



City of Topeka

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Public Works Week

May 21-27th was National Public Works Week. The City of Topeka celebrated our public works employees with a proclamation from Mayor De La Isla.

Several employees let us go on ride-alongs to see what their jobs are really like. You can catch them



on our twitter feed

here: <https://twitter.com/cityoftopeka/status/999764082382094336>

Road Construction Update

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UPDATES 🚧



o Work continuing on 6th Street between Gage and Fairlawn. East end opened to traffic on Monday (5/21). Began placing asphalt on west end this week.

o Full depth pavement patching and 2018 curb replacement underway.

o Work continuing on the 21st & KS and the 29th & Burlingame Intersections.

o Work continuing on SW 49th between Topeka Blvd and Wenger Road.



- o Working on alley approaches in Old Town as part of the Team Up to Clean Up focus area.
- o 17th Street (between Quincy and Adams) was reworked and opened to traffic.
- o Washington St (8th to 10th) opened to traffic.

Street Project Startup and Major Phase Changes:

- o SE Adams from 29th to 33rd scheduled to start on May 29th.
- o SW Gage from 21st to 25th scheduled to start on June 11th.
- o The intersection of 21st and Kansas scheduled to be completely closed starting on May 29th.
- o Microsurfacing scheduled to start in June.

You can find updates to all street projects on the Open Data Portal of the city website

here: <https://projects.topeka.org/pr>



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Flood Fight Training

Water Pollution Control must be able to respond to flooding emergencies quickly and competently. To achieve this, WPC has a flood emergency preparedness plan (EPP) in place as well as staff members who are trained and prepared to respond to emergencies should one arise.

The purpose of the EPP is to identify the planning and response efforts that should be implemented whenever elevated stages threaten the levee system on the Kansas River. The successful implementation of the EPP will lead to better levee system performance, reduced potential for life safety or economic



consequences, and improved emergency response activities.

On 24 May 2018, WPC hosted flood fight training and exercises at the Oakland Wastewater Treatment Plant. Over 120 people were in attendance including representatives from Lawrence, Ottawa, Osawatomie, Shawnee County, and the Corps of Engineers. The field exercises featured sand bag machines and HESCO flood barrier walls. WPC staff participated in filling sand bags, erecting sand bag walls, and other flood fight techniques.

Recent Updates

- Planning released the April, 2018 Development and Growth Management (DGM) Report which can be found at www.topeka.org/planning
- The first quarter 2018 financial report was presented on May 15th and can be found at <https://www.topeka.org/finance/financial-reports/quarterly-reports/> .



- The Governing Body approved the Tax Increment Financing Policy on May 15th. Please view the adopted policy at <https://www.topeka.org/finance/community-improvement-tax-increment-financing-districts/>.
- The Utilities Department currently has 19 active waterline replacement projects and three new waterline construction projects.

Budget Workshop

The Budget and Performance Division continues to build the 2019 proposed budget. The budget calendar can be found at <https://www.topeka.org/budget>.

The first budget workshop will be Saturday, June 16th at 9 a.m. in the Law Enforcement Center.





TPD acquires K-9 ballistic vests

K-9 Officer Miller and his partner, Benson, pose with Benson's new ballistic vest. The vests were donated by [The Humane Society of the United States](#). Thank you for keeping our K9 unit safe!

Topeka Zoo Giraffe Cam

Abi the Giraffe is expected to give birth to her calf soon. You can check out the live giraffe camera's at the Topeka Zoo here: <http://topekazoo.org/giraffecam/>

Hope Giraffe Cam #TopZ...



Employee Safety Day

The Topeka Fire Department hosted a Safety Day for city staff at



the Holliday building. Staff learned hands only CPR and had fire extinguisher training.

Staff also participated in fire drills and armed shooter training.

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

- City Council Meeting, June 5th at 6 p.m.
- Budget Workshop, June 16th at 9 a.m. in the Law Enforcement Center.



- Sea Lion Splash exhibit is coming to the Topeka Zoo on May 26th.
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Brent Trout

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

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