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From the City Manager's Desk

June 3rd, 2019

Camp Courage



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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](#).

Battle of the Badges

Congratulations to the Topeka Fire Department, the winners of this year's Battle of the Badges! 62 pints of blood were collected at



this year's blood drive, surpassing 60 pint goal that was set.

Battle of the Badges 2019

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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:

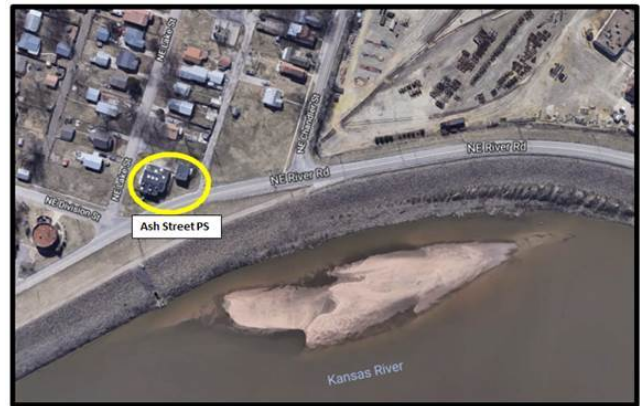
- SW 21st at I-470 closure: the road was reopened on (5/24) with temporary pavement markings. The contractor needs dry weather to install permanent striping.
- Work on Clarion Woods, Chesney Park, Arvonja/Winding Road, SW Gage, and NW Vail are continuing as weather allows.
- Attended an erosion control meeting to discuss improved enforcement measures and processes.
- Conducted a scoping meeting for repairs/replacement of pavement sections along Deer Creek Parkway and SE 10th Street.

Recent Updates



- There have been 17 broken water mains in May with 176 breaks year to date. At this time last year there were 221 water main breaks.
- Public Works filled 450 potholes; 24,364 so far this year.
- TFD had a technical rescue team deployed as part of a regional task force team to assist after the tornado in Douglass County.

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 3rd.
 - 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 4th.
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Brent Trout

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