Team Up to Clean Up: Central Park Neighborhood

The City of Topeka and several neighborhood partners are currently working in the Central Park Neighborhood for the Team Up to Clean Up initiative.
The Topeka Fire Department has spent ten days in Central Park walking through the neighborhood and handing out information. Several applications for free smoke alarms have been filled out in the neighborhood and fire crews are working on installing them.

Find more information on the [Team Up to Clean Up](https://data.topeka.org/stories/s/8-6-2018-Weekly-Report/95g2-8t8c/) initiative.

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### Topeka Way to Work Interns

The City of Topeka hosted eleven high school interns for the Topeka Way to Work program this summer. The interns worked in various departments including Utilities, Neighborhood Relations, Communications, the Fire Department, the Police Department and Planning.

On the last day of their internship the students toured the Oakland Wastewater Plant and gave presentations on their internship.
Road Construction Update

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

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

Work continuing on:

- 29th & Burlingame Intersection: All concrete in the SW quadrant has been poured.
• 21st & KS Intersection: Anticipate having 21st St. open to east-west traffic by August 10. The north and south legs of Kansas Ave. should open to traffic within 1-2 weeks after that when the pavement is complete and the temporary traffic signals are installed. Due to the temporary signal limitations, left turns will not be permitted at the intersection until the new signals are installed and operational, approximately mid-October.

• SE Adams between 29th and 33rd: The outside SB and NB lanes were poured last week. The inside SB lane was poured on Wednesday. The final lane (inside NB) will be poured next week, weather permitting.

• Huntoon/Arvonia/470: Contractor continuing to install both waterline and storm sewer lines and will start paving the I-470 off ramp starting on Saturday (8/4).

• Microsurfacing: The 2018 Micro-surfacing project started on Monday and the contractor will complete over 75 lane miles of surfacing this year. For 2018, all the streets selected for surfacing are within the I-70/I-470 loop. Micro-surfacing is a preventive maintenance method that will extend the life cycle of existing streets by several years. The streets targeted have a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) from 55-85, which are considered fair to good.

**Street Project Startup and Major Phase Changes:**

• SW Fairlawn Road – 28th to 29th.

• SW 29th – Fairlawn to I470.

• Central Park Phase II Waterline replacement to begin Monday 7/30/18.
You can find updates to all street projects on the Capital Projects Dashboard.

Recent Updates

- There have been 157 water main breaks this month with 465 breaks year to date. Last year at this time there were 216 total breaks.
- The most recent monthly financial report can be found at https://www.topeka.org/finance/financial-reports/monthly-reports/
- A storm water project was completed at 3001 N Kansas to improve the safety of the road ditch and control erosion that was taking place.
- As a result of the wind event that went through on 7/19 Forestry received 303 Service Requests from 7/19 - 7/27 dealing with storm-related issues.

Metropolitan Topeka Planning
Organization
Public Meeting

The Planning Department hosted two community meetings and launched an on-line survey for public feedback on the Topeka/Shawnee County Transportation Safety Plan sponsored by the Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization (MTPO) and WSP consultants.

The project involves research of 23,591 crashes between 2010-2016 to ultimately determine how to reduce injuries, fatalities, and substantial economic loss related to crash incidents locally ($193 million annual average). Total crashes in the region are trending up. Much of this is due to driver behavior. Serious injury and fatal crashes are trending down except for pedestrians and bicyclists. For more information and to take the survey that will help develop focus areas for the plan, please visit www.topekampo.org/transportation-safety-plan.html
Water Line Replacement

The Utilities Department is working on preparing water line encasement for installation across the turnpike.

Political Signs

It is election season and political signs are appearing all over Topeka. Kansas State law says that during the election cycle, political signs are allowed in the right of way forty-five days prior to an election and for two days after. Please see the FAQ to

https://data.topeka.org/stories/s/8-6-2018-Weekly-Report/95g2-8t8c/
Budget Book

Budget staff is finalizing the 2019 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.
- Coffee with a Cop at the KS History museum (08/08/2018).
- The next step in the 2019 budget process is hosting 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

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

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- **See Topeka's expenses, one check at a time**
- **Navigate our major infrastructure projects**
- **Track departments' progress toward our goals**