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From the City Manager's Desk

October 15, 2018

CITY OF TOPEKA PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AT A GLANCE



1/2 Cent Sales Tax Renewal

In the general election in November there will be a ballot item to *renew* the current 1/2 cent sales tax.

The 1/2 cent sales tax funds **52%** of the forecasted \$24 million spent

each year on street projects.

The citywide sales tax program uses about \$14 million raised annually through a 0.5 percent retailers' tax, also known as a sales tax. The funds are used exclusively for costs of maintenance and improvements of existing City of Topeka streets, gutters, curbs, sidewalks, alleys and street lighting.

This interactive website shows several aspects of the 1/2 cent sales tax and pavement management program: <https://topeka.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Cascade/index.html?appid=d3a7f303b7024d259f33ce1dc86f158b>

Learn more about street projects, preventative maintenance and investing in Topeka's infrastructure here: <http://performance-topeka.opendata.arcgis.com/pages/infrastructure>

The City Manager's Office, Public Works and Finance are partnering to present to groups of citizens about the Citywide Half Cent Sales Tax renewal. **If a group would like to request a presentation, please contact Molly Hadfield at mhadfield@topeka.org or (785) 368-0991.**



Road Construction Update

ROAD CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

The image on the right is a list of featured road construction projects for 2018.



Work continuing on:

- SW Gage between 21st and 25th. Despite the forecasted rains last week, the street was milled and overlaid late last week. Contractor is placing concrete caps around valves and manholes today. All lanes will be opened within the next two weeks.
- 21st and Kansas. Intersection fully opened on Tuesday.

Work was limited on the following projects due to the heavy rains from Monday through Tuesday of last week:

- SE Adams between 29th and 33rd. Setting up for final mainline concrete pour.



- 29th and Burlingame. Contractor installing signal pole bases.
- Mill/overlay project in the area of NW Menninger Rd, NW Sproaton, NW Sanford and NW Walnut. Base repairs resumed on Thursday.
- SW 6th between Fairlawn and Gage. If it dries enough, plan to form a couple of ADA ramps this week along with general site cleanup. The project is expected to be completed by the first or second week in November, weather dependent.
- Central Park. Limited storm and curb work. Contractor anticipates starting the mill/overlay next week.
- SW 29th at Fairlawn.
- SW Fairlawn between 28th and 29th.
- SW Huntoon at Arvonnia.

Street Project Startup and Major Phase Changes:

- SW 29th – Fairlawn to I-470 will start in October.

[You can find updates to all street projects on the Capital Projects Dashboard.](#)



**Property
Maintenance and
Habitat for
Humanity Video**



The Property Maintenance Department and Habitat for Humanity have partnered to do a Facebook video series about code enforcement and how to make easy repairs to your home.

This month's topic was electrical fixtures.

<https://www.facebook.com/cityoftopeka/videos/338014570285389/>

DGM Report

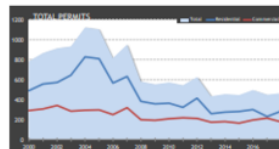
Planning released the September, 2018 Development and Growth Management (DGM) Report which can be found at www.topeka.org/planning

Highlights include:

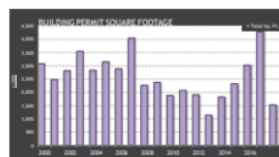
- Total building permits for new construction/remodel are projected to be 4% higher than last year. Compared to 2017, residential permits are projected to increase by 23% while commercial



Residential & Commercial Growth



The Planning Department tracks the total number of building permits issued on an annual basis in the City of Topeka. Total building permits issued is an indicator of development activity. Data is projected through 2018. From 2017 to 2018, total building permits are projected to increase 3.6% (448 vs. 464). An estimated increase of 23% (232 vs. 285) in the total number of residential permits would offset a 17.3% decrease (216 vs. 179) in the total number of commercial permits.



The Planning Department tracks the square footage and value of all building permits. Both building square footage and building value can be used to better understand the scale of investment per building permit issued within the City of Topeka.

