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The Star of Kansas



ANNUAL LARGE ITEM PICK-UP MAY 12TH & MAY 19TH

It's time to get rid of unwanted junk from your garage or basement during the city's annual large item pick-up.

- **Saturday, May 12, 2012** for residents on 75th Street and north of 75th Street
- **Saturday, May 19, 2012** for residents south of 75th Street

Items must be at the curb by 7:00 am and no larger than a standard-size refrigerator. Deffenbaugh will pick up refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners and ice makers. Please place these items a couple feet away from non-refrigerant items.



Items collected include:

- Appliances
- Railroad ties (4' or less in length)
- Fencing (Cut into 4' x 4' sections. Bundle loose pickets for easy collection.)
- Furniture
- Tree limbs cut to 4' or less in length and secured in bundles not more than 18" in diameter.
- Carpet (cut into 4' x 4' sections)
- Bundle or package loose items. Put out only those items not collected by regular trash service.

For large item pick-up rules visit www.pvkansas.com/largeitempickup. If you have any additional questions, call Deffenbaugh at 913-631-3300. This is a free service for Prairie Village residents, so take advantage to clean up!

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Greetings,

Upon the completion of the recent City Council elections, I want to take the opportunity to personally thank all of the Council Members for their service to the community. You might not be aware, but Prairie Village is unusual in that City Council members do not receive any payment for their service. This year we have

three council members who will be leaving the council after many years of service: Al Herrera, Ward 1, was first appointed to the Council in August of 1999 and was re-elected 3 times serving over 12 years; Dale Beckerman, Ward 4, has served on the Council since his election in April of 2008, serving four years; and Diana Ewy-Sharp, Ward 6, was first appointed in August of 1997 and was re-elected 3 times serving on the City Council for over 14 years. If you have a chance, please take the opportunity to thank them for their service to our community.

I also want to welcome recently elected and re-elected Council members; Ashley Weaver (Ward 1), Ruth Hopkins (Ward 2), Andrew Wang (Ward 3), Brooke Morehead (Ward 4), David Morrison (Ward 5), and Ted Odell (Ward 6). In the coming months, the Council will begin working on a number of items including the annual 2013 budget and the five year plan for infrastructure improvements (streets, sidewalks). I am pleased to announce the 2013 budget outlook is improved. The City finished 2012 with a higher than projected ending balance because of cost saving measures implemented by City staff and slightly higher than expected revenues in the areas of liquor and use taxes (taxes on goods purchased outside of Prairie Village, such as, internet sales).

We also have a number of events planned for this spring and summer including the BRGR LUV 4 Jazz 5k run (May 19th), dedication of new improvements at Weltner Park (May 12th), the Prairie Village Art Show (June 1st- 3rd), Villagesfest (July 4) and many other activities. So, check out the PV Happenings section of the newsletter for more information. See you around the neighborhood.


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COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

City Committee Youth Representatives Part I of II

The City of Prairie Village is fortunate to have a number of student representatives serve on various City committees. This is the first article in a two-part series that showcases our student volunteers.

Maggie Swartz, a sophomore at Shawnee Mission East, heard about participating on the Parks & Recreation Committee from Timothy O'Toole (the second youth representative on the Committee). Maggie believes being on the committee is a good way to learn more about the City and the City decision-making process. Her role is to give kids her age a voice in Parks & Recreation decisions.

Timothy O'Toole, a sophomore at Rockhurst High School, always had an interest in the United States government. When a Parks & Recreation member position opened up, he knew it would be a great opportunity to see firsthand the government in action. As a youth representative, Tim helps determine what would make City parks more enjoyable for Prairie Village's children. He also attends park rededication ceremonies, which he enjoys as he gets to see how excited kids are about the new parks.



Taylor Hawes, a freshman at Shawnee Mission East, loves art especially photography. So when the opportunity came up to be a youth representative on the Arts Council, she was excited to become a part of the



decision making process concerning art in the Prairie Village community. On the Council, she votes for which artists' work is displayed each month in the R.G. Endres Art Gallery. She also helps plan major events such as the State of the Arts show.

Clara Martin, a freshman at Shawnee Mission East, heard about Arts Council through the National Art Honors Society, of which she is a member. She joined to get more involved in the community, and she loves art, so it's a "win-win" for her. She helps choose which artists' work is displayed in the City's art gallery. She's also assisting in planning a project called "Art in the Park," which would have Shawnee Mission East students create art to display in a Prairie Village park.

