

the OUTLOOK

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

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upcoming events

At time of publishing, all foreseeable City of Spring Hill events are canceled due to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19). This includes:

- Municipal Court (rescheduled to May)
- Open Gym
- Walking Program
- Southwest Johnson County Multi-Service Center appointments

All City meetings including City Council, Parks Advisory Board, Planning Commission and Cemetery Board are adopting temporary changes due to COVID-19.

- Attendance at meetings will be limited to 10 individuals including Governing Body (or board members) and staff
- Public comments will be accepted for agenda items only. We ask that comments be submitted in writing by noon on the day of the meeting to cityclerk@springhillks.gov
- Comments submitted will be read at the time of consideration of the agenda item referenced in the comments.

COVID-19 impact to City services

As the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve, City services have been impacted with building closures, cancellations and more.

“We keep hearing about how these are extraordinary times and I could not agree more,” Mayor Steven Ellis said. “It is in extraordinary times that the ordinary becomes essential . . . so please, let’s continue to check on our elderly friends and neighbors, those in our community who may have mobility issues, or those for whom food insecurity is daily reality. There are families throughout Spring Hill that have begun working to provide necessities to those in need so be encouraged to reach out if you are in need, be encouraged to help out if you are not.”

Here are some events or cancellations you may have missed over the last three weeks:

- Johnson and Miami Counties issue Stay Home order
- State of Kansas issues Stay Home order
- Mayor Ellis declares local State of Emergency
- City facilities closed to public access (Parks remain open!)
- Spring Hill Municipal Court canceled for April; Rescheduled to May
- No new reservations at the Civic Center or Community Center
- Temporary procedures for City Council and board meetings
- Large Item Day canceled by Waste Management
- Utility late fees and shut offs waived for the next 30 days
- City partners with Spring Hill Chamber of Commerce and USD 230 in the #TogetherSpringHill Campaign to help residents and businesses: <https://springhillks.org/together-spring-hill/>

If you have questions or need to conduct City business, visit our website below; see our contact menu on the back of this page; email publicaffairs@springhillks.gov or call (913) 592-3664. We’re here for you.

MORE INFO: www.springhillks.gov/724/coronavirus

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
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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
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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Stay Home: Try these outdoor activities

SPRUCE UP YOUR YARD

Take some time to get your yard ready for spring. Clean out flower beds, rake the yard or trim trees! Just make sure you don't blow yard waste into the streets. Yard waste disposal is included in your weekly trash service! For guidelines on how to dispose, visit www.springhillks.gov/450/Yard-Waste-Disposal

VISIT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

City parks are still open for you to enjoy! We have six neighborhood parks for you to walk, play catch, fly a kite and more. Note: Playground equipment is closed until further notice. Find a park near you: www.springhillks.gov/236/Parks



CHALK THE WALK

Decorate your neighborhood with sidewalk chalk to cheer up those walking by! Whether it be creative designs or encouraging messages, something simple could make someone's day.

To read more about the Stay at Home order in effect until April 23, visit Johnson County's website: <https://bit.ly/2UgfP9g> and Miami County's website: <https://bit.ly/2QNSgT8>

Budget process for 2021-2022 begins

It's time to start planning for the future with the 2021 and 2022 budget season. New this year: We're planning a two-year budget cycle as recommended by staff and the Governing Body. Budget meeting dates are as follows:

MAY

- **TBD: Work session 1:** Outside agency/City boards budget request presentations
- **TBD: Work session 2:** Joint meeting between City Council and boards/commissions.
- **Thursday, May 21 (tentative):** Dept. Head presentations of 2021-2022 budget requests
- **Thursday, May 28:** Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Review

JUNE

- **Monday, June 22:** Base Budget, New Requests Impact and Assessed Valuation Impact

JULY

- **Thursday, July 9:** Utility Funds Discussion
- **Thursday, July 23:** Public Hearing 2021

Proposed Budget; Public Comment 2022 Proposed Budget

AUGUST

- **Thursday, Aug. 6:** Planning Commission meeting; Planning Commission review of 2021-2025 Capital Improvement Program (CIP)
- **Thursday, Aug. 13:** Consider Resolution adopting 2021 Budget; Consider Resolution adopting 2021-2025 CIP; Consider condition approval of 2022 budget.

CITIZEN CIP REQUESTS

Residents are invited to submit a Capital Improvement Project request form. Requests received by Monday, May 1 will be reviewed and considered by staff for the 2021-2022 budgets. Visit us at www.springhillks.gov/432/Budget, fill out the form under "Citizen CIP Requests" and email to publicaffairs@springhillks.gov

Surveys mailed out to residents, businesses

Over the last month, we worked with ETC Institute to mail out residential and business surveys.

The surveys covered a wide range of topics including local issues and City services.

The survey's findings and a final report are expected to be made available this month. Results will be compared to results of local surveys completed in 2016, 2013 and 2005. You can find copies of the 2016 survey's results on our website at www.springhillks.gov/601/Community-Survey

COMPLETE YOUR CENSUS

Make Spring Hill count by completing your 2020 Census! You should have already received a letter in the mail with your unique code to take the Census online. You can also take the Census by phone by calling 1 (844) 330-2020 for English and 1 (844) 468-2020 for Spanish.

This year's form is only 10 questions! One person (age 15 or older) should respond for each home.

As of March 30, 42.4% of Spring Hill had taken their Census. We want that number to be 100%. Federal funding in Kansas supports parks, schools, health clinics, affordable housing and more!