Monthly Financial Report

The monthly report includes updates on property tax, sales tax, utilities fees and an overview of the general fund.

The City of Topeka Checkbook allows you to see all expenditures and revenues that the City collects.

You can see the 2019 City of Topeka Budget.

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

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](https://topeka.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Cascade/index.html?appid=d3a7f303b7024d259f33ce1dc86f158b)


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.**

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**Road Construction Update**

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

**Work continuing on:**

- SW Gage between 21st and 25th. Road was opened this week to traffic. There will be temporary/localized lane drops (closures) while sod is being installed.
- SE Adams between 29th and 33rd. Final mainline concrete pours between 29th and the Post Office this week.
- Mill/overlay project in the area of NW Menninger Rd, NW Sproaton, NW Sanford and NW Walnut. Base repairs finishing up this week. Mill and overlay should occur next week.
- Mill/overlay project in the Grantville area started on Thursday with base patching. Subgrade may consist of sand so we will modify patching requirements to account for this.
- Central Park. Water line work complete this week and milling the old asphalt started. Some curb and storm sewer work remain before asphalt overlay is placed.
- Alley project off KS Ave underway.
- SW Huntoon at Arvonia. Retaining wall completed.
- Three sidewalk projects are expected to start in the next two to three weeks. Two are Empowerment Grant-funded infill sidewalk projects put forward by the NIA's in their respective neighborhood.
One is on 19th St. – Washburn to Lane; the other is on Randolph St. south from 21st to the first KNI entrance. A third project is a replacement/infill sidewalk project to improve accessibility from major arterials to Robinson Middle School. It is being done as part of the Pedestrian Plan buildout.

You can find updates to all street projects on the Capital Projects Dashboard.

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Recent Updates

- There were 23 dirt restorations this month with 505 year to date. There are 49 dirt restorations from water main breaks still pending.
- The Traffic Division manufactured 55 signs, repaired 29 traffic signals, and processed 141 signal/sign work orders.
- There have been 58 broken water mains this month with 727 year to date. Last year at this time there were 321 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.

**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

**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.

**Coming up**

- City Council Meeting, October 23rd at 6 p.m.
- 2018 Topeka Landlord Expo, Saturday, October 27th, 9AM-3PM
Shunga Flood Study public meeting, October 25th at 5 p.m. at 620 Madison St.

Neighborhood Relations Citizen’s Advisory Council 1st Annual Neighborhood Celebration, Oct 27th, 11AM-6PM

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Brent Trout

This weekly report is presented to you from the office of City Manager Brent Trout.

For other weekly reports, visit the City's website

This report was produced through our open data portal. We have several other open data portals to help connect you with the work we do, including portals that let you:

- Visualize Topeka's $270M budget
- See Topeka's expenses, one check at a time
- Navigate our major infrastructure projects
• **Track departments' progress toward our goals**