



focus on fairway

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Fairway Public Works Department Achieves APWA Accreditation Status

City of Fairway Public Works Department has been awarded the prestigious American Public Works Association (APWA) Accreditation designation. The APWA Accreditation program recognizes public works agencies that go beyond the requirements of the management practices established nationally in the public works industry, as contained in the APWA Public Works Management Practices Manual. The Accreditation of the Fairway Public Works Department indicates the department met all applicable Accreditation documentation and practices.

For the review, a team of public works professionals from Cherry Hills Village, Colorado; Bloomfield, Connecticut; and Kansas City, Missouri, completed a thorough evaluation of operations during their site visit. The review process involved 349 management practices that touched every area of operations from Human Resource Management, Safety Training, Street Maintenance, Snow Removal, and many many more.



In a statement from Director Bill Stogsdill, “The awarding of the APWA Accreditation shows that even as a small department and community we are dedicated to the efforts of continuous improvement and excellence. As the smallest agency to achieve Accreditation, we are extremely proud to receive this honor. The heroes of the prestigious APWA award are the public works and development staff whose mission is to provide services and programs that contribute to making Fairway a great place to live and work.”

The City of Fairway Public Works Department becomes the 147th agency in North America to be awarded Accreditation, and the 6th agency in the State of Kansas. In addition to Fairway, the accredited agencies in Kansas include Lenexa, Olathe, Overland Park, Shawnee, and Topeka.

CITY COUNCIL ELECTION 2019

Information regarding the dates and requirements for filing for office:

June 3, 2019 (12 NOON) - Filing and Withdrawal Deadline

August 6, 2019 - Primary Election

November 5, 2019 - General Election

Positions Open for Filing:

City Council – Wards 1, 2, 3 & 4 (4-year term)



Candidate Filing Requirements:

- Per Kansas State Statute the Declaration of Interest (Filing Form) is obtained and filed at the Johnson County Election Office located at 2101 East Kansas City Rd, Olathe, KS 66061.
- The filing fee is \$20.00.
- Candidates have the option to file by petition. The nomination petition must be signed by 3% of the qualified electors of the City of Fairway, KS.
- All candidates must file periodic campaign finance reports.

For more information contact the Johnson County Election Office 913-715-6818 or www.jcoelection.org.

Not ready to run for office but want to serve your community?

The Mayor is currently searching for a qualified resident to serve as City Treasurer. Boards and Committees are also another great way to be involved. Contact City Hall 913-262-0350 x0 for an Indication of Interest Form.

Staff/Staff

Your City Council

Mayor	Melanie Hepperly
Ward I	Kelly-Ann Buszek Jim Poplinger
Ward II	Dan Bailey Gail Gregory
Ward III	Joseph Levin David Watkins
Ward IV	Adam Dolski Tanya Keys

Phone Numbers

City Hall	262-0350 FAX: 262-4607
Police	911 (Off.) 262-2364
Municipal Court	262-0350
Fire	911 (Off.) 432-1105
Public Works	722-2822
Animal Control	782-0720
Fairway Swimming Pool	722-3161
Parks & Recreation	262-0350 x3
Shawnee Indian Mission	262-0867

Committee Chairpersons

Administration	Jim Poplinger
Police	Gail Gregory
Finance	Joseph Levin
Public Works	David Watkins
Parks & Rec	Tanya Keys
Tree Board	Rick Allen

City Departments

City Administrator	Nathan Nogelmeier
Chief of Police	David Brown
Director of Public Works	Bill Stogsdill
Director of Parks & Rec.	Brice Soeken

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



As I write this edition of the Mayor's letter, I have been in office for one year. What a year it has been. It may seem strange to say, but I mean it, this is what I was meant to do in retirement. It has been an honor to serve this great City!

There are several topics that I would like to briefly cover - 2018 Parks and Recreation results, update concerning the Shawnee Indian Mission and Stormwater Management programs involving our City. But first, I would like to say THANK YOU to the Public Works Department for their continued outstanding service in maintaining our roads during recent storms and in promptly clearing tree limbs and brush debris following those storms. AND, a big THANK YOU to the Police Department who continually works quietly behind the scenes every day and every night to enable Fairway to be named by Safewise Safest City rankings as the 4th safest city in Kansas.

The Parks and Recreation Department completed the update and renovation of Neale Peterson Park with the installation of the new playground equipment last fall. With the construction of the new bathhouse and the additions to the existing pool that were completed in 2015, the City has broken records in attendance numbers and revenues each subsequent year. In 2018, we were able to recover 67% of the cost of the pool operations. That is quite an accomplishment rarely done by public pools. New revenue streams have also been very successful with the addition of the room rental options at both the pool and City Hall.

The Shawnee Indian Mission continues to come to life with increasing educational opportunities and community-building gatherings. The unique Public Private Partnership involving the City, the Kansas State Historical Society and the Shawnee Indian Mission Foundation has taken a huge step forward with the State's willingness to consider a perpetual agreement with the City for the continued management of the site. In addition, the Foundation has completed, with the help of many volunteers, a professionally designed master plan for the site. This plan must be approved by the State thus preserving the national historical designation of the Mission. The Foundation has also created a Legacy Fund enabling fund raising opportunities to begin.

