Development and Growth Management Report

Planning released the January, 2019 Development and Growth Management (DGM) Report which can be found at www.topeka.org/planning
Highlights include:

• Total building permits are up 33% from this time last year mostly due to a 69% increase in commercial permits.

• 30 new residential units were permitted for construction within the City of Topeka which is a 500% increase over 2018.

• In January, 94% of all new dwelling units within Shawnee County were approved within the City of Topeka.

• Total building permit values increased 179% compared to January last year.

• The top 3 valued permits issued this month include:

  o Frito Lay ASRS Expansion, 4236 SW Kirklawn ($9.8M)

  o B&B Theaters/Wheatfield Village, 2829 SW Fairlawn ($6.0M)
o Midland Care Compass Center,
2134 SW Westport Dr ($1.7M)

Water Main Breaks

Do you know what happens when a water main breaks? Water main breaks happen in extreme hot and cold temperatures. There have been 29 water main breaks this month with 87 repaired this year. Watch this short video to find out more.
Recent Updates

- There have been 29 broken water mains this month with 87 breaks year to date. At this time last year there were 113 water main breaks.

- A mechanism called Pass Back has been installed in all City of Topeka garages. Cardholders should not assist parkers in or out of the garages. Once a card is utilized while exiting, the system will recognize it and not let a second vehicle out. Those who get stuck in the garage are asked to call the 217-5284 24/7 on call number. They will be instructed to press the “Lost Ticket” button and will have to pay $12 to get out of the garage. This mechanism was put in place to...
assist in better managing the hourly parkers in the garages and still allow adequate parking for monthly leasers.

• The Street Department has filled 749 potholes; 6,198 so far this year.

• Public Works used 987 tons of bulk deicing material.
Deaf and Hard of Hearing Day at the Capitol

Kansas Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (KCDHH), in conjunction with the Kansas State School for the Deaf and the Museum of Deaf History, Arts & Culture, is proud to announce Deaf and Hard of Hearing Day at the Capitol. Come show your support for the deaf and hard of hearing at the Statehouse, hear speakers on various issues and view exhibits and presentation of resources from more than 10 organizations.

WHEN: 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, March 6, 2019

WHERE: Kansas State Capitol, second floor

For more information on Deaf and Hard of Hearing Day at the Capitol, contact KCDHH at 785-368-8034 Voice and 785-246-5077 Videophone.

Statehouse and rotunda tours will be available, with interpreters provided upon request. Dr. Bobbi Cordano, president of Gallaudet University, will join the event online as the special guest speaker. The complete program agenda will be provided on the day of the event.

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](https://data.topeka.org/stories/s/2-25-2019-Weekly-Report/x8fx-a3zm/) 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.

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**Coming Up**

- City Council Meeting, March 5th at 6 p.m.
- CIP discussions will resume in March at the regularly scheduled Governing Body meetings on March 5, 12, and 19.
- The ribbon cutting for the Cornerstone of Topeka project on SW Van Buren will be on February 28th at 1:30. The City, KHRC along with a private loan from the bank funded the new duplexes that were built.
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