



City of Topeka

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From the City Manager's Desk

July 23, 2018



APWA Project of the Year Award

The Public Works department was recognized on July 17th at the city council meeting for a couple of achievements. They were presented with the American Public Works Association's (APWA) Kansas Project of the Year award



for a project on SW Clay Street that resulted in the refurbishing of a brick street. The Public Works and City of Topeka Utilities Department were also re-accredited by the APWA. Topeka is one of 150 cities in the nation that is accredited by the APWA.

See more details about the project and award on SW Clay here:

<https://www.facebook.com/cityoftopeka/posts/10156125854111236>

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. Contractor installing storm sewers in Phase III and Phase IV.
- 29th & Burlingame Intersection. Contractor placed concrete in Phase II (SW quadrant). Sudden heavy downpour during concrete placement on Monday morning damaged approximately 70' of new pavement. Contractor will replace.
- 21st & KS Intersection – Contractor finished placing the majority of concrete on 21st and on KS Ave (south of 21st). On schedule to reopen intersection by August 10th. Work on the project will continue into October with placement of permanent traffic signals.
- SW 49th between Topeka Blvd and Wenger Road. Waiting for curb installation to start.
- Central Park Phase 2. The majority of the new concrete curb and gutter on the project has been placed. The contractor began storm sewer work and resetting brick pavement.
- SE Adams between 29th and 33rd. The aggregate base was placed and compacted. Contractor anticipates placing concrete in the outside SB lane Tuesday (July 24) and in the outside NB lane Thursday (July 26), weather permitting.
- Huntoon/Arvonias/470. Contractor continuing to install both waterline and storm sewer lines.



- Full depth pavement patching and 2018 curb replacement.
- Clarion Woods. Curb & gutter placement continuing.
- SW Gage from 21st to 25th. Contractor saw cut and removed the existing pavement and curb and gutter designated for replacement in the NB lanes. The south entrance to the VA Hospital was also removed in preparation for replacement.

Street Project Startup and Major Phase Changes:

- SW Fairlawn Road – 28th to 29th.
- SW 29th – Fairlawn to I470.
- 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 Capital Projects Dashboard.](#)



Street Sweeping

Have you seen any of these signs recently? City Street Sweeping Crews are trying to help notify residents that their street will be swept the next day. The City is asking that you adhere to the signs



and not park on the side of the street where signs are placed. By not parking on one side of the street, this will allow the City Sweeping crew to do a thorough job of cleaning the street and gutters of debris. Keeping our streets swept improves air and water quality, safety, appearance and overall street condition.

Find out more information about [street sweeping](#)

Recent Updates

- There have been 103 [water main breaks](#) this month with 413 breaks year to date. Last year at this time there were 197 total breaks.
- [Budget and Performance](#) staff created the Team up to Clean Up story.
- 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.





Utilities Department Backhoe Training

Water Division has three employees attending Washburn Institute of Technology Backhoe Training. This is a week long course for up and coming backhoe operators to go over the basics of handling and operating a backhoe. This will be the sixth year we have been working with Washburn to help train our operators.

Development and Growth Management Report

Planning released the June, 2018 Development and Growth Management (DGM) Report which



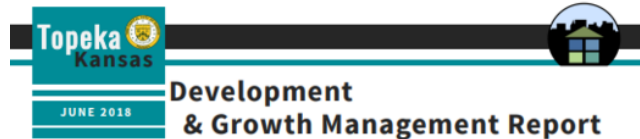
can be found at

www.topeka.org/planning

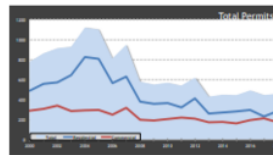
Highlights include:

- Total building permits for new construction or remodel are projected to increase 3.1% by year end compared to last year.
- Residential permits have increased by 23% but commercial permits have dropped off by 19%.
- 60% of all new dwelling units within Shawnee County have been built within the City of Topeka year to date.
- Overall, building permit values are projected to decrease 42% by year end compared to last year which would be the lowest valuation totals since 2012.
- The 3 highest valued permit issued last month are all new residential homes and include:

o Laurens Bay Estates, 6317 SW 44th (\$360k)



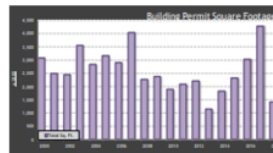
Residential & Commercial Growth



The Planning Department tracks the total number of building permits issued on an annual basis in the City of Topeka. Total building permits issued is an indicator of development activity. Data is projected through 2018.

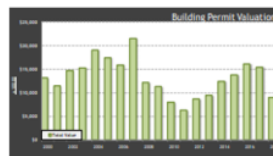
From 2017 to 2018, total building permits is projected to increase 3.1% (448 vs 462). An estimated increase of 23.3% (232 vs. 286) in the total number of residential permits would offset an 18.5% decrease (216 vs. 176) in the total number of commercial permits.

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From 2017 to 2018, total building square footage is projected to decrease by 67.1% (4,275,853 ft. vs. 1,408,256 ft.). The value of building permits is projected to decrease by 41.6% (\$154,111,321 vs. \$89,853,774). The table below and map on page 3 show the Top 10 Permits by valuation.



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

TOP 10 PERMITS – JUNE*		
6317 SW 44TH ST	LOT 5, BLOCK 8, LAURENS BAY ESTATES	\$360,000
6112 SW 44TH ST	LOT 5, BLOCK 8, LAURENS BAY ESTATES	\$338,000
3121 SE 28TH TER	LOT 3, BLOCK 8, AQUARIAN ACRES SUB	\$330,000
4038 SE STONE LEDGE DR	LOT 18, BLOCK 8, ROCK FINE AT THE LAKE SUB	\$280,000
7115 KANSAS AVE	CROSBY BUILDING 5TH & 6TH FLOOR RESTROOMS	\$250,000
3634 SE MERCURY CT	LOT 15, BLOCK 14, AQUARIAN ACRES #9 SUB	\$200,000
2801 SE SCORPIO AVE	LOT 32, BLOCK 7, AQUARIAN ACRES #9 SUB	\$175,000
3212 SE VIRGO AVE	LOT 6, BLOCK 7, AQUARIAN ACRES #9 SUB	\$175,000
2214 SE 44TH TER	LOT 6, BLOCK 7, STONE CREST SUB	\$175,000
4017 SE GRAND OAKS AVE	LOT 2, BLOCK 1, HORSESHOE BEND #4 SUB	\$160,000



o Riverhill Sub #2, 6112 SW 4th
(\$358k)

o Aquarian Acres, 3121 SE 28th
Terrace (\$350k)

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.





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, August 7th at 6 p.m.
- The Planning Department is hosting a Development Forum on July 25th, 11:00 AM in the Holiday Building Conference Room at 620 SE Madison. The purpose of the forum is to invite feedback on issues impacting the development community, including any recent or proposed changes to City policies/regulations. The topics of discussion for this forum will be on proposed commercial building design standards, landscape standards, and stormwater reviews.
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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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