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FAIRWAY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS SWORN INTO OFFICE



At the December 9th City Council meeting, the newly elected councilmembers were sworn in by City Clerk, Kim Young. (pictured left to right) Jenna Brofsky - Ward 4, Jason Rogers - Ward 1, Dr. Tom Cotter - Ward 2, and Joe Levin re-elected in Ward 3 each won their respective elections in November and took their oath of office before a full house in the City Council chambers. The elected councilmembers will serve from 2020-2024.

ARE YOU READY TO SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY? FAIRWAY NEEDS YOU!

Your experience in architecture and design, civil engineering, development, or construction could be a great benefit to the City of Fairway. The Mayor is in search of experienced residents to serve on Fairway's Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals.

Planning Commission is responsible for reviewing the comprehensive plan, making recommendations on plat approval, subdivision regulations, site plans, zoning regulations, and rezonings. The Planning Commission meetings are held on the last Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

Board of Zoning Appeals hears appeals of the zoning regulations, grants exceptions and variances to the zoning regulations on the basis and acts as an Appeal Board for appeals of decisions by administrative official in the enforcement of building codes or property maintenance regulations. The Board of Zoning Appeals meetings are held on an as needed basis on the last Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m.

Committees are also a great way to be involved. The only requirements are you must be a resident and have a desire to serve. Administration, Finance, Parks & Recreation, Police, and Public Works Committee meetings are held on an as needed basis. The Fairway Tree Board also meets on an as needed basis.

Contact City Hall 913-262-0350 x0 for an Indication of Interest Form or visit bit.ly/FairwayInterestForm.

HOW DO I STAY INFORMED? Sign-up for the City E-mail Program!



Simply scan or visit www.fairwaykansas.org to register your email for targeted City information. The quick registration process includes a list of "interests" to choose from. This allows you to select the information you would like to receive. Also, find us on Facebook. Simply log on to Facebook and do a search for "City of Fairway, KS" and "like" us.



Staff/Staff

Your City Council

Mayor	Melanie Hepperly
Ward I	Kelly-Ann Buszek Jason Rogers
Ward II	Dan Bailey Tom Cotter
Ward III	Joseph Levin David Watkins
Ward IV	Jenna Brofsky 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

The committee appointments will be confirmed at the January 13, 2020 City Council meeting.

Administration	Finance
Parks & Rec	Police
Public Works	Tree Board

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.

Website www.fairwaykansas.org



From the Mayor's Desk



GREAT NEWS! After two and one-half years of meetings and conversations with KCP&L (now EVERGY), I have wonderful news to share with all of you. Having completed their initial Reliability Proactive Inspections and patrols of our circuits, which includes actual physical inspections and historical research of actual outage data, EVERGY has established a plan with projected targeted dates to improve our infrastructure and reliability issues. These improvements include both wire and pole replacements. A number of the poles are owned by AT&T, not EVERGY. However, EVERGY has worked out an agreement with AT&T allowing them to replace the poles that need the most attention as they do their work with AT&T replacing the remainder at a later time. After EVERGY completes their work, remaining utility lines, AT&T and other cable companies, will move their lines to the new poles allowing for the removal of the old poles. This is a long involved process so please have patience as the crews do their work. It will be worth it. **PLEASE** remember to manage tree growth on your private property, not only around the lines but other trees in your back yard that could cause an outage.

Here are the projected targeted dates for the entire City. As the time approaches for your Ward, the City will send an email to your area residents as well as communication on the City's Facebook page and website. EVERGY will place door hangers and set up robo-calls two days in advance of the required controlled outage to complete the work. The projected dates were set based upon inspections and historical data for worst performing circuits. EVERGY also had to plan for crew availability and necessary budgeted capital improvement dollars. Fall of 2019/2020/2021/2022 - Ward 1, next will be Wards 3 and 4, followed by Ward 2.

STORMWATER and FLOOD CONTROL - Approved by the City Council in November was an agreement to develop a collaborative County-wide organization to address stormwater and flood control matters at the watershed level instead of independently by City. Starting in 2020, watershed organizations will be established allowing cities to participate in the County watershed master plan. The organizations agree to cooperate with each other including single city needs for funding from the County as improvement efforts within watersheds are developed. This comprehensive approach will allow for implementation of better strategies throughout the county for all cities.

SURVEY COMMENTS - as promised, additional open-ended comments with responses.

* Our City budgeting process includes an annual cost/benefit analysis for every department and every service offered in the City. The City cannot control the other line items on our property tax bills.

* Many comments involved sidewalks. That is a discussion we frequently have. Unfortunately, placement of sidewalks would require the removal of many of the right-of-way trees. A new revenue stream would be needed to accomplish that request.

* Please be a good neighbor - pick up after your dog and don't park on the street across from the end of a driveway or directly across from another car.

