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# From the City Manager's Desk

June 17th, 2019

## 2020 Budget

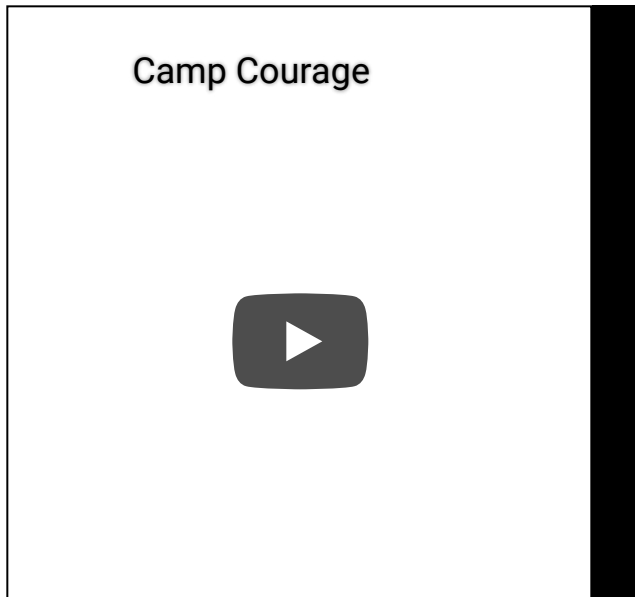
It's budget season! The 2020 budget will be discussed at several city council meetings and at special meetings on June 19th and 25th from 6-8 p.m. at the Law Enforcement Center.

You can learn more about the budget and check out the open budget portal

### Open Budget Portal Tutorial



here: <http://budget.topeka.org/#!/year/default>



## 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.

For 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, Arvonía/Winding Road, SW



Gage, SW 29th/McClure and NW Vail continuing.

- Work continuing on Fairlawn between 28th and 29th. Localized lane drops and closures will continue over the next few weeks. Tentative schedule to have the concrete work done and asphalt overlay by July 1st.
- Contractor starting on SW Gage (I-70 to Emland Drive) on Thursday.
- Traffic signal work at 27th and Burlingame and along SW 17th is underway.
- Attended informational meeting on the SW 12th Street Project. You can provide your thoughts on the project here: <https://www.topeka.org/streetmaintenance/street-projects/12th-street-project/>
- Getting ready to be the reconstruction of the KS Avenue Bridge (north end).



# Recent Updates

- There have been 14 broken [water mains](#) in June with 195 breaks year to date. At this time last year there were 256 water main breaks.
- Public Works filled 573 potholes; 25,556 so far this year.
- The Traffic Division is continuing semi-annual traffic signal inspections.
- Neighborhood Relations hosted the Neighborworks Neighborhood University Training and had 35 community participants, 5 from NIA's, 3 city departments and 10 different community and social service agencies.

## 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

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## Coming Up

- 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 18th.
  - There will be a special budget meeting on June 19th at 6 p.m. at the LEC.
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## Brent Trout

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