

Prairie Ridge

Cool this year:

The 2014 Prairie Village Jazz Festival

While the music was as hot as ever, the weather was cooler for this year's Prairie Village Jazz Festival.

More than a thousand jazz lovers gathered at Harmon Park for acts including Shay Estes, Jazz Disciples, Bram Wijnands Swingtet, headliner Kevin Mahogany, and SM East's own Blue Knights.

The event benefited Heartland Habitat for Humanity's A Brush with Kindness, a program to help low-income homeowners maintain the exterior of their homes.

The Prairie Village City Council has tentatively approved \$10,000 in city funding for next year's festival in effort to attract more talent to the event in 2015.

Calendar

October 31, 2014

Halloween

November 17, 2014, 7:30pm

Council Meeting, PV City Hall

November 27-28, 2014

City Hall closed

December 1, 2014, 7:30pm

Council Meeting, PV City Hall

December 15, 2014, 7:30pm

Council Meeting, PV City Hall

December 25, 2014

City Hall Closed

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Autumn, Prairie Ridge neighbors! How blessed we've been to have had such a wonderfully mild summer. And with the cool and moist days we're currently experiencing, our gardens are thriving. Thank you to all of you who have worked on some of our islands this past year. It takes a lot of effort to keep them looking good. We continue to research companies that may be able to help us with low maintenance plantings and a defining motif for our islands – especially on our Roe corridor.

We extend a big welcome to all the new neighbors in Prairie Ridge. If you have new residents on your street, make an effort to get acquainted.

How about a fall block party? Your Prairie Ridge Association offers up to a \$50 reimbursement for your party (not to include alcoholic beverages.)

Please know that you may contact us at any time with ideas, questions, thoughts or complaints. A list of your Board members with contact info is also included in this newsletter.

Be sure to get out and enjoy some of the great variety of all activities and festivals that are offered in our metro area!

Margie Lundy, President
Prairie Ridge Homes Association

**MARGIE'S EASY
ITALIAN STEW**

2 TBS Kraft Zesty Italian dressing
1 lb. bulk Italian sausage (and can use turkey Italian sausage if you like)
2 cans (14-1/2 oz. each) fat-free reduced sodium chicken broth
1 pkg. (16 oz.) frozen stir-fry sliced red, green and yellow peppers...or use fresh of course!
1 can (15 oz.) cannellini beans or white northern beans, rinsed and drained
1 can (14-1/2 oz.) Italian-style diced tomatoes, undrained
1 cup elbow macaroni, uncooked
Shredded mozzarella cheese

Heat dressing in a large saucepan on medium heat. Add sausage, cook 8-10 minutes or until cooked through, stirring occasionally to break sausage into small pieces.

Add broth, stir-fry vegetables, beans and tomatoes; bring to a boil. Stir in macaroni and simmer until done. Sprinkle cheese on stew just before serving.

RecycleSpot: A resource for fall gardeners

By Beth Cavanaugh
Board Member, Islands Chair

When fall arrives, gardeners are in cleanup mode. Pruning perennials, raking leaves, and collecting other garden debris are typical tasks in preparing the garden for winter. Once those chores are done, it's time to organize the tools and garden products. The gloves and clippers, loppers and handsaw all find their proper homes. You can't help but notice an old bag of fertilizer, a pesticide bottle that is unrecognizable, and an out-of-date can of insect repellent. Where are you going to put those?

If these types of products are accumulating in your garage or

garden shed, disposing of them can be a challenge. Pesticides, fertilizers and other garden products are considered household hazardous waste like paint, bleach and mothballs, and should not be added to regular trash. Products like these must be disposed of properly.

RecycleSpot is greater Kansas City's one-stop spot for recycling information. There you will find lists of what materials can be recycled and collection facilities near your address. Take care of your home and environment by recycling properly.

Check it out at
www.recyclespot.org.

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