

# the OUTLOOK

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE CITY OF SPRING HILL, KANSAS | JULY 2019

## what's inside?

- 1 STORAGE TANK PROJECT
- 2 OPEN GYM DATES
- 3 FIREWORKS SAFETY

## upcoming events

JULY 4

**Independence Day Deck Party** | Noon to 6 p.m.  
| Spring Hill Aquatic Center. Patriotic games and special deals! Active and retired military, veterans and first responders get in free.

JULY 19

**Teen Night at the Aquatic Center** | 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. | Hosted by Spring Hill Inspiration for Teens (SHIFT). Music, games, food and more!

AUG. 3

**Seventh Annual Family Luau** | 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
| Spring Hill Aquatic Center. Our biggest party of the season features a delicious catered meal, abundant giveaways and other attractions.

(more events found on page 4!)

## Mayor appoints new judge

The Honorable Michelle DeCicco was appointed as the new Municipal Judge for the City of Spring Hill.

Mayor Steven Ellis appointed DeCicco at the June 13 City Council meeting. DeCicco was serving as interim judge for the City after former Judge Alex Judd resigned for another opportunity.

Spring Hill Municipal Court handles cases of alleged violations of City ordinances committed within the city limits. The cases usually involve traffic and other minor offenses.

## Census 2020 crucial to City, State

We are approaching the once-a-decade national census, which affects your representation in government, determines how much funding your community receives and provides data to help plan for the future.

Why is it important for you to complete the census? Census data:

- accurately determines how many representatives each state has in Congress and informs the redrawing of congressional district boundaries.
- is used as the basis for distributing more than \$675 billion in federal funds annually to states, counties and communities to support resources such as schools, hospitals and fire departments.
- is used to determine the allocation of school Title I funds, the National School Lunch Program and special education grants to states.
- informs business decisions, policies, community initiatives and consumer advocacy.
- provides the basis for distributing grants for economic development and inform business decisions, such as local business expansion.

Census information is confidential and, by law, can not be shared with immigration or law enforcement.

Census day is April 1, 2020. Look for a postcard in the mail, March 2020, with instructions on ways to complete your census information.

# contact us

## CITY HALL

8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday - Friday  
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Spring Hill, KS 66083  
Main Phone: (913) 592-3664  
Community Development:  
(913) 592-3657  
Municipal Court: (913) 592-3624  
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## POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

## PUBLIC WORKS

8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday  
502 E. Nichols St.  
Spring Hill, KS 66083  
Public Works: (913) 592-3317  
After-hours emergencies:  
(913) 247-3521

## Online

[www.springhillks.gov](http://www.springhillks.gov)  
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[@springhillks](https://twitter.com/springhillks)  
[@springhillks](https://www.instagram.com/springhillks)  
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## Governing Body

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# Ground storage tank project begins

The City of Spring Hill began the Ground Storage Tank Painting and Repair improvement project June 24. This project is expected to take approximately 60 days with completion around Aug. 30.

We anticipate no disruption in water service to City of Spring Hill water district customers during the project period. However, we want all Spring Hill water customers to be aware of the Ground Storage Tank Improvement project that will commence soon at the corner of Washington and Allen streets.

The repairs will include grouting and seal of concrete foundation, cleaning of nameplate, shell manway improvements, overflow improvements, new



roof accessories, repairs to the tank floor and blasting and painting of the interior and exterior of the tank.

This project will render the Ground Storage Water Tank out of service thus leaving the City with the Elevated Water Tower for above ground water storage as well as direct water supply from Miami Co. RWD2 during the project.

## ICYMI (in case you missed it)

### A roundup of posts on City of Spring Hill social media

#### 1. Spring Hill officer honored with life-saving award

Officer Austin Ashe was presented a life-saving award at the June 13 City Council meeting after he saved a toddler from choking May 13. Ashe administered back strikes to the child, dislodging the food and saving him. Mayor Steven Ellis said Ashe is a testament to the uniform he wears. "I appreciate the honor and recognition, but it's part of my daily duties to respond to stuff like this and help the community," Ashe said at the Council meeting. To view the full story on Fox4 news, visit <http://bit.ly/2KYaPlq>



City of Spring Hill, KS Government Facebook page: <http://bit.ly/2Km9CEQ>

#### 2. Spring Hill Elementary Student appointed "Mayor for the Day"

Spring Hill (temporarily) had a new Mayor June 10. Spring Hill Elementary School student Nathan Covey was appointed as Mayor for the Day by current Mayor Steven Ellis. During his tenure, Mr. Covey was presented with a proclamation and engraved gavel and given a police escort by Chief Cindy Henson to the Spring Hill Aquatic Center, where he was the first patron of the day! View the post on the

#### 3. City's Instagram begins sharing user photos

Got a cool photo of our community? Tag your photos with #springhillks for a chance to be featured on our Instagram account. [www.instagram.com/springhillks](http://www.instagram.com/springhillks)

#### 4. Aquatic Center adds evening River Walking hours

We added evening hours for our River Walking. Join us Mondays and Thursdays from 7 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. for this excellent exercise, great for joints, muscles and bones. A \$15 punch pass covers five visits.

