
the OUTLOOK

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE CITY OF SPRING HILL, KANSAS | NOVEMBER 2018

HOMETOWN HOLIDAYS RETURNS NEXT MONTH

Hometown Holidays is set to return early in December.

The annual Christmas event will be back at the Spring Hill Civic Center, 401 N. Madison St., from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7 to kickoff the holiday season.

Simple and sweet this year, we'd love for you to join us for a cup of hot cocoa or coffee, Christmas carols, photo opportunities with Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus, a fun outdoor activity and of course, the lighting of the Mayor's Christmas Tree.

MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Join us as 2018 Citizen of the Year Candy Schoenberger lights the Mayor's Christmas Tree to kick off the night. With carolers performing before the ceremony, Mayor Steven Ellis will address the crowd and then hand the switch over to Schoenberger to flip the switch, which illuminates the tree and the Civic Center. The Mayor's Christmas Tree will be set up in a new location in the courtyard of the Civic Center.

PHOTOS WITH SANTA

Santa Claus will make a special trip to Spring Hill to hear the wishes of children, visit with them and take free photographs. Be sure to snag a photo to capture your first 2018 Christmas memory! Mr. and Mrs. Claus will be set up for photos inside the 401 Event Space in the Civic Center.



Photo by Todd Riggins

The Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting at Hometown Holidays 2017.

COOKIES AND HOT COCOA

Warm up inside with cookies, hot chocolate and coffee! We'll have refreshments for all residents to enjoy inside the 401 Event Space from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

CAROLERS

As you make your way through our newly-renovated Civic Center, listen for the sounds of Christmas with groups of carolers and musicians, who are set to perform throughout the entire evening.

CANDY CANE HUNT

Don't miss the Spring Hill Recreation Commission's annual Flashlight Candy Cane Hunt in neighboring Friendship Park. Bring a flashlight for this fun outdoor activity and get ready to track down those candy canes!



Trash containers should be on curb

Is your trash container in the right space?

On trash collection day, place your containers as close to the curb as possible. Do not place containers behind vehicles parked on the street. Waste Management will leave containers in an upright position and lids will be replaced.

Waste Management will not remove trash from trailers, trucks, cars, etc. All trash must be visible from the street and not blocked by parked vehicles or other items that may restrict the crew's ability to locate and remove trash.

City's water supplier to conduct annual chlorine burnout

Beginning this month, Miami County Rural Water District 2, the City's water supplier, will conduct a Free Chlorine Burnout to the water distribution system.

Miami County RWD 2 performs at least two burnouts each year, usually in the spring and fall, with the fall burnout shorter in duration.

This will cause disruption in the aesthetics of the water including the taste and smell of chlorine and possibly discoloration of the water.

"This is an acceptable method of disinfection that is being monitored

at the water treatment plant, as well as throughout the City of Spring Hill's water distribution system," Jim Boyer, utility superintendent for Spring Hill, said. "Although this process is necessary for water distribution system quality assurance as annual routine maintenance, the water is safe to drink during this process, is tested daily and meets Kansas Department of Health and Environment chlorine residual guidelines."

The Free Chlorine Burnout began Nov. 1 and is expected to last through the end of the month.

Snow season: What you need to know

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8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday - Friday
401 N. Madison St. | P.O. Box 424
Spring Hill, KS 66083
Main Phone: (913) 592-3664
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
Public Works: (913) 592-3317
After-hours emergencies:
(913) 247-3521

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1. KNOW THE EMERGENCY SNOW ROUTE

The ordinance prohibits residents from parking on any street in the designated Emergency Snow Route within 48 hours of a snowfall of more than two inches. If accumulation of ice or snow appears imminent, the ordinance can also be implemented by means of an announcement through the local media, City website or social media. View a copy of it on our website at www.springhillks.gov/285/Snow-and-Ice-Removal

2. CLEAR YOUR SIDEWALKS

The City does not remove snow or ice from sidewalks. Driveways may be blocked during snow removal and we do try to minimize that as much as possible; however, the property owner is responsible for clearing their driveway as well as the sidewalk.

3. STAY OFF THE ROADS

The fewer vehicles on the road, the faster we can get them cleared.

4. DO NOT PARK WITHIN A CUL-DE-SAC

Due to the size of the snow plow trucks, City crews are unable to safely remove snow from cul-de-sacs where vehicles

FAST FACT

Chip and seal streets such as Victory Road or roads with new concrete such as Lincoln Street are treated with sand rather than salt during times of snow and ice. Because of the materials used on these roads, salt would deteriorate the road's structure.

are parked within the circle. One parked vehicle within a cul-de-sac will prevent that area from being plowed and must be removed before the plow truck can return to the area.

