

# the OUTLOOK

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

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## upcoming events

NOV. 13

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

NOV. 14

**City Council meeting** | Spring Hill Civic Center, 401 N. Madison St. When is the last time you attended a City Council meeting? Stop by to see your City government in action.

DEC. 6

**Hometown Holidays** | 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. | Spring Hill Civic Center, 401 N. Madison St. Join us for our biggest event of the year! The best part? It's all free!

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## Hometown Holidays returns

Our biggest event of the year is back! Hometown Holidays is slated for Friday, Dec. 6 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Spring Hill Civic Center, 401 N. Madison St.

This year's seasonal event promises to be bigger and better with tons of activities scheduled. The best part? This event is totally FREE! We only ask that you bring a canned food or non-perishable donation for the Spring Hill Food Pantry. We will also be accepting donations Nov. 1 through Dec. 13 at the utilities counter at City Hall.

### • Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting

To kick off the evening, Mayor Ellis and Citizen of the Year Brian Verbraken will light the Mayor's Christmas Tree in the courtyard of the Civic Center. After the tree is lit, Santa and Mrs. Claus will be delivered by Johnson County Fire District No. 2.

### • Hay rides

New this year, the Spring Hill Parks Department plans to do hay rides throughout neighboring Friendship Park. Head to the west side of the Civic Center (near Jefferson Street) for this fun activity!

### • Free professional photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus

Stop by the Gymnasium for a free professional photo with Santa and Mrs. Claus! Photos are printed immediately for a sweet memory to take home.

### • Flashlight Candy Cane Hunt, *Spring Hill Recreation Commission*

Hunt for candy canes in the dark in neighboring Friendship Park! Bring a flashlight for this fun outdoor activity.

### • Face painting

We will have two artists this year including a traditional face painter and an airbrush artist. Stop by the Gymnasium to get your work of art!

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# 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

8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday  
Lobby open 24 hours  
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

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THE CITY OF  
**Spring Hill**  
KANSAS

# 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 add to your work experience during the summer.

Currently, we're looking for (1) full-time pool manager, (2) assistant pool managers, (8) deck attendants, (8) swim instructors, (40-45) lifeguards, (5) front desk and (8) concessions workers. Manager interviews will be in February followed by staff interviews in March.

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. Returning 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.

## Holiday schedule set for City offices

Whether you want to believe it or not, we're back in the holiday season!

City offices will be closed for a number of days due to various holidays. Check out our holiday schedule below:

### — VETERANS DAY

City offices closed Monday, Nov. 11 in observance of the holiday.

### — THANKSGIVING

City offices closed both Thursday, Nov. 28

and Friday, Nov. 29 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

### — CHRISTMAS

City offices will be closed on Christmas Day (Wednesday, Dec. 25).

### — NEW YEAR'S DAY

City offices are closed Wednesday, Jan. 1 to celebrate the New Year.

For questions about our holiday hours, please visit our City calendar online at [www.springhillks.gov](http://www.springhillks.gov) or call us at (913) 592-3664.

## Snow removal: Here's what you need to know

### 1. CLEAR YOUR SIDEWALKS

The City does not remove snow or ice from sidewalks. Driveways may be blocked during snow removal and we do try to minimize that as much as possible; however, the property owner is responsible for clearing their driveway as well as the sidewalk.

### 2. STAY OFF THE ROADS

The fewer vehicles on the road, the faster we can get them cleared.

### 3. DO NOT PARK WITHIN A CUL-DE-SAC

Due to the size of the snow plow trucks, City crews are unable to safely remove snow from cul-de-sacs where vehicles are parked within the circle. One parked vehicle within a cul-de-sac will prevent that area from being plowed and must be removed before the plow truck can return to the area.

### 4. STAY BACK

Stay at least 50 feet from the rear of a plow truck so the driver can see you. If you can't see the driver in his mirrors, he can't see you.

### 5. KNOW THE EMERGENCY SNOW ROUTE

The ordinance prohibits residents from parking

## FAST FACT

Chip and seal streets such as Victory Road or roads with new concrete such as Lincoln Street are treated with sand rather than salt during times of snow and ice. Because of the materials used on these roads, salt would deteriorate the road's structure.

on any street in the designated Emergency Snow Route within 48 hours of a snowfall of more than two inches. If accumulation of ice or snow appears imminent, the ordinance can also be implemented by means of an announcement through the local media, City website or social media. View a copy of it on our website at [www.springhillks.gov/285/Snow-and-Ice-Removal](http://www.springhillks.gov/285/Snow-and-Ice-Removal)

### 6. DID WE MESS UP?

To report a missed street or damage to your property such as a down mailbox or sod damage, call the Public Works Office at (913) 592-3317.

