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2019 BUDGET PROCESS BEGINS



There are many opportunities for citizen input during the City’s 2019 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, 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 of budget 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 13th. Final Budget considered by City Council during regular Council meeting on August 13th.

Visit www.fairwaykansas.org to view the Meeting Calendar and sign-up for the City E-mail Program.



AS REAL ESTATE MARKET BOOMS, APPRAISED VALUES SLATED TO GO UP

(Article provided by Johnson County Manager’s Office)



Home buyers looking for a residence in Johnson County are only finding a month and a half supply. A normal supply of homes is six months. Homes selling for \$350,000 or below have the highest demand which results in higher market values for that price range.

This strong demand means residential property values continue to rise, and most residents’ appraised values are expected to go up again in 2018. Notices of Appraised Values will be sent to home owners by March 1. The deadline to appeal is March 28.

The Johnson County Appraiser's responsibility is to value property at fair market value — the price it would bring on an open, competitive market. Sales activity is reviewed to arrive at the value.

In August 2017, the Johnson County Appraiser’s Office formed the Residential Reappraisal Advisory Committee, composed of realtors, lenders and fee appraisers, to advise the county of current residential market trends. During 2017, 95 percent of residential real estate values increased. The areas with the greatest increase were in De Soto, Fairway, Gardner, Lenexa, Merriam, Mission, Olathe, Overland Park, Prairie Village, Roeland Park, Shawnee and Spring Hill.

The county appraiser’s staff makes the appraisal process transparent by publishing data used to determine home values at jocogov.org/appraiser.

Details on the appeal process are also available online or by calling the Appraiser’s Office at 913-715-9000.

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	262-2364
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
Animal Control	Adam Dolski

City Departments

City Administrator	Nathan Nogelmeier
Chief of Police	Mike Fleming
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 my first Mayor's Letter for the March edition of Focus on Fairway, I have been in office for five weeks. Those have been five busy weeks. Time has been spent in many meetings including the State of the State address in Topeka as a guest of Melissa Rooker, a guest panelist for the Northeast Johnson County Chamber Leadership class, Northeast Mayors monthly luncheon, Johnson and Wyandotte Counties Council of Mayors monthly dinner, various City of Fairway meetings, discussions with residents as I make the Mayor's appointments and committee assignments and finally, the State of the Cities address to 250 guests of the NEJC Chamber of Commerce. It is with this last item that I want to share with you my comments on the State of the City of Fairway.

The financial position of Fairway remains very stable and very strong. It is wonderful to be able to give you that report. I thank the Governing Body and the entire City staff for their dedication in managing our taxpayer dollars efficiently to provide us with the quality of services we all enjoy.

Over the past several years we have been able to refinance our debt, begin building our depleted reserves and invest in the future of our City. The City pool was totally renovated and the bath house rebuilt. Since the completion in 2015, our super pass revenue has increased 237%, our revenue from membership fees have increased 161% and our facility rental related revenues have grown 400%. Public Works was relocated in 2015 to a newly purchased building in Roeland Park providing a facility to store our equipment inside extending its life and allowing staff to perform maintenance under shelter from the elements. Last year the City purchased the Churchill's building at 5240 Belinder and upon completing the renovation moved in to a permanent facility we can now call home for our City Hall.

No summation of the state of the City would be complete without mentioning the Shawnee Indian Mission. The progress we have seen in the past two years is only the beginning of re-establishing an important piece of history of Johnson County. With the collaboration of the City providing operations and the SIM Foundation providing fundraising, we will bring the site to life as an educational facility and community jewel.

I am honored to serve as your Mayor and look forward to working for each of you.

Respectfully,
Melanie Hepperly
Mayor



Does Your Spring Project Need a Building Permit?

When in doubt, contact City Hall 913-262-0350 x 0 to see if your project needs City approval. A phone call can save headaches and heartaches!

