Rolling Truck Tour

As part of Topeka's participation in Public Works Week, a "Rolling Truck Tour" visited two area schools.

About 210 students were given the opportunity to see and touch the trucks that are used to keep our City working well. They were also able to interact with our workers.
and ask questions about what it's like to be in Public Works.

You can read all about it on our Tweet Along!

Public Works Week Features
As a final wrap up for Public Works Week, we wanted to share the stories of a few of our amazing staff.

Joe Singer, Public Works, connects us

Joe is a retired electrical engineer and was a member of the team that designed and built the Powerhouse power plant. He is a lifelong learner and has been involved in community service all his life. Joe is passionate about making a positive impact on the community and is always looking for opportunities to help others.

Becky Roekers, Public Works, connects us

Becky is a senior project manager and has been with the department for over 30 years. She is known for her leadership skills and her ability to manage large projects with ease. Becky is a great communicator and always puts the needs of the community first.

Sylvia Davis, Public Works, connects us

Sylvia is an environmental scientist and has a passion for sustainability. She is involved in many community events and is always looking for ways to educate others about the importance of protecting our environment.
Recent Updates


- City Council held a special executive session this week, so no recap, but there is a PREcap you can view for more information. Council also called a brief executive session on Thursday regarding the Wheatfield Development project. More to come about that.

- Our Budget Public Feedback Forum that had to be rescheduled due to weather will be held TONIGHT at the LEC from 6:00 - 7:30. Come hear a brief overview of the budget and then have the chance to voice your opinions.

Coming up

- Staff is still working hard on the proposed 2018 budget and are looking forward to the upcoming budget workshops with the Governing Body.

- TPD will host the annual [Law Enforcement Torch Run](https://data.topeka.org/stories/s/vvcd-b9y8/) on Wednesday, May 31. The route this year will be a two mile run through downtown Topeka, ending with a celebration at the LEC.

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you're available to step outside and cheer on the athletes, we hope you will!

- **Refuel Topeka** is holding a kickoff party on Saturday, June 3 at Central Park from 11:00 - 1:00 pm. We hope you'll come celebrate with us!

- Our Utility Billing System and Payment Portal are scheduled to go through an upgrade the weekend of June 2 - 4. This will cause City Express, the Call Center, and our online payment portal to be **unable to take Utility Bill Payments or review customer accounts** from 1:00 pm on Friday, June 2 through 7:00 am Monday, June 5.

- TPAC will hold a Focus Group Discussion on Tuesday, June 6 and Wednesday, June 7 at 12:00 p.m. with the goal of gathering input from the community about what types of artists and entertainment you are most interested in. Participation is encouraged!
For other weekly reports, visit the City's website.

This report was produced through our open data portal. We have several other open data portals to help connect you with the work we do, including portals that let you:

- 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