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From the City Manager's Desk

July 16, 2018



Abi the Giraffe Gives Birth

Abi the giraffe gave birth to her first calf on July 11th, named Konza. Konza



appeared on Hope the giraffe's eight birthday. Both Konza and Abi are doing well and you can see them outside at the Topeka Zoo or on the giraffe cams here:

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

Hope is the other pregnant giraffe at the zoo and is expected to give birth in the next couple of months.



Team Up to Clean Up

Team Up to Clean Up Topeka is an initiative started by the City of Topeka in May 2018. City departments worked with the Historic Old Town Neighborhood Improvement Association, partnering organizations and several volunteers to clean up the neighborhood, offer assistance and



provide services to the neighbors. There was an incredible amount of work that went into the Historic Old Town Neighborhood during the month of May and the accomplishments were numerous.

The focus of the Historic Old Town Neighborhood, Team Up to Clean Up Topeka effort was the area of 6th to 10th street and from Topeka Blvd to Washburn Ave. Each City department reported the accomplishments that they made during May in the neighborhood.

An interactive and full report of the projects that were completed during the Team Up to Clean Up Topeka, Historic Old Town Neighborhood can be found here:

<http://teamupcleanup-topeka.opendata.arcgis.com/>

The Central Park neighborhood is the next neighborhood to have a targeted effort throughout the months of July and August.

For further information on partnering with the City for Team



Up to Clean Up or for a list of partners involved please contact Sasha Haehn Director of Neighborhood Relations at (785) 368-3711 or sstiles@topeka.org.

Road Construction Update

 ROAD CONSTRUCTION UPDATES 

The graphic on the right is a list of featured road construction projects for 2018.

Contractors are placing concrete starting as early as 6 a.m. City shuts down concrete placement on public projects in the early afternoon once temperatures approach 95 degrees.



Work continuing on:

- 6th Street between Gage and Fairlawn. The contractor is installing storm sewers in Phase III and Phase IV.
- 29th & Burlingame Intersection. The contractor working on Phase II (SW quadrant) – started concrete placement on Thursday after addressing a break in a water main.
- 21st & KS Intersection – Contractor finished placing concrete on 21st Street (east and westbound lanes) and is waiting to this to cure before placing the center lane. Concrete pavement was also placed on KS Ave on the south side of the intersection.
- SW 49th between Topeka Blvd and Wenger Road. Contractor finished diamond grinding the concrete surface and cored the pavement this week to verify remaining thickness. A small amount of additional work is needed but curb installation should start in the near future.
- Central Park Phase 2. Storm and water line installation is starting.
- SE Adams between 29th and 33rd. Storm pipe installation is finishing up with the first significant concrete pour scheduled for the week of July 23rd.
- Huntoon/Arvonja/470 – Contractor continuing to install both waterline and storm sewer lines.
- Full depth pavement patching and 2018 curb replacement.
- Reconstruction of the streets within Clarion Woods continuing with a large amount of curb and gutter placed this week.
- SW Gage from 21st to 25th started this week – with the initial steps of getting all traffic control in place.



Street Project Startup and Major Phase Changes:

- SW Gage from 21st to 25th was delayed by the contractor – was scheduled to start on June 18th. Current plan is to start the week of July 9th.
- Microsurfacing scheduled to start July 16th.
- Public Works will be hosting a work zone traffic control workshop on July 31, August 1, and August 2.

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

Topeka in Two: Water Main ...



Water Main Breaks

There have been more than fifty water main breaks in July due to extreme temperatures and aging infrastructure. High temperatures cause the ground to shift and puts stress on the waterlines which can cause them to break.

Check out the video to the left to see how water mains are repaired and check out this Facebook live video for more information on the breaks this



month: <https://www.facebook.com/cityoftopeka/videos/10156380254881236/>

Recent Updates

- Property Maintenance Unit has conducted 3115 initial inspections, 2906 re-inspections for a total of 6021 inspections so far this year. The most cited issues are for weeds followed closely by sanitation issues.
- Budget and Performance staff created the Team up to Clean Up story found at <http://teamupcleanup-topeka.opendata.arcgis.com/>.
- Public Works has crack sealed 43,200 linear feet of pavement; 399,000 linear feet has been crack sealed this year so far.

Hands Only CPR Topeka



Hands Only CPR

The Topeka Fire Department has created a Hands Only CPR video with the City Communications Department.

The Hands Only CPR video is used to help educate the community on



how they can perform Hands Only CPR and save the lives of someone they know in the event of a cardiac arrest.

The Topeka Fire Department offers training for Hands Only CPR. For more information please call: 785-368-4000.

Topeka Zoo Giraffe Cam

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here <http://topekazoo.org/giraffe/cam/>.

Hope Giraffe Cam #TopZ...





Budget Book

Budget staff is finalizing the 2019 proposed budget book which will be available to the public at

<https://www.topeka.org/budget>

and on the budget portal at

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

Coming up

- City Council Meeting, July 17th at 6 p.m.
- Coffee on Your Corner, Wednesday, July 18th, "Community Action, Inc.", the Pad, 1730 NW Topeka Blvd.
- Public Works will be hosting a work zone traffic control workshop on July 31, August 1, and August 2.
- The next step in the 2019 budget process is the Public Hearing on August 7th. Visit <https://www.topeka.org/budget> for the budget calendar and budget document.





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

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