

the OUTLOOK

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

what's inside?

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upcoming events

OCT. 9

Southwest Johnson County Multi-Service Center | Spring Hill Civic Center, 401 N. Madison St. Call (913) 715-6653 to make an appointment.

OCT. 10, 17, 19 + 24

Open Gym | Spring Hill Civic Center, 401 N. Madison St. 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.

DEC. 6

Hometown Holidays | 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. | Spring Hill Civic Center, 401 N. Madison St. Our biggest event of the year returns! Stay tuned to the November newsletter for more details.

(more events found on page 4!)

Work to begin at Veterans Park

Construction at Veterans Park is set to begin this month!

At the Sept. 26 City Council meeting, the Council approved a contract with Mega Industries to construct Spring Hill's newest park, which will be financed with funds from the dedicated sales tax initiative.

Veterans Park — situated on the west side of Spring Hill City Lake — will include:

- A dog park (which will be named Melvin Murry Dog Park);
- Boat launch;
- Fishing jetty;
- Playground;
- Sidewalks, trails and parking;
- Restrooms;

Access to the park will be by way of Veterans Lane off West 199th Street. Construction is to be completed by June 2020.

This marks Spring Hill's seventh park. Discover your neighborhood park on our website: www.springhillks.gov/236/Parks

A&M Products donates radios

A&M Products Manufacturing (The Clorox Company) donated two-way radios to the City's Public Works department Sept. 23.

Sam Long — an employee at the company, situated in the Spring Hill Industrial Park — traveled to our Wastewater Plant to visit with staff and donate 15 radios and 30 bases. These will be in

addition to radios used for snow routes and emergencies to better help our department communicate. Pictured are Long, left, and Dave Carr, Utility Foreman.



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
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After-hours emergencies:
(913) 247-3521

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5 important fall maintenance tips

Replace the filter
With the weather cooling down, fall is a great reminder to replace the filter in your heating system. Filters trap dust and other particles in your home. Clogged filters make it harder to keep your home at a comfortable temperature.

No leaves in the street
Leaves will begin to fall soon, but did you know that blowing them into the street is illegal? Leaves can clog sewer drains. Instead, try mulch mowing your yard or bagging up those leaves for weekly yard waste pick-up, which is included FREE with your trash service.

Clean out your gutters
Because of those pesky leaves, your home's gutters can become clogged. This can cause future damage to your home.



Check the batteries
Check the batteries in your home's smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. If you haven't already, install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors on every floor of your home. It could save your life!

Prevent frozen pipes
Disconnect hoses from outdoor faucets and be sure both are fully drained. Wrap pipes close to exterior walls to prevent freezing. Know the location of your home's water shut-off valve. This could save valuable time in the event a pipe bursts.

ICYMI (in case you missed it)

A roundup of posts on City of Spring Hill social media

1. Interactive Launch Event

RG Fiber, a Baldwin City-based company, hosted an interactive launch event for residents at the Civic Center Sept. 17. The company provided more information on internet services it plans to bring to Spring Hill as well as information on fiber. Couldn't make it? We streamed the event live on our Facebook page! Check it out here: <http://bit.ly/2kABCcB>

2. Coffee with A Cop

Our Police Department is bringing back Coffee with A Cop! From 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. Wednesday Oct. 2, stop by The Bean Coffee Co., 112 S. Main St., to have a cup of coffee, talk with our officers or share your concerns with the department. More dates are slated for this year and 2020.

3. Study Hall returns

Study Hall at the Civic Center is back! This is a great, quiet space for tutoring, studying, homework or just a good book! Hours are 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays at



the Civic Center, 401 N. Madison St. <http://bit.ly/2mAY1qX>

4. Census seeking applicants

The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting thousands of people across the country to assist with the 2020 Census! These are great paying jobs, starting at \$17 in our area. Most have flexible hours, allowing you to earn extra income while helping your community. Want to apply? Visits 2020census.gov/jobs

Welcome to our new employees

You may see some new faces throughout City staff. Over the last several months, we welcomed new (and some familiar!) faces in all departments.

CITY HALL

Patrick Burton, Community Development Director
Monakisha Jones, Human Resources Manager
Ashley Wood, Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Christen Hubbard, Administrative Assistant/Records Clerk

PUBLIC WORKS

Dora Davison, Administrative Assistant
Daniel Hilyard, Maintenance Worker — Parks
Dillon Jones, Parks Superintendent
Jacob Vail, Maintenance Worker — Streets

Want to work with us? We have openings in each department.
Check out www.springhills.gov/37/full-time-positions

Open Gym dates for October + November

Thursdays (3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.)

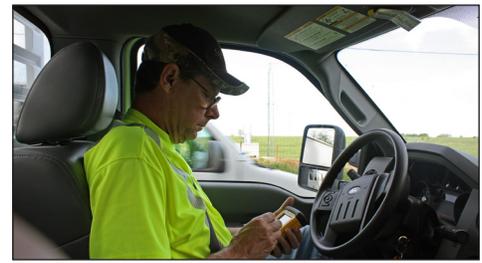
— Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24
— Nov. 7, 14, 21

No Open Gym on Nov. 28 for
Thanksgiving holiday.

Every other Saturday (9 a.m. to noon)

— Oct. 5, 19
— Nov. 2, 16

No Open Gym on Nov. 30 for
Thanksgiving holiday.



How does the City read my water meter?

The City of Spring Hill uses two types of water meters — touch read and radio read.

The touch read system was introduced in the City in the early 1990s and allowed staff to read meters without opening the meter lids, which improved accuracy and saved time.

New radio read meters are replacing all touch read meters that are more than 10 years old. The radio read meters transmit readings, which allows city staff to drive through the city and pick up the reading via a radio signal on a handheld device.

The Public Works department's goal is to convert all water meters over to radio read meters, which would enhance efficiency, improve accuracy and allow meters to be read, regardless of weather conditions.

Fundraising begins for Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund

It's that time of year to give back to your community for the seventh annual Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund! All proceeds benefit five, local organizations — Spring Hill Food Pantry, Johnson County Utility Assistance Program, BackSnack program through the Spring Hill Rotary Club, Miami County Thrive and Spring Hill Inspiration for Teens (SHIFT).

For more information on these valuable community organizations, visit www.springhills.gov or call (913) 592-3664.



MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS TREE FUND 2019

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.

upcoming events

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| 11 Veterans Day City offices are closed for the holiday. We will reopen Nov. 12. | 14 City Council meeting 7 p.m. Civic Center | 18 Parks Advisory Board meeting 6 p.m. Civic Center | 19 Spring Hill Municipal Court 8:30 a.m. Civic Center |
| 24 City Council meeting 7 p.m. Civic Center | 27 Large item trash day: Johnson County Call (913) 631-3300 at least 48 hours in advance to schedule pickup. | 28-29 Happy Thanksgiving! We're closed Nov. 28 and Nov. 29 for the holiday. | |