

the OUTLOOK

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

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August is Shop Local Month! Find easy ways to spend your dollars in Spring Hill.

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City Council update

Several Spring Hill youth presented a petition to the Governing Body July 23 to allow chickens and water fowl within the Spring Hill city limits. The presentation listed potential rules as well as examples from other cities in the Kansas City area who allow chickens.

After a lengthy discussion, the Governing Body asked the Police department and Community Development department to work with these motivated young residents to develop a potential ordinance. If code amendments are recommended by the Planning Commission, the matter goes back to the Governing Body for consideration.

To view a recording of the discussion, visit the City's YouTube channel: <https://bit.ly/COSHYoutube>

City receives grant from KDHE

Our newest parks provide a great view from great seats, thanks in part to our friends at KDHE.

The City of Spring Hill was awarded a 50/50 matching grant from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) Waste Tire Program. The City received \$4,103 for 10 benches and four picnic tables and \$5,825.30 for mulch, all of which were installed at the brand new Veterans Park and Melvin Murry Dog Park. The tables, benches and mulch are all made from waste tire material from the program, the City's Public Works department said.

"This is a program we hope to continue to participate in to update and add to new and existing park areas."

Cities, counties and school districts in Kansas are eligible to apply each year for the Waste Tire Program. In 2020, KDHE



awarded about \$468,000 in funding to more than 40 organizations.

The benches and tables were installed at both parks last month. The City plans to add shade structures over a couple of the picnic tables at Veterans Park for families to catch a break from the sun.

How it works: Sanitary sewer systems

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 Spring Hill, KS 66083
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 (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.
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PUBLIC WORKS

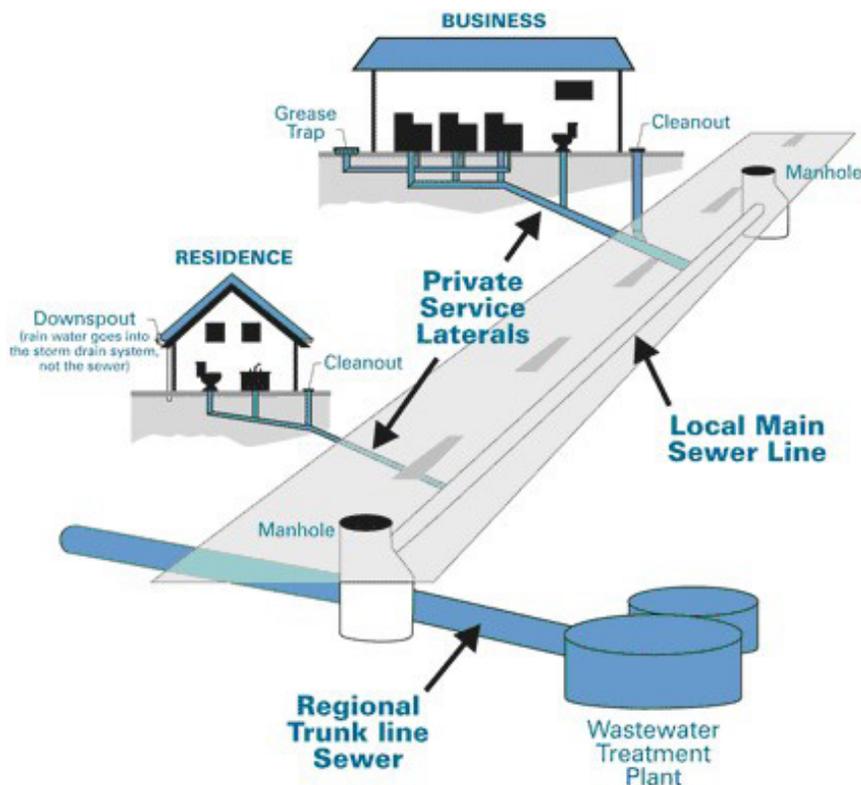
8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday
 502 E. Nichols St.
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Ever wondered what happens after you flush the toilet?

Whether it's No. 1 or No. 2, it enters our sanitary sewer collection system. Ideally, a sanitary sewer system is completely gravity-powered. Sewer drain pipes from each house or building flow into a sewer collection system of piping. Periodically, within the sewer collection system, there are vertical concrete structures called manholes, which allow access to the sewer main collection system piping so inspections and routine maintenance can be done. The sanitary sewer mains flow into progressively larger pipes until it reaches the Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Wastewater Treatment Facilities are typically located at the lowest elevation point of the sewer collection system to allow the wastewater to gravity to the facility. Normally, the lay of the land does not usually cooperate completely to allow all sewer to gravity. In these cases, the sewer system will include a "lift station" to force wastewater up and over a hill.

The property owner is responsible for maintenance and repair of their private service laterals (or sewer service) up to

WIPES CLOG PIPES!

Clogs from wipes and other items trap grease and cause sanitary sewer overflows. Remember to only flush the three P's:

Pee

Pee and poo are treated at our wastewater treatment plant

Poo

Poo breaks down and doesn't clog our wastewater pipes

Paper

Toilet paper dissolves in water

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the City sewer main line including the tap connection at the main line.

