

the OUTLOOK

news and views from the City of Spring Hill, Kansas | SEPTEMBER 2018



RECYCLING

Are you doing it right?

DO

- DO** recycle all empty bottles, cans, paper and cardboard. No glass in bins!
- DO** keep foods and liquids out of recycling.
- DO** keep plastic bags out of recycling.
- DO** recycle glass at Ripple Containers ONLY, located at Spring Hill Price Chopper.

Source: Waste Management

DON'T

- DON'T** bag your recyclables. Plastic bags and films get tangled in machinery.
- DON'T** include food-soiled items. They can turn an entire load of recycling into trash.
- DON'T** add sharp or dangerous materials like needles and electronics. They can cause injury to workers.
- DON'T** toss in "tangles" like rubber hoses and wires. They can shut down an entire recycling center.
- DON'T** include bulky items like propane tanks or construction debris.

HITTIN' THE STREET: MEET OUR NEW SUPERINTENDENT

You might notice a new face out on our streets. Kevin Sawyer, our new street superintendent in Public Works, is here and ready to work, he said. Sawyer filled a position left vacant after former superintendent Trent Wempe transferred to our Community Development department as the Code Enforcement Officer. After starting in August, Sawyer already has goals for his time here in Spring Hill, he said. "The City has two major projects going on now, Lincoln Street and Veterans Park. While getting a grip on these two projects to keep them going, there is a need of prioritizing the existing road conditions and making repairs as needed. The repairs to streets won't happen overnight but we are making changes to what and how we are repairing things. "[I want] to make changes as needed to be more cost effective in what we do."



Sawyer, a former road foreman of asphalt roads for Miami County, said he chose Spring Hill for its small-town feel and its access to all the assets of Kansas City.

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2019 Operating Budget approved

The annual city budget process is an opportunity to match a financial plan to the community's needs. The City of Spring Hill's 2019 budget, approved unanimously by the City Council at its August 23 meeting, achieves this balance.

The 2019 budget earmarked dollars for city service and process enhancements, to include a street maintenance position and accounting supervisor position, service enhancements and internal process improvements including a citizen survey, Aquatic Center maintenance, broadband initiative and general operational needs associated with new streets and the addition of Veterans Park.

The water and wastewater fund balances and proposed rate structures were discussed earlier in the year with Council and rate resolutions will be brought to Council for consideration at a future meeting. Proposed 2019 budgets have been prepared based on the proposed rate structures and include equipment repair and replacement, upgrades and improvements to the wastewater treatment plant and buildings, and improvements to the collection and distribution systems.

The 2019 budget provides continued

Revenues:	
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 1,262,310
Projected Revenue	5,052,170
= Beginning Funds Available	\$ 6,314,480
+ Property tax dollars (level tax rate)	2,937,890
= Base Revenue Available	\$ 9,252,370
Expenditures:	
Johnson County Fire District #2	\$ 735,000
Cemetery Maintenance	28,000
Chamber of Commerce	15,000
Human Services	4,800
Parks Advisory Board	2,000
City services	5,382,805
Debt service (Principal & Interest)	2,265,000
Reserves	819,765
	\$ 9,252,370

support for United Community Services of Johnson County (UCS), the Spring Hill Chamber of Commerce, the Spring Hill Parks Advisory Board, Miami County Conservation District and the Spring Hill Public Safety Advisory Board. It also includes support for the Johnson County Utility assistance program, which also serves residents in Miami County and the maintenance of the Spring Hill Cemetery through the Spring Hill Cemetery Board.

For more information on the budget, visit www.springhillks.gov

New ordinance in place for downtown sidewalks



Bicycles, skateboards and other similar modes of transportation are no longer allowed on the sidewalks in Spring Hill's downtown area.

At the Aug. 9 City Council meeting, Ordinance No. 2018-12 was approved, determining the use of bicycles, skateboards, coasters, roller skates, roller blades and other similar devices a public nuisance on the sidewalks of Main Street downtown.

"The Governing Body finds that the use of such devices on the public sidewalks in the downtown area creates a hazard to the physical safety of the general public due to the limited setbacks between the sidewalk and the downtown structures fronting the public sidewalks; the inherent hazard of such devices in close proximity to pedestrians in the limited space of the public sidewalks in the downtown area and the density of pedestrian uses on the public sidewalks."

The ordinance addresses the area of Main Street between Hale and Nichols streets.



contact us

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Community Development:
(913) 592-3657
Municipal Court: (913) 592-3624
Utility Billing: (913) 592-3626

POLICE DEPARTMENT

418 E. Nichols St.
Spring Hill, KS 66083
Phone: (913) 592-2700

PUBLIC WORKS

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502 E. Nichols St.
Spring Hill, KS 66083
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(913) 247-3521

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Recipients feel the gift of Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund

Each year, neighbors help neighbors by donating to the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund, which benefits four local organizations — the Spring Hill Food Pantry, The BackSnack Program through the Spring Hill Rotary Club and Harvesters, the Southwest Johnson County Multi-Service Center utility assistance program and Miami County Thrive.

Four individuals from those organizations reached out this year to show just how far a donation can go.

