



# THE OUTLOOK

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE CITY OF SPRING HILL, KANSAS

AUGUST 2015 ISSUE

## Welcome to Shop Local Month

Spring Hill has a vibrant, active business community, and the City of Spring Hill is committed to helping our local businesses prosper. To draw attention to the many quality goods, services, and employees of local businesses - as well as the many other benefits these institutions provide our community - we are hosting Spring Hill's inaugural Shop Local Month, which will be observed each August.

For the first Shop Local month, the City of Spring Hill is pleased to launch its new Shop Spring Hill campaign. While Shop Spring Hill will be an ongoing, year-round effort to highlight local businesses, the campaign will kick off with a couple of special contests to celebrate Shop Local Month!



### FOLLOW US ONLINE

Keep up with special deals, new business offerings, and more on the new Shop Spring Hill Facebook and Twitter pages. Follow us at /shopspringhillks and @shopspringhillks to receive regular updates about Spring Hill businesses. Businesses who would like to submit a post can do so by going to [www.springhillks.gov](http://www.springhillks.gov) and filling out the form under Departments > Economic Development > Shop Spring Hill.



### SHOPPER'S SCAVENGER HUNT

Each week, we'll post a reason to shop local on our Shop Spring Hill social media pages, the City website, and posters at the Civic Center. Write down all four on the form provided in the August issue of The Outlook or fill out a form at [www.springhillks.gov](http://www.springhillks.gov) to enter to win prizes at the month's end.



### COMPLIMENTS FOR CASH

Have you recently been impressed with a local business? Tweet or write a Facebook post about your experience with #shopspringhill in the post. At the end of the month, we'll hold a drawing for a \$250 prize!

## 2016 CITY BUDGET HEARING

While we're just halfway through 2015, the City of Spring Hill already is preparing for a busy 2016. The 2016 Budget Summary has been published, and a hearing will be held Aug. 13 at 7 p.m. in the Spring Hill Civic Center.

The proposed budget holds the property tax rate fairly steady. The proposed mill levy rate for 2016 is 38.805 - slightly higher than 2015's rate of 38.397 but lower than 2014's rate of 39.503.

The budget is designed to cover all day-to-day operations while also allowing the City to take on some important new projects and purchases. These additional items include a plan for a citywide trails system, a complete redesign of the City's website, a citizen survey, vital safety improvements to the Spring Hill Civic Center, and equipment to help our crews work more efficiently.

A copy of the Budget Summary is available in the City's official newspaper, the Miami County Republic. If you have questions about the hearing, call City Hall at 592-3664.



The proposed 2016 budget includes funding for a new citywide trails system, which was one of the most popular topics at the recent Neighborhood Walk & Talks. For a summary of the sessions, see the September issue of The Outlook.

## August 2015 city calendar

### SAVE THE DATE

September 26: Drug Take-Back event, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
September 19: Paper shredding event, 1 to 4 p.m.

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Public Safety Advisory Board meeting, 7 p.m.

05

large item trash day: Miami County

06

Planning Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

13

City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

### 15 Back to School Deck Party



Celebrate the end of summer with duck races, games, and more fun at the Spring Hill Aquatic Center!

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Green Board meeting, 7 p.m.

26

large item trash day: Johnson County

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City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

POOL HOURS STARTING AUGUST 18: Saturdays noon to 8 p.m., Sundays noon to 6 p.m., closed weekdays

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

# DO I NEED A PERMIT FOR MY SIGN?

Summer is here, and along with great weather comes seasonal activities for which people want to advertise with signs along city roads. Before displaying a sign, make sure you are abiding by City sign regulations, which help to maintain the safety and cleanliness of our community. Regulations for the two most common types of signs, garage sale signs and temporary signs, are discussed below. For a complete list of sign regulations, visit [www.springhillks.gov](http://www.springhillks.gov) and view Chapter 17, Article 7 of the Municipal Code.

## GARAGE SALE SIGNS

Garage sale signs are a type of snipe sign, for which there are no permits or fees required.

While snipe signs, including garage sale signs, are allowed on private property, they are not permitted on public property or in the public right-of-way. In areas with sidewalks, the public right-of-way is usually the area between the street and sidewalk. In areas without sidewalks, the right-of-way extends about 15 to 20 feet from the edge of the street.

If signs are found in the right-of-way, they will be removed. Snipe signs will also be removed if they are attached to a fence, tree, power pole, or temporary structure or insecurely fastened to the ground.

The maximum size for a snipe sign is six square feet.

## TEMPORARY SIGNS

Temporary signs do require a permit and a \$10 fee. Examples of temporary signs include advertisements for community events, business events, and fundraising events.

Like snipe signs, temporary signs may not be placed in the public right-of-way or on public property.

Temporary signs may be displayed up to two weeks prior to an event or up to 140 days with the approval of the Zoning Administrator (Spring Hill Sign Regulations Section 17.760.B.9). All signs must be removed upon the event's completion.

Permit applications are available at City Hall or at [www.springhillks.gov](http://www.springhillks.gov) under Departments > Community Development.

If you have any questions or are unsure if a permit is required for your sign, please contact our Community Development Department at (913) 592-3657 or [planning@springhillks.gov](mailto:planning@springhillks.gov).



## CODE DECODER

with Spring Hill code enforcement / animal control officer Jeff Finch

This month, I would like to talk about the meaning of "inoperable vehicle" as it pertains to our city ordinances.

Most would assume that it means a junk car that is not capable of running. While that is part of the definition, it includes much more than just that. Inoperable also means:

- A vehicle with no plate or with expired tags.
- A vehicle parked improperly (parked in any part of the yard not specifically built for parking). No vehicle or any part of a vehicle may be considered yard art or a decorative feature.
- Any vehicle that has sat idle for 30 consecutive days.
- Any vehicle that is unattended on jack, blocks, or stands is considered an immediate vehicle hazard.

All City ordinances are put in place to ensure public safety and quality of life for the community. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you, and be safe.

**Jeff**

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note  
FROM  
CITY  
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**SIGN UP FOR THE NEW CITY  
BUSINESS AND  
ORGANIZATION DIRECTORY**

Do you work for a local business? Participate in a local club, organization, or church? We're in the process of updating our website, which will include an enhanced community business and organization guide. Visit [www.springhillks.gov](http://www.springhillks.gov) and fill out the form at Residents > Local Contacts Directory to have your group or business added to the list.

**NOW HIRING**

The City of Spring Hill is looking for a new police officer and lifeguards. You can learn more and download an application by visiting [www.springhillks.gov](http://www.springhillks.gov) and going to Departments > Human Resources. A link to job opportunities is at the bottom of the page.

**PARTIAL MANDATORY WATER  
RESTRICTIONS NOW IN PLACE**

To help preserve water during the water tower painting project, the City of Spring Hill is enacting partial mandatory water restrictions.

Under these restrictions, an odd-even watering system will be enforced. Residents and businesses with odd-numbered addresses may only water their lawns on odd days, and even addresses may only water on even days.

The City is also temporarily suspending all fire hydrant meter use, as well as conducting system flow and pressure testing until the tower painting project is completed.

Crews working on the tower report that the project is going well. You can keep up with its progress at [www.springhillks.gov](http://www.springhillks.gov).



**Shopper's Scavenger Hunt**

Each week, we'll share a different reason to shop local with our social media followers and local businesses. Keep track of all four reasons on this form to enter to win prizes at the end of the month. You can submit your entry by filling out a digital form at [www.springhillks.gov](http://www.springhillks.gov) or sending this form to City Hall. All entries must be submitted by September 7 to be eligible to win.



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Week 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Week 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Week 4 \_\_\_\_\_