License your dog by March 31 to avoid late fees

The City would like to take this opportunity to remind residents that all dogs over the age of 6 months are required to be licensed with the City. Licensing your dog will provide the City and Animal Control with accurate contact information in case your dog is ever lost. If you ever lose your dog, or find a lost dog, please call Northeast Animal Control at 913-782-0720. A City tag is also required if you are fostering a dog, even temporarily.

March 31st is the deadline to license dogs and avoid late fees. Residents may renew their dog’s tag in person or by mail with a current rabies certificate from a licensed veterinarian. If renewing by mail, include a self-addressed stamped envelope with the appropriate fee and mail to:

Fairway City Hall
4210 Shawnee Mission Parkway, Suite 100
Fairway, KS 66205

Make checks payable to the City of Fairway.

If you no longer have a previously licensed pet or have questions, please contact City Hall at 913-262-0350 so that we may remove the pet from the database.

LICENSING FEES:
Neutered males & spayed females ................. $ 5.00
Unaltered males & unaltered females ............ $25.00

DELINQUENT FEES in addition to licensing fee:
First month late fee: (beginning April 1) ...... $ 2.00
Second month late fee: (beginning May 1) ... $10.00
Third month late fee: (beginning June 1) .... $20.00

Penalties are charged for each dog. Failure to license each dog before the deadline will be treated as a separate offense.

MEET BEAU - FAIRWAY’S 2016 TOP DOG RECIPIENT!

Beau is the winner of Fairway’s 2016 Top Dog Contest.

Beau is a 13 year old Bearded Collie and Certified Therapy Dog with Pets for Life. He volunteers weekly at KU Medical, where he visits patients and families in the waiting rooms, pediatric, psychiatric and rehabilitation wards. The children in pediatrics especially love him. He also visits elderly residents at Claridge Court twice a month. He is a Reading Education Assistance Dog, working with children who read to him in order to improve their reading skills. Beau is a very good listener. He became a Fairway resident 8 years ago after his mom rescued him from a shelter in Winfield, KS, where he was recovering after being found wandering as a stray and suffering from heartworm.

Beau will receive the 2016-001 Fairway license tag at no charge and reign as Fairway’s Top Dog for the year 2016. Visit Fairway’s Facebook page to see the other wonderful and deserving contestants.
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**Your City Council**

Mayor Jerry Wiley
Ward I Melanie Hepperly Jim Poplinger
Ward II Gail Gregory Michael Staley
Ward III Joseph Levin 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

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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**

**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year**

Mayor Jerry Wiley

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**New Ward 3 Councilman**

Joseph Levin, a resident of Fairway for over 30 years, was named by Mayor Wiley and Council to fill the Ward 3 vacancy. Councilman Levin has served on Fairway’s Finance Committee for eight years and the last three years as City Treasurer. We welcome Councilman Levin to his new responsibilities!

Electronic communication is an efficient way to alert residents about important issues. Visit www.fairwaykansas.org to register your email for targeted City information. Also, find us on Facebook. Simply log on to Facebook and do a search for “City of Fairway, KS” and “like” us.
After lengthy deliberation and review by the City Building Official, select Council Members, and the Planning Commission; the City Council adopted the following codes on December 14, 2015:

- 2012 International Building Code (IBC) to replace 2000 IBC.
- 2012 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) to replace 2000 IECC.
- 2012 International Residential Code (IRC) to replace 2000 IRC.
- 2011 National Electrical Code (NEC) to replace 2002 NEC.
- 2012 International Plumbing Code (IPC) to replace 2000 IPC.
- 2012 International Fuel Gas Code (IFGC) to replace 2000 IFGC.
- 2012 International Mechanical Code (IMC) to replace 2000 IMC.

The enforcement of the new codes will begin on January 1, 2016. Permit holders with existing projects will not be subject to the rules and regulations of the new building codes.

Please contact Bill Sandy, Building Official/Codes Administrator (913-262-0350 ext. 5203) with any questions or concerns that you may have regarding building codes or City ordinances.

The Fairway Public Works Department has moved into the remodeled facility which is located in the Roeland Park Industrial Park. If you need to reach the Public Works Department the phone number has remained the same 913-722-2822.

The 2016 Town & Country Disposal rates will remain the same as 2015 at $145.44 for trash, recycling, and yard waste collection. Prior to the city-wide program that was instituted in 2013 residents were paying $181.37 for collection services. The city-wide program is a good example of the City utilizing the economies of scale resulting in a savings for Fairway residents.
On behalf of the men and women of the Fairway Police Department, I want to wish everyone a great New Year in 2016. Our police department and community share the responsibility for public safety. We recognize the importance of community partnerships and strive to provide residents with the quality law enforcement services they expect and are entitled to. Ask any resident why they love Fairway and they will often tell you it is their street or their neighborhood. Ask neighborhoods why they love Fairway and they will often tell you it is the community and the schools. Fairway continues to thrive because it’s a package deal!

Recent domestic and world events remind us of the importance of being attentive. Our residents enjoy many aspects associated with a small community and a dedicated police force. I have often stated that our police department has over three thousand sets of eyes available to help keep our city safe. The majority of local crime is discovered and solved by people calling the police. You know the neighborhood you live in better than anyone and our officers benefit greatly from residents that call and report when something is not right.

Our world is constantly changing but our personal protection and the security of our homes and possessions remain a priority. Here are a few suggestions to help all of us from becoming victims:

- Don’t let strangers into your home. Greet them on the front porch or in your front yard, but don’t allow them access to your home – until you are comfortable with their identity or their purpose.
- Don’t leave your front door or garage door open.
- Don’t leave your car running unattended unless it was started with a remote start. Each year we lose cars to people who think nothing of stealing other people’s property.
- Don’t leave your car unlocked or possessions in plain view. Whether at the shopping center or in your driveway; this is an invitation to opportunistic thieves.

Finally, avoid scams. If the guy at your door is offering a deal too good to be true on home repairs – and you didn’t call for an estimate – he might be a scam artist. Only hire Johnson County licensed contractors. The same holds true for Internet offers. Be smart and do not accept an offer without doing your research. I know the message is familiar but it is worth restating because I know it works.

The Northeast part of Johnson County is unique in the metro area for the emphasis on patrol officers for the geographical area. We put more cops in our neighborhoods than anywhere else in the whole metro; therefore, we can respond with officers in minutes. The key to making this work is getting the call; do not hesitate to call 911. Every police officer will tell you they don’t mind the calls that turn out to be unfounded. We want to ensure everything is okay.

The Fairway Police Department welcomes your ideas. Please call or e-mail me if you have a suggestion on how we can improve our service.

Thank you

Chief Mike Fleming