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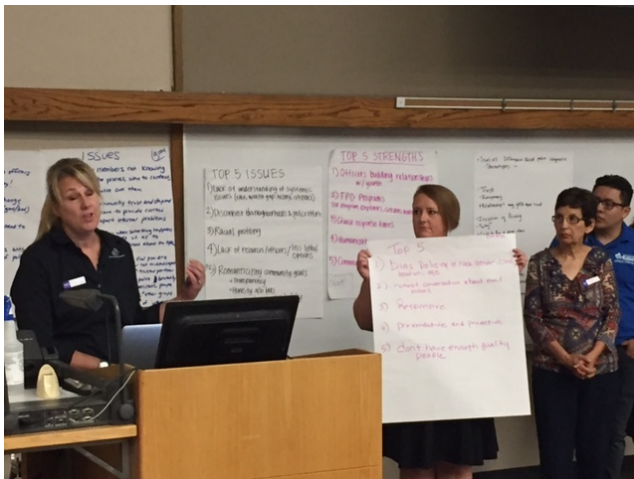
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From the City Manager's Desk

June 11, 2018



Strengthening Police and Community Partnerships Program

During the May 15 City Council meeting, Mayor De La Isla proclaimed June 8 as



Strengthening Police and Community Partnerships (SPCP) Day. Today, the City of Topeka became the second city in the nation to take part in the Department of Justice Community Relations Service SPCP Pilot Program.

City leaders, Topeka Police Department and more than 90 community members came together and held discussion on how we can improve police and community relations in Topeka. Tough discussions were had, but great ideas were formed and discussed.

An SPCP council was formed out of a group of community members who attended the program and they will be working directly with the Topeka Police Department and city leaders to implement changes and make a better community.

Thank you to all who were involved!



Road Construction Update

 ROAD CONSTRUCTION
UPDATES 

video paver operation



The video to the right is concrete being poured at the project on SW 49th, from Wenger Road to the BNSF Rail Road.

Work continuing on:

- 6th Street between Gage and Fairlawn. Working to stabilize the subgrade north of the pond in Gage Park – old buried stream channel is composed of poor quality materials.
- 21st & KS and the 29th & Burlingame Intersections. Concrete placed in the NW quadrant of the 29th/Burlingame intersection.
- SW 49th between Topeka Blvd and Wenger Road. Concrete was placed for the center lane this week.
- Central Park Phase 2. Asphalt removed from two blocks to determine the condition of the underlying brick street. 13th will



likely need a new asphalt overlay as the underlying brick is in poor condition.

- SE Adams between 29th and 33rd. Road is closed but access to Post Office will be maintained during construction.
- Huntoon/Arvonias/470. Full road closure occurred on June 4th with adjacent intersections/exits experiencing increased traffic load.
- Full depth pavement patching and 2018 curb replacement underway.

Street Project Startup and Major Phase Changes:

- SW Gage from 21st to 25th scheduled to start on June 11th.
- Microsurfacing scheduled to start in July - hauling materials in June but actual work now scheduled in July (rain at other project locations have delayed the contractor).

[You can find updates to all street projects on the Capital Projects Dashboard.](#)

Jackson Street Bioretention Cell Holds a Surprise



Monarch Waystation

City of Topeka's Monarch Waystation on Jackson Street provided a great find last week.

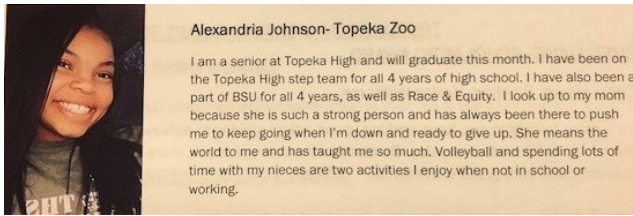


Monarch Butterfly eggs and caterpillars were discovered between 7th & 8th Street on milkweed plants. The eggs are approximately the size of a pin-head and usually hatch within 4 days. Milkweed plants provide habitat for nesting and a source of food for the soon-to-be caterpillars. Along with providing a nesting site, the milkweed also provides nectar for the butterflies and many other pollinators.

Recent Updates

- Construction started on the Colly Creek Water Main Replacement (T-281095.07) and 29th St – Turnpike to Croco Water Main (T-281112.01) on June 4th, 2018.
- There have been nine water main breaks in June with 234 year to date. Last year at this time there were 124 breaks for 2017.
- 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 LEC.





Topeka Way to Work Intern Recognized

The Topeka Way to Work Program was recognized with an Inter-generational Award at the Topeka Youth project 22nd Annual Employer/Employee Recognition Dinner. Both the employer and an employee received recognition.

Alexandria Johnson who participated in the Topeka Way to Work Program last summer and worked at the Zoo was recognized as the 2018 Inter-generational Employee.

Road Work

The City of Topeka road crews were hard at work last night finishing up a road project by



painting road markers onto the pavement.

Street Painting



SeeClickFix Topeka



SeeClickFix

SeeClickFix updates: 429 reported issues for the Month of May. 340 issues were marked as completed.

You can [download](#) the SeeClickFix app on your mobile device now to report issues that you see in your neighborhood.

Topeka Zoo Giraffe Cam

Abi the Giraffe is expected to give birth to her calf soon. You can check out the live giraffe cameras



at the Topeka Zoo
here <http://topekazoo.org/giraffe/cam/>.

Hope Giraffe Cam #TopZoo...



Coming up

- City Council Meeting, June 12th at 6 p.m.
- Budget Workshop, June 16th at 9 a.m. in the Law Enforcement Center.
- Sea Lion Splash exhibit will be at the Topeka Zoo from May 26th to June 17th.
- Coffee On Your Corner, Wednesday, June 20th, "Neighborhood Health Map", Juli's ,110 SE 8th Avenue.



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Fire Department Survey

Topeka Fire is looking to get feedback on their services. They have created a short survey to post on social media which you can take here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TFDServices18>





Brent Trout

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

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