The management of stormwater is a difficult issue. It takes the collaboration of all the cities in the watershed. In 2016, Johnson County began a five year process to move toward a watershed-based approach to manage stormwater. The rollout of this new approach is progressing on time with the creation of six watershed organizations as of January 2019. The City is assigned to an organization and future projects will be brought forward by the organization based upon need by the watershed. In the first phase, each organization will go through a watershed masterplan. Once complete, each organization will formulate a capital improvement program to be submitted to the County for a tiered funding approach. As we move forward, continuing updates and progress will be communicated as they are known.

Much work to be done.

Respectfully,
Melanie J. Hepperly

2020 BUDGET PROCESS BEGINS

There are many opportunities for citizen input during the City's 2020 Budget process. Committee meetings offer an excellent time for citizen involvement. The City utilizes a host of communication tools to keep the public informed of the budget schedule including: Committee meetings, Budget Public Forum, the City website www.fairwaykansas.org, Facebook and the City E-mail Program. Residents are welcome and encouraged to attend City Council meetings on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.



Budget Process Schedule:

March-May: Department Directors and Committees develop budgets; first draft of budget reviewed by Finance Committee in May.

June: Further review during Committee meetings; second draft reviewed by Finance Committee.

July: Valuation report received from County. Budget Public Forum will be scheduled to discuss the Budget.

August: Budget Public Hearing at 6:45 p.m. on August 12th. Final Budget considered by City Council during regular Council meeting on August 12th.

Preventative Tree Care May Help Reduce the Likelihood of Power Outages.

Trees on Private Property – Inspect your trees and remove any dead, dying, or questionable limbs. Per KCP&L, vegetation impacting the line that runs from a pole to your meter is your responsibility. If you need to have your powerline dropped for you or your contractor to trim the trees, call KCP&L Vegetation Management 816-471-5275.



Trees Near Main Powerlines – If you see a potential issue with vegetation on the lines that run from pole to pole near your house contact KCP&L Vegetation Management 816-471-5275.

KCP&L will send a crew member to review the vegetation's proximity to the power line and trim if appropriate.



Visit KCPL.com for more information.

<https://www.kcpl.com/involvement/safety/tree-trimming-and-planting>

City Right-of-Way (ROW) Trees - ALL trees located in the ROW (within 10 feet of the curb) are protected City trees. Violations of the Public Tree Protection Ordinance will result in fines. DO NOT trim a ROW tree. If you have any concerns regarding a ROW tree contact Public Works 913-722-2822. Dead and broken limbs are addressed as they appear. Also note, the ROW trees are on a three year trimming cycle where each year a third of the City's ROW trees are inspected by an arborist and trimmed as needed.



Chief's Corner

Police Chief : David Brown

So spring is here, or nearly so, and we've made it through a rather cold and snowy winter, at least for these parts. (I'm sure those of you with roots further north could tell me what real winter is like. :)) As I think about the snowstorm of January, and the snows and ice storms that followed, I want to take a minute to recognize the hard work that the City's Public Works Department does to make our winter roads the safest in the metro area. From the time a winter event hits the radar, Public Works starts planning and they are quick to start at the first signs of need. While their work benefits us all, it is particularly important for public safety, enabling us to get to people in need both safely and quickly. And we were busy during these winter events. So thank you to all our Public Works employees who put in long hours behind the wheel of our snow plows – we truly appreciate your dedication.

As the weather warms we'll see more kids walking to and from school. So remember, motorists are to yield the right of way to pedestrians entering or crossing the roadway within a crosswalk and on a sidewalk at entrances to a driveway. When there is no sidewalk or shoulder pedestrians are to walk on the left side of the road. Remember, it's on your shoulders to avoid creating an immediate hazard with vehicles on the roadway. As a bicycle enthusiast, I ask motorists to please allow plenty of room to pass – to those of us on a bike you often are closer than you realize.

Best Regards,
David

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Does Your Spring Project Need a Building Permit?



When in doubt, contact City Hall 913-262-0350 x 0
A simple phone call can save headaches and heartaches!
Check with City Hall before starting your project:

- ◆ Be aware of the Public Tree Protection Ordinance.
- ◆ Interior Projects: structural, mechanical, electrical or plumbing changes or upgrades, require a building permit and a Johnson County licensed contractor to perform the work.
- ◆ Exterior projects : fence, retaining wall, shed, driveway, sidewalk, deck, patio, roofing or siding, require a building permit and may also require a Johnson County licensed contractor.
- ◆ A building permit is not required for projects that are generally cosmetic, like painting and general maintenance.



License your dogs by March 31 to avoid the new 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 rabies certificate and appropriate fee.

Fairway City Hall
5240 Belinder Rd.
Fairway, KS 66205

Make checks payable to the City of Fairway.

LICENSING FEES are as follows:

Neutered males & spayed females \$ 10.00
Unaltered males & unaltered females \$ 25.00

Delinquent fees are added to each dog license.

DELINQUENT FEES are as follows:

1st month late fee: (beginning April 1).....\$ 10.00
2nd month late fee: (beginning May 1).....\$ 20.00
June 1st \$30.00 late fee + citation + \$58.00 court costs

All dogs, including foster dogs, over the age of 6 months are required to be licensed annually with the City. 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.

STAY INFORMED!

Sign-Up for City E-mail Program!

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.

If you have any questions please contact Fairway City Hall at 913-262-0350 x0.