

# the OUTLOOK

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

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## notices + reminders

### YARD WASTE PICK UP

Did you know yard waste pick up is included in your weekly trash service? Eight compostable bags or bundles will be accepted each week of scheduled collection. 10 compostable bags or bundles will be accepted each week of scheduled collection October through Dec. 11. Read the guidelines for pick up online: <http://bit.ly/37LxoCO>

### HALLOWEEN GUIDANCE

Kansas Department of Health and Environment issued documentation outlining guidance and considerations for celebrating Halloween during the COVID-19 pandemic. View those online: <https://bit.ly/330i5Wq>

### POLITICAL SIGNS

Political signs may be placed on the unpaved right-of-way of streets during the 45-day period prior to any election and the two-day period following any such election. Signs shall not be erected in locations which would conflict with Sections 17.750.C.3 (sight triangle) and 17.750.C.4 (obstruction of means of egress) of the Spring Hill Municipal Code.

## Mayor Ellis addresses community

Fellow Residents,

As many of you know, earlier this year I asked the Johnson County District Attorney's Office to investigate community-driven concerns regarding the selection process for a broadband provider for our city. The District Attorney accepted our request and in March, assigned an investigator to determine whether any criminal violations occurred during the selection of ALLO communications.

After a review of documents, social media postings, and interviews with witnesses, the District Attorney's Office "found no evidence substantiating any violations of ... Bribery ... Conspiracy or any other violations of criminal statutes." The complete letter can be found on our City website: <https://bit.ly/2S7U7SL>

I have maintained absolute confidence in the people who worked through the selection process and we are grateful to the District Attorney's investigator for his thorough investigation. Now that the investigation is complete, I am hopeful that this process has demonstrated the desire of the Governing Body and of City employees to maintain the level of professionalism, integrity, and transparency demanded by our residents.

I am also hopeful that we can put the allegations behind us and rather than accuse, finger-point, and attack others online, that we can instead be there for each other. Fellowship, and care and compassion for one another run deep in the roots of our community ... let's honor that rich history. I remain grateful to be your mayor and I wish you the absolute best as we start the final quarter of the year.

## Golf carts now allowed in city limits

The Spring Hill City Council approved an ordinance Sept. 24 to allow golf carts on certain streets in the Spring Hill city limits.

With golf carts now permitted on streets with speed limits of 25 mph or less, keep in mind these regulations:

- Operator must have valid, unrestricted driver's license.
- Owner must maintain insurance for the golf cart in the same amounts set forth for motor vehicles.
- Permits are not required for a golf cart.
- Golf carts allowed on streets between sunrise and sunset unless equipped with

lights as required by state and local law for motorcycles.

- Number of occupants limited to number of seats factory installed.
- Golf carts prohibited on sidewalks and jogging trails.
- Golf carts must have four wheels, a unladen weight of not more than 1,800 pounds, designed to not be operated at no more than 25 mph and designed to carry no more than six persons including the driver.
- Golf carts cannot cross U.S. 169.

You can read the full ordinance on our website: <https://bit.ly/30g7sND>

# 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  
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

## Online

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# Prevent crime before it happens

October is Crime Prevention Month! In September, several unlocked vehicles in our community were entered and subsequently had items taken from them. By working together, we can minimize these crimes of opportunity.

## — Beep before you sleep

Doors should remain locked while windows and sunroofs should never be left opened or cracked open. Do not leave your unlocked vehicle running outside.

## — All valuables should be out of sight

If removable, take all valuables with you. If it can't be removed, store them in the vehicle's trunk. (i.e. GPS, phones, laptops, purses, change)

## — Do not leave vital information in your car

Items such as birth certificates, titles, firearms or bank cards should never be left in a vehicle.

At home, keep those doors and windows locked when not in use. It is recommended that your driveway and entrance points to



your residence are well lit. Motion detectors and bright flood lamps are a safe and efficient way to ensure these spaces get the most light and attention in case a burglar is outside your home. Keep lights on overnight.

Remember, locks and alarms can't prevent a burglary unless they're being implemented. Establish a routine or check list every time you leave your residence, locking doors, windows and setting alarms.

If you see something, say something. Call the police department, (913) 592-2700.

# Your fall home maintenance checklist

With cooler weather on the way, now is the time to get your home ready for winter. Check out these helpful tips to prevent damage to your home and infrastructure.

## CHECK THE BATTERIES

Check the batteries in your home's smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. If you haven't already, install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors on every floor of your home. It could save your life!

## NO LEAVES IN THE STREET

Leaves will begin to fall soon, but did you know that blowing them into the street is illegal? Leaves can clog sewer drains and cause major runoff issues. Instead, try mulch mowing your yard or bagging up those leaves for weekly yard waste pick-up, which is included FREE with your trash service.

## CLEAN OUT YOUR GUTTERS

Because of those pesky leaves, your home's gutters can become clogged. If you see water flowing over the edge of your gutter and not through your downspout, your downspouts are most likely clogged. If gutters are not



cleaned, this can cause future damage to your home.

## PREVENT FROZEN PIPES

Disconnect hoses from outdoor faucets and be sure both are fully drained. Wrap pipes close to exterior walls to prevent freezing. Know the location of your home's water shut-off valve. This could save valuable time in the event a pipe bursts.

## REPLACE THE FILTER

With the weather cooling down, fall is a great reminder to replace the filter in your heating system. Filters trap dust and other particles in your home. Clogged filters make it harder to keep your home at a comfortable temperature.

