More than a decade has passed since the City of Fairway conducted an official survey to gauge levels of citizen satisfaction and perceived quality of life among its residents. A lot has happened in that decade too. Three individuals held the reins as Mayor, the swimming pool underwent a major renovation, Public Works relocated to a new facility and last, but certainly not least, City Hall moved... twice. As elected officials and staff work to identify challenges for the next decade, hearing residents’ concerns about the current and future vision of the City is extremely important.

The results will likely not surprise many people that an overwhelming majority (96%) of survey participants were satisfied with their overall quality of life in Fairway. Ninety-five percent were satisfied with both the overall image of the City as well as with their feeling of safety in Fairway. In fact, Fairway rated above the national average and above the Kansas and Missouri regional average in all 49 areas that were assessed. The City rated significantly higher (6% or more) in 48 of these areas.

The survey was also an opportunity to determine if resident opinions on a few old topics have changed or remained the same over the years. One area the City often receives inquiries about is the southeast corner of Shawnee Mission Parkway and Mission Road. More than a decade ago the City looked at developing the site with a new City Hall and perhaps other business retail establishments. Feedback at the time indicated residents were not interested in the City developing the area. The latest survey shows that sentiment has not changed with 65% of respondents indicating the corner should be greenspace. To view all results of the survey, visit www.fairwaykansas.org.
WINTER IS COMING! No, I have not lost my mind. The importance of that comment is one of the subject matters of my letter and one of the highlighted articles of this newsletter. Please take the time to read the article concerning Private Tree Trimming and my comments on KCP&L below. Among other things, I would like to update you concerning the ongoing work with KCP&L and the results of the Citizen survey. First of all, I would like to welcome our new Police Officers - Kyle Barker, Victor Buitrago, David Wheet and Scott Haesemeyer. Welcome to our City! We are so pleased that you have joined our Police Department.

The 2020 budget and 5-year Capital Improvement Plan have been completed. The City’s financial position remains strong. Despite two major spring storms, we have made good progress on increasing our reserves as directed by the Finance Committee. Both the multiple winter snows and the spring storms provide added incentive to build the reserves to a more prudent level. We were able to maintain the mill levy at the same level as 2019.

KCP&L - After multiple emails, meetings and conversations with KCP&L, I am happy to report some progress toward resolving our power outage issues. A plan is being put together to address our reliability concerns. Starting in August, three of the major circuits into Fairway will be inspected to identify areas of concern that are or could create an outage. KCP&L will then develop a plan to improve those issues found. IMPORTANT, also, is the role residents play in managing tree growth on our private property. It is crucial that trees, especially around power lines, be trimmed on a regular basis. Not only is it good for the health of the tree but it is also the neighborly thing to do so your trees are not the cause of an outage. This newsletter includes information on private tree trimming. Please read it.

SURVEY COMMENTS - Thank you to all who responded to our Citizen survey. It is very important that we hear from residents as this is your City. Detailed results are included in this newsletter. I would like to address the open-ended comments received. There were many so, due to space, I will use this and future letters to respond.

* Bulk item trash pick-up - Allows 2 no charge bulk items (furniture) per month. Call WCA 816-380-5595 or visit wcawaste.com/fairway to schedule a pick-up for the 1st or 3rd Monday each month. It may take a few days for pick up to occur with the separate bulk item collection truck.
* The islands are maintained by the various Homes Associations, not the City.
* The City budgets to maintain 1/3 of the right-of-way trees each year.
* An updated and improved website has been budgeted for 2020.
* Timely communication is available through City Email Program. Please sign up!
* Residents’ contributions are always welcome.

More next time....

Respectfully,
Melanie J. Hepperly
Mayor, City of Fairway
Hi all,

As fall settles in I wanted to thank everyone for your continued support of our department and of law enforcement in general. We truly appreciate all the kind words, cards and all the other ways you have taken your time to show appreciation to our officers. We work hard to serve everyone in and around our community as best we can, and I want to thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts and gratitude with us.

Over the last 12 months the police department has seen some changes both in staff and in equipment. We have three new full-time officers and one new part-time officer working with us. We have hired Court Clerk Debra Brownlee, who was introduced in a previous newsletter, and are looking to hire another full-time officer getting us to full staff.

Community service is the key trait we look for when bringing new employees to the police department and to the City, and we have seen that each of these new employees are working hard to serve you. We are also upgrading some of the technical systems at the Police Department that we use on a daily basis. Last year we upgraded the mobile computers used in our patrol cars. We are currently updating our records management system and working to identify body-worn and in-car video systems to meet department needs and that are compatible within the larger law-enforcement community and judicial system in Johnson County.

Remember, this newsletter is being written as school is starting back up. Please, please, please be careful of and watchful for the little ones as they walk to and from school, reunite with class mates, and begin playing more outside as summer turns to fall.

