

CITY HIRES ASSISTANT CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Leon: ‘I love working in communities, helping them turn challenges into opportunities’

A people person, team builder and proud Kansas Citian, Spring Hill’s newest leader has found a home in the Public Works and Community Development departments.

Jose Leon was appointed by Mayor Steven Ellis at the Nov. 8 City Council meeting to fulfill the role of Assistant City Administrator for Public Works, Community Development and Physical Plant. And he’s eager to begin the new position.

“Spring Hill is a very nice community with a great reputation,” Jose said. “It is a growing community and provides the opportunity for me to continue building on the skills and experience I have but also teach me a couple things along the way. I want to be a part of the growth in Spring Hill and that is what initially attracted me. After interviewing and meeting staff members, I knew this was a great fit.”

Before coming to Spring Hill, Jose — a born and raised Kansas Citian — served as Director of Public Works for the City of Roeland Park for the past four years.

“I was responsible for all the infrastructure maintenance and improvements as well as parks and forestry,” he said. “I helped develop a strong Capital Improvement Plan to assist the City in current and future planning, established in-house maintenance programs and initiated the City’s condition assessment projects.”

Prior to serving at Roeland Park, Jose worked for the



City of Overland Park for seven years in the stormwater engineering section of their Public Works department, where he assisted in project management of stormwater maintenance projects, maintained the City’s stormwater system database and helped develop the stormwater infrastructure condition assessments, he said. He also previously worked in the private sector for a number of years.

One of the first projects Jose plans to tackle in Spring Hill is developing the street maintenance program, he said.

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Shared ride service offered for eligible residents

Did you know Johnson County offers a shared ride program for Spring Hill residents? RideKC Freedom is a program providing affordable curb-to-curb transportation for registered residents of Spring Hill in both Johnson County and Miami County.

To be an eligible rider you must be a res-

ident of Spring Hill and meet one of these categories: 65 years of age or older or have a documented disability or a monthly family income within low-income guidelines; live within the designated service area or have means of travel to reach the designated service area; turn in an application either online or mailed in.

In Spring Hill, RideKC Freedom is available for curb-to-curb service 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Mondays. Trips within the city limits are also available on those days.

For more information on the program, visit www.jocogov.org/dept/transit/ridekc-freedom or call (816) 221-0660.

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Aquatic Center positions now open

Our Aquatic Center is known for its considerate, enthusiastic and dependable staff members who work together to create a positive and safe experience for our guests.

By joining this winning team, you can meet new friends, earn money, have fun and gain valuable work experience during a summer of work.

Currently, we're looking for assistant pool managers, deck attendants, swim instructors, lifeguards and front desk and concessions workers.

Team members are hired on a seasonal basis for each operating season (late May through August). Applicants must be available for the entire season including evenings and weekends. Re-



turning staff members receive an extra 25-cent raise.

Interested or know someone who fits the bill? Apply online at <http://bit.ly/2qTM0LZ>

Applications will be accepted until all positions are filled.

Cemetery Board moves to regular meetings

The Spring Hill Cemetery Board will now meet regularly.

The board moved their meetings to 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the Council Chambers at the Spring Hill Civic Center, 401 N. Madison St. Previously, meetings were held at the call of the chair.

The Cemetery Board is responsible for managing, operating, maintaining and improving the Spring Hill Cemetery, 800 block of West Lawrence Street. The group keeps the cemetery's records, sells lots and maintains rules and regulations for the city's cemetery.

The Cemetery Board consists of eight members who serve three-year terms. Members



must be either a resident of USD 230 or own one or more cemetery burial lots.

For information on the board, memorial specifications or installation requirements, visit our website: www.springhillks.gov/63/Cemetery-Board

Keep track of pickup delays during the holidays

With the holidays at the end of this month and the beginning of next, Waste Management will be delayed for regular trash pickup, yard waste and some large item days.

REGULAR TRASH PICKUP

— Delayed to Saturday, Dec. 29 for Christmas holiday

— Delayed to Saturday, Jan. 5 for New Year's Day holiday.

LARGE ITEM PICKUP

Large item pickup will be delayed for Johnson County residents to Thursday, Dec. 27. Miami County will remain on Wednesday, Dec. 5.

YARD WASTE PICKUP

The last day for 2018 yard waste pickup will be Friday, Dec. 14. For 2019, the winter yard waste pickup days are Friday, Jan. 18 and Friday, Feb. 15. Weekly yard waste pickup will return Friday, March 15.

Hometown Holidays, Santa Claus return Dec. 7

Hometown Holidays is returning this month!

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.

We would 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 Madison Avenue Performing Arts (MAPA) 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.

COOKIES, COCOA AND CAROLERS

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.

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. MAPA will sing carols before the Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting while Kevin Phillips will play holiday tunes on his guitar throughout the evening.



Kevin Phillips performs holiday tunes on his guitar at Hometown Holidays 2017.

CANDY CANE HUNT AND LETTERS TO SANTA

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! The Spring Hill Recreation Commission will also have a mailbox for children to drop off their letters to Santa!

PHOTOS WITH SANTA

Delivered by Johnson County Fire District No. 2, 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.

ADMINISTRATOR: New employee proud of passion, people skills

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"I plan to get involved in the City's street condition survey and work with our street superintendent on developing our street maintenance program. As 2019 rolls around, the departments I am leading will work together to set some attainable goals so we have a clear direction moving forward. I also intend to get to know our elected officials and business community members. These are all important relationships toward our success going forward.

"As I understand Spring Hill through my own research and talking with staff, there are a lot of challenges and high expectations for the growing community," Jose said. "My hope is to day by day tackle the challenges together with the Spring Hill staff, elected officials and residents. . . . I also want to help the City realize its potential with the business community and bring opportunities to the table from the private sector that will grow Spring Hill to the expectations of the community as a whole."

Of all the skills Jose brings to Spring Hill, he's most proud of his people skills and his passion for the work.

"I am a team builder and love working in communities, helping them turn challenges into opportunities," he said. "Of

all the skills I have developed over the years, I am still proud to say I don't know everything and am still learning every day. I believe that is a skill in itself."

In his free time, Jose enjoys spending time with his wife of 19 years, Jackie (a high school sweetheart!) and his two sons, Adriano and Nicholas.

"My favorite hobby is my family time," Jose said. "My family and I enjoy our Chiefs, Royals, Sporting KC and KU Jayhawks, Rock Chalk! My favorite activity is playing a nice, quiet and sometimes loud game of chess. I don't get to enjoy this very often but I love the game of chess.

"Adriano keeps us busy with school activities and fifth grade sports," he said. "Nicholas is in college and manages the men's basketball team at Johnson County Community College. I really like to attend those games and support the team."

Jose began work for the City of Spring Hill Dec. 3.

"I am really looking forward to meeting staff," he said. "I am also looking forward to meeting residents and business-owners to understand community expectations. I have also heard about a place called K&M BBQ and I am looking forward to a lunch there real soon!"

DECEMBER

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

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Hometown Holidays | 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. | Spring Hill Civic Center. Join us for our annual holiday event, which includes the Mayor's Christmas Tree lighting, cookies and hot cocoa, acoustic music, carolers, a Flashlight Candy Cane Hunt and more!

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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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Season's Greetings! | City offices will be closed Monday, Dec. 24 and Tuesday, Dec. 25 for the holiday.

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Broadband Task Force meeting canceled due to Christmas holiday.

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HELP A NEIGHBOR IN NEED! DECEMBER IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO DONATE! 

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.