Check with City Hall before starting your project:

- Do you have a City Right-of-Way Tree that requires you to adhere to the Public Tree Protection Ordinance?
- Will any portion of your project take place within City Right-of-Way?
- Interior projects that include: structural, mechanical, electrical or plumbing changes or upgrades, require a building permit and a Johnson County licensed contractor to perform the work.
- Exterior projects that include: 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.
- Contact City Hall early in your process when planning an addition, making significant changes to your house or building a new house. These projects may require additional approval by the Planning Commission and in some cases the Board of Zoning Appeals. Since these bodies meet only once a month, your project could potentially be delayed by several weeks if you miss the application deadline.



License your dogs by March 31 to 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 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\$ 5.00
Unaltered males & unaltered females . \$25.00

Delinquent fees are added to each dog license.

DELINQUENT FEES are as follows:

1st month: (beginning April 1).....\$ 2.00
2nd month: (beginning May 1).....\$10.00
3rd month: (beginning June 1).....\$20.00

July 1st citations issued for failure to license.



Chief's Corner

Is it Spring yet?

More sunlight, warm weather, graduations: must be spring time! Recently there have been discussions and comments dealing with traffic issues – illegal parking, speeders, careless drivers, etc. Safe streets positively impact residents and visitors alike.

Most of our traffic contacts involve good people who made poor decisions or were distracted. Officers spend a significant amount of time educating motorists about their violations and the potential impact on other motorists.

Sometimes the officers believe a citation is warranted and extend an invitation to meet our Prosecutor or Judge. Here is a short list of things you can do to keep your roadways safer and avoid a citation:

- Drive the posted speed limit.
- Focus on the important task of driving – put away the cell phone.
- Stop at red lights and stop signs. The yellow light means “prepare to stop”. I guarantee you the longer lights are yellow the sooner they will turn red.
- Wear seatbelts and use the appropriate child safety seats.
- Headlights increase your visibility to other motorists be sure to use them on rainy days or whenever you use your windshield wipers and... at night.

- When parking on the street be considerate of large trash trucks, firetrucks, and snowplows that may need to get through.

As a resident you are responsible for trimming bushes or tree branches so they don't obstruct signs and sidewalks. Pedestrians should wear bright clothing, walk facing traffic, use lights when it's dark, and keep pets on a short leash so they don't dart into traffic. Spring and summer also bring road projects that impact traffic and parking. Fairway will continue to work with our utility partners to provide notice when a project is slated that will impact traffic.

Thank you
Chief Mike Fleming

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BE PREPARED FOR SPRING STORMS



STORM DAMAGE BRUSH COLLECTION

When City-wide storm damage is declared the Public Works Department will collect brush that does not meet the regular yard waste collection guidelines .

If a City-wide collection is issued it will be communicated via the City E-mail Program.

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.

PAPER SHREDDING & ECYCLE EVENT



Saturday, September 22, 2018

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Location: 4350 Shawnee Mission Pkwy

After years of battling the April rain showers this event has been moved to the Fall. Look for more information in the September newsletter and City Email Program.

If You Experience a



REPORT THE OUTAGE TO KCP&L @ 1-888-LIGHT-KC (1-888-544-4852) or online @ www.kcpl.com. (Information from KCP&L website www.kcpl.com) Based on these reports, power is prioritized and restored in this order:

- Public safety that provide critical services like hospitals, police and fire stations, and water treatment plants
- Substations and primary lines that serve thousands of customers
- Lateral lines that serve customer groups in the hundreds
- Secondary lines that affect a dozen or more customers
- Individual homes and businesses whose service connection have been damaged

Be safe! Avoid fallen power lines. **If you see a downed line, always assume it is live. Call 1-888-LIGHT-KC (544-4852) to report the fallen power line.**

KCP&L is diligent about keeping customers informed of restoration efforts through the media. Fairway City Hall receives the same information from KCP&L that is distributed to the media.

Please understand, the City of Fairway is not responsible for the repair and maintenance of power lines and transformers or the trimming of tree limbs near power lines. After storms KCP&L's first priority is restoring power to all customers so tree limbs are left on site by KCP&L. Property owners are responsible for the proper disposal of the tree limbs and debris.