We are an impressive community, and each of us here at the police department are proud to serve you.

All my best,

Dave
Have You Inspected Your Trees Lately?

While mature healthy trees add value to a property, it is important to inspect them in order to protect your home, neighboring homes and utility lines. Take a few minutes to step outside and take a good look at the trees on your property. If you see something that causes you concern, you should have your tree inspected immediately and address any hazards. Otherwise, trees should be inspected every three years or as recommended by a Certified Arborist. Also, consider having your trees inspected after a severe storm, particularly if you have heard cracking sounds or see broken or dangling branches.

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.

Do You Have Protected Trees in Your Front Yard?

The City of Fairway invests significantly in the protection and maintenance of right-of-way (ROW), park and greenspace trees. Generally, the ROW trees are often thought of as the street trees when you’re walking or driving down the street. The ROW on most streets is 25 foot from the center of the road which is about 11 feet behind the curb. If you have trees located within this area, then you have protected trees as ALL trees located in the ROW are considered protected trees. ROW trees may not be trimmed or removed without permission from the Community Tree Manager. The ROW Trees are on a three year trimming cycle where each year a third of the City’s ROW Trees are visually inspected by an arborist and trimmed as needed.

Any work done in the ROW can only be done after obtaining a ROW permit from City Hall. Following the proper procedure will save you time and money! When you obtain your permit, you will be given specific instructions on how to protect your ROW tree. You’ve probably seen the orange snow fence around ROW trees before and this is only part of the protection process.

If you violate the tree protection ordinance you will pay a penalty of $100 per diameter inch at breast height. This means if you have an 18-inch diameter tree and you or your contractor violate the ordinance, your fine will be $1,800.00.

Bottom line? If you are thinking about doing any work (or having someone else do it for you) in the ROW, especially around the trees, contact Public Works 913-722-2822.
How Does Storm Damage Brush Collection Work?

Following a significant weather event, staff will conduct an assessment of tree damage throughout the City and consult with the City Administrator and Mayor to determine if the City will activate the Citywide Storm Damage Brush Collection program. In making that decision, several factors are considered with severity and volume of Citywide damage ranking as the two greatest determinants.

The City will communicate via the City Email Program within two business days of an event if the Citywide Storm Damage Brush Collection service is initiated. Once initiated, the City will send updates of progress and current timeline of the pickup via email.

⇒ If the Citywide Storm Damage Brush Collection program is activated:

♦ Staff will only pick up limbs from storm damage. Other yard waste must be set out and follow WCA yard waste collection guidelines for regular Monday service.

♦ Limbs must be placed in neat piles parallel to the curb. Not in the street.

♦ Limbs must be cut to sizes no greater than 8’ to fit in City trucks.

⇒ If the Citywide Storm Damage Brush Collection is NOT activated, homeowners are responsible for cutting and bundling the limbs for WCA’s weekly yard waste collection on Mondays. WCA will pickup limbs provided they meet their requirements:

♦ Limbs must be less than 2 inches in diameter

♦ Limbs must be tied with string or twine in bundles and not exceed 4 feet long and 18 inches in diameter

♦ Bundles must weigh less than 40 pounds.

♦ Visit wcawaste.com/fairway or call WCA 816-380-5595 x 0 for full details.

♦ Homeowners are responsible for removal of any limbs that do not meet the WCA collection guidelines and may need to contract with a private company.

City Right of Way Trees: If a significant sized limb (5” in diameter or greater) has fallen from a City right-of-way tree or has broken and is still hanging in the tree, please contact Public Works 913-722-2822 as they will arrange for its removal.

How to Sign-up for the City E-mail Program

Simply scan or visit http://bit.ly/fairway-email. The quick registration process includes a list of “interests” to choose from. This allows you to select the information you would like to receive. The e-mail program is utilized to disseminate relevant City information in a timely, cost effective manner. Upcoming meetings, crime alerts, street closures, activation and updates of storm damage collection, and special event announcements are just a few examples of the information communicated via e-mail.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact City Hall at 913-262-0350 x0.

The City E-mail Program also posts communications on the City of Fairway Facebook page. To follow the City simply log on to Facebook and do a search for “City of Fairway, KS” and “like” us. Facebook is a great way for you to keep up with the City.
What would you like to see on YOUR NEW CITY OF FAIRWAY WEBSITE?

The City is planning to launch a NEW City website in 2020 and would like to hear what features you would like to see on the NEW City website. On Monday, October 7th a survey will be sent out via the City Email Program to gather input and ideas from Fairway residents. If you would like to participate in the survey please sign-up for the City Email Program prior to October 7th.

