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From the City Manager's Desk

July 22nd, 2019



17th and Fairlawn Mill and Overlay

A mill and overlay project began on SW 17th street today. Bettis Asphalt began the project at Fairlawn and will work their way east to MacVicar, then turn around and proceed west back to Fairlawn along 17th Street. The project will last 4-6 weeks depending upon road conditions. This project



involves localized base repairs and a mill and overlay of the through lanes (not the center turn lane). Project is being done to improve road conditions until complete reconstruction starts in 2023.

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...



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.

Extreme heat this week will limit concrete work in the afternoons. Temperatures pushing 100 degrees with a heat index for 110+ is dangerous for the contractors as well as city inspection staff.

Construction highlights:

- Work continuing on Fairlawn between 28th and 29th. Majority of temporary pavement markings are installed with through lanes open. The signal at 28th and Fairlawn went to flash mode with full operation scheduled to start on July 18th.
- Traffic signal work at 27th and Burlingame nearing completion.
- Work on Clarion Woods, Chesney Park, Arvonía/Winding Road, SE



Adams and SW 29th/McClure continuing.

- NW Vail has all base asphalt placed. Getting ready to close the intersection of Vail and Lower Silver Lake road for complete reconstruction. Final surface lift of asphalt will be done once the intersection is complete.
- Cement treated subgrade placed last week on Gary Ormsby Road with additional subgrade prep done last Saturday. Asphalt placement will occur shortly.
- The Tennessee Town SORT project is under construction.
- Pedestrian bridge over the Shunga in Quinton Heights under construction.
- Work on SW 17th (Fairlawn to MacVicar) starting Friday (7/19). This project involves localized base repairs and a mill and overlay of the through lanes (not the center turn lane). Project is being done to improve road conditions until



complete reconstruction starts in 2023.

- Micro-surfacing project is continuing.

Recent Updates

- There have been 14 broken [water mains](#) in July with 227 breaks year to date. At this time last year there were 397 water main breaks.
- Public Works filled 61 potholes; 27,228 so far this year.



**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

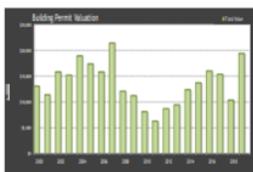
topeka zoo
& conservation center

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 at the bottom left.





Residential & Commercial Growth



* The Top 10 Permits table includes permits with the highest project completion cost issued to date, both commercial and residential.

The Planning & Development Department issues and tracks building permit information in the City of Topeka.

Total building permits issued is an indicator of development activity. Using 2019 permit data, total building permits were projected for 2019. From 2018 to 2019, total building permits are projected to increase 9% (488 vs 447). Residential permits are projected to decrease 7% (248 vs 268) as compared to an increase of 34% (240 vs. 179) in the total number of commercial permits.

In addition, both building square footage and building value can be projected to better understand the scale of investment the City of Topeka will experience in 2019.

Through 2019, building square footage is expected to increase by 61%, (3,055,494 sq. ft. vs. 1,897,889 sq. ft.). The value of building permits is expected to increase by 88% (\$195,571,980 vs. \$103,795,760). The table below shows the Top 10 Permits by valuation for the month of June.

“ Both building square footage and building value can be used to better understand the scale of investment per building permit issued within the City of Topeka. ”

TOP 10 PERMITS -- JUNE*		
1 EXPOCENTRE DR	LONDON ARENA - KANSAS EXPOCENTRE	\$7,800,000
3020 SW 47TH AVE	SUNFLOWER FOUNDATION	\$6,500,000
405 SW GAGE BLVD	KAYS GARDEN - TOPEKA ZOO	\$5,125,000
3020 SW 47TH AVE	SUNFLOWER FOUNDATION	\$3,400,000
1 EXPOCENTRE DR	EXPOSITION HALL - KANSAS	\$1,200,000
2620 S KANSAS AVE	LARO NOLLER HYUNDAI RENOVATION	\$800,000
2946 S KANSAS AVE		
4180 SW 40TH ST	SCHENDEL LAWN & LANDSCAPE	\$447,000
509 MILLERS COVE CT	2334 SW MILLERS COVE CT	\$405,000
2333 SW 43RD ST	2333 SW 43RD ST	\$299,000
1 EXPOCENTRE DR	LONDON ARENA - KANSAS EXPOCENTRE	\$230,000

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/bu>



[dget/](#). 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.

Open Budget Portal Tutor...



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.
- Touch a Truck event – Downtown Topeka August 31, 2019





Brent Trout

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

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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](#)
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