Weltner Park Dedication

The Weltner Park improvements are complete and the park rededication will be from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on Saturday, May 12th. You are invited to join Parks & Recreation Committee members, Mayor Shaffer, Mayor Weltner, City Council members and your friends



and neighbors as we formally dedicate the improved Weltner Park. A brief program is planned for 11:00 am followed by a performance by Jim "Mr. Stinky Feet" Cosgrove. You won't want to miss the fun and celebrate the grand re-opening of the park!

Improvements include a new park shelter, playground, and walking path. Make sure to stop by the park and enjoy the new amenities. Located at 78th & Cambridge near the Hy-Vee Shopping Center, the Weltner Park Pavilion can be reserved for your next birthday party or event.

Visit www.pykansas.com to reserve the pavilion or call 913-381-6464. Contact Chris Engel with questions about the event at 913-385-4635 or cengel@pykansas.com.

MAY

Julie Fallone is a food photographer who often gets distracted by the beauty of food and Mother Nature's ability to be an awesome graphic designer. She studied photography at New York University. A reception will be held on May 11th from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

Arts
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Prairie Village

JUNE

The Senior Arts Council is a talented group of artists who present a wide range of media to feast the eyes from watercolors to photography to oils. They have exhibited at many municipalities and Senior Living Communities, as well as, KU Medical Center. There is something for everyone at this special show! A reception will be held on June 8th from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

Mark your calendar now to view these upcoming exhibits at the R.G. Endres Gallery and attend opening receptions honoring these talented artists. Gallery hours are Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. Gallery is located in City Hall at 7700 Mission Rd.

PV HAPPENINGS

Pool Opens May 26th at 11:00 am!

Join us for opening day at the Prairie Village Pool Complex on May 26th. Regular Hours are 11:00 am to 8:30 pm. Joel Rios will be returning as the Pool Manager for 2012.



Purchase your pool membership and register for the City's aquatics and tennis teams now! Visit www.pvkansas.com/parksandrecreation to register online or to learn more about the City's recreation programs. The City Clerk's Office will be open for extended hours (8:00 am to 7:00 pm) on May 23rd, 24th, 29th and 30th.

Results of City Council Election

The Spring General Election took place on Tuesday, April 3rd. Council Members Ruth Hopkins (Ward II), Andrew Wang (Ward III), and David Morrison (Ward V) ran unopposed and were reelected.

New Council Members were elected in Ward I – Ashley Weaver, Ward IV – Brooke Morehead, and Ward VI – Ted Odell. The Council Members were sworn in at the April 16th City Council Meeting.

Make Plans to Attend VillageFest on July 4th

July 4th is quickly approaching and planning for the 16th Annual VillageFest is underway. Make plans to stay in Prairie Village for the holiday and attend this FREE event on Wednesday, July 4th. Activities will include: Chris Cakes Pancake Breakfast, Live Music, Craft Fair, Children's Parade, Inflatables, Petting Zoo and Pony Rides, Puppet Shows, Headstrong for Jake Bike Rodeo, Jim "Mr. Stinky Feet" Cosgrove and the Hiccups!, and MUCH, MUCH MORE.

Events and entertainment for all ages means there are many volunteer opportunities available. Volunteers are needed between the hours of 9:00 am to 2:00 pm on July 4th. Contact Beth Cavanaugh at editorscavagarden@kc.rr.com to volunteer.

BRGR LUV 4 JAZZ 5K

The Prairie Village Jazz Festival committee is happy to announce the 2nd annual BRGR LUV 4 JAZZ 5K Run, sponsored by BRGR Kitchen + Bar in the Corinth Square shopping center at 4038 W. 83rd Street. The race takes place Saturday, May 19th in support of Prairie Village Jazz Festival. For more race information and registration, visit brgrkitchen.com. Get your run on!



National Skateboarding Day is June 21st

To celebrate National Skateboarding Day, the Pilot Club of Lenexa is hosting a helmet awareness event at the PV Skate Park from 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm on June 21st. Free helmets will be given away and skaters from Diverse Skate will be on hand for a demonstration.



For more information, contact Kathy Elevier at (913) 522-7744 or visit <http://www.ksmodistrict.org/easternksmo/lenexa.html>.

2013 Budget Hearing August 6th

A public hearing will be held on Monday, August 6th at 7:30 pm in the City Council Chambers to hear comments and suggestions about the City's 2013 budget. A copy of the proposed budget will be available online and at the City Clerk's office by August 6, 2012.

Please refer to the City's website at www.pvkansas.org for other key budget dates.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION	DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
May 7th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers	May 19th	JazzFest 5K	8:00 am	BRGR
May 12th	Large Item Pick-up	7:00 am	North of 75th St	May 21st	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers
May 12th	Weltner Park Dedication	10:00 am	Weltner Park	May 26th	Pool Opens	11:00 am	Pool Complex
May 19th	Large Item Pick-up	7:00 am	South of 75th St	June 4th	Council Meeting	7:30 pm	Council Chambers

PROJECT UPDATES

Benton House at Somerset

Somerset Elementary School has been demolished and work has begun on Benton House at Somerset, a Senior Living Facility. The Benton House Concept is a single-story, wood frame building comprised of apartment style suites that circle interior common areas and exterior courtyards. The first phase of the building will consist of 59 rooms. Phase 2 includes plans for a future building expansion.

Corinth Square Improvements

There will be a lot of activity at the Corinth Shopping Center this spring and summer with two additional projects getting underway. The first will be parking lot improvements. This will involve consolidation of the two driveway entrances along Mission Road into a single centered entrance, new lighting and landscaping. The second project will be facade improvements for the main building. The facade improvements will be completed by this fall. These two improvements are being funded with Community Improvement Funds. All of this construction will cause some inconvenience, so please continue to patronize the Corinth merchants. Once the construction is complete, Corinth Square will have a brand new look to enjoy for years to come.

CVS Development at Corinth Square

The former Tippins building demolition has been completed and construction of the new CVS building has begun. Construction is anticipated to be completed for an August 2012 opening of the new CVS.

Somerset Road Improvements

The City of Prairie Village is preparing for a street rehabilitation project along Somerset Drive from Roe Ave. to Nall Ave. The project is an extension of the road work completed last summer along Somerset Drive (East of Roe Ave.) and will include new asphalt paving, curb repairs, and sidewalk repairs.



The draft project plans also include two modifications to the existing Somerset Drive corridor: 1) realignment of Somerset Drive at the Nall Ave. intersection and 2) the construction of a widened concrete sidewalk (trail) to replace the existing sidewalk on the East side of Somerset Drive. This project is jointly funded by the County Assistance Road System (CARS) Program. Construction is expected to begin in the summer and be completed by Fall 2012.

Master Trail Plan Amendment

The Master Trail Plan is a comprehensive planning document which is used in determining possible locations for trail segments within the City. The Master Trail Plan was developed, with public input in 2009, as a result of a resident survey which indicated a strong desire for a trail system within Prairie Village. Currently, the Master Trail Map indicates a future trail along Roe Avenue from 63rd Street to Franklin Park. The proposed amendment would change the location of the future Roe Avenue trail segment to Nall Avenue along with extending several east / west connections. At the April 3rd Planning Commission meeting, the Planning Commission recommended not to move forward with the proposed change. This would leave the trail along Roe Avenue. City Council will consider this item at the May 7th City Council meeting at 7:30 pm at City Hall.



For more project updates, visit www.pvkansas.com/projects.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Summer Safety Tips

Summer is almost upon us, and with it brings new safety challenges for you and your family. Nicer weather brings with it an increase in activity and pedestrian traffic. Children will be playing outside on their bikes and in the yard. You may be outside mowing the lawn, weeding the garden, or painting the house. Following are some tips to keep in mind this spring and summer to help keep you and your family safe.

- Slow down and watch for children who may suddenly run into the street chasing after their toys.
- Remember to close your garage doors when not in use or when working outside. An open garage is an invitation to a burglar.
- If you must leave your garage door open, lock the interior door to your house.
- Remember to close windows when you are not home. You may let in more than just a breeze. Burglars can, and will, enter houses through open windows.
- Lock exterior doors when you leave, no matter how long you will be gone. Burglars can be in and out of your home in minutes if the door is left unlocked.
- Stop your newspaper, mail and other deliveries when going on vacation.
- Do not post on social media sites that you are on vacation. Post after you return so only trusted people know your house is empty. Sign up for a House Watch on our website at www.pvkansas.com.

- Let a trusted neighbor know you are leaving and ask them to keep an eye on your home.
- Always be aware of your surroundings and call 911 if you see any suspicious activity in your neighborhood. You are our first line of defense.

With some extra diligence and crime prevention awareness, you can still enjoy the weather outside while staying safe. Keep up-to-date on information and safety tips by searching Prairie Village Police Department on Facebook and “Like” our new page. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Crime Prevention Officer Boggs at mboggs@pvkansas.com or 913-385-4613.