NEW EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

OFFICER BARKER – Officer Kyle Barker grew up in Kansas City and has a Bachelors degree in Business Administration. He has previously worked in all three sectors of public service as a Firefighter in Lenexa and as an EMT in Phoenix. Kyle has been a police officer for almost three years and been with Fairway Police Department for five months serving in patrol. In his off time, Kyle enjoys spending time with his wife and two dogs.

OFFICER BUITRAGO - Officer Victor Buitrago grew up in Puerto Rico until he was 7 years old and came to the United States. He has been in Law Enforcement for 5 years. Victor played football for Benedictine College in Kansas and graduated with a Bachelors in Spanish and Minor in Criminology. Officer Buitrago began his patrol career with the City of Lawrence, Kansas, graduating their academy as the class President. In his career he has reached the rank of Sergeant with the Basehor Police Department and is an instructor in ASP and is ARIDE certified. Working out, throwing the football, watching Netflix and being with friends/family are a must for him. His hero is Maria (Grandmother). Food of choice, seafood or pizza!

OFFICER HAESEMEYER – Officer Scott Haesemeyer grew up in Gardner, Kansas and attended the University of Kansas earning a BA in Human Biology in 1991 and a Doctorate in Medicine in 1996. An Air Force veteran, officer Haesemeyer attended the Johnson County Regional Police Academy, graduating with the 113th Class, earning the Herb Shuey Scholastic Award and the Rick Staples Marksmanship Award. Officer Haesemeyer was in the patrol division of the Olathe Police Department in 2014 -2015. He has been married for nearly 15 years and has two daughters. When not working, officer Haesemeyer enjoys time with family and friends, flying, golf, and KU Basketball.

OFFICER WHEET – Officer David Wheet has been in Law Enforcement for 21 years. He previously worked for the Garden City Police Department in southwest Kansas, where he served as a patrol Sergeant. Officer Wheet has served in several different areas within Law Enforcement, to include Gang Unit, Bicycle Unit, Canine Officer and certified Hostage Negotiator. Officer Wheet is married and has 4 children.
On Tuesday, November 5th all registered Fairway voters will have the opportunity to vote for your City Council members. One seat in each of our four wards is up for a four-year term.

Candidates:

Ward 1: No candidates filed for election

Ward 2: Tom Cotter
       Gail Gregory (Incumbent)

Ward 3: Michelle Keihl
       Joseph Levin (Incumbent)

Ward 4: Jenna Brofsky
       Adam Dolski (Incumbent)

Voter registration closes October 15th, 21 days prior to Election Day. Advance voting by mail begins October 16th and advance voting in person will begin October 28th. For your polling place, contact information for all candidates, advance voting locations, dates and hours contact the Johnson County Election Office at 913-715-6800 or www.jocoelection.org.

You may register to vote or change your registration information online with a valid Kansas driver's license or a non-driver's identification card. Online Voter Registration is provided through the statewide voter registration system: (Requires a valid KS ID) https://www.kdor.ks.gov/Apps/VoterReg/Default.aspx

Boards and Committees are a great way to be involved. The only requirements are you must be a resident and have a desire to serve. Contact City Hall 913-262-0350 x0 for an Indication of Interest Form or visit bit.ly/FairwayInterestForm. Committee meetings are held on an as needed basis and typically meet at 7:30 a.m. when scheduled.

**Administration Committee** makes recommendations to the Governing Body on issues pertaining to the Administration Department including: human resources, city policies and guidelines, insurance, and various matters.

**Finance Committee** makes recommendations to the Governing Body on issues pertaining to the finances of the City including: budget, investments, cash flow and debt management.

**Public Works Committee** makes recommendations to the Governing Body on issues pertaining to the Public Works Department including: capital improvements and vehicle and equipment maintenance.

**Police Committee** makes recommendations to the Governing Body on issues pertaining to the Police Department and public safety.

**Parks and Recreation Committee** makes recommendations to the Governing Body on issues pertaining to the City of Fairway Park, swimming pool and Parks and Recreation Department programming.

**Tree Board** develops and reviews annually the written plan for the care, replacement, maintenance and removal of Street and Park Trees and, when requested by the City Council, shall consider any special matter within the scope of its work.

**Planning Commission** is responsible for review of 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.
The Candidates are listed in alphabetical order by Ward.
The questionnaire responses are presented as submitted by the candidates.

Ward 1: No candidates filed for election.

Ward 2: Tom Cotter

Resident of Fairway: 7 years

Family: Wife Emily and son Fred

Education: B.S. Kinesiology Kansas State University, D.C. Palmer College of Chiropractic

Employment: Owner and chiropractor at Active Health KC: Chiropractic and Rehab

Affiliations: Fairway Planning Commission, Fairway Parks and Recs Committee, various Fairway subcommittees, Ambassador MAGL Chamber of Commerce

Interests/Hobbies: Family time, House/yard projects, weight lifting

Goals during term:
- Ensure every citizen feels welcomