl.com</a>
Kansas Highway Patrol	913-782-8100	<a href="http://www.kansashighwaypatrol.org">www.kansashighwaypatrol.org</a>
Prairie Village Municipal Offices	913-381-6464	<a href="http://www.pvkansas.com">www.pvkansas.com</a>
Prairie Village Police - non-emergency	913-642-6868	
Prairie Village Public Works	913-385-4647	<a href="http://www.pvkansas.com">www.pvkansas.com</a>
Time Warner Cable	816-358-8833	<a href="http://www.twckc.com">www.twckc.com</a>
Motor Vehicle Dept.	913-826-1800	<a href="http://www.treasurer.jocogov.org">www.treasurer.jocogov.org</a>
Northeast Johnson County Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau	913-262-2141	<a href="http://www.nejcchamber.com">www.nejcchamber.com</a>
Prairie Village Post Office	1-800-275-8777	<a href="http://www.usps.com">www.usps.com</a>
Prairie Village Merchants Assoc.	913-362-9668	
Shawnee Mission School District	913-993-6200	<a href="http://www.smsd.org">www.smsd.org</a>
Voter Registration	913-782-3441	<a href="http://www.jocoelection.org">www.jocoelection.org</a>
WaterOne	913-895-1800	<a href="http://www.waterone.org">www.waterone.org</a>

# Arts

## COUNCIL

### Prairie Village

## PRESENTS

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

### **January and February**

During the months of January and February artwork owned by the City of Prairie Village will be featured in the R. G. Endres Gallery. The reception will be held on February 13th at 6:30 p.m.

### **March**

#### **Deana Winter**

Opening reception March 13th, 6:30 p.m.

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Gallery hours are Mon - Fri  
8:00am - 5:00pm.  
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## VillageFest 2009

The VillageFest 2009 Planning Committee will have its first meeting on Thursday, January 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 7700 Mission Road, in the Multi-purpose Room. 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 913/385-4662 or send an e-mail to [jkoontz@pvkansas.com](mailto:jkoontz@pvkansas.com).

## Do You Have An Emergency Plan?

Are you and your family prepared for an emergency? If phone lines were down, if cell phones didn't work, if you couldn't get to the grocery store for a few days--what would you do? If you had to evacuate--where would you go?

Disasters can happen anytime and anywhere. When disaster strikes, you may not have much time to respond. The time to plan for a disaster is now, before it happens.

- Create an emergency plan for your family in just a few minutes with our new online plan feature.
- Create a Supply Kit: Keep enough basics on hand for your family- water, food, first aid supplies, etc.
- Have a Plan: Meet with your family and decide on a meeting place and identify emergency contacts.

For more information visit [www.jocoprepared.org](http://www.jocoprepared.org) or contact Chris Engel at [cengel@pvkansas.com](http://cengel@pvkansas.com).



**Prairie Village**

# Notes

## City Offices Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

The City offices will be closed Monday, January 19th in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. 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 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday which falls on Monday, January 19th. As a result, trash, yard waste and recycling collection will be a day late during the week of January 19th.

## Annual Large Item Pickup

The annual large item pickup is scheduled for **Saturday, April 25, 2009.**

## Park Pavilion Rental

The fee to reserve a park pavilion for 2009 has been increased to \$7.50 per/hour for Prairie Village residents and to \$12 per/hour for non-residents. If a pavilion has not been reserved they are available on a first-come basis.

## 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*

## Watts in a Light

This past holiday season I noticed plenty of residents decorating the outside of their homes with a vast array and assortment of lighting decorations. I also noticed that many of the homes were more illuminated with the decorative lights, and the homes had a more lived in appearance. Residents should know that properly illuminating a home throughout the year can be one of the most effective ways to deter criminal activity at your doorstep.

Lighting the outside and inside of your home is relatively inexpensive. One 100-watt light bulb can be left on for 10 hours at an approximate cost of 8 cents. Using electricity to your advantage and to the burglars disadvantage by properly lighting up all points of entry

on your home on a regular basis may deter a potential burglar who is casing for a home that may be unoccupied. You may need a permit for new lighting. Contact the Codes Department for more information.

Make exterior and interior lighting one of your first lines of defense both inside and outside of your home whether you are home or away. Illuminating the outside of your home for the holidays can be festive; illuminating your home for your safety and security can also give you peace of mind.

Questions, comments or concerns? Call Dan Robles Crime Prevention Officer at 913/385-4613 or e-mail at [drobles@pvkansas.com](mailto:drobles@pvkansas.com).

## Exterior Home Grant Program Funds Available

The 2009 Prairie Village Exterior Grant Program will begin accepting applications on January 20th. The grant program is an incentive program to assist homeowners in making improvements to their homes. Following the recommendations of Village Vision, three districts have been designated as eligible exterior grant improvement areas. A minimum \$5,000 investment is required to be eligible. The grants range from \$1,000 to \$2,500 and are awarded as a 20% reimbursement of the total costs of construction and/or materials. For more information Contact City Hall at 913/381-6464 or go to the [www.pvkansas.com](http://www.pvkansas.com). Applications will be accepted starting January 20, 2009 through September 15, 2009. Funding is limited so apply early.

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