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2016 Budget: Maintains Flat Mill Levy

The 2016 budget was approved by the Fairway City Council on August 17, 2015. The 2016 budget maintains the mill levy flat at 18.629, funds all department budgets, and maintains reserves at 12.69% of the General Fund budget. With the Finance Committee's recommendation the 2016 budget also begins funding an Equipment Reserve Fund, the purpose of which is to begin building reserves for future equipment needs.

The City Council approved the 2016-2020 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP).

The 2016 CIP budget projects funding for "Priority 1 Projects" (\$528,778).

Priority 1 Projects include:

- ◆ Street Maintenance - Spot curb and gutter replacement along with complete mill and overlay is planned for Mission Rd (63rd St to Shawnee Mission Parkway), 63rd St (within City Limits), Alhambra (59th – 60th), Falmouth (53rd – SMP) and Cherokee Circle
- ◆ Sheridan Bridge - Preliminary Engineering Study (PES)
- ◆ Public Works Department Truck Replacement
- ◆ Police Department Vehicle Replacement
- ◆ Police Department Facility Repairs
- ◆ Administration Department Copier Replacement

For the fifth year, the City used a **modified, zero-based budget process** for the 2016 Budget. This process requires each Department to identify annually the services and functions it performs; justify the services and functions at the Department level, Committee level, and Finance Committee level; and then build a budget for each line item, starting at zero. This method allows for a detailed look at both the services that are provided and their efficiency. It is a comprehensive, labor-intensive process that requires each committee to review every activity based on its own *merit* as opposed to a budget process that determines funding based only on *previous cost* history.

The City incorporates opportunities for citizen involvement in the budget process:

- ◆ Citizens were encouraged to attend committee meetings this past Spring during which individual department's developed their budgets
- ◆ Ward meetings specifically dedicated to the 2016-budget discussion were held in July
- ◆ The budget process concluded with a Public Hearing on August 17th

To view the full 2016 Budget document, visit the City website: www.fairwaykansas.org under the Finance tab.

Fairway Top Dog Contest

Hey Fairway, time to brag about some of our canine residents.

Tell us why your dog is number one and deserves some recognition. Post on Fairway's Facebook page (search for "City of Fairway, KS") the following information about your dog: Name and Photo

Age

Breed (or best guesstimate)

Why your dog is number one!



Entries must be posted to Facebook by November 1, 2015. The winner will receive a feature blurb in the January 2016 Focus on Fairway newsletter, the Fairway 2016-001 dog license and waiver to the 2016 license fee (with proof of valid rabies certificate).

Staff/Staff

Your City Council

Mayor	Jerry Wiley
Ward I	Melanie Hepperly Jim Poplinger
Ward II	Gail Gregory Michael Staley
Ward III	Bill Griffith David Watkins
Ward IV	J.D. Fair Tanya Keys

Phone Numbers

City Hall	262-0350 FAX: 262-4607
Police	911 (Off.) 262-2364
Fire	911 (Off.) 432-1105
Public Works	722-2822
Animal Control	782-0720
Pool	722-3161

Committee Chairpersons

Administration	Jim Poplinger
Police	Gail Gregory
Finance	Melanie Hepperly
Public Works	David Watkins
Flood Plain	Michael Staley
Parks & Rec	J.D. Fair
Animal Control	J.D. Fair

City Staff

City Administrator	Kathy Axelson
Asst. City Clerk	Kim H. Young
Chief of Police	Mike Fleming
Court Clerk	Vonnie Fisher
Asst. Court Clerk	Amber Fey
Building Inspector	Bill Sandy
Public Works	Bill Stogsdill
Parks & Rec	Nathan Nogelmeier

Fairway City Hall is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. If you have inquiries pertaining to any City government issues, call 913-262-0350.

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From the Mayor's Desk



THE SHAWNEE INDIAN MISSION
FAIRWAY, KANSAS
September, 2015

Over the past several years, Fairway and other neighboring communities have by necessity eliminated from their respective municipal budgets the customary annual contributions to the Shawnee Indian Mission (SIM). State governments have been similarly challenged to allocate limited financial resources to staff many of our historical sites and fund operations. We are currently impacted by a national trend to supplement funding of our historical institutions through private-sector donations and non-profit foundations.

This transition was spawned by economic realities and shifting public policy to resist the use of tax revenues to augment the private and non-profit endeavors. It does not however, alter the need to support the SIM and enhance the tremendous value it brings to our own community, Johnson County, the State of Kansas, and the nation. The SIM should be considered a "Crown Jewel" of the State of Kansas.

