

the OUTLOOK

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

what's inside?

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upcoming events

FEB. 14

Yard waste disposal | Have extra limbs lying around? Yard waste disposal is included in your trash service for free! For a majority of the year, yard waste is picked up weekly. More information: <http://bit.ly/37LxoC0>

FEB. 20

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

MARCH

Individual and family season passes go on sale for our 10th season at the Spring Hill Aquatic Center. Stay tuned for a special edition of The Outlook for more details!

(more events found on page 2!)

Family donates to park project

Veterans Park just got a big boost from a longtime Spring Hill family.

Al and Pam Knaebel donated \$100,000 to the Veterans Park project to kickstart donations for a veterans' monument and other amenities.

"We chose this opportunity to support the veterans monument because we wanted to be a part of something truly special, something that will stand in our community for a very long time and to do our part in the community," Al Knaebel said.

The new park is slated to open in the summer of 2020 on the west side of Spring Hill City Lake. It is part of a special sales tax initiative approved by Spring Hill voters in 2008.

"This donation is just simply a small form of the greatest respect we have for all who served our great nation," Knaebel said. "Our family members span World War II, Vietnam and the Iraq war without going deeper into our history. My father served in World War II in the infantry as a forward observer. In other words, he went behind enemy lines to locate the targets and call in the coordinates. Pretty impressive responsibility for a guy with an eighth-grade education. We still have his mathematical equation book he carried with him. My father-in-law served as part of the cleanup efforts in the Navy removing mines from the shipping lanes while serving in the Philippines, while both my brothers served in Vietnam at much of the same time. More recently, two of our nephews served abroad during the Iraq War."

The Knaebels hope their donation — which will come in phases over the next several years — spurs others in the community to donate to this special project, he said.

"Pam and I, along with our family, are just proud to be a part of Spring Hill community and especially proud to contribute to the veterans' monument."

Trash rates to be adjusted this year

Trash rates will be adjusted, beginning with this month's utility bill.

As a part of the City's contract with Waste Management, regular trash rates will increase 34 cents to \$17.11. Senior rates will increase 25 cents to \$13.08.

The City contract with Waste Manage-

ment includes benefits such as large item pickup once a month, unlimited recycling with glass recycling available at Price Chopper, 22350 S. Harrison St., and yard waste pickup.

Residents will notice the adjustment on their bills in mailboxes this month.

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

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City welcomes two new councilmen

New faces are on our City Council!
At the Jan. 13 meeting, Tyler Graves and Steve Owen were sworn in to the Spring Hill City Council, replacing Floyd Koder and Tim Pittman. Andrea Hughes was sworn in Jan. 23 for a second term on the Council.

During the Jan. 13 meeting, Mayor Steven Ellis held a reception to honor both Koder and Pittman for their service to Spring Hill. Koder served eight years as a councilman while Pittman was appointed to fill a seat left vacant in 2017.

Interested in getting involved? Sign up for City Council agenda alerts straight to your phone or inbox at www.springhillks.gov/list.aspx



We're seeking applicants for City boards

Want to give back to your community?
We're accepting applications for several of our City boards and commissions including the Cemetery Board, Parks Advisory Board, Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning Commission for City and Miami County representatives.

Interested applicants must submit an application by noon, Feb. 7 to City Hall, Attn: City Clerk, 401 N. Madison St., P.O. Box 424, Spring Hill, KS 66083. For more information, please call the City Clerk at (913) 592-3664. Application and more info: <http://bit.ly/2Uc9TPp>

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| 4 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. |
| 6 Planning Commission meeting 7 p.m. Civic Center | 13 City Council meeting 7 p.m. Civic Center | 17 Parks Advisory Board meeting 6 p.m. Civic Center |
| 18 Municipal Court 8:30 a.m. Civic Center | 20 Southwest Johnson County Multi-Service Center Spring Hill Civic Center, 401 N. Madison St. Call (913) 715-6653 to make an appointment. | |
| 26 Large item trash day: Johnson County Call (913) 631-3300 at least 48 hours in advance to schedule pickup. | | 27 City Council meeting 7 p.m. Civic Center |

How the 2020 Census will invite everyone to respond



Every household will have the option of responding online, by mail, or by phone.

Nearly every household will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census from either a postal worker or a census worker.

 **95%** of households will receive their census invitation in the mail.



 **Almost 5%** of households will receive their census invitation when a census taker drops it off. In these areas, the majority of households may not receive mail at their home's physical location (like households that use PO boxes or areas recently affected by natural disasters).

 **Less than 1%** of households will be counted in person by a census taker, instead of being invited to respond on their own. We do this in very remote areas like parts of northern Maine, remote Alaska, and in select American Indian areas that ask to be counted in person.

(This is separate from our follow-up efforts; census takers will visit all households that were invited to respond on their own and haven't.)

Note: We have special procedures to count people who don't live in households, such as students living in university housing or people experiencing homelessness.

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What to Expect in the Mail

When it's time to respond, most households will receive an invitation in the mail.

Every household will have the option of responding online, by mail, or by phone.

Depending on how likely your area is to respond online, you'll receive either an invitation encouraging you to respond online or an invitation along with a paper questionnaire.

Letter Invitation

- Most areas of the country are likely to respond online, so most households will receive a letter asking you to go online to complete the census questionnaire (or to respond by phone).
- We plan on working with the U.S. Postal Service to stagger the delivery of these invitations over several days. This way we can spread out the number of users responding online, and we'll be able to serve you better if you need help over the phone.

Letter Invitation and Paper Questionnaire

- Areas that are less likely to respond online will receive a paper questionnaire along with their invitation. The invitation will also include information about how to respond online or by phone.

WHAT WE WILL SEND IN THE MAIL	
On or between	You'll receive:
March 12-20	An invitation to respond online to the 2020 Census. (Some households will also receive paper questionnaires.)
March 16-24	A reminder letter.
	If you haven't responded yet:
March 26-April 3	A reminder postcard.
April 8-16	A reminder letter and paper questionnaire.
April 20-27	A final reminder postcard before we follow up in person.

We understand you might miss our initial letter in the mail.

- Every household that hasn't already responded will receive reminders and will eventually receive a paper questionnaire.
- It doesn't matter which initial invitation you get or how you get it—we will follow up in person with all households that don't respond.