For more information about the Wastewater Treatment Facility and Wastewater Operations, visit our website at www.springhillks.gov

Shop local to support Spring Hill businesses

Shopping locally is vital to our community now more than ever! Established by a mayoral proclamation in 2015, Shop Local Month serves as a great opportunity for residents to reaffirm their commitment to supporting our local business community. Challenge yourself to make small steps to support Spring Hill businesses this August!

Prepping for the school year

Take advantage of the convenience of nearby businesses while getting ready for the upcoming school year. You can get school supplies, physicals, teeth cleanings, eye exams and your teen's car tuned up within just minutes of your home.

Household challenge

Make it a goal this month to buy everything you need in Spring Hill for one week, from groceries to gasoline. Making a series of small efforts is a good way to form a habit!

Plan ahead

Why wait until something breaks or needs replaced to find a local professional to help you? Make a list of Spring Hill services to help you with your home, vehicle and financial needs so you're prepared.

Make a splash with sales tax

Have you visited our newest parks — Veterans Park and Melvin Murry Dog Park — this season? These projects were funded by a special city sales tax revenue. General sales tax revenue funds day-to-day operations, better streets and park expansions.

Spring Hill — Johnson County

Taxing Authority	Sales Tax Amount
State of Kansas	6.5%
Johnson County	1.475%
City of Spring Hill	1.5%
Total Sales Tax	9.475%

Spring Hill — Miami County

Taxing Authority	Sales Tax Amount
State of Kansas	6.5%
Miami County	1.5%
City of Spring Hill	1.5%
Total Sales Tax	9.5%

Current sales tax rates within Spring Hill city limits. The City receives 1.5% of the overall 9.5% or 9.475% rate on any purchase.

Look out for signs of generosity

The next time someone hands you a free item like a bottle of water or a program at a community activity, see who is supporting these events through sponsorships and donations. You may be surprised to see how much local businesses give back to our community throughout the year.

ICYMI (in case you missed it)

A roundup of posts on City of Spring Hill social media

1. Bronco Nation, Kansas

The City of Spring Hill was known as the City of Bronco Nation on July 25 to recognize the Spring Hill High School Class of 2020. Staff hung up banners over each entrance to the city to mark the name change. On July 1, Mayor Steven Ellis proclaimed July as Spring Hill High School Class of 2020 Month to honor the graduating seniors for their grace and dignity during this disruption to their high school experience. View the full proclamation on our website: <https://bit.ly/3jvUrrb>



2. Veterans Park + Melvin Murry Dog Park now open

Independence Day wasn't the only event celebrated on July 4. We also opened two new parks — Veterans Park and Melvin Murry Dog Park! Both parks, located at 20201 Veterans Lane, offer a brand new experience for residents to enjoy in Spring Hill. Head out to the west side of Spring Hill City Lake to find these great new parks!

3. Face masks required in entire Spring Hill city limits

On July 2, Johnson County issued a supporting order to Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly's executive order requiring face masks in public spaces. This order impacts the entirety of the Spring Hill city limits in both Johnson and Miami Counties.

4. Instagram rainbow

If you're not following us on Instagram, you're missing out on beautiful photos of Spring Hill like a great capture from user @christina_dru. Head over to our Instagram to check it out: www.instagram.com/springhillks

Civic Center to open special hours for Court

Due to the high volume of guests in the building, the Civic Center will hold special hours on Municipal Court days only.

On the first and third Tuesday of each month, the Civic Center will be open from 8 a.m. to noon for Municipal Court business only. Regular business will resume from noon to 5 p.m. on those days.

Please continue to use the Civic Center courtyard entrance during the noon to 5 p.m. hours. Face masks are required inside all City facilities and public spaces within the Spring Hill city limits.

upcoming events

august

- 4** Municipal Court | 8:30 a.m. | Civic Center
Cemetery Board meeting | 7 p.m. | Civic Center
tues
- 5** Large Item Day — Miami County
Call (913) 631-3300 at least 48 hours in advance to schedule pickup.
wed
- 6** Planning Commission meeting | 7 p.m. | Civic Center
thurs
- 13** City Council meeting | 7 p.m. | Civic Center | View on YouTube: <https://bit.ly/COSHYoutube>
thurs
- 17** Parks Advisory Board meeting | 7 p.m. | Civic Center
mon
- 18** Municipal Court | 8:30 a.m. | Civic Center
tues
- 26** Large Item Day — Johnson County
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wed
- 27** City Council meeting | 7 p.m. | Civic Center | View on YouTube: <https://bit.ly/COSHYoutube>
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september

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Cemetery Board meeting | 7 p.m. | Civic Center
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- 3** Planning Commission meeting | 7 p.m. | Civic Center
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- 7** Happy Labor Day | All City offices closed for the holiday. Utility emergencies: (913) 247-3521
mon
- 10** City Council meeting | 7 p.m. | Civic Center | View on YouTube: <https://bit.ly/COSHYoutube>
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- 15** Municipal Court | 8:30 a.m. | Civic Center
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- 21** Parks Advisory Board meeting | 7 p.m. | Civic Center
mon
- 23** Large Item Day — Johnson County
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Note: Civic Center address is 401 N. Madison St., Spring Hill, KS 66083