In 2006 the SIM Foundation was organized by the Wysong Commission to represent the community and to help meet the future financial needs of this Kansas Historic Site. The East and North Buildings have been renovated and a host of new exhibits entrusted to the care and custody of this revered historic location. The West Building (the first building erected in 1839) is now scheduled for a similar restoration consistent with the historic footprint of the original design and construction.

As your Mayor, I want to personally recognize and support the commitment of the SIM Foundation and the many volunteers and organizations dedicated to the preservation of this important historic landmark. I encourage everyone to become intricately familiar with the history and role the SIM has played in the development of our state and nation and recognize the nexus it has to the quality of life we enjoy today in Fairway and Northeast Johnson County.

You will soon be receiving literature from the SIM Foundation dedicated to a broad-based fundraising effort for the renovation of the West building. Again, I fully support these efforts, share in responsibly communicating the needs of this worthy cause to the citizens of Fairway, and encourage your participation. Please give serious thought and consideration to making a personal contribution to the SIM Foundation and help preserve and enhance a significant piece of history right here in the backyard of our beloved community.

I fully anticipate everyone who takes the time to familiarize themselves with the history associated with these sacred grounds will be pleasantly surprised and extremely proud to realize they live right in the center of where many of our values and principles emerged. Please join the thousands of students and visitors who visit the SIM annually and are enlightened by the experience and adventure into the depths of our history.

Respectfully,

Jerry Wiley - Mayor



Curbside Leaf Removal Program



The City of Fairway has arranged for Benjamin Lawn & Landscape to offer a group rate for residential curbside leaf removal for the fall of 2015. Recognizing that some residents may not be able to utilize the service for a variety of reasons, this is a **voluntary program**.

How does it work?

Step 1: See the Collection Calendar for the City of Fairway below. Benjamin Lawn & Landscape will be in these specified areas of the City doing curbside leaf removal on dates noted below. If you do not know what Ward you live in, visit the City Web site at www.fairwaykansas.org or call City Hall at 913-262-0350. **NOTE: If you live in the FIELDSTON or FAIRWAY Homes Associations, do not sign-up for this program as your Homes Association has arranged curbside leaf removal for you.**

Collection Calendar

	Pick-up #1	Pick-up #2
Ward 1	Monday, Nov. 2	Monday, Nov. 23
Ward 2	Sunday, Nov. 1	Sunday, Nov. 22
Ward 3	Monday, Oct. 26	Monday, Nov. 30
Ward 4	Monday, Oct. 26	Monday, Nov. 30

**\$36 for pick-up #1 only,
\$47 for pick-up #2 only
OR, \$66 for both pick-ups.**

Step 2: Review the guidelines. For a successful curbside leaf pick-up, please remember the following:

- Benjamin Lawn & Landscape trucks are equipped with a side mount vacuum that is designed to pull alongside a long row of leaves. Please rake leaves into a pile along the curb (edge of the lawn) that is as long and narrow as possible. The machines can reach 6 feet into the yard so leaves beyond 6 feet may not be removed.
- **Leaves should be raked up to the edge of the lawn as noted above.**
It is very important that you DO NOT rake leaves into the street or gutter and DO NOT block the sidewalk.
- Leaves only. Please remove sticks, rocks, trash, and other debris.
- Do not block the leaf row with vehicles on collection day.

Step 3: Fill out the form below and mail the form along with a check to the address listed below or you can sign-up and pay online! To sign-up and pay online, go to www.BenjaminLawn.com, click on "Curbside Leaf Removal" and follow the instructions. Then, don't forget to rake your leaves to the edge of your lawn prior to your collection day(s)!

Please cut on line and return bottom portion with payment OR sign-up and pay online at www.BenjaminLawn.com

Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone Number _____
 E-Mail _____

Please place an "X" next to the dates that you wish to participate.

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Benjamin Lawn & Landscape
PO Box 8063

Your payment reserves your place on the collection list. Please make checks payable to: Prairie Village, KS 66208

Checks or payment online must be received at least 2 days prior to your given pick-up date(s).

Please contact Benjamin Lawn & Landscape with any questions or concerns. (913) 788-6089 or Benjamin@benjaminlawn.com.

Infrastructure within the Easements and Right-of-Ways

The definition of infrastructure is the fundamental facilities and systems serving a country, city, or area, as transportation and communications systems, power plants, and schools. For residents of Fairway, these are the systems that bring electricity, water, gas, cable and fiber optics to your home and handle wastewater and stormwater.

