From the Interim
City Manager's Desk

September 25, 2017

Water Festival

1,200 fourth graders attended the 18th Water Festival this year. Student participated in 30 activities which taught them about how to be good stewards of water. Students learned about how
ground water becomes drinking water and participated in activities like the making mini landfills and seeing how those landfills affects water. The goal is to have these children take the lessons they learned at the Water Festival and implement them in their daily lives, passing them on to their friends and families.

You can find out more information about all the activities at the Water Festival here: [http://www.kacee.org/festivals/make-splash-topeka-shawnee-county-water-festival](http://www.kacee.org/festivals/make-splash-topeka-shawnee-county-water-festival)

Recent Updates

- The City hosted the KU Master of Public Administration program's Infrastructure course to learn about downtown planning and
revitalization.

- The reconstruction of the intersection at 10th and Wanamaker will begin in two weeks with significant traffic impacts anticipated.
- 2nd annual trunk or treat- "Operation Trunk or Treat"- preparations for a multi-agency of first responders participation are underway.
- WPC Collections Manager Collections staff attended their annual Trench/Excavation training this past week.
- The Topeka zoo introduced two new pronghorn fawns to exhibit.

Topeka Bikeways
The Topeka Bikeways project was given a $94,000 donation from private citizens for phase two of the Bikeway project.

- Phase two of the Bikeways project will include 13 additional bike friendly miles.
- The City of Topeka is a bronze bicycle friendly city.
- Find out more information about the Topeka Bikeways Project here: [https://www.topeka.org/planning/Pages/Bikeways.aspx](https://www.topeka.org/planning/Pages/Bikeways.aspx)

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**Coming up**

- The Kansas Health Institute will host a training for city, county and state organizations titled “Health in All Policies: Where does equity fit in?” on September 28th. Participants will learn about how to incorporate health into daily decision-making in state and local government.

- Sept 23rd & 24th- Topeka Police Department Recruiting booth will be set up at Cider Days.
• October 7th-Recruiting booth set up at LULAC sponsored-Education of Tomorrow College Fair.

• October 7th- Citizens Academy has their "fun" day with exposure to a K9 Demo, MILO and car stop training.

• October 14th- E-cycle event. Recycle your old electronic items at the Kansas Expocentre.

• October 15th Battle of Badges--Charity Football game between TPD & TFD for Special Olympics.
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- **Visualize Topeka's $270M budget**
- **See Topeka's expenses, one check at a time**
- **Navigate our major infrastructure projects**
- **Track departments' progress toward our goals**