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Vibrant communities with a positive future.

Time to Apply for Partners in PRIDE!



Past Partners in PRIDE grant winners posing with their pergola, built by community youth.

A Reminder!

It's that time again! August 15 will mark the deadline for the fall round of applications for Partners in PRIDE! As you may know our website is being updated. Up to date links for the application will be posted after July 1. In the meantime the application can be accessed at:

[Partners in PRIDE Application](#)

If there are any questions regarding your community's current status, or where to go from here, please feel free to contact the office at PRIDE@ksu.edu

Community of Excellence Applications

Are you currently designated as a Community of Action? Are you in good standing with Kansas PRIDE? Then YOU should consider applying to become a Community of Excellence! The application can be found on our website, and will be emailed out. Remember: You must be a Community of Excellence in order to be eligible to apply for Partners in PRIDE grants.

Questions? Contact us at PRIDE@ksu.edu.

Community Visits to Grainfield and Grinnell!



The opera house in Grainfield

I got to visit Grainfield on Wednesday June 17. I was taken on a tour of the projects that Grainfield PRIDE has been involved in, including park upkeep, planters on Main Street, and a volleyball court and park! I recommend that if you are ever in the area, you definitely should eat at the Dug Out!

They have daily specials and phenomenal barbeque! Of course no tour of Grainfield is complete without a stop to marvel at their beautiful Opera House! I then met with Grinnell PRIDE representatives at their local Senior Center where I was given a rundown of current projects. One includes the banner seen below! I also was given a tour of their fitness center, greenhouse, walking trail, park, community garden and golf course! Grinnell PRIDE has also put their passion into a local grocery - Hometown Grocery - which has lunch specials three days a week!



A lot going on in NW KS! THANK YOU to Grainfield and Grinnell for the tours of your projects, and for your hospitality! –**Jaime Menon, K-State Research and Extension PRIDE Program Manager**
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If your community would like a visit, contact our office!

Social Media: What is New with Kansas PRIDE?

As you know, Kansas PRIDE has maintained a [Facebook page](#) for some time now. It has been a useful tool in getting information out, not only to communities, but to all Kansans. We are pleased to announce that in the last year, we have also added Pinterest and Twitter to our social media circle.

Our [Pinterest](#) page has “boards” to “pin” ideas and helpful articles related to Kansas PRIDE, K-State Research and Extension and other programs. One of our favorite boards is focused on community gardens.

Twitter is our newest addition! [Twitter](#) allows you to join the conversation using “hashtags”, or the pound sign (#) as a conversation starter. Example: #KansasPRIDE. We hope that this will open doors between your community efforts and those of others.

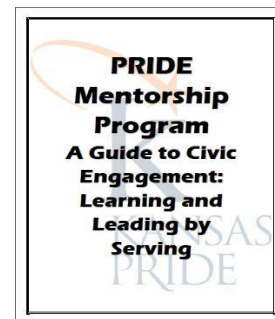
Our intention is to help you use our social media sites to your advantage. Networking is very important, and should be a fun experience! Listed below are the web addresses for Pinterest and Twitter. If you are interested in either of these sites and have questions, contact Billie at billiejc@ksu.edu.

<https://www.pinterest.com/kansaspride/>

<https://twitter.com/KSREComVitality>

New Pages on the Kansas PRIDE Website: Youth Engagement

The Kansas PRIDE website received a bit of a face lift this past month as we were transitioning to a new system. We have added a new page entitled “Youth Engagement.” Kansas PRIDE is proud to feature a best practices manual for communities hoping to further engage youth in community activities. This manual also addresses civic leadership for young adults. We are constantly editing the material to ensure that it meets the ever-changing needs of communities and their youth. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the PRIDE Program Office.



Events Calendar

July 15, 2015 - 2nd Quarterly Reports are Due

August 15 – Fall Partners in PRIDE Applications Due

October 15 - Community of Excellence Applications Due