Budget

A public hearing about the budget was conducted on April 24th. The governing body listened to public comment about what the community wished to see in the City’s 2019 budget.

The Budget Office conducted an informal survey asking residents to
rank their top priorities. With over 200 responses, infrastructure held a slight edge over community development. Responses emphasized a need to repair streets, as well as addressing affordable housing and public safety issues. Budget has held a number of engagement events in addition to the survey including a public hearing on April 24 and a Budget Open House on March 14. See the full 2019 budget calendar at www.topeka.org/budget.

Road Construction Update

- SW Wanamaker 4th-10th Street should be completed June 15th.
Pre-construction meeting held for the SW Huntoon/Arvonia Project.

Full depth pavement patching and 2018 curb replacement underway.

Projected Start Dates for projects:

- SE Adams 29th-33rd Street Construction- May 10th.
- 29th and Burlingame Intersection Improvements – April 30th.
- Micro-sealing project will begin on May 29th.

You can find updates to all street projects on the Open Data Portal of the city website here: https://projects.topeka.org/projects?categoryId=Streets:Alley%7CBridges%7CCurbs%20%26%20Gutters%7CDistributions%7CRoads%7CSidewalks%252FRamps&tab=projects
Earth Day

The Utilities Department went all out for Earth Day, collecting trash bags full of broken glass, debris and plastic bottles near the Oakland Community Center and the Kansas River Weir.

Utilities staff also collected trucks full of trash and tires around Shunga Creek.

Recent Updates

- Property Maintenance has cited 1,469 properties and structures for the 2018 calendar year.
- TFD Training Division staff completed the search and rescue courses being taught in conjunction with MTAA at Topeka Regional Airport.
- The Utilities Department has 19 waterline replacement projects, 3 new waterline construction projects and 6 water treatment plant projects in the works.
Severe Weather Wednesday's Facebook Video Series

Every Wednesday in April the City of Topeka's Fire Department and Emergency Management will be going on Facebook live to bring you advice and tips on how to handle severe weather this spring.

This week Fire Marshal Mike Martin went to the City of Topeka Emergency Operations Center and talked with Emergency Manager Jim Green about preparing emergency kits.

This last video is in two parts so make sure to watch them both!

https://www.facebook.com/cityoftopeka/videos/10156176765586236/

https://www.facebook.com/cityoftopeka/videos/10156176778521236/
Budget Priorities Survey

The Budget office is requesting input on priorities for the 2019 Budget. Take the budget priorities survey at https://www.topeka.org/finance/budget/ to make your voice heard!

Coming up

- The Neighborhood Stabilization Program will be closed out and a public hearing will be held on May 22nd at 5:30 in the Holliday Conference Room.

- 43rd & Colly Creek Utilities replacement public meeting scheduled for 5/10/18 at 4:30pm at the Topeka Baptist Church at 4500 SW Gage Blvd. Construction will begin as early as 5/21/18 or as late as 6/4/18.

- May 10th, the Zoo is hosting a Conservation Connection, a free program at 6:30pm. Guest speaker is from the Lubee Bat Foundation.

- May 12th is Pollinator Palooza at the Zoo.
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**