

the OUTLOOK

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

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JULY 23

City Council meeting | 7 p.m. | Spring Hill Civic Center, 401 N. Madison St. Be a part of the 2021-2022 Budget process! A public hearing is scheduled for the 2021 and 2022 Budgets and the 2021-2025 Capital Improvement Program.

JULY 24

Chamber Coffee | Spring Hill Civic Center, 401 N. Madison St. The Spring Hill Chamber of Commerce will host its monthly event for networking, updates and of course, coffee!
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Drive-In Movie at the Aquatic Center | 9 p.m. | Spring Hill Aquatic Center, 20900 Sycamore Drive. Join our partners at the Spring Hill Recreation Commission for a drive-in showing of The Sandlot.

(more events found on page 4!)

Veterans Park opens July 4

Our new park opens this month and we can't wait to show you! Join us 10:30 a.m. July 4 at the park, 20201 Veterans Lane, about a mile west of U.S. 169 on 199th Street.

Come explore the park after a ribbon cutting and words from Mayor Steven Ellis. We'll have cookies, doggie treat bags and new design elements for public viewing. 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!

As we introduce our newest park, we thought we'd brush up on our park rules at Veterans Park, Melvin Murry Dog Park and our six other City parks, all of which are open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

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Meetings to soon be livestreamed

Soon you'll be able to watch Spring Hill City Council meetings from anywhere!

Starting this month, all City Council meetings will be livestreamed to YouTube. You'll be able to find the City of Spring Hill YouTube channel at <https://bit.ly/COSHYoutube> Please subscribe to our channel to receive notifications when we go live for meetings.

If you wish to provide public comment, you will still need to come to our meetings in person at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at the Spring Hill Civic Center, 401 N. Madison St.

To view current or previous agendas and minutes from all board meetings including City Council, visit us online at www.springhillks.gov/AgendaCenter

Stay tuned to our social media and website for updates on the first livestreamed City Council meeting.

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
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PUBLIC WORKS

8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday
502 E. Nichols St.
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PARK: State fishing license required at lake

CITY-OWNED PARKS RULES

- No alcoholic beverages
- No glass containers
- No hunting, trapping, killing, pursuing, or molesting of any animal, bird, or waterfowl
- No use of firearms
- No burning or open fires
- No motorized vehicles
- No damage, modification, removal, or addition of park amenities, trees, turf, or any public property
- No dumping

MELVIN MURRY DOG PARK RULES

- Dogs must be current on vaccinations
- Owners are legally responsible for the behavior of their dog(s) at all times
- Dogs must be leashed while entering and exiting the dog park
- Dog waste must be cleaned up immediately
- Owners must be in the dog park and supervising their dog(s) with leash readily available
- Handlers must be at least 16 years of age
- Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult and supervised at all times
- Aggressive dogs must be removed immediately
- Prohibited items include dog/human food or treats, glass containers, dogs in heat, aggressive dogs, sick dogs and puppies (four months and under)

SPRING HILL CITY LAKE RULES

- All persons fishing in a City lake must have a state fishing license if required to do so. State fishing laws apply at City lakes
- Boats must be no longer than 16 feet
- No power-driven boats or vessels except for those powered by an electric trolling motor
- Minimum wake with 5 mph speed limit
- No wading, bathing, or swimming
- Recognized float tubes are permitted. Hip boots or chest waders can only be worn with a float tube.
- No seining, netting, or trapping minnows

DID YOU KNOW?

Melvin Murry Dog Park is named after former Spring Hill Fire Chief Melvin Murry, who served as fire chief, rural fire chief, Civil Defense executive officer, rescue squad chief and director of the junior fire department all at the same time.



ABOVE: Spring Hill City Lake as seen from Veterans Park, which opens July 4.



ABOVE: Melvin Murry Dog Park under construction before its opening on July 4.

- No dumping or disposing of any kind of live bait, garbage, or refuse
- No use of trotlines, bank lines, or jugs
- No more than two fishing lines per state license
- No removing of grass carp
- The minimum slot length for channel catfish and largemouth bass is 15 inches. The creel limit is two for channel catfish and five for largemouth bass. Crappie has no minimum slot length and a creel limit of 50.

Any violation of City ordinance can result in fines, imprisonment or both. If you have questions about these rules, please call us at (913) 592-3664

Celebrate the holiday safely with fireworks tips

Make sure you are safe during your celebrations of Independence Day with a few reminders:

- Fireworks can be lit 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Thursday, July 2 through Sunday, July 5. For New Year's Eve, fireworks may be discharged 11 p.m. Dec. 31 through 12:30 a.m. Jan. 1.
- Fireworks can legally be sold beginning 8 a.m. June 27 through 10 p.m. July 5.
- To light fireworks, you must be at least 18 years of age or be under adult supervision.

