

# the OUTLOOK

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE CITY OF SPRING HILL, KANSAS | JANUARY 2020

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## PREVIEW

Some exciting improvements impacting parks, streets and others are planned for 2020!

### 1 VETERANS PARK

In September, the City Council approved a contract with Mega Industries to construct Spring Hill's newest park, which will be financed with funds from a dedicated sales tax initiative. Work began in early October on Veterans Park — situated on the west side of Spring Hill City Lake. Veterans Park will include a dog park (which will be named Melvin Murry Dog Park); boat launch; fishing jetty; playground; sidewalks, trails and parking and restrooms. Access to the park is by way of Veterans Lane off West 199th Street. Construction is to be completed by June 2020.

### 2 199TH AND RIDGEVIEW CONSTRUCTION

Improvements at the intersection of 199th Street and Ridgeview Road, near Spring Hill High School, are set to take place in spring and summer 2020. After a 2017 traffic study of the intersection, a roundabout was recommended to the City. In 2019, the City Council approved a design contract with TranSystems for a single-lane roundabout at the intersection with room to add a second lane in the future.

### 3 RESIDENT SURVEY

Staff will work with ETC Institute to develop, distribute and analyze a resident survey of City services and a business survey of City services. These



surveys will be either mailed, phoned or emailed to a random sample of residents and businesses.

### 4 SEWER REHABILITATION

In late 2019, the City received \$140,000 from a 2020 Johnson County Community Development Block Grant for sanitary sewer collection system rehabilitation. The scope of work includes approximately 3,000 linear feet of internal surface of sewer main pipelines and rehabilitate/seal the internal surface of 35 manholes. Rehabilitating older sewer mains preserves the existing infrastructure so repairs and/or replacement can be prolonged.

### 5 LINCOLN STREET CONTINUATION

Public Works crews will continue constructing and improving Lincoln Street within the Spring Hill Industrial Park. This is a five-year project that began in 2017.

# contact us

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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  
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## Online

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## Governing Body

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KANSAS

# Meet our new Building Official

We've added another new face to our growing staff!

Our newest addition to the Community Development department is Bill Sandy, who stepped into the Building Official role. Previously, the title was held by Dennis Rodgers, who retired from the City.

Bill began his duties with the City in early December and dove headfirst into the position.

"I like being part of all the new projects that are going on in the City," Bill said. "I hope to be able to help the City continue to grow in a responsible and safe manner."

Coming from the City of Fairway, Kansas, as its building official, Bill brings about 20 years of building codes knowledge and extensive communication skills.

"I am able to effectively communicate with homeowners, contractors, architects and engineers to be able to produce a quality finished product. Personally, I am reasonably skilled in nearly every aspect of construction and mechanically can make anything work, most times not by choice," he said with a laugh.



A Kansas City native, Bill also spent time at other municipalities in Kansas including Olathe, Westwood and Prairie Village throughout his career.

In his free time, Bill enjoys playing rock and metal music on his guitar. He also is a Kansas City Chiefs and Kansas City Royals fan. Bill is a graduate of the University of Kansas ("Rock Chalk," he said) and a veteran of the U.S. Army. He has two children, Jillian and Ben.

To learn more about the Community Development department, visit our website: [www.springhillks.gov/158/Community-Development](http://www.springhillks.gov/158/Community-Development)

## Pet license registrations due March 1

It's that time of the year again to renew your pet licenses with the City.

Our regulations require that all dogs and cats six months of age or older be licensed. Licenses are due on or before March 1.

A \$5 fee is charged for spayed or neutered dogs and cats before March 1, with a \$10 fee for animals which have not been spayed or neutered.

Documentation of spay/neuter must be provided to receive the discount.

Application for animal licensing must be submitted to City Hall, PO Box 424, Spring Hill, KS 66083. Applications can be found at <http://bit.ly/2D0a72K> Documentation must be provided showing your pet's current rabies vaccination with the application.

## 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 bring your Christmas tree out with your regular trash service on any Friday throughout the month of January and Waste Management will remove the tree.

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

# 2019 REVIEW



**ABOVE:** Installation of the new ultraviolet system at the Spring Hill Wastewater Plant. The new system was completed in November 2019.

## 1 ONLINE PAYMENTS

In 2019, the City implemented new online payment systems for Utility Billing, Municipal Court and Community Development. Utility Billing went live in February while Community Development and Municipal Court are still in the final implementation stages. The City also began accepting online donations to the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund!

## 2 NEW UV SYSTEM AT WASTEWATER

In the fall of 2019, the Spring Hill Wastewater Plant received a new ultraviolet system. The ultraviolet system provides rapid, effective inactivation of microorganisms through a physical process unlike chemical approaches. When bacteria, viruses and e-coli are exposed to the germicidal wavelengths of U.V. light, they are rendered incapable of reproducing and infecting. U.V. eliminates any chance of these microorganisms reaching receiving lakes and rivers that we rely on for drinking water and recreational use. The new system needs less energy, less maintenance and man hours to keep running at the optimal level and is capable of growing as the City grows.

## 3 GROUND STORAGE TANK IMPROVEMENTS

The City of Spring Hill ground storage tank at the corner of Washington and Allen Streets underwent a facelift. The project kicked off in June and consisted of painting, repairs to the tank floor, shell manway and overflow improvements, grouting and sealing of the foundation among other improvements.

## 4 BROADBAND RFP

Throughout 2019, City staff, Councilwoman Andrea Hughes and the Broadband Task Force worked to put together a Request for Proposals to convey its interest in partnering with a sophisticated and motivated partner to bring fiber-based, Gigabit-class broadband service to the city. City staff made a recommendation to the Governing Body in December, which is under review. Feeling their duties were complete, the Broadband Task Force disbanded in September.

## 5 CIVIC CENTER PROGRAMMING RETURNS

With the Civic Center revitalization completed in late 2018, programming returned in 2019! The City brought a variety of programs for all ages including a daily walking program, Open Gym and Study Hall hours. The Spring Hill Recreation Commission also returned programming such as cooking and crafting classes, Toddler Time, basketball and volleyball and more. To learn more about programming at the Civic Center, visit us online at <http://bit.ly/2SchIJ>

## 6 LINCOLN STREET

Public Works crews continued improving Lincoln Street in the heavily-traveled Spring Hill Industrial Park. In 2019, crews replaced more than 280 feet of roadway with new concrete. Lincoln Street is part of a five-year project, completed entirely by Spring Hill Public Works.



**LEFT:** Before repairs began on the Ground Storage Tank  
**RIGHT:** After repairs and improvements were complete.



Members of the Broadband Task Force ended their two-year term. From left to right: Julia Atwell, Mark Bye, Carol Thomas, Ricardo Cortez, Kyle Griffin and (not pictured) Brian Peel.



**ABOVE:** Public Works crews teamed up to pour a long stretch of concrete on Lincoln Street in the Spring Hill Industrial Park.

# upcoming events

## january

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

**1** **New Year's Day** | Happy 2020! City offices are closed for the holiday.

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

**6** **Planning Commission special meeting** | 7 p.m. | Civic Center

**7** **Municipal Court** | 8:30 a.m. | Civic Center

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

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

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

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

**20** **Martin Luther King Jr. Day** | City offices are closed for the holiday.

**21** **Municipal Court** | 8:30 a.m. | Civic Center

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

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

## february

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

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

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

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

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

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