



City of Topeka

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From the City Manager's Desk

March 25th, 2019

Topeka Zoo Tiger Cubs on Display

The Topeka Zoo welcomed four tiger cubs on October 15th to the zoo's female tiger Jingga. The cubs are named Bintang, Kansa Raja, Zayana, and Badar. Last Friday the cubs were outside for the first time. Sumatran Tigers are tropical animals, which means the cubs could only be allowed out when the

Tiger Cam 3 #TopZooKTWU



weather got warmer. You can see the tigers at the Topeka Zoo or anytime on the KTWU Tigercam.



Road Construction

The City of Topeka Public Works Department is kicking off construction season. Each week, the weekly report will have updates on the road construction projects in Topeka.

Construction highlights:

- Work started back on Clarion Woods this week. Limited construction this week.
- Work started back on the alley west of KS Avenue off of 1st Street.
- Work started on alley off of Huntoon this week.
- Localized curb replacement projects are underway.



- Emergency concrete street repair on SW29th (Plass to MacVicar) underway.
- Driveway pours into Wheatfield Village (on Fairlawn) underway.

Recent Updates

- There have been 15 broken water mains in March with 117 breaks year to date. At this time last year there were 137 water main breaks.
- Discussions on potential amendments to the CIP occurred at the March 12 City Council meeting and will continue at the March 19 City Council meeting 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 filled 1,700 potholes this week with 11,579 potholes filled this year.





Pothole Heatmap and 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.

The street department has been making data based decision making by creating a heat map of potholes. Crews use this heat map to find where the largest concentration of potholes are and fill them in a certain area.





EAST END NEIGHBORS

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.

RESOURCE 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:

- TSG has been assisting divisions and departments around the city in their efforts in relation to our Team Up, Clean Up initiative. We've provided printed maps, analysis and



guidance in support of their efforts in the field and expect more requests for assistance as this project continues through the end of April.

- WPC collection crews completed work on the Team UP Clean UP project. The pictures attached is the bridge crossing on Fairfax and the sidewalk was overgrown and the inlets needed cleaned. Some of the brush in the channel also was cleaned up.

- All water main valves have been maintained.

- Most hydrants have been pressure checked and maintained.



- Property Maintenance is continuing to inspect and cite houses in East End.
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Coming Up

- City Council Meeting, April 2nd at 6 p.m.
 - Mayor and City Manager monthly news conference, March 28th at 1:15 p.m.
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Brent Trout

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