

the OUTLOOK

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

what's inside?

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upcoming events

All foreseeable City events are canceled at time of publishing. Public meetings are held virtually or with limited attendance.

JUNE MEETINGS

- Cemetery Board
7 p.m. June 2
- Planning Commission
7 p.m. June 4
- City Council
7 p.m. June 11 and June 25
- City Council budget worksession
7 p.m. June 22
- Parks Advisory Board
6 p.m. June 15

To attend the meetings virtually, a link and dial in number will be provided prior to the meeting on the City's Facebook and Twitter accounts as well as the City calendar: www.springhillks.gov/calendar.aspx Public comments will be accepted for agenda items only. Comments must be submitted in writing by noon on the day of the meeting to cityclerk@springhillks.gov

Veterans Park to open July 4

Get ready to spend your Independence Day morning with us at our newest amenity, Veterans Park!

At 10:30 a.m. July 4, we will host a grand opening for the lakeside park, 20201 Veterans Lane, near 199th Street and Veterans Lane about a mile west of U.S. 169.

Come explore the park after a ribbon cutting and words from Mayor Steven Ellis. We'll have cookies and new design elements for public viewing. Take a slide down at the playground. Cast a line from the shoreline of Spring Hill City Lake. Bring a kayak down our new canoe launch. Have your pup tag along for a romp at Melvin Murry Dog Park.

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ABOVE: A path skirts Spring Hill City Lake at the new Veterans Park.



ABOVE: A new canoe launch stands ready for use. No power-driven boats or vessels are allowed except for those powered by an electric trolling motor.

Aquatic Center closed for summer

Last night, May 28, the Spring Hill City Council made the difficult decision to close the Spring Hill Aquatic Center for the summer due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Numerous factors went into this extremely difficult decision, the priority being the safety and well-being of our patrons and teenage and young adult staff.

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contact us

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THE CITY OF
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City facilities to open this month

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, City facilities were closed to the public March 20. We hope to reopen to you this month based on Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly's plan, "Ad Astra: A Plan to Reopen Kansas." The following dates are subject to change.

MAY 22

City-owned playgrounds re-opened with guidelines in effect

JUNE 2

City facilities remain closed with the exception of Municipal Court business only from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 2. Face masks are strongly encouraged if you have a court appearance.

NO EARLIER THAN JUNE 8

All City facilities reopen to the public with the exception being June 16: City Hall only open 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. for Municipal Court business — Building and room reservations accepted for groups less than 45 — Council and Board meetings resume in Council Chambers with occupancy limited to 45

Installing a pool? You'll need a permit

Now that warmer weather is officially here, you may be planning to install a pool in your backyard. The City of Spring Hill does require a permit for pools, spas and hot tubs. A couple of key items when installing your new pool include:

- The pool must be protected with a 4-foot fence and locking gate
- Pool must not be closer than 7 feet to

- In person meetings resume
 - Meeting rooms and Community Center open to public for groups less than 45
- NO EARLIER THAN JUNE 22**
- Building and room reservations accepted within restrictions of posted occupant loads
 - Civic Center gymnasium reopens
 - Municipal Court resumes per Court established criteria
- Protective measures we're taking:**
- **Public strongly encouraged to wear protective face mask inside City facilities**
 - **Markers and directional flow indicators installed for public at Civic Center**
 - **Civic Center courtyard door designated as entrance**
 - **All other Civic Center exterior doors designated as exit only**

We strongly encourage you to continue doing City business online or by phone to cut down on foot traffic. Please visit us at www.springhillks.gov

the side or rear yard line.

- Pool must not be under or over electric, telephone, gas or sewer lines.
- Before installing your pool, please apply for a permit with Community Development online <https://bit.ly/2TFiDMY> and email to planning@springhillks.gov or call us at (913) 592-3657.

POOL: Refunds issued for passes, lessons

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On Thursday night, City staff presented four scenarios of a potential opening to the City Council. Over the last two months, staff worked with local, state and national governments and organizations on what a potential season could look like at the Aquatic Center. Under current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines, each of the presented scenarios restricted patrons to designated swim times, low occupancy loads, the encouraged use of cloth face coverings, social distancing and the prohibited use of amenities such as concessions, lily pads, tubes, diving boards and slides. The season would have also been shortened to allow time to train lifeguards and get the facility

ready for use.

With the pool now closed, the City is working with the Spring Hill Recreation Commission and Spring Hill Inspiration for Teens (SHIFT) to develop several events and suggested activities for kids and teens. Details on these events will be forthcoming.

All those who purchased swim lessons, season passes or facility rentals will be contacted by staff for a full refund.

If you have questions, call us at (913) 592-3664 or email us at poolmanager@springhillks.gov.

Your safety at our facility will always be our number one priority and we hope to see you in 2021 for another summer at the Spring Hill Aquatic Center.

Public Works director retires

Congratulations to one of our longtime Public Works crew members, Jim Boyer, as he entered retirement May 31.

Boyer served the City for nine years, most recently as Public Works Director and, prior to that, Utilities Superintendent.

“It’s been a great experience working in Spring Hill especially working with the numerous employees over the years,” Boyer said.



