



City of Topeka

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Local Group Marks Stormwater Inlets



Water Pollution Control gets some help from the Boy Scouts

Boy Scouts of America Pack and Troop 14 & 110 spent part of Saturday, June 16th marking stormwater inlets. A total of 65 inlets were marked from SW Lane



Street to Topeka Boulevard from 6th to 10th Street. The message of “No Dumping – Drains to River” informs the public what goes into an inlet, will end up in the river.

The scouts learned there are many types of pollutants that are carried to our rivers and streams by stormwater runoff. Some of those pollutants are: trash, grass clippings, leaves, pet waste, oil and grease, sediment along with herbicides, pesticides and fertilizers.

Topeka’s waterways will benefit from the community’s effort when following label-rate instructions, picking-up pet waste, mulching leaves and grass clippings and disposing of harmful products in an environmentally friendly manner.

Road Construction



Update

ROAD CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

The video on the right is a truck painting street markings.

Street Painting



Work continuing on:

- 6th Street between Gage and Fairlawn. Phase II at the west end (near Fairlawn) was opened this week. Contractor installing storm sewers in Phase III and Phase IV.
- 29th & Burlingame Intersection. Concrete finished in the NW quadrant of the 29th/Burlingame intersection. Switching traffic on Thursday (6/28) so work can begin on Phase II (SW quadrant).
- 21st & KS Intersection – rock being placed on 21st (west of Kansas Ave) ahead of possible paving next week.
- SW 49th between Topeka Blvd and Wenger Road. Contractor will be reworking the road surface in an attempt to bring the roadway within specifications.
- Central Park Phase 2. Staff meeting with Water Pollution Control for final decision on tree removal on SW Clay.
- SE Adams between 29th and 33rd. Storm pipe being installed.
- Huntoon/Arvonja/470.



- Full depth pavement patching and 2018 curb replacement.
- Reconstruction of the streets within Clarion Woods.

Street Project Startup and Major Phase Changes:

- SW Gage from 21st to 25th has been delayed by the contractor – was scheduled to start on June 18th. Tentatively construction is estimated to begin in mid-July.
- Microsurfacing is scheduled to start July 16th.

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



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>.



Recent Updates

- Parking lot between City Hall and the Shawnee County Courthouse: The lot is scheduled to be milled and overlaid June 30-July 1. The Parking Maintenance staff will assist with outlining stalls and the Traffic Section will paint them.
- Fire Department shift crews distributed smoke detector applications to neighbors of a recent fire on SW Eveningside.
- Members of the Public Works Department attended a seminar from the KS Asphalt Pavement Association regarding asphalt pavement preservation techniques.
- The Street Department filled 410 potholes this week.



Topeka Fire helps out Eureka

Fire Marshal Mike Martin and members of the Topeka Fire Department were in Eureka, KS this week to help clean up the town after a tornado hit.

You can find updates from the Fire Department in Eureka on Chief Duke's twitter



page: <https://twitter.com/FireChiefTopeka>

Cupcake the Sunbear gets a checkup

Cupcake the Sunbear went for a checkup last week. Cupcake will be 29 years old next month. Their typical life expectancy of a sunbear is up to 25 years.

During the checkup Cupcake had a blood test, radiograph, ultrasound and had her teeth cleaned.

Cupcake is being treated for arthritis and will be getting a visit from the dentist soon to fix a bad tooth.



Utilities Department



Semi-Crane Truck Training

Safety Consultants helped coordinate a two day crane training class for the Utilities Department on June 28th. A handful of Utilities employees went over operation and safety procedures for operating a semi crane truck. Training will continue until all of the operators have attended.

Topeka Zoo Giraffe Cam

Abi the Giraffe is expected to give birth to her calf soon. You can check out the live giraffe cameras at the Topeka Zoo here <http://topekazoo.org/giraffe/cam/>.

Hope Giraffe Cam #TopZ...



Coming up

- City Council Meeting, July 3rd at 6 p.m.
- The Budget and Performance Division continues to review the 2019 proposed budget. The budget calendar can be found at <https://www.topeka.org/budget>. The next budget discussion will be during the July 3rd City Council meeting where the Governing Body will consider amendments to the proposed budget. The setting of the maximum taxes levied will be July 10th.
- Coffee on Your Corner, Wednesday, July 18th, "Community Action, Inc.", the Pad, 1730 NW Topeka Blvd.



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

This weekly report is presented to you from the office of City Manager Brent Trout.

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