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From the City Manager's Desk

May 7, 2018

Road Construction Update

 ROAD CONSTRUCTION
UPDATES 

o SW 10th and Wanamaker – saw
cutting pavement for next removal
phase.



- o N. Topeka West street and Cherokee bridge improvements are complete.
- o Work continuing on 6th Street between Gage and Fairlawn. Sod placement and final lift of asphalt (east end) next week if weather permits. The heavy rain last week caused some delays.
- o Full depth pavement patching and 2018 curb replacement underway.
- o Work continuing on the 21st and KS Intersection.
- o Work started this week on the 29th and Burlingame Intersection.

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%7CCurb%20%26%20Gutter%7CDistribution%7CRoad%7CSidewalks%252FRamps&tab=projects>





Pollinator Palooza

This year, for the Zoo's annual native plant sale, they're turning it into a Pollinator Palooza.

Pollinators are a very important part of our environment and we don't know what we'd do without them. The Zoo will be selling native bee houses and incorporating several free activities and learning stations for all ages. Paint your own toad abode and make a seed ball all while picking out native plants to attract pollinators to your own home. Join us on Saturday, May 12 in the Zoo parking lot and in front of Big Gage Shelter House.

All proceeds support the Topeka Zoo's Conservation Fund to be redirected to conservation projects around the world and right here at home.

Plants include:

Common Milkweed, Rose Verbena, Blue Indigo, Spiderwort,



Largeflower Penstemon, Foxglove
Beardtongue, Lanceleaved
Coreopsis, Purple Prairie Clover,
Large-flowered Primrose, Topeka
Coneflower, Pale Purple
Coneflower, Butterfly Milkweed, Joe
Pye Weed, New Jersey Tea, Grey-
Headed Coneflower, Black-Eyed
Susan, Culver's Root, Blue Lobelia,
Dotted Blazing Star, Swamp
Milkweed, New England Aster,
Willow-Leaved Sunflower,
Ironweed, Rigid Goldenrod

This event is co-hosted by the the
Topeka Zoo and City of Topeka
Water Pollution Control.

We'd like to extend a huge thank
Seaman High School for building
the native bee houses and creating
a logo and event banner for this
event and Wood N Stuff Cabinets
for a donation of wood for the
native bee houses.





Giraffe Live Cam

The Topeka Zoo has partnered with KTWU to provide a live camera feed of our giraffe's that you can watch anytime.

You can now watch Hope, Abi, and Sarge and be on baby watch 24 hours a day! Visit

www.topekazoo.org/giraffe cam or www.ktwu.org/giraffes any time to check in.

Recent Updates

- The 2015 International Fire Code became effective May 1, 2018.
- 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 start work order for the SW 26th & Chelsea Drainage Correction Program (DCP) project was issued last week and construction will commence this week (May 7-11).
- The Street Department sealed 49,800 linear feet of cracks.



Sea Lions Coming to the Zoo



The Topeka Zoo is excited to welcome Sea Lion Splash! From May 26th to June 17th you can enjoy a sea lion show during your visit. The Zoo will also have three Thursday fundraiser evenings during their stay where the zoo will be open late to everyone for just \$5 (anyone over 2, including members). We really appreciate your patience during construction and can't wait to see you all very soon!



Performance Portal

Visit the Topeka Open Performance Portal to for an interactive view of productivity updated through the end of the first quarter. For example, did you know that the [Property Maintenance Division](#) has already completed 4,413



inspections in the first quarter of 2018?

You can visit the performance portal

here: <https://performance.topeka.org/>

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.
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Brent Trout

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