

Thursday Prairie Ride
 A Village Plaza & District, 430 E. 43rd Street, Monday, September 23, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Halloween in the Park
 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the park. Trick-or-treating, pumpkin carving, and more. Free admission.

School board plans for public input at Wednesday meeting
 Competency grading up for discussion

The Board of Education will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 9, at 7 p.m. in the Board Room to discuss the proposed changes to the district's grading system. The board will also discuss the proposed changes to the district's curriculum framework.

Fair association annual meeting set for Oct. 17
 The Fair Association will hold its annual meeting on Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Fairgrounds. The meeting will discuss the association's plans for the upcoming year.

County approves prairie chicken listing
 A resolution was passed by the Board of Commissioners to list the prairie chicken as a threatened species. The resolution was passed by a 4-2 vote.

School financing
 City to discuss adding 1/2-cent sales tax for school expansions to ballot for public approval at today's meeting

The City of Overland Park will discuss the possibility of adding a 1/2-cent sales tax to the city's budget for school expansions. The tax would be used to fund the construction of new schools and the renovation of existing schools.

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Friends of the NRA sets date for annual banquet
 The Friends of the National Rifle Association (NRA) will hold their annual banquet on Oct. 12 at 6 p.m. at the Overland Park Convention Center. The banquet will feature a dinner and a presentation of the NRA's 100th anniversary award.

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