# City welcomes new leaders in Public Works, Police

Some familiar, some new: Get to know our new leaders in our Public Works and Police departments!

## PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Public Works has a new leader at the helm.

Jim Boyer will take over the department, which consists of the Streets, Parks and Utilities divisions. Boyer was appointed by Mayor Steven Ellis at the Oct. 10 City Council meeting.

Boyer is no stranger to Spring Hill, having served in a variety of positions within the City for eight and a half years. Previously, he held the titles of City Superintendent, Line Maintenance Supervisor, Wastewater Collections Supervisor and, most recently, Utility Superintendent.



Boyer

Having served as Interim Public Works Director over the last several months, Boyer already has goals in mind for his new role including developing a comprehensive street maintenance strategic plan, assisting in completing the Right of Way Permitting program and developing a Dig Once Policy.

Before coming to Spring Hill, Boyer gained a wealth of working and supervisory knowledge in other cities in water treatment and distribution, wastewater treatment and sewer collection systems, street maintenance, cemeteries, solid waste, code enforcement, flood plain management, natural gas distribution and electric distribution.

In his free time, Boyer enjoys fishing, playing cards and board games with his wife and grandchildren.

## LIEUTENANT

You will soon begin seeing a new face at the Spring Hill Police Department.

David Hogue stepped into the newly-created lieutenant position Oct. 7. After a small restructuring earlier this year, the position was created, which will serve as second in command at the police department.

"I'm excited to be in Spring Hill," Hogue said. "I'm passionate about law enforcement and taking the department to the next level."

Before arriving in Spring Hill, Hogue spent the last 17 years at the Lawrence Police Department. During his time in Lawrence, he worked in patrol, internal affairs, crisis negotiations as a supervisor and the training unit.



Hogue

Jumping right into his new role, Hogue has a lot of goals in mind for the department but his biggest was to push Spring Hill to the forefront as a model department within the area.

"I want to find out what we do better than anyone else and champion that with other agencies."

He chose Spring Hill for its many opportunities including taking on new challenges in a different role, investing in others and growing the department.

At home, Hogue enjoys spending time with his wife of 25 years and their three children, serving as an elder in his church and working on a 1965 Ford Mustang convertible.

## HOMETOWN: Free event promises plenty of holiday cheer

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### • Balloon Artist

Get a free balloon, shaped as your favorite holiday character!

### • Letters to Santa, *Spring Hill Recreation Commission*

Drop off your child's wishes and lists to Santa at this special mailbox, which leads straight to the North Pole!

### • Live music

Stick around through the evening to enjoy your fa-

vorite holiday tunes on guitar by local musician, Kevin Phillips. A staple at past Hometown Holidays, you won't want to miss it!

### • Seasonal refreshments

Stop by the 401 Event Space for a delicious cup of coffee and hot chocolate, courtesy of The Bean Coffee Co., and a variety of cookies for dessert.

Mark your calendar for this community event! It's a great way to begin your holiday season!

## 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

## november

Check our online calendar for Open Gym dates!  
[www.springhillsks.gov](http://www.springhillsks.gov)

- 5** **Spring Hill Municipal Court** | 8:30 a.m. | Civic Center
- 5** **Cemetery Board meeting** | 7 p.m. | Civic Center
- 6** **Large item trash day: Miami County** | Call (913) 631-3300 at least 48 hours in advance to schedule pickup.
- 7** **Planning Commission meeting** | 7 p.m. | Civic Center
- 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
- 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. We will reopen 8 a.m. Monday, Dec. 2.



**Support local! Shop small on Nov. 30 for Small Business Saturday!**



## december

- 3** **Spring Hill Municipal Court** | 8:30 a.m. | Civic Center
- 3** **Cemetery Board meeting** | 7 p.m. | Civic Center
- 4** **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
- 6** **Hometown Holidays** | 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. | Civic Center. Join us for this free event!
- 12** **City Council meeting** | 7 p.m. | Civic Center
- 16** **Parks Advisory Board meeting** | 6 p.m. | Civic Center
- 17** **Municipal Court** | 8:30 a.m. | Civic Center
- 19** **City Council special meeting** | 7 p.m. | Civic Center
- 25** **Merry Christmas!** | City offices closed for the holiday. We will reopen Thursday, Dec. 26.
- 26** **Large item trash day: Johnson County** | Call (913) 631-3300 at least 48 hours in advance to schedule pickup.