Respectfully,
Melanie J. Hepperly
Mayor, City of Fairway

**HOUSE
FOR RENT**

LICENSING NOW REQUIRED FOR SHORT-TERM RENTAL PROPERTIES

At the October 14th City Council meeting, the City Council adopted Ordinance #1705 Revising “Rental Unit and Non-Owner Occupied Dwelling Registration and Inspections” to include short-term rentals (ie: Airbnb, Vrbo, etc.) of owner and non-owner occupied dwellings. Short-term rentals are allowed for a limited number of guests and may not be used as an event space. All rental and short-term rental properties are required to annually apply and pay licensing and exterior inspection fees. To view Ord. #1705 visit bit.ly/RentalOrd1705 Questions? Contact Assistant City Clerk Abbie Aldridge 913-262-0350 x5200 aaldridge@fairwaykansas.org



SNOW & ICE STORM REMINDERS

- **AVOID ANY ON-STREET PARKING!**
Parked cars (especially when two cars are parked across the street from each other) can delay snow removal efforts on your street.
- **SNOW EMERGENCY!** During significant snow events, the Mayor may issue a “Snow Emergency” that prohibits any on-street parking and allows the police to tow cars parked on the street at the owner’s expense.
- The City will remove snow from sidewalks adjacent to City property (usually within 48 hours after completion of snow removal from City streets).
- City code prohibits pushing snow into the street from private property. If you use a snow removal service, make sure they are aware of this, because you are responsible.

STORM DAMAGE BRUSH COLLECTION

The Public Works Department will collect brush when City-wide storm damage is declared. This collection is for large storm debris that does not meet the regular yard waste collection guidelines.

“Snow Emergency” or “City-wide Brush Collection” will be communicated via the City E-mail Program.

NEW EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



OFFICER OSWALD

Officer Johnathan Oswald graduated from Metropolitan Community College in 2017, and received a degree in Criminal Justice, along with graduating from the Police Academy. He started his law enforcement career in Missouri and spent the bulk of time working for the Buckner, Missouri

Police Department. He joined the Fairway Police Department in early November of 2019. Outside of law enforcement, he is a Civil Affairs Specialist in the U.S. Army Reserve. When not at work, he enjoys spending time with family and friends and hobbies such as woodworking and playing the guitar.



— Chief's Corner —

Police Chief : David Brown

Happy New Year everyone.

I wanted to take a minute to publicly thank the officers and staff that work for the City – we’ve had a busy year and have accomplished a lot. We’ve brought on several new officers this year to fill vacancies and we’ve increased productivity. Two of our officers have added to their families, and both moms and babies are doing well. Two of our major projects were the replacement of our in-car and body worn camera systems and the back-end systems that support them, and the implementation of NICHE, a records management system used by a majority of the law enforcement agencies in Johnson County. These two

systems work very well with our partnering agencies in Johnson County so that we are both more efficient in our own needs and we can work more effectively with our neighbors.

I’d also like to note that Fairway’s Police Department and Public Works Department, working with Bike Walk KC, will host a bicycle safety class on Saturday April 4th. There’s more information about this class in the Parks and Recreation section of the newsletter. Please look into attending if you think it could benefit both you and your child or grandchildren.

We wish everyone a very safe, happy and engaging 2020 and we look forward to continue our work serving our community members.

Dave



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2020 Dog Licensing starts on Thursday, January 2nd

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.

All dogs, including foster dogs, over the age of 6 months are required to be licensed annually. If you no longer have a previously licensed dog please contact City Hall at 913-262-0350 x0 so that we may remove the dog from the database.

LICENSING FEES are as follows:

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

DELINQUENT FEES (per license) 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

Managing the impact of trees on power lines helps prevent outages and severe weather issues.

Trees in our neighborhoods provide many benefits. Aside from their environmental impacts such as providing clean air and filtering our stormwater, they can also lower our utility bills and increase the value of our homes. Unfortunately, they can be one of the main causes of power failures. A tree close to a power line with dead or damaged limbs is dangerous on its own but add ice, snow, or heavy winds and it is only a matter of time before branches will contact powerlines and disrupt service to multiple homes. Evergy (formerly KCP&L) proactively trims trees year-round to try and prevent power disruptions. In trimmed areas they have noticed a **60% drop in outages**.



Trees on Private Property – Vegetation impacting the line that runs from a pole to your meter is your responsibility. If you need to have your powerline dropped to trim your trees, call Evergy 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, contact Evergy Vegetation Management 816-471-5275. Evergy will inspect the vegetation's proximity to the power line and trim if appropriate.

BE SAFE! REPORT FALLEN LINES AND POWER OUTAGES TO EVERGY at evergy.com or call 1-888-LIGHT-KC (544-4852).



Evergy.com is a great resource. Evergy is diligent about keeping customers informed of restoration efforts online and through the media. Fairway City Hall receives the same information from Evergy that is distributed to the media.