From 2017 to 2018, total building square footage is projected to decrease by 64.4%, (4,275,853, ft. vs. 1,520,445 ft.). The value of building permits is projected to decrease by 30.9% (\$154,111,321 vs. \$106,449,752). The table below and map on page 3 show the Top 10 Permits by valuation.



* The Top 10 Permits table includes permits with the highest project completion cost issued to date, both commercial and residential

TOP 10 PERMITS - September*		
2018 08 2107 07	TRUSTAL - SHOP PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER	\$1,400,000
2108 NW TOPEKA BLVD	BURGER KING	\$1,400,000
1406 NE BRANDED ST	SHOP BUILDING 10 RESTROOM RENOVATION	\$1,170,000
2811 SW FAIRLAND RD	WHEATFIELD VILLAGE BUILDING #1 - CORE AND SHELL	\$770,000
2811 SW FAIRLAND RD	WHEATFIELD VILLAGE BUILDING #4 - CORE AND SHELL	\$770,000
222 SW 7TH ST	ACTVA TENANT FINISH	\$380,000
2015 SE MEMORY LN, BLDG 1	LOT 1, BLOCK A, TERRACE PLACE SUB-DIVISION	\$274,571
2015 SE MEMORY LN, BLDG 2	LOT 1, BLOCK A, TERRACE PLACE SUB-DIVISION	\$274,571
2015 SE MEMORY LN, BLDG 3	LOT 1, BLOCK A, TERRACE PLACE SUB-DIVISION	\$274,571
2015 SE MEMORY LN, BLDG 4	LOT 1, BLOCK A, TERRACE PLACE SUB-DIVISION	\$274,571

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permits would decline 17% by year end.

- 109 new residential units have been permitted for construction year to date within the City of Topeka. 110 total units were permitted in 2017.
- 51% of all new dwelling units within Shawnee County have been built within the City of Topeka year to date compared to 48% for 2017.
- Total building permit values are projected to decrease 31% by year end compared to last year which would be the lowest valuation totals since 2014.

Tiger Cam

The Topeka Zoo now has four new tiger cubs! You can see Jingga the tiger on the Topeka Zoo's tiger camera's as she takes care of her new cubs.

Tiger Birth Cam 2 #TopZ...



Recent Updates

- The Topeka Planning Commission will hold their public meeting Monday, October 15 to consider 4 re-zoning cases including an amendment to the Gage Shopping Center PUD to allow for a new gas station/convenience store at 1301 SW Gage Blvd. Staff is recommending approval of all cases. The Planning Commission will make their recommendation to the Governing Body for ultimate approval. The agenda packet can be found at www.topeka.org/planning/planning-commission/
- The street division filled 528 [potholes](#). 12,648 potholes have been repaired so far this year.
- There have been 40 broken [water mains](#) this month with 709 year to date. Last year at this time there were 314 breaks.

Food For Fines

The City of Topeka
Municipal Court will
start a Food for Fines



program during the month of October. Any person with a payment due to the Municipal Court between October 1st and October 31st will receive a \$25 credit towards their fine with a donation of ten cans of non-perishable canned goods.

All the non-perishable food items that are collected will be donated to Project Topeka.

The food donations allow for a one-time max credit of \$25 for each case. The Food for Fines program only allows for credit in cases with payments being made with the court and not in collections. The program cannot be used for court costs,



diversion fees,
reinstatement fees,
restitution or seat-belt
tickets.

Cans must be taken to
the Municipal Court
Clerk's office to receive
credit. Dented, rusted,
non-labeled, or
expired food items will
not be accepted.

For more information,
please call the
Municipal Court at
(785) 368-3776.



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Saturday, October 27, 2018
9am-3pm
Ramada Hotel & Convention Center by Wyndham Topeka Downtown
420 SE 6th Ave

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Landlord Expo

The City of Topeka is proud to host our 1st Landlord Expo. The 2018 Topeka Landlord Expo is the most informative landlord event of its kind in the Midwest potentially attracting over 1,000 potential visitors. It will provide an excellent platform for property investors to seek the advice, guidance and tools necessary to succeed in the development and management of their rental property businesses.

Our purpose is simple. We want to provide landlords with the advice, tools and knowledge needed to be successful, and we want tenants to have decent, safe and affordable homes in safe neighborhoods.

The Expo is the perfect partner whether you are a first time or accidental landlord, an agent, property investor, managing an existing portfolio, or considering entering the private rental market. The key features of the Expo include over 80 exhibitors ranging



from suppliers to professional advisers and local authorities and an action packed timetable of FREE workshops.

For more information call the Neighborhood Relations Department at (785) 368-4470

Neglected Building Registration Survey



Below is a link to a brief survey regarding the proposed neglected building registration. We would appreciate your assistance getting the word out so we can get as much public input back on the proposed program as possible.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NeglectedPropertyReg>



#E-Cycle
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 TOPEKA SHAWNEE COUNTY

Bring your used, unused, working or not electronics for **FREE RECYCLING!**
 If it has a cord, or runs on batteries,
WE'LL TAKE IT!

*CRT Monitors: \$15 - 19" or smaller
 CRT TVs: \$30 - 20" or larger
 (includes rear projection & consoles TVs)
CASH ONLY

See below for a list of other items we will recycle for **FREE!**

Made possible by:
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20TH, 9 AM-1 PM

Kansas Expocentre, 1 Expocentre Drive
 Enter from SW Topeka Boulevard
 See map below.



<p>COMPUTERS</p> <p>Desktop Computers, Laptops, Netbooks, Servers, Tablets, Keyboards, Mice, Speakers, Monitors-CRT* & Flat Panel, Modems, Routers, Cables, Software, Components</p>	<p>PHONES</p> <p>Land-line, Cordless, and Rotary Phones, Network Phone Systems, Mobile Phones with or without Batteries, Satellite Phones, Phone Accessories</p>
<p>GAME CONSOLES</p> <p>Hand Held Systems, Games, Controllers, Headsets, Accessories</p>	<p>AUDIO</p> <p>Receivers, Amplifiers, Speakers, MP3 Players, CD Players, Cassette Decks, Turntables, 8-tracks, Boomboxes, Microphones, Mixers, Rack Equipment, DAW</p>
<p>OFFICE</p> <p>Printers, Copiers, Scanners, Faxes, Ink & Toner Cartridges, Shredders, Paper Joggers</p>	<p>OTHER ELECTRONICS</p> <p>Lab Equipment, Medical Equipment, Robotics, Microwaves, Cables, Power Cords, Christmas Lights & Appliances</p>
<p>VIDEO & PHOTOGRAPHY</p> <p>BluRay, HD DVD, DVD, Laserdisc, Betamax, DVRs, Cable Boxes, Satellite Receivers, Digital & Film Cameras</p>	

NOT ACCEPTED AT THIS EVENT: Used Batteries, Ballasts, VHS Tapes, Cds, Smoke Detectors, Carbon Monoxide Detectors, Appliances, Light Bulbs

FOR MORE INFORMATION: 785-368-4470 OR MGLAUDE@TOPEKA.ORG

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CRT TVs will cost \$30 if they are 20" or larger.

Coming up

- City Council Meeting, October 23rd at 6 p.m.



- Coffee on Your Corner 10/17 “Municipal Court” @ McDonalds 3117 S. Topeka Blvd
 - E-Cycle, October 20th at the Expo Centre
 - 2018 Topeka Landlord Expo, Saturday, October 27th, 9AM-3PM
 - Topeka Fire Department is will be hosting its annual Open House and Fallen Firefighter Memorial on October 13th between 1:00 and 4:00 at the Fire Department Headquarters.
 - Neighborhood Relations Citizen’s Advisory Council 1st Annual Neighborhood Celebration, Oct 27th, 11AM-6PM
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Brent Trout

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