Camp Cowabunga Wins Third Award

When staff from Mohan Construction and the Topeka Zoo traveled to Wichita earlier this year to receive a construction award, they knew in advance that they would be receiving two awards.
The third one was a complete surprise.

The awards were presented by the Associated General Contractors of Kansas at the Kan-Struct convention on February 1, 2019, in Wichita. The first two awards included the AGC of Kansas Award of Excellence for new construction between $2 and $6 million and the Kan-Struct Collaboration Award of Excellence for Public Buildings.

“The Topeka Zoo and Conservation Center is proud of all the work that was done by Mohan Construction for the Camp Cowabunga project,” said Zoo Director Brendan Wiley. “Camp Cowabunga has been a tremendous asset to the zoo. It has been wonderful to see guests have a safari experience in the heart of Topeka.”

The awards ceremony concluded with the presentation of the AGC of Kansas Judges Choice awards. The Judges Choice awards are selected from all construction and budget categories combined. Camp Cowabunga won the AGC of Kansas Judges Choice Runner Up award with only one project throughout the entire state that had a budget of $75.4 million winning a higher award.

Camp Cowabunga broke ground on July 6th, 2017 and was completed and opened to the public on August, 31st 2018. Camp Cowabunga was the largest project in the Topeka Zoo’s history and creates the
atmosphere of being on a safari in Africa, with the exhibit honoring Gary K. Clarke's safari experiences in Africa as a tour guide. Camp Cowabunga houses several animals including African lions, African painted dogs, Red Patas monkeys, guinea fowl and ostriches. Camp Cowabunga also features interactive learning experiences that are fun and education for guests. Opening weekend of Camp Cowabunga saw 9,857 guests who enjoyed their first experience of the Topeka Zoo's master plan.

Fire Station #3
Renovation

Fire Station #3 is currently undergoing a renovation. The renovation will include new dorms, men's and women's locker rooms and a kitchen.

Recent Updates

- There have been 6 broken water mains in March with 108 breaks year to date. At this time last year there were 122 water main breaks.

- IT added a search function for council minutes on the webpage.
Finance staff presented follow up on the 2020-2029 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) at the March 5 City Council meeting. Discussions on potential amendments to the CIP will occur at the next two City Council meetings on March 12 and 19 with tentative adoption of the CIP on April 2. More information can be found at: https://www.topeka.org/finance/capital-improvement-projects/

The Street Department has filled 8,395 potholes this year.

8,811 tons of bulk deicing material has been used by the Street Department this year.

Performance Portal

Have you checked out the City of Topeka Performance Portal? The Performance Portal allows you to look at what the City of Topeka is doing with infrastructure, public safety and in neighborhoods - along with several other initiatives. http://performance-topeka.opendata.arcgis.com/
Topeka Police Citizen's Academy

The 44th Topeka Police Department Citizens Academy has officially begun. Last week the class was welcomed by Chief Bill Cochran and TPD Commanders. The first class focused on department history since the Topeka Police Department's founding date of 1858.
We are celebrating the East End Neighborhood by bringing Team Up to Clean Up to you. You are one of two neighborhoods chosen this year and we are excited to partner with you for full concentration on your neighborhood.

-Brent Trout, City Manager

During the months of March and April City of Topeka staff will be in the neighborhood assessing the needs. Opportunities for residents will include personalized DIY classes from Habitat for Humanity, Resource Guides, Fire alarm installations and much more.

RESOURCES FAIR | NIA MEETING
APRIL 11, 2019 - 6:30PM
RICE COMMUNITY CENTER

Look for us in the neighborhood and come say hi! We are here to help and see what we can do for you in the community.

Team Up to Clean Up: East End

Team Up to Clean Up is coming to the East End neighborhood in March and April.

Check out how Team Up to Clean Up has helped other neighborhoods on the City of Topeka performance portal.

This week’s updates include:

• Fire crews will be out in East Topeka area from 2nd street to I-70 from Deer Creek Traffic way to Croco road.

• Property Maintenance
Inspectors have been assigned their duties which they have the month of March and April to complete.

- Public Works Traffic Division completed an inventory of the area signs and began fabricating replacement/additional signs.
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 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.

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 12th at 6 p.m.
- CIP discussions will resume in March at the regularly scheduled Governing Body meetings on March 5, 12, and 19.
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**