# Celebrate the holiday safely with fireworks tips

Make sure you are safe during your celebrations of Independence Day with a few reminders:

- Fireworks can be lit 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. July 3 through July 6. For New Year's Eve, fireworks may be discharged 11 p.m. Dec. 31 through 12:30 a.m. Jan. 1.
- To light fireworks, you must be at least 18 years of age or be under adult supervision.
- Fireworks should not be lit in any gathering of people;

in public parks, including golf courses, and public parking lots of the city; within any building; or in, under, or from a car or vehicle whether moving or standing still.

- The use of fireworks is prohibited in the event of a burn ban or declaration of an emergency; however, the sale of fireworks is still allowed.

For more information, visit [www.springhillks.gov/391/fireworks](http://www.springhillks.gov/391/fireworks)



## Open Gym dates posted for July, August

Our well-loved Open Gym hours are back! Take a break from the heat and enjoy our air-conditioned gymnasium at the Civic Center, 401 N. Madison St. Open Gym times for July and August are as follows:

### ***3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursdays***

- July 11, July 18 and July 25
- Aug. 1, Aug. 8, Aug. 15, Aug. 22 and Aug. 29

### ***9 a.m. to noon every other Saturday***

- July 13 and July 27
- Aug. 10 and Aug. 24

Participants for Open Gym must sign in prior to entering the gymnasium. Children ages 13 and up must bring in a waiver signed by a parent or guardian or have the form on file in order to be allowed to participate. Children 12 and younger must be accompanied by an adult age 18 or older.

Use of the gym is on a first-come, first-served basis. Balls and sports equipment are not provided. Remember, this is not a time for organized sports or organized practices. Those activities can be reserved through our rental program.



## Avoid sewer drain clogs this summer

When fats, oil, or grease are dumped down the sewer drain in your home, it can build up inside the drain pipes. The drain lines get blocked over time and can result in line blockages in your home. It's expensive to unclog your drain lines or worse having to replace drain pipes. Not only is it expensive but it's also a major inconvenience when you can't use the shower, bath, toilet or kitchen sink if your pipes are blocked.

As a byproduct of cooking, FOG (fats, oils and grease) originates in baking goods, butter, lard, shortening, cooking oil, fats and oils from cooked meats, food scraps, gravy, mayonnaise, salad dressings, sauces and sour cream.

### **• HOW TO AVOID IT**

FOG can be eliminated from the sewer collection system by not dumping cooking and food byproducts in your home drain lines.

We appreciate your efforts in helping us reduce the FOG in the City of Spring Hill's Sanitary Sewer Collection System. For more information or questions, contact Jim Boyer, utility superintendent, at (913) 592-2996.

# upcoming events

## july

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| <b>2</b> <b>Spring Hill Municipal Court</b>   8:30 a.m.   Spring Hill Civic Center | <b>Cemetery Board meeting</b>   7 p.m.   Spring Hill Civic Center  | <b>Planning Commission meeting</b>   7 p.m.   Spring Hill Civic Center            | <b>3</b> <b>Large item trash day: Miami County</b>   Call (913) 631-3300 at least 48 hours in advance to schedule pickup. |
| <b>4</b> <b>Independence Day</b>   City offices closed for the holiday.            | <b>11</b> <b>City Council meeting</b>   7 p.m.   Spring Hill Civic Center  | <b>15</b> <b>Parks Advisory Board meeting</b>   6 p.m.   Spring Hill Civic Center | <b>16</b> <b>Spring Hill Municipal Court</b>   8:30 a.m.   Spring Hill Civic Center                                       |
| <b>23</b> <b>Broadband Task Force meeting</b>   7 p.m.   Spring Hill Civic Center  | <b>24</b> <b>Large item trash day: Johnson County</b>   Call (913) 631-3300 at least 48 hours in advance to schedule pickup. | <b>25</b> <b>City Council meeting</b>   7 p.m.   Spring Hill Civic Center         |   |
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## august

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| <b>1</b> <b>Planning Commission meeting</b>   7 p.m.   Spring Hill Civic Center | <b>6</b> <b>Spring Hill Municipal Court</b>   8:30 a.m.   Civic Center   | <b>Cemetery Board meeting</b>   7 p.m.   Civic Center  | <b>7</b> <b>Large item trash day: Miami County</b>   Call (913) 631-3300 at least 48 hours in advance to schedule pickup. |
| <b>8</b> <b>City Council meeting</b>   7 p.m.   Civic Center                    | <b>11</b> <b>Last day of the Aquatic Center season</b>   Squeeze in one last swim before staff heads back to school! | <b>19</b> <b>Parks Advisory Board meeting</b>   6 p.m.   Civic Center  | <b>20</b> <b>Spring Hill Municipal Court</b>   8:30 a.m.   Civic Center   |
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