



City of Topeka

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From the City Manager's Desk

January 28th, 2019



Fire Station #6 Public Art Unveiling



City of Topeka Fire Station #6 is the second oldest fire station in Topeka, built in 1935, and is an integral part of the Oakland neighborhood. When the road around Fire Station #6 was redone the fire hydrant was put out of commission and replaced. The Firefighters at station #6 saw an opportunity re-purpose the decommissioned fire hydrant and turn it into public art to honor the Oakland neighborhood. The Firefighter union donated funds to sandblast and prime the fire hydrant and local artist Andy Valdivia painted the hydrant to reflect the rich cultural heritage in Oakland. The fire hydrant is painted to show the Hispanic and German cultures in the neighborhood along with the historic fire station building. In 2018 there were 7 fires in Oakland that resulted in one death, two injuries, one firefighter injury and approximately \$210,000 in damages.

“The firefighters who work in Station #6 love the Oakland neighborhood and its rich culture. We are so excited to re-purpose this decommissioned fire hydrant into public art for all our neighbors in Oakland to enjoy,” said Fire Marshal Mike Martin. “We hope that this fire hydrant will remind people of fire safety in their homes and help be a reminder to check your smoke detector to make sure it is working.”

-At the unveiling the Fire Department will be handed out applications for free smoke detectors. The American Red Cross also talked about their Sound the Alarm campaign that will be in the Oakland neighborhood on April 27th to install free smoke detectors in homes in the area.

The City of Topeka Fire Department is committed to making sure that our citizens have working smoke detectors in their home in case of a fire and fire safety knowledge.



Brush Up TOPEKA

FREE HOUSE PAINTING!

The City of Topeka is partnering with the Group Workcamps Home Repair Program. Individuals and youth from around the country will spend July 7-13, 2019 in our community performing home painting projects.

NO GIMMICKS – NO LOANS – NO LIENS

To be eligible, you must meet the following guidelines:

- Registered Home owner
- Home is Single Story & less than 28' in height
- Someone 18 years of age or older must be present during time of work
- Must income qualify according to guidelines (right)
- All household members will be checked for listing on the Kansas Offender Registry
- Project must be able to be completed in one week

APPLY AT 620 SE MADISON ST.
FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
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INCOME GUIDELINES:

1 person –	\$38,450
2 persons –	\$43,950
3 persons –	\$49,450
4 persons –	\$54,900
5 persons –	\$59,300
6 persons –	\$63,700
7 persons –	\$68,100
8 persons –	\$72,500

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Recent Updates

- There have been 26 broken water mains year to date. At this time last year there were 92 water main breaks.
- Fire Station Station 3 at 318 SE Jefferson remodeling project to start January 28, 2019. Crews from station 3 will be temporary relocated to Station 4 and Station 2.
- The Utilities Department maintained 182 valves this month. The recent mild weather allowed the Utilities Department to catch up on necessary work to begin valve maintenance.
- The Property Maintenance Rehabilitation program will begin accepting applications February 1st.

Snow and Ice Removal Plan





Winter weather is here. Check out the city's snow and ice removal plan.

You can also see a [map](#) of all the streets in Topeka to see if they have been treated.

1. Priority 1: Primary Streets: Arterial Streets and Emergency Snow routes

Service Level – Plowing will typically begin with 2" of snow accumulation. Complete snow and ice control within 24 hours of snowfall ending.



2. Priority 2: Secondary Streets: Collector Streets

Service Level – Plowing will typically begin with 4” of snow accumulation. Complete snow and ice control within 24 hours after Priority 1 completion.

3. Priority 3: Residential Streets: Local Streets

Service Level – Plowing will typically begin with 6” of snow accumulation to ensure that they are passable to emergency services and general public as necessary upon completion of Priorities 1 through 2.

Coming Up

- City Council Meeting, February 5th at 6 p.m.
- Safe Streets, February 6th.
- There will a workshop with the Governing Body on Saturday, February 9th from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm to discuss the proposed 2020-2029 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP). Staff will present and highlight projects included in the CIP.





Brent Trout

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