



# OUTLOOK

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

(PHOTO BY TODD RIGGINS)

## what's inside?

- 1 FREE CHLORINE BURNOUT
- 2 WATER METERS
- 3 RFP FOR BROADBAND

## upcoming events

SEPT. 17

**Municipal Court Amnesty Day** | 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. | Spring Hill Civic Center, 401 N. Madison St. Take care of outstanding warrants without the fear of being arrested.

SEPT. 28 - 29

**Fall Festival** | City Park, Washington and Allen streets. Catch the parade down Webster Street then head over after to check out our booths!

Check our online calendar for Open Gym dates for September and October. Open Gym is at the Civic Center every Thursday from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and every other Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon.

*(more events found on page 4!)*

## Budget approved for 2020

The annual city budget process is an opportunity to match a financial plan to the community's needs. The City of Spring Hill's 2020 budget, approved unanimously by the City Council at its Aug. 22 meeting, achieves this balance.

The 2020 budget earmarks dollars for two new police officer positions, intersection improvements at 199th Street and Ridgeview Road, the broadband initiative, facility improvements to Public Works and the Aquatic Center, infrastructure improvements and more.

The 2020 budget also provides continued support for the Spring Hill Chamber of Commerce, United Community Services of Johnson County (UCS), the Spring Hill Parks Advisory Board and the Miami County Conservation District.

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## Multi-Service Center to return

The Johnson County Southwest Multi-Service Center staff is coming to the Spring Hill Civic Center, 401 N. Madison St., once a month, starting Wednesday, Oct. 9. Hours are limited and by appointment only.

Get help with:

- Past due utility bills
- Links to other resources (education, employment, transportation, clothing closets, other food pantries, Area Agency on Aging)
- Prescription medications, eyeglasses and hearing aids (restrictions apply, funding through Kansas City's Medicine Cabinet)
- Supportive coaching for budgeting

Services are income based and require a phone screening. If eligible after phone screening, an appointment will be set up. No walk-ins allowed. Phone screening and appointments must be made in advance. For questions, screening and appointments, please call (913) 715-6653, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

# contact us

## CITY HALL

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

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)  
[/springhillks](https://www.facebook.com/springhillks)  
[@springhillks](https://twitter.com/springhillks)  
[@springhillks](https://www.instagram.com/springhillks)  
[City of Spring Hill, Kansas](https://www.cityofspringhillks.gov)

## Governing Body

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## Water supplier conducts annual maintenance

Beginning Aug. 27, our water supplier — Miami County Rural Water District No. 2 (RWD2) — will conduct their annual Free Chlorine Burnout to the water distribution system.

RWD2 discontinued using combined chlorine Aug. 27. Instead, free chlorine will be used for up to 30 days. This is part of the water district's annual preventative maintenance program. Customers may notice a stronger than usual chlorine taste and smell to the water. This is only temporary and it is necessary to "burn out" the system and kill certain nitrifying bacteria that do not show up on the routine sampling. These bacteria are not harmful to humans or animals. They tend to cause slime growths within the waterlines and create



a higher than normal demand on chlorine, thus lowering disinfection properties.

"The chlorine taste may linger after the free chlorine has been discontinued," RWD 2 said. "In some cases, there may be some natural soluble iron and manganese present in the waterlines. Free chlorine may further oxidize these substances."

The burnout will last for 30 days.

## ICYMI (in case you missed it)

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

#### 1. City Hall Selfie Day

What a fantastic year we had for City Hall Selfie Day! If you're not familiar with the "holiday," City Hall Selfie Day is a way to show your #govlove and local government pride. This year, we had staff and residents participate Aug. 15. Check out all the photos on our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/springhillks](http://www.facebook.com/springhillks)

#### 2. Pretty puppers

We had a great photo submitted to our Instagram featuring two gorgeous German Shepherds in the morning fog over Spring Hill the week of Aug. 5. View the pretty pic: <http://bit.ly/2Z7XXMX> Want a chance for your photo to be showcased on our page? Tag us @springhillks or use #springhillks. Your account must be set to public for us to see your photos!

#### 3. School zone enforcement

School is back in session and the Spring Hill Police Department used a duo of humorous posts to let you know. Check them out here: <http://bit.ly/2OYBxxS> and here: <http://bit.ly/2yZj21x> Follow the PD on Facebook and Twitter!



#### 4. Census begins canvassing

The U.S. Census Bureau started address canvassing in August to ensure the Census Bureau Address List is accurate and complete for the 2020 Census. Census workers will have an official government badge, an official Census bag, and an official laptop or tablet. In addition to address canvassing, the Census Bureau conducts regular surveys each year. If you have questions regarding address canvassers, contact the Regional Census Center, 1 (800) 852-6159.

