Headline

The Planning & Development Department is seeking volunteers for The Big Reveal vinyl siding removal workshop on June 14th and 15th. This free historic preservation workshop will give
participants hands-on experience of removing non-original vinyl siding from the historic Garlinghouse home at 116 SW The Drive. These efforts will lead to the nomination of the house for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The workshop will be led by Community Preservation Specialist and national restoration expert Bob Yap. Follow this link for more information and to sign up to volunteer: https://www.topeka.org/planning/the-big-reveal/
Camp Courage

Camp Courage is a 5 day girls camp for Freshman-Senior High School students intended to encourage young women to take on new roles, learn new skills, and bond with each other with mentor-ship from local female firefighters. Our goal is to see more females in the fire service. We want young women to know they are capable of anything.

The Topeka Fire Department created Camp Courage to empower, inspire, and support strong female leaders, and encourage them to pursue a career in the fire service.

Camp Courage will consist of 5 days of learning from 9am to 3pm. These young women will learning firefighting skills led by professional female firefighters who want to see young women succeed.
Fore more information go to the Topeka Fire Department webpage.

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.

You can check out the City of Topeka's pavement condition index (PCI) and street maintenance program to see how the Public Works Department fixes our streets.

Construction highlights:

- Work on Clarion Woods, SE Adams, Chesney Park, Arvonia/Winding Road, SW Gage, and NW Vail continuing.
- Work began on Monday for the SW 29th and McClure...
The southbound (eastbound) ramp from I470 at 29th will be closed for approximately 1 month.

- Work continuing on Fairlawn between 28th and 29th. A number of concrete street panels were poured this week. Traffic is scheduled to be shifted early next week so additional pavement work can be done.

- Working through scope for repairs/replacement of pavement sections along Deer Creek Parkway and SE 10th Street.

- Getting ready to be the reconstruction of the KS Avenue Bridge (north end).

Recent Updates

- There have been 12 broken water mains in June with 188 breaks year to date. At this time last year there were 238 water main breaks.
• Public Works filled 619 potholes; 24,983 so far this year.

• Total building permits are up 5% from this time last year including commercial permits which are up 38%.

### Ash Street Force Main and Pump Station Project

The City of Topeka Utilities Department started construction on the Ash Street Force Main project on April 15th and is scheduled to be completed in April of 2020. The original station was constructed in 1928 with an expansion occurring in 1972. The project consists of construction and installation of a new 48” diameter force main as well as upgrades to the Ash Street Pump Station’s existing pumps, gates, instrumentation and controls. There have been two failures in the existing force main, therefore this is a mandated rehabilitation project as part of the Consent Agreement with the Kansas
Department of Health and Environment.

Citizens in the area of the Ash Street Pump Station were notified of the construction by mail this spring. An open house and informational presentation was held on January 24th. The site of construction will have several pieces of large equipment working in the area. The City of Topeka asks that citizens be cautious around the construction work zone. Please follow all temporary construction work zone traffic control which will include detours for vehicular and pedestrian traffic. For more information please contact City Wastewater Engineer Michelle Neiswender at 368-4251.

Coming Up

- The Property Maintenance Division will be walking Historic Old Town to get the word out on the Property Maintenance grant on June 13th.
• 2020 Operating Budget discussions begin with the Governing Body on June 18, with two workshops on June 19 and 25 at the Law Enforcement Center following. The full budget calendar can be viewed at: https://www.topeka.org/finance/budget/

• The next City Council meeting will be held on June 11th.

Brent Trout

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

For other weekly reports, visit the City's website

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• 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