CRIS LOWE, SOUTHWEST JOHNSON COUNTY MULTI-SERVICE CENTER MANAGER

"This year, \$2,046.47 was donated to the Southwest Multi-Service Center (SWMSC). Because of the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund, we were able to provide utility assistance for many low-income households in Spring Hill. Listed below is the proof that the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund has made an impact and helped those in need.

Statistics from January through Aug. 20, 2018

- 13 households, including 14 adults, nine children and four seniors were provided electric utility assistance.
- Five households, including six adults and five children were provided assistance with their gas bill.
- Ten households, including 18 adults and 18 children were provided assistance with a past due water bill.

"This assistance is so important as it could have caused a disconnection with client's basic needs services. If their service is disconnected, they acquire more fees to get everything turned back on and this is a major setback for those that cannot pay their bills."

For anyone who needs assistance, call the center's phone agent line at (913) 715-6653. If interested in hosting a food drive or donating items to the center, please call (913) 715-8961.

KIM STERRETT, OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR FOR LIFE SPRING CHURCH

"Through the generosity of Life Spring Church, residents, corporate donors and civic contributions like the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund, more than 750 people a month have been served through the Spring Hill Food Pantry at Life Spring. The Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund provides much needed financial support, without which, the Food Pantry would be unable to meet the needs of our community."



Photo courtesy of Sharon Meek
A group of volunteers poses with donations to the BackSnack program, which provides a weekly backpack of nutritious food for children in need to take home for the weekend.

JANICE HAWLEY, MIAMI COUNTY THRIVE

"Our current THRIVE group, which started back in February, included 12 people from Spring Hill and across Miami County," Hawley said. "Some of those are going to be finishing the curriculum by end of September. We also are using the fund for background checks to make it a safe place for all (especially the child care area), printing costs to produce flyers to educate others in helping us gather in potential participants and more volunteers (such as Weekly Meal Providers, Discussion Facilitators, Mentors and for Child Care Providers). We also print exercises and written materials, which the participants use weekly during the Facilitated Discussions."

Miami County Thrive is preparing for a new group of participants, beginning in October. If you or someone you know is in need of a weekly supportive group to stop the struggle, please contact Pastor Hawley at Hillside Community Lutheran Church at (913) 592-3002 or (913) 226-3334.

SHARON MEEK, BACKSNACK PROGRAM

"We were able to help 108 kids get the supplies they needed to go back to school," Meek said of the program, which is a partnership between the Spring Hill Rotary Club and Harvesters. "The donation from the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund and many other community members made all of this possible."

STREETS: Spring Hill a great fit for new superintendent

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"I feel it will be a great fit," Sawyer said. "I grew up in a small town in western Kansas and liked it. You have access to most anything you want just north of here but don't have to live or work in the city. I originally lived in Overland Park and kept moving outward until my wife, Nicole, and I settled in central Miami County 25 years ago."

In his free time, Sawyer said he enjoys spending time

with his wife, Nicole.

"We enjoy the normal outdoor activities including gardening, pool time, camping and we both ride motorcycles when we find time. Family keeps us busy with kids and grandkids."

To contact Kevin, call Public Works at (913) 592-3317. To report an issue with a street in the Spring Hill city limits, visit our website at www.springhillks.gov/RequestTracker.aspx

REMINDERS

- All trash service will be one day late due to the Labor Day holiday. Pickup will be **Saturday, Sept. 8**. Large item pickup for Miami County residents will be **Thursday, Sept. 6**. Please call Waste Management 48 hours in advance at (913) 631-3300.

- Can't find us? We're back on Madison Street after a renovation of the Spring Hill Civic Center. Stop by and check out our new digs at 401 N. Madison St. The utility payment drop box is now located at the back of the building (the west side) in the parking lot near Jefferson Street.

- Our water tower will be taken out of service **Sept. 20 through Oct. 15** for follow-up warranty repairs after its painting in 2015. There will be no disruption to water customers but our water storage supply will be reduced during this time. Please continue to voluntarily conserve water. For conservation tips, visit www.springhillks.gov and click on "City News Center."



SEPTEMBER

Please note all City meetings and Municipal Court have moved to the Spring Hill Civic Center, 401 N. Madison St.

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Labor Day | Happy Labor Day!
All City offices are closed in observance of the holiday.

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Public Safety Advisory Board meeting canceled due to holiday.

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Spring Hill Municipal Court | 8:30 a.m. | Spring Hill Civic Center

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Large item trash day: Miami County | Call (913) 631-3300 at least 48 hours in advance to schedule pickup.

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Planning Commission meeting | 7 p.m. | Spring Hill Civic Center

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City Council meeting | 7 p.m. | Spring Hill Civic Center

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Parks Advisory Board meeting | 6 p.m. | Spring Hill Civic Center

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Spring Hill Municipal Court | 8:30 a.m. | Spring Hill Civic Center

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Broadband Task Force meeting | 7 p.m. | Community Center

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Large item trash day: Johnson County | Call (913) 631-3300 at least 48 hours in advance to schedule pickup.

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City Council meeting | 7 p.m. | Spring Hill Civic Center

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Spring Hill Fall Festival | At 10 a.m., line up along Webster Street to catch candy from the Governing Body as elected officials and staff participate in the parade. Then, stop by City Park to check out the Parks Advisory Board's booth, which will have free daffodil bulbs and drawings. City staff will also have a booth benefiting the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund. Visit www.springhillfallfestival.org for more information.