



# THE OUTLOOK

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE CITY OF SPRING HILL, KANSAS

JULY 2015 ISSUE



## READY FOR A better water tower

**B**eginning July 6, the City of Spring Hill will begin extensive work on the City water tower. A fresh coat of paint inside and out will enhance our water quality while giving the tower an attractive new finish.

Work was set to begin on the tower earlier this year but was pushed back so that additional testing could take place to prevent disruptions in water service during the project. The water tower will be out of service while work is completed, and the City's water storage capacity will be limited.

Customers are asked to restrict their water usage during the project period to help conserve the City's limited water supply. Visit the Utilities page on our website for a list of water conservation measures. If the project goes according to plan, you should not notice any change in your water service.

If weather conditions are favorable throughout the project, it should last about 90 days. The City of Spring Hill appreciates your help in keeping our water supply protected throughout this important project! Questions? Call Utilities Superintendent Jim Boyer at 592-2996.

## WATER SERVICE EMERGENCIES

Water main breaks, electrical outages, structure fires, and mechanical problems could cause water pressure to drop or service to be stopped during this project.

Keep up with any water emergency updates by subscribing to NotifyMe on our website. You will receive a text message or email when service is interrupted.

Following the City's Facebook and Twitter pages is also a great way to stay informed throughout the project.

COUNCIL

CORNER

MAY 28 MEETING

ZONING CHANGES TO ENCOURAGE BUSINESS

Two rezoning ordinances were passed by the City Council that will encourage commercial development. First, a property at 21901 Victory Road was rezoned to allow the building to be used as a business and residence.

Two historic Main Street Properties were also rezoned to accommodate the needs of a new business coming to Spring Hill. Owners of The Creative Place, located at 116 and 118 S. Main, plan to use these buildings as a retreat center which will feature overnight sleeping areas on the top floor and workshop and artistic training space on the lower level. The business owners said the space will largely be used for quilting retreats and other creative educational activities.

JUNE 11 MEETING

WELCOME, NEW BOARD MEMBERS!

The City Council approved a slate of new and returning appointees to City boards and commissions. A list of boards and their newly appointed and reappointed members follows.

- BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS: Brian Haupt\*
- CEMETERY BOARD: Bernadette Greufe and Christine Hecke
- GREEN BOARD: Stephen Bayer
- PLANNING COMMISSION: Stephen Sly, Cindy Squire, Paul Ray II\*, and Tyler Vaughan\*
- PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD: Christian Irwin and Tammy Shaw\*

\*New board member

July 2015 city calendar

01

large item trash day: Miami County

03

CITY OFFICES CLOSED IN HONOR OF INDEPENDENCE DAY

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Fourth of July Deck Party

Join us for a day of patriotic fun at the Aquatic Center! Active and retired military get in free with one paid admission or season passholder.

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Public Safety Advisory Board meeting, 7 p.m.

09

Planning Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

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City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

12 Family Luau

It's time for the Aquatic Center's biggest party of the season! Check out our website for details on this fun summer event.

13 neighborhood WALK & TALK

5:30 to 7:30 p.m.: Original town, The Meadows, and Autumn Valley, meet at City Park

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Green Board meeting, 7 p.m.

22

large item trash day: Johnson County

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City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

ALL EVENTS TAKE PLACE AT THE SPRING HILL CIVIC CENTER UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

news  
note  
FROM  
CITY  
HALL

HELP PREVENT SEWER PIPELINE BACKUPS

The City of Spring Hill is asking for homeowners' assistance in keeping our sewer system running efficiently by making a few simple household upgrades. Some homes have rain gutters, downspouts, yard drains, foundation drains, and sump pump discharge pipes that connect to the City's sewer collection system. This is now prohibited by City ordinance, as this practice is a major source of Inflow and Infiltration (I&I). I&I occurs when the sanitary sewer system receives extraneous storm or rain water. Other sources of I&I include uncapped sewer cleanouts and broken sewer service and main line pipes. I&I increases energy costs at the City's wastewater treatment facility and can cause sanitary sewer backups in homes. The City's Utilities Division continues to seek out sources of I&I to prevent these problems. You can help reduce the risk of sanitary sewer backups and wastewater treatment costs by correcting any defects in your sewer system that may allow I&I to enter your system. For more information about I&I and how you can help prevent this issue, call the Utilities Superintendent at 592-2996.