# Recycle better: Is your bin free of contaminants?

By recycling, you are reducing the impact on landfills and promoting efficient use of natural resources. Did you know 1 in 4 items placed in a recycling cart are not recyclable? One non-recyclable item in a cart renders the entire cart as trash! Be sure to keep all items in your cart loose. **Do not bag your recyclables!** Use the guide below to decontaminate your recycling. You can read more on current recycling challenges on our website: [www.springhillks.gov/133/Curbside-Recycling](http://www.springhillks.gov/133/Curbside-Recycling)

## YES These items go in your curbside recycling bin!

 <b>Aluminum Cans</b>	 <b>Steel (tin) Cans</b>	 <b>Aerosol Cans</b> <i>(empty only, make no "hiss" sound)</i>	 <b>Aluminum Foil &amp; Pans</b>	 <b>Cardboard</b>
 <b>Paperboard</b>	 <b>Junk Mail</b>	 <b>Office Paper</b>	 <b>Magazines &amp; Catalogs</b>	 <b>Phone Books</b>
 <b>Paper Cartons</b>	 <b>Plastic Bottles &amp; Containers</b> <i>(have #1 - #7 inside arrow symbol on container)</i>			

- Keep items loose, do not put in bags or boxes.
- Rinse all containers (plastic, metal, etc.).
- Collect metal caps and lids in steel (tin) can and squeeze shut.
- Put caps and lids back on plastic bottles and containers.
- Break down or flatten boxes.
- No liquid.
- No plastic bags or film.
- No food.

## NO These items do NOT go in your curbside recycling bin!

 <b>Plastic Bags &amp; Film*</b>	 <b>Clothing*</b>	 <b>Plastic Tubes</b>	 <b>Food</b>	 <b>Liquids</b>	 <b>Scrap Metal*</b>	 <b>Electronics*</b>
 <b>Glass*</b>	 <b>Frozen Food Containers</b>	 <b>Fast Food &amp; Takeout Cups &amp; Containers</b>	 <b>Tissue</b>	 <b>Paper Tableware (including coffee cups)</b>	 <b>Styrofoam™*</b>	 <b>"Tanglers" (long, stringy items)</b>
 <b>Shredded Paper*</b>	 <b>Medical &amp; Personal Hygiene</b>	 <b>Yard Waste*</b>	 <b>Medications &amp; Vials/Bottles*</b>	 <b>Pizza Boxes (recycle clean side only)</b>	 <b>Household Hazardous Waste*</b> <i>(do not recycle empty hazardous waste containers, except empty aerosol cans)</i>	

\*Other recycling options available, visit [RecycleSpot.org](http://RecycleSpot.org)

# October events

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| <b>1</b><br>thurs | Planning Commission meeting   7 p.m.   Civic Center   View on YouTube: <a href="https://bit.ly/COSHYouTube">https://bit.ly/COSHYouTube</a> | <b>20</b><br>tues  | Municipal Court   8:30 a.m.   Civic Center   Building only open for regular business noon to 5 p.m.                                 |
| <b>6</b><br>tues  | Municipal Court   8:30 a.m.   Civic Center<br>Cemetery Board meeting   7 p.m.   Civic Center   | <b>22</b><br>thurs   | City Council meeting   7 p.m.   Civic Center   View on YouTube: <a href="https://bit.ly/COSHYouTube">https://bit.ly/COSHYouTube</a> |
| <b>7</b><br>wed   | Large Item Day — Miami County<br><i>Call (913) 631-3300 at least 48 hours in advance to schedule pickup.</i>                               | <b>28</b><br>wed   | Large Item Day — Johnson County<br><i>Call (913) 631-3300 at least 48 hours in advance to schedule pickup.</i>                      |
| <b>8</b><br>thurs | City Council meeting   7 p.m.   Civic Center   View on YouTube: <a href="https://bit.ly/COSHYouTube">https://bit.ly/COSHYouTube</a>        | <b>31</b><br>sat   | Happy Halloween from the City of Spring Hill!<br>Please safely enjoy your holiday!  |
| <b>19</b><br>mon  | Parks Advisory Board meeting   7 p.m.   Civic Center   | <i>Note: Civic Center address is 401 N. Madison St., Spring Hill, KS 66083</i> |   |

## Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund season begins

It's that time of year to give back to your community for the seventh annual Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund! All proceeds benefit four local organizations — Spring Hill Food Pantry, Johnson County Utility Assistance Program, BackSnack program through the Spring Hill Rotary Club and Spring Hill Inspiration for Teens (SHIFT).

Give a good meal, a warm home and a fresh start to someone in our community by making a contribution today. You can donate online ([www.springhillks.gov/495/Mayors-Christmas-Tree-Fund](http://www.springhillks.gov/495/Mayors-Christmas-Tree-Fund)), in person at City Hall or by mail with the slip below.

For more information on these valuable community organizations, visit us at the link above or call (913) 592-3664.



## MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS TREE FUND 2020



Name or organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to donate \_\_\_\_\_ to the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund.

I would like to donate anonymously.

### Checks should be made payable to "Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund."

You can include your donation in the same envelope as your utility bill — just make sure there are two separate payments.

Mail your donation: P.O. Box 424, Spring Hill, KS 66083 | Drop off your donation: Spring Hill City Hall, 401 N. Madison St.