5. STAY BACK

Stay at least 50 feet from the rear of a plow truck so the driver can see you. If you can't see the driver in his mirrors, he can't see you.

6. DID WE MESS UP?

To report a missed street or damage to your property such as a down mailbox or sod damage, call the Public Works Office at (913) 592-3317.

Work continues on portion of Lincoln Street



Public Works crews continued work on Lincoln Street in the Spring Hill Industrial Park with a concrete pour last month. Crews completed another section, making the roadway about 25 percent complete. The project is a four-year project, performed entirely by Spring Hill Public Works. It is set to be complete in 2020.

How does K9 Niko stay comfortable?



ABOVE: K9 Officer Niko poses for a quick photo inside his patrol car late last month. The K9 vehicle is outfitted with numerous devices to keep Niko cool.

RIGHT: Niko, a Belgian Malinois, flashes a smile for his 7th birthday Nov. 2. Niko came to the Spring Hill Police Department in 2013 and is handled by Interim Chief of Police Lance Wipf.



Being in a car most of his day, how does our K9 officer Niko stay cool and comfortable?

Niko, a seven-year-old Belgian Malinois, has plenty of equipment in his patrol car to keep him cool. His kennel — which takes up half of the back seat of the Chevrolet Tahoe — is equipped with a Hot-N-Pop system. This means when the temperature in the vehicle reaches 90 degrees (measured with two thermostats), an alarm sounds triggering the horn of the vehicle, the back windows roll down, a fan begins blowing on Niko, and his handler, Interim Chief Lance Wipf, is notified to come check on him.

“By no means when that goes off, does it mean he’s in any type of distress at all,” Wipf

said. “That’s why it’s set at 90 degrees rather than 95 so that way, it goes off before it gets to where he would be affected.”

Another way Niko is kept cool is an apparatus connected to the car’s air conditioning unit. This blows the A/C directly into Niko’s kennel at all times.

The Tahoe also has tinted windows to reduce sunlight into the vehicle.

“He loves cold weather. This weather we’re having now where it’s 30 degrees in the morning, he loves it. He’s in heaven when it’s chilly.”

When he’s not in the vehicle, Niko frequently enjoys breaks to play ball and has a kennel inside the Spring Hill Police Department and a large run at home.



Study Hall to resume Nov. 5

Study Hall, a popular activity at the Spring Hill Civic Center, will return this month.

The after-school period can be spent in our newly-renovated building with homework, a good book, peer review or studying.

We’ve got free WiFi, no supervision and a quiet space in our Sunflower Room.

Study Hall will have weekly hours from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday in the Sunflower Room.

Grab your bookbags, laptops or tablets and your buddies and come study after school.

Holiday schedule set for City offices

Whether you want to believe it or not, we’re back in the holiday season!

City offices will be closed for a number of days this year due to various holidays. Check out our holiday schedule below:

— VETERANS DAY

City offices closed Monday, Nov. 12 in observance of the holiday.

— THANKSGIVING

City offices closed both Thursday, Nov. 22 and Friday, Nov. 23 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

— CHRISTMAS

City offices will be closed on Christmas Eve (Monday, Dec. 24) and Christmas Day (Tuesday, Dec. 25).

— NEW YEAR’S DAY

City offices are closed Tuesday, Jan. 1 to celebrate the New Year.

For questions about our holiday hours, please visit our City calendar online at www.springhillks.gov or call us at (913) 592-3664.



NOVEMBER

The Neighbor's Place and Meals on Wheels returns to the Spring Hill Civic Center, **Monday, Nov. 5**. For more information on the program, visit Johnson County Human Services' website: <http://bit.ly/2ypV1Qo> or call **(913) 592-3180**.

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

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Public Safety Advisory Board meeting | 7 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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Cemetery Board meeting | 7 p.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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City Council meeting | 7 p.m. | Spring Hill Civic Center. View the agenda online.

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Community Veterans Day celebration | 11 a.m. | Spring Hill Middle School South, 301 E. South St.

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Veterans Day (observed) | City offices closed for the holiday.

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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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City Council meeting canceled due to Thanksgiving holiday.

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Happy Thanksgiving! | City offices will be closed Thursday, Nov. 22 and Friday, Nov. 23 for the holiday.

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Small Business Saturday | Shop our wonderful, local Spring Hill businesses for all on your gift list.



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Broadband Task Force meeting | 7 p.m. | Spring Hill Civic Center

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MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS TREE FUND 2018



Name or organization: _____

Mailing address: _____

I would like to donate _____ to the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund.

I would like to donate anonymously.

Checks should be made payable to "Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund."

You can include your donation in the same envelope as your utility bill — just make sure there are two separate payments. Mail your donation: P.O. Box 424, Spring Hill, KS 66083 | Drop off your donation: Spring Hill City Hall, 401 N. Madison St.