• Fireworks should not be lit in any gathering of people; in public parks, including golf courses, and public parking lots of the city; within any building; or in, under, or from a car or vehicle whether moving or standing still.

• The use of fireworks is prohibited in the event of a burn ban or declaration of an emergency; however, the sale of fireworks is still allowed.

For a list of sales tents or more information, visit www.springhillks.gov/391/fireworks

How to spot Emerald Ash Borer at home

Do you have ash trees on your property? Keep an eye out for signs for Emerald Ash Borer.

1. Adult beetles leave a D-shaped exit hole in the bark when they emerge in spring.

2. Woodpeckers like EAB larvae. Heavy woodpecker damage on ash trees may be a sign of infestation.

3. The leafy canopy of infested ash trees will begin to look thin. A third to a half of the branches may die in one year. Most of the canopy will be dead within 2 years of when symptoms are first seen.

Emerald Ash Borer are exotic beetles that, in their larvae stage, feed on the inner bark of ash trees, disrupting the tree's ability to transport nutrients and water thus killing the tree. Since its discovery in 2002, it has killed millions of Ash trees and caused thousands more to be removed to slow its spread.

In 2019, the City partnered with the Kansas Department of Agriculture, USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's Plant Protection and Quarantine, and the Kansas Forest Service to inspect previously installed traps and discovered Emerald



Ash Borer in the tree trap, confirming its presence in Miami County. The beetle had already been discovered in Johnson County.

Monitor your trees and be vigilant in transporting wood or tree material from ash trees out of the county. If you believe any of your ash trees may be affected, whether or not you are in the quarantined area, please notify KDA immediately at (785) 564-6698 or KDA.ppw@ks.gov.

Miami County hosting Countywide Clean-Up

Good news! Miami County residents may dispose of refuse (excluding tires and appliances containing Freon) free of charge through Oct. 31 at the Miami County Transfer Station. Residents must provide proof of residency by either a valid identification or by property ownership.

Personal Protective Equipment is REQUIRED while at the Miami County Transfer Station. The Transfer Station will no longer be loaning this equipment out. You may bring in your own hard hat and safety vest or you may purchase at the scales for service.

The Miami County Transfer Station is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday. Questions? Contact the Transfer Station at (913) 745-1912.

City water supplier conducting annual maintenance

Our water supplier — Miami County Rural Water District No. 2 (RWD2) — began their annual Free Chlorine burnout to the water distribution system on June 15.

RWD2 discontinued using combined chlorine in June. Instead, free chlorine will be used for up to 30 days. Free Chlorine is the amount of chlorine that has not yet combined with chlorinated water to sanitize contaminants. Free chlorine + combined chlorine = total chlorine.

This burnout is part of the water district's annual preventative maintenance program. Customers may notice a stronger than usual chlorine taste and smell to the water. This is only temporary and it is necessary to "burn out" the system and kill certain nitrifying bacteria that do not show up on the routine sampling. These bacteria are not harmful to humans or animals. They tend to cause slime growths within the waterlines and create a higher than normal demand on chlorine, thus lowering disinfection properties.

"The chlorine taste may linger after the free chlorine has been discontinued," RWD 2 said. "In some cases, there may be some natural soluble iron and manganese present in the waterlines. Free chlorine may further oxidize these substances."

upcoming events

july

- 1** **Large item trash day: Miami County**
| Call (913) 631-3300 at least 48 hours
in advance to schedule pickup.
- 2** **Planning Commission meeting** | 7 p.m. |
Spring Hill Civic Center
- 3** **Independence Day**
| City offices closed
for the holiday.
- 4** **Veterans Park grand opening** | 10:30 a.m. |
20201 Veterans Lane
- 7** **CANCELED — Spring Hill Municipal Court** |
Next court date is July 21
- Cemetery Board meeting** | 7 p.m. |
Spring Hill Civic Center
- 9** **City Council meeting**
| 7 p.m. | Spring Hill
Civic Center
- 20** **Parks Advisory Board meeting** | 6 p.m. |
Spring Hill Civic Center
- 21** **Spring Hill Municipal Court** | 8:30 a.m. |
Spring Hill 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. | Spring Hill
Civic Center

2020 CENSUS UPDATE

We surpassed a 75% response rate to the 2020 Census, effectively squashing our 2010 final response rate! Great job, Spring Hill! If we stopped counting in June, Miami County alone could miss out on approximately \$182 million in federal funding over the next 10 years. Exercise your civic duty by taking your Census online at www.my2020Census.gov or calling 1 (844) 330-2020.

august

- 4** **Municipal Court**
| 8:30 a.m. | Civic
Center
- Cemetery Board meeting** | 7 p.m. |
Civic Center
- 5** **Large item day: Miami County**
| Call (913) 631-3300 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
- 26** **Large item day: Johnson County**
| Call (913) 631-3300 48 hours in
advance to schedule pickup.
- 27** **City Council meeting** | 7 p.m. |
Civic Center