For the last couple of summers, many residents have been subjected to the inconveniences of upgrades to infrastructures, specifically companies installing new fiber and cable within the easements and Right-of-Way (ROW). While these upgrades are usually received with enthusiasm, the disruption to yards from crews working is not. For many residents, the rights of the utilities to work on their property is not readily understood. Easements and ROWs are the areas that are most often accessed by companies to maintain their infrastructure. Within Fairway, easements are typically located along the back of the property line while the ROW runs along the front of the property.

An easement is an interest in real property that dedicates the use of land for a specialized or limited purpose without the transfer of title. Easements are restrictions that overlay real property and are primarily for private drainage, public improvements and public utility purposes. Property owners own the land encumbered by easements on their property, pay property taxes and are required to maintain the surface area of the land on which the easement is located. No structures may be constructed in an easement. The easements within the City are usually 5-foot on either side of the utility.

Right-of-way is a strip of land typically owned by the city, metropolitan district or other governmental entity, occupied or intended to be occupied by a street, crosswalk, or other public or private improvements such as gas, water or sewer lines. Property owners maintain this area but do not own it. The ROW area in Fairway is the area 10-12 feet from the street curb back toward the house.

Utility companies have the right to access their infrastructure within the easement without permission from the property owner. The most common event that requires this access is after a storm and KCP&L comes through to repair lines and cut branches that have fallen on the lines. But other companies, including Kansas Gas, JOCO Wastewater and AT&T have lines in this area as well. Property owners should take into account easements when landscaping and planting gardens.

Work in the Right-of-Way requires approval from the City, a permit and notification to property owners via a letter or door hanger of the anticipated work in the area. After the work is completed the ROW must be restored to the same condition or better condition than it was prior to the excavation. Additionally, trees within the ROW are property of the City and therefore protected.

For in depth information regarding easements and ROWs, please refer to Fairway's Municipal Code.



CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY - Currently there are contractors working across Fairway installing the networks for AT&T Gigapower and Google Fiber. If you have questions or concerns regarding the construction work please see the contact information provided by AT&T Gigapower and Google Fiber.

GOOGLE FIBER

If you have questions or concerns regarding construction on the Google Fiber network in your area, call the Google Fiber Construction Phone Line (877) 454-6959.

For questions about Google Fiber service visit fiber.google.com or call the general Google Fiber Customer Service Line at (866) 777-7550.

AT&T GIGAPOWER

If you have questions or concerns regarding construction on the AT&T GigaPower network in your area, call the AT&T GigaPower construction phone line at 913-676-1801, or email g43578@att.com.

For questions about AT&T GigaPower service, contact AT&T Customer Service at 913-676-1801 or visit www.att.com/gigapowercities.

Chief's Corner



By: Mike Fleming
Chief of Police

Autumn Reminders

Greetings once again from the men and women of the Fairway Police Department! It's hard to believe how fast 2015 is passing or that we find ourselves heading into another autumn and winter season.

The unusually wet weather has created issues that are not normally a problem for this time of year; excessive foliage growth during the summer is causing problems for pedestrians and motorists. Please give some time and effort to trim back bushes next to sidewalks, roadways, and at intersections so walkers and bicyclists do not have to detour out into the street. Traffic signs need to be clear of obstructions including low hanging branches, especially when bad weather moves in. As summer ends and the back-to-school schedules resume please share the roads with school buses, pedestrians and bicyclists, and provide children with the necessary knowledge to stay safe enroute to school. Also, remember that automobile accidents involving teens dramatically rise in September as they head back

to school, sporting events, work, and happen more often during hours when school begins and lets out.

When the winter months arrive do not leave a motor vehicle unlocked, unattended and running. Fairway historically has more cars stolen during cold weather than any other time of the year. Please be aware of on street parking congestion during inclement weather and do not park across from another vehicle. The narrow streets are difficult enough to plow at times. In the event of an anticipated snow event please do not park on the streets in the immediate hours after the snowfall. Public Works crews do an excellent job of keeping Fairway streets clear but they need your help.

Daylight saving time ends every year on the first Sunday in November. This means it starts to get darker earlier so please watch out for walkers and joggers who are still out. Let's reduce the fear of crime and work together to keep Fairway great and remember the best resource your Police Department has is the very citizens we work for. As temperatures cool and daylight hours get shorter please take some time to enjoy the treasures right in your own neighborhoods. Fairway is the City of Trees.

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