



City of Topeka

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From the City Manager's Desk

July 15th, 2019



Brush Up Topeka

The City partnered with Group Mission Trips to help individuals in our community with house painting and other minor home repairs. The Group has been out all this week in Topeka and have painted 21 houses.

Thanks to our sponsors Advisors Excel, Capitol Federal and FHLBank



Topeka for helping us to make this opportunity possible!

Neighborworks Training

The City of Topeka and other members of our community participated in Neighborworks training on dealing with conflict. City staff are working hard to learn how to make our community better.

You can find more about Neighborworks here: <https://www.neighborworks.org/>





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 continuing on Fairlawn between 28th and 29th. The mill/overlay of Fairlawn was completed on Tuesday with concrete sidewalk placement continuing into Wednesday.
- Traffic signal work at 27th and Burlingame nearing completion.



- The installation of piling for the pedestrian bridge over the Shunga (in Quinton Heights) started on Thursday. The bridge is part of the neighborhood SORT program.
- Work on Clarion Woods, Chesney Park, Arvonía/Winding Road, and SW 29th/McClure continuing.
- Asphalt work on NW Vail started this week.
- Concrete was placed on northbound lanes of SE Adams this week.
- The Tennessee Town SORT project is under construction.
- Attended meetings in Tennessee Town and Elmhurst to present the plans for the SW 12th Street project.

Ele-fun Run

The Topeka Zoo Youth Council is putting on the third annual Ele-fun Run! Explore the behind-the-scenes



areas of the Topeka Zoo as you run or walk the four laps during the 5K. Runners and walkers of all ages are welcome to participate in this fun run! Registrants will receive a commemorative bag with a water bottle and other goodies. This is a fundraiser that helps the Youth Council with their conservation efforts throughout the year.

Schedule:

7:00-7:45 a.m. Registration

8:00 a.m. Run Begins

9:00 a.m. Zoo Opens

Register Today at:

<https://store.topekazoo.org/#/SpecialEvents>

Check out the event website for more information:

<http://topekazoo.org/elefunrun/>



Recent Updates

- There have been 9 broken water mains in July with 222 breaks year to date. At this time last year there were 356 water main breaks.
- Public Works filled 297 potholes; 27,167 so far this year.
- TFD Training staff facilitated joint search and fire attack training with Mission Township Fire in some acquired housing in Mission Township.



**MOVIE NIGHT
AT THE ZOO**

JULY 25

**Zoo opens 6:30pm
Movie starts 8:30pm**

*We encourage you to get into
character and dress up as pirates,
Peter Pan or Tinkerbell!*

**Bring your own blankets
or lawn chairs**

topeka zoo
& conservation center

The poster features a collage of characters from the movie 'Hook', including Captain Hook, Peter Pan, and Tinkerbell. The title 'Hook' is written in a large, stylized red font.

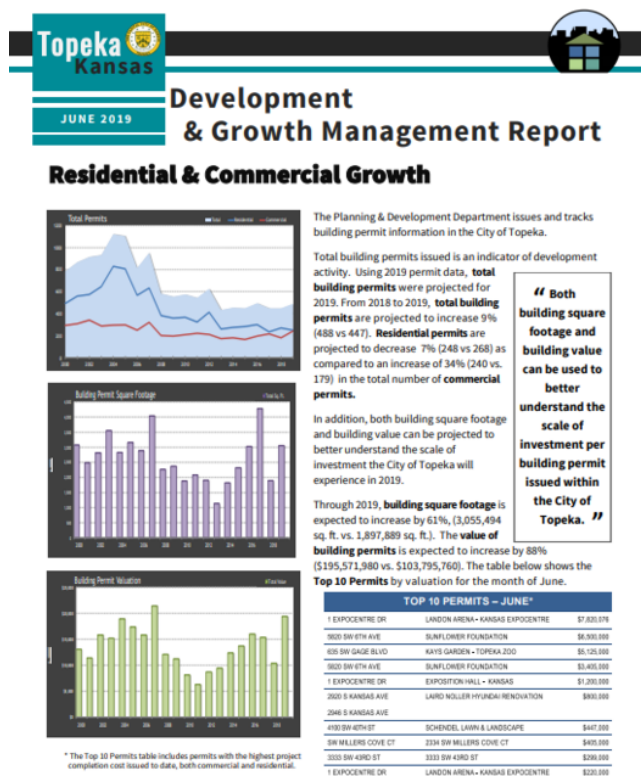
Open Data Portal

Have you explored the City of Topeka's open data portal? You can check out how the city makes data



based decisions in every city department.

Topeka in Two: Performa...



June Development and Growth Management Report

Planning released the June, 2019 Development and Growth Management (DGM) Report which can be found at

www.topeka.org/planning

Highlights include:

- Total building permits are projected to increase 21% by the end of the year compared to 2018



including commercial permits at 34%.

- The City is projected to have 148 new residential units by the end of the year compared to 122 in 2018 (21% increase)

- The City had 59% of all new units permitted to date in Shawnee County.

- Total building permit values expect to increase 88% by the end of the year

- Total building permit square footage expect to increase 61% by the end of the year.

- The top 3 valued permits issued last month include:

- o Sunflower Foundation, 5820 SW 6th (\$9.9M)

- o Landon Arena, 1 Expocentre Dr, (\$7.8M)

- o Kays Garden, 635 SW Gage (\$5.1M)



2020 Budget

The 2020 Proposed Budget was released to the public on June 17. The Proposed Budget can be viewed at <https://www.topeka.org/finance/budget/>. The public can explore the budget on the City's open budget portal (<http://budget.topeka.org/>). The Governing Body was presented the 2020 Proposed Budget at the June 18 City Council meeting followed by a public budget work session on June 19.

There will be another public work session on the budget on June 25th from 6-8 p.m. at the Law Enforcement Center.

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Coming Up

- The next City Council meeting will be held on July 23rd.



- Mayor and City Manager monthly news conference will be held on July 23rd at 2 p.m.



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](#)

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](#)
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