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%26Bridge%26Curb%26Gutter%26Distribution%26Road%26Sidewalks%26Ramps&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,

This event is co-hosted by 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 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
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/](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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