



City of Topeka

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From the City Manager's Desk

January 2, 2018

City Council has special



meeting on affordable housing project

The Governing Body approved the sale of four properties on Van Buren Street to the Topeka based Pioneer Group for one dollar. One of the properties includes the Van Buren School building.

These properties will be used to build affordable housing projects that will include around eighty units. The project by the Pioneer group will cost ten million dollars and bring more affordable housing to Topeka.



Construction on the project must start before January 1st, 2019. If not the property will revert back to the City of Topeka.



Recycle your Christmas tree at the zoo.

The Topeka Zoo will be collecting Christmas trees in the zoo parking lot from December 26th until January 8th.

Ornaments and tinsel must be removed from the trees in order to keep them safe for the animals.

The trees will be used as enrichment items for the animals, you can see them in the giraffe, elephant, bear and tiger exhibits.



Recent Updates

- The Budget Division has begun prep for the 2019 budget process. The proposed budget calendar and budget priority discussions will occur at a February council meeting.
- Public Works projects currently shut down for the winter include:
 - N. Kansas Ave between NW Curtis and NW Norris
 - SW 6th Ave between SW Gage and SW Fairlawn
 - Intersection of SW 10th and SW Wanamaker
- The new Topeka Fire Department Rescue, Light and Air truck was put into service at station 11.

Water Main Breaks



Water main breaks have been on the rise due to the snap of cold weather. Water mains often break in extreme cold or heat and when temperatures change suddenly.



If you see a water main break in your neighborhood or have questions about a water main break in your area, call Ryan Woolaway at 785-409-8636.

Coming up

- If temperatures are below freezing, the crew will be treating all City of Topeka bridges and prepare the Lakewood Yard, located on the north side of 21st St. between S. Kansas Ave. and SE Adams, for snow storage.
 - January 31st - Neighborhood Improvement Association Neighborhood Leaders Meeting.
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Brent Trout

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