Boyer

Work with us in Wastewater

Want to work at one of the fastest-growing cities in the Kansas City metro? We’re hiring for a Maintenance Worker in our Wastewater Division of Public Works.

This entry-level job requires:

- High school diploma or GED
- Valid driver’s license and Class A CDL or the ability to obtain such within 6 months of employment

• One to three months similar or related experience in water or sewer line maintenance, household or commercial plumbing.

Salary range is \$16.20 to \$21.87 for Maintenance Worker I, dependent on qualifications.



We offer excellent, comprehensive benefits including medical, dental and vision coverage as well as paid leave and KPERs retirement.

Apply today: www.springhillks.gov/Jobs.aspx

Apply to serve on SHRC board

The City of Spring Hill is accepting applications for a City Representative to serve on the Spring Hill Recreation Commission. Persons interested in serving must live within the city limits. This four-year term is until June 2024.

SHRC meetings are held at 5:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month and work sessions are held at 5:30 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

Applications can be found at www.springhillks.gov and must be received at City Hall, Attn: City Clerk, 401 N. Madison, P. O. Box 424, Spring Hill, KS, 66083, by noon, June 12. You may also email your application to cityclerk@springhillks.gov, Subject Line – SHRC Board Application. If you have any questions, please contact the City Clerk at (913) 592-3664.

City welcomes new (and familiar!) faces to team

Over the last several months, we’ve welcomed several staff members into positions with the City of Spring Hill.

Midwest to watch his kids play competitive sports, scuba diving, hiking, snow skiing and traveling to new destinations.

TODD VEEMAN, STREET SUPERINTENDENT

Todd Veeman comes to the City from Merriam Public Works department, where he worked for more than eight years in the overlay program, right-of-ways and Public Works inspections.

After starting in Spring Hill in April, he’s looking forward to improving Spring Hill streets.

In his free time, he enjoys spending time with his wife of 19 years, Catherine; his two kids, Alex and Brandon; and their dog, Lucy. Veeman also loves traveling across the



Veeman

SHAUN WHITESSELL, INVESTIGATOR

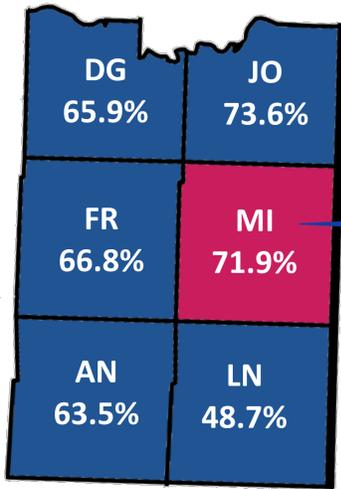
An existing Spring Hill Police Officer, Shaun Whitesell recently moved into the department’s Investigator role in May. Whitesell has worked for the department since 2018, coming to Spring Hill from the Miami County Sheriff’s Office. The existing role was left vacant with the retirement of Deborah Rogers last spring.

SHARON WILLIAMS, UTILITY BILLING

Stepping into the Utility Billing position, Sharon Williams started with the City in March 2020 after the retirement of Toni Woods.

RESPONSE RATE RANKINGS

Data Updated May 24, 2020



1. Louisburg — 73.8%
 2. Spring Hill — 73.5%
 3. Paola — 71.5%
 4. Osawatomie — 63.7%
 5. Fontana — 51.6%
- United States — 60.1%
Kansas — 64.2%

Ensure you count in the 2020 Census

Did you know for every missed household Spring Hill could miss out on \$61,627.20 in federal funding over 10 years?

The Census is crucial to ensure our schools, hospitals, infrastructure, nutrition programs and more get the funding they need.

Completing the Census only takes a few minutes and can be done online at www.my2020Census.gov, over the phone at 1 (844) 330-2020 or by mail with a paper questionnaire. If you do not complete any of these methods, a Census enumerator will visit your home to collect your responses.

PARK: New amenity includes fishing, dog park and more

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Members of the public are invited to join the celebration! Social distancing measures will still be in effect if ordered by State of Kansas or Johnson County. The park will remain open until 10 p.m. July 4. Remember: Fireworks are not allowed in public parks! Save those for your at home celebration! Regular park hours will be 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Veterans Park was approved by Spring Hill residents as a special sales tax initiative in 2008. That special sales tax

funded the construction at the Spring Hill Aquatic Center, the construction and design of Veterans Park as well as Phase II of Veterans Park, which is currently in the design stage. Phase II will include a veterans memorial plus more.

In early 2020, the City received a large donation from the Knaebel family for the veterans memorial. The City is working with several families, the American Legion and Vireo, the design firm, to bring these ideas to fruition.

To read more on Veterans Park and the rules at our newest park, visit us online at <https://bit.ly/SHVeteransPark>

june

2 **Municipal Court** | 8:30 a.m. normal docket | Civic Center. May 5 docket with last names beginning with A-H moved to today at 9:30 a.m.

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

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

4 **Planning Commission meeting** | 7 p.m. | Civic Center

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

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

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

16 **Municipal Court** | Civic Center. May 5 docket last names beginning with J-L moved to today at 8:30 a.m. May 5 docket last names beginning with M-W moved to today at 9:30 a.m.

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

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