

the OUTLOOK



Photo courtesy of Grant Merritt

An aerial photo in late September shows the clearing Public Works performed at Veterans Park this year. Crews cleared from Veterans Lane off 199th Street south to the dam at Spring Hill City Lake.

2019 preview

1 Veterans Park progress

Spring Hill Public Works crews will continue working this year to deliver this high-quality park our community can be proud of. In 2018, groundwork was completed for Spring Hill's newest park. Public Works crews cleared and grubbed expansive areas on the west side of Spring Hill City Lake in the early spring. By late summer, survey work was complete and some dirt work began as well. However, work was shut down in late fall due to wet conditions.

2 Gymnasium programming

Programming is set to return to the Civic Center gymnasium this year. The gym can accommodate pickleball, basketball and volleyball as well as a walking track. We plan to have age-specific open gym hours throughout the weeks as well as performances on our upgraded and accessible stage. The Spring Hill Recreation Commission also plans to return programming to the Civic Center this year.

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Art on display at Civic Center

Have you seen the new artwork at the Spring Hill Civic Center?

Right now, we have artwork from kindergarten through eighth grade students in the USD 230 Spring Hill school district as well as canvases of historical moments in Spring Hill's history.

Near utility billing, we have two pieces of artwork, both donated by Mayor Steven Ellis at the Nov. 8 meeting.

With more artwork on the way, the Civic Center is looking beautiful.

If you or someone you know is a Spring Hill artist and interested in displaying 2D artwork in our building, contact us by phone at (913) 592-3664 or email publicaffairs@springhillks.gov

Utility billing to undergo software change

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2018 in review

Another year of growth was in store for Spring Hill in 2018. With new businesses, more residential building permits than ever before and a City facility renovation complete, it was an exciting 2018.

1 Civic Center revitalization complete

The year-long renovation saw its way to completion in August. The \$3 million renovation included a modernized gymnasium and performance stage, upgraded rentable spaces, expanded City Council chambers and Municipal Courtroom, new payment and reservation windows, an upgraded courtyard and renovated City Hall offices among other improvements.

2 Record number of single-family home permits

Residential growth is still booming in Spring Hill. The Community Development department processed 147 new single-family home (NSF) permits, a new single-year record, as of Dec. 27. Total number of permits for 2018 topped 649. In 2017, 144 NSF permits were issued and 57 permits in 2016.

3 Businesses find home in Spring Hill

Several new businesses found a home in

Spring Hill this year, from local shops to large corporations. Several new businesses opened along Main Street and Webster Street along with commercial expansions and openings and a new industrial park tenant.

4 Lone Elm Road bridge nearly complete

This bridge, located at 207th Street and Lone Elm Road, is expected to open this month, connecting Lone Elm Road to U.S. 169. The project was a part of Johnson County's County Assistance Road System (CARS) program and Federal Fund Exchange.

5 Broadband Task Force makes recommendation

The Broadband Task Force made their recommendation for Internet in Spring Hill to the City Council in a joint work session in February. The Task Force worked with CTC Technology and Energy for about six months on a fiber feasibility study for a potential fiber-to-the-premises network (FTTP), which aims to answer two questions: Is the idea possible, and should you move forward with it? To view their recommendation, visit www.springhillks.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=326

Special proclamation

The Jan. 10 City Council meeting will have a National School Choice Week proclamation on the agenda, which raises awareness of the public and non-public K-12 education options for children.

PREVIEW: Online payments

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3 New online payments

Rolling out in 2019, new payment systems for utility billing, municipal court and Community Development will begin. As the year moves forward, residents will be able to make payments online to Community Development and Municipal Court as well as a new look for utility billing. Stay tuned to future newsletters for information on each new payment option!

4 Lincoln Street Year 3

Public Works crews will continue to improve and replace this heavily-traveled street in the Spring Hill Industrial Park. In 2018, Public Works replaced more than 225 feet of roadway with new concrete. The roadway is part of a five-year project, completed entirely by Spring Hill Public Works.

SOFTWARE: Utility billing to receive upgrade

Upgrade alert!

Your utility bills will be getting a new look in February! With new software implemented, utility bills and the online web pay for Spring Hill water, sewer and trash customers will be affected.

As we switch to the new system, bills will be mailed late for February only.

The billing update is part of a citywide software upgrade for departments which include Municipal Court, Community Development, Finance and Public Works.

Every online utility customer will have to re-establish their web account. Stay tuned to the February newsletter for instructions on how to set up your web account and interpret your new bill!

Sewer, water rates adjusted for 2019

Residents will see a slight adjustment in their water and sewer rates beginning with the January 2019 utility bill, which will arrive in mailboxes in February.

The Spring Hill Water District — which includes about 2/3 of all households in Spring Hill — water rate will increase 21 cents to \$8.55 per 1,000 gallons. The monthly service charge will also increase from \$12.62 from \$12.94.

The sewer rate will also increase from \$16.59 from \$17.00 for the first 2,000 gallons and from \$8.45 to \$8.65 for each additional 1,000 gallons for a total increase of 61 cents. The service charge will remain at \$5.

An internal rate study is prepared annually by City staff and presented to the City Council for consideration. The focus of the study is to identify areas of concern, determine whether the fund balances are adequate and to make a recommendation regarding current rates. Rates were adjusted due to a price increase in water from the State of Kansas as well as



to fund future projects and maintenance to water and wastewater facilities.

The most recent sewer rate increase occurred in January 2018 with a decreased service charge in January 2017. The last increase for water was in January 2018.

Rate changes were approved at the Dec. 13 City Council meeting.

Waste Management offering free tree disposal

Needing to get rid of that live Christmas tree?

Waste Management will offer one free Christmas tree pick up per household throughout the month of January only.

Just sit your Christmas tree out

with your regular trash on any Friday throughout the month of January and Waste Management will remove the tree.

For more information, call us at (913) 592-3626.



Want to work with us? City seeking applicants in multiple departments

New year, new job!

We're looking for applicants to fill full-time and seasonal positions. Are you or someone you know interested? Check out the job descriptions and application instructions online at www.springhillks.gov/618/Apply-for-a-Job

SEASONAL (AQUATIC CENTER)

- Assistant Manager
- Lifeguard
- Deck Attendant

- Front Desk
- Concessions
- Swim Instructor

FULL-TIME

- Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk
- Police Chief
- Police Lieutenant
- Building Official
- Building Inspector

JANUARY



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Happy New Year! | City offices will be closed Tuesday, Jan. 1 for the holiday. We will reopen Wednesday, Jan. 2

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Spring Hill Municipal Court canceled for the holiday.

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Cemetery Board meeting canceled for the holiday.

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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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Public Safety Advisory Board meeting canceled this month.

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

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Parks Advisory Board special 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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Chamber Coffee | 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. | Spring Hill Civic Center

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Martin Luther King Jr. Day | City offices will be closed for the holiday.

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