# City issues RFP for high-speed broadband

The City of Spring Hill issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) Aug. 12 to convey its interest in partnering with a sophisticated and motivated partner to bring fiber-based, Gigabit-class broadband service to the city.

The successful partner will either build, or partner with the City to build, and support a fiber-to-the-premises (FTTP) deployment capable of enhancing broadband connectivity to residents, businesses and community anchor institutions within the city limits of Spring Hill.

The RFP comes at the recom-

mendation of the Broadband Task Force, which has worked tirelessly on discovering ways to bring better Internet service to Spring Hill.

Respondents must submit three hard copies and an electronic (flash drive) copy by 4 p.m. Monday, Sept. 30, 2019 to: Melanie Landis, Assistant City Administrator, 401 N. Madison St. P.O. Box 424, Spring Hill, KS 66083

To view the full RFP, visit the City of Spring Hill website: <http://bit.ly/2Z3qNCh> Find more information about the Broadband Task Force here: <http://bit.ly/shbroadband>

## City to conduct limb pick-up

The City of Spring Hill will conduct a citywide tree debris pick-up **Thursday, Sept. 5** as a result of recent storm damage.

The limb pick-up will be at no cost to residents inside the Spring Hill city limits. Public Works will utilize its own resources to remove limbs from the right-of-way in front of your house.

City staff will make one pass down each street. We ask all residents to take advantage of this assistance in the following way:

- Residents are responsible for cutting and stacking limbs curbside including limbs from trees located in the right-of-way;
- Brush must be stacked neatly at curbside for pick-up;
- Brush should be placed parallel to the curb, so it does not block the sidewalk or stick out into the street;
- Branches should be no longer than 6 feet in length. This will help City crews from having to stop and cut branches, making our process more efficient.

Questions? Contact City Hall at (913) 592-3664 or Public Works at (913) 592-3317.

## BUDGET: CIP approved for 2020-2024

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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.

The budget process included a financial review of 2018 year-end and first quarter 2019 on April 25; presentations from outside agencies on May 21; a discussion of the entire Capital Improvement Program (CIP) on May 23; and a final budget presentation on July 11. The public hearing was held Aug. 8 where the Governing Body announced a steady mill levy would be attainable.

The 2020 to 2024 CIP was also approved Aug. 22, which includes all projects proposed to be completed over the next five years. Project costs are estimates and available funding will drive the actual progress of those projects.

For more detailed information on the 2020 budget, visit our website at [www.springhillks.gov/432/Budget](http://www.springhillks.gov/432/Budget)

## Reminders, notices + volunteer opportunities for residents

### WATERONE SEWER REAVERAGING

— For residents on WaterOne, your August utility bill — which you will receive in September — will reflect your new sewer average for the rest of 2019. Your sewer charge is based on your average water usage during the months of December 2018 and January, February and March 2019.

### TRASH SERVICE DELAYED + CITY OFFICES CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY

— 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**. To schedule large item pick up, please call Waste Management 48 hours in advance at (913) 631-3300. | All City offices will be closed for the holiday. We will reopen 8 a.m. Sept. 3.

### MEALS ON WHEELS SEEKING DELIVERY DRIVERS

— Want to give back in your community? Meals on Wheels is seeking delivery drivers for the Spring Hill area. Staff and volunteers deliver meals between 10:45 a.m. and noon, Monday through Friday. Interested? Call (913) 715-8859.

# upcoming events

## september

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

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

**Cemetery Board  
meeting** | 7 p.m. |  
Civic Center

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

**5** **Planning Commission  
meeting** | 7 p.m. |  
Civic Center

**12** **City Council  
meeting** | 7 p.m.  
| Civic Center

**16** **Parks Advisory  
Board meeting** |  
6 p.m. | Civic Center

**17** **Spring Hill Municipal Court  
+ Amnesty Day** | 8 a.m. to  
10:30 a.m. | Civic Center

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

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

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

## october

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

**Cemetery Board  
meeting** | 7 p.m. |  
Civic Center

**2** **Large item trash day: Miami County**  
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in advance to schedule pickup.

**3** **Planning Commission  
meeting** | 7 p.m. |  
Civic Center

**10** **City Council  
meeting** | 7 p.m.  
| Civic Center

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

**21** **Parks Advisory  
Board meeting** |  
6 p.m. | Civic Center

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

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

**31** **Happy Halloween!** | City  
offices are open normal  
hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.