A Special Tribute

Many years ago, Mark McFarlane, a young high school student, joined the staff of the Prairie Village Swimming Pool as a lifeguard. He worked extremely hard and excelled in the position. Then, while in college, Mark worked as the City’s Swimming Pool Manager. All of Mark’s hard work did not go unnoticed. The Mayor soon appointed him to the Prairie Village Park Committee, where he worked tirelessly to improve the City’s park and recreation programs.

Unfortunately, Mark died while still a very young man. To his tribute, his family and friends established one of the first memorial funds approved by the Prairie Village Municipal Foundation. Thanks to their donations, ten blue spruce and seven flowering trees create a major part of the beautiful landscape in Franklin Park and serve as a living memorial to Mark. The community will be able to enjoy the landscape for years to come. This is just one way, the Prairie Village Municipal Foundation has helped the community. If you would like more information on the Foundation, please go to their website at www.prairievillagefoundation.org.



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Debugging Your Roses

If you're worried about bugs on your roses, then the May meeting of the Johnson County Rose Society (JCRS) will be one you won't want to miss.



On May 10, the featured speaker will be Dr. Ray Cloyd, Ph.D., K-State Extension Specialist in Entomology. Dr. Cloyd, who is a specialist in ornamental pest control and integrated pest management and

co-author of *The Compendium of Rose Diseases and Pests*, will present a program on "De-Bugging Problems on Roses". The presentation will focus on insect and mite pests associated with roses and how to effectively deal with them using a holistic pest management approach.

The meeting will be held at 7:00 pm at the Prairie Village Community Center, 7720 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS. All JCRS meetings are free and open to the general public. Refreshments will be provided.

For more information about the meetings, programs, and other activities of the Johnson County Rose Society, or for membership details, please visit their website at <http://www.rosesocietyjoco.org>. You can also visit them on Facebook at [Facebook.com/JoCoRoses](https://www.facebook.com/JoCoRoses).

JCPRD Offers Dance Classes for All Ages at the Community Center

Johnson County Park and Recreation is excited to provide a variety of dance classes this spring and summer. Parents with little ones will enjoy Brain Dance for ages 1-2 and 3-4, which uses nursery rhymes to explore eight fundamental movement patterns and more. Sessions start on May 7th, June 11th and July 16th at 10:00 and 10:45 respectively.



Children ages 6-10 can take a trip around the world as they learn different styles of dance in our Folkloric Dance sessions starting May 22nd and July 10th at 4:00. Girls and boys are welcome to participate in this high-energy class.

Adult Belly Dance class will help participants gain core strength and improve posture and coordination. Sessions are offered May 22nd and July 10th at 6:00. For more information, please visit www.jcprd.com or call Fine Arts Coordinator, Sarah Lenahan, at 913-826-3163.

Fourth Friday Concerts

Live music and free food will be center stage at the eighth annual Fourth Friday Concerts in the Park series, sponsored by Hillcrest Covenant Church, Hy-Vee (91st & Metcalf), and Boy Scout Troop 284. Concerts are from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm at Franklin Park on May 25th, June 22nd, July 27th and August 24th. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and join the fun.



Line up for 2012:

- May 25th:** Moon City Big Band
- June 22nd:** Recess
- July 27th:** Heritage Brass Quintet
- August 24th:** Hard@Play

50 Plus Programming

The Johnson County Park and Recreation District 50 Plus Program offers a variety of classes at the Prairie Village Community Center (7720 Mission Rd) including: Sunrise Stretch and Tone, Genealogy 101, T'ai Chi: Chih Style, and Basic Beginning Watercolor. Water Exercise Classes are



offered during the summer at the Prairie Village Pool (7710 Delmar). Contact the Roeland Park 50 Plus Program at 913-826-3160 for more information about the classes or to enroll. You can also visit them online at www.jcprd.com.

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PRAIRIE VILLAGE ART SHOW

Come see work from over 100 artists at the Prairie Village Art Show June 1 – 3. Children’s activities, food, drinks and great ART will be available the entire weekend.

SCHEDULE:

Friday, June 1st – 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

- Michael Beers Band – 7:00 – 10:00 pm

Saturday, June 2nd – 10:00 am – 8:00 pm

- Pancake Breakfast featuring Chris Cakes – 8:30 -10:30 am
- Jazz for Good featuring Danny Embrey – 7:00 – 10:00 pm

Sunday, June 3rd – 11:00 am – 5:00 pm



PRAIRIE VILLAGE ART FAIR 2012

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