SLOW DOWN IN  
RESIDENTIAL  
AREAS

School is out and the weather is warm - and that means plenty of kids playing near streets in their neighborhoods. Remember that the speed limit in Spring Hill's residential areas is 25 miles per hour unless posted otherwise.



GO DIGITAL WITH YOUR UTILITY  
BILLING

The City of Spring Hill is offering residents the opportunity to help make their monthly utility payments paperless and hassle-free. Soon, Spring Hill residents will have the ability to receive utility e-statements via email and to have their payments automatically withdrawn from their bank accounts each month. To sign up for one or both of these opportunities, submit the form on the back of this page with your utility bill, or visit [www.springhillks.gov](http://www.springhillks.gov) and click on Utilities under the Departments menu. You can download a form under the Digital Utility Services section. Send your completed form to P.O. Box 424, Spring Hill, KS 66083 or drop it off at City Hall to begin service. When this service is ready to start, you will be notified prior to receiving your first e-statement. For more information, call City Hall at 592-3664.



OPEN GYM TAKES A  
BREAK FOR THE SUMMER

The City of Spring Hill is happy to provide Open Gym at the Civic Center for residents - but in the summer, the gym becomes too hot for residents to use safely. Due to the facility's high temperatures, we will not offer Open Gym for the rest of the summer and will plan to reopen in September.



STREET DEPARTMENT  
FOCUSING ON CROSSWALKS

Beginning in July, our City Street crews will be painting all the City's school and pedestrian crosswalks. They plan to have the project completed by August before the start of school. The painting project will interrupt crack repairs currently under way. Once the crosswalks are cared for, crack repairs will resume.

# Save a stamp and go green!



The City of Spring Hill is pleased to offer a convenient and paperless way to receive and pay your utility bill. With E-Billing, you will receive your monthly bill via email and no longer receive a paper copy. With Automatic Bank withdrawal, you never have to worry about writing a check to pay your bill again! Your bank will automatically pay your bill on the date it is due.

Signing up is easy! Just fill out the form and return it to City Hall, 401 N. Madison, P.O. Box 424, Spring Hill, KS 66083. For more information, please visit our website at [www.springhillks.gov](http://www.springhillks.gov) or call (913) 592-3664.

## AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL ENROLLMENT

Account Number(s) (as shown on your utility bill): \_\_\_\_\_

Name (as shown on your utility bill): \_\_\_\_\_

Service Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Institution Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Checking Routing: \_\_\_\_\_ Account Number (**attach a voided check**): \_\_\_\_\_

Savings Routing: \_\_\_\_\_ Account Number (**attach a deposit slip**): \_\_\_\_\_

I/we authorize the Financial Institution named below to pay my/our monthly utility bill by charging each payment to the account specified by me/us. I/we agree that each payment shall be the same as if it were an instrument personally signed by me/us. This authority is to remain in effect until revoked by me/us in writing. In addition, I/we have the right to stop payment on a charge by notifying the Customer Service Office five business days prior to the due date on my/our bill. I/we understand that both the Financial Institution and the City of Spring Hill reserve the right to terminate this payment plan or my/our participation therein. A returned check fee will be charged for all non-sufficient funds. All bank account owners must sign.

Signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (if joint account): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## E-BILLING ENROLLMENT

I hereby authorize the City of Spring Hill providing services to the account(s) listed to commence electronic billing and cease issuance of a paper utility bill. The City of Spring Hill, Kansas is authorized to send me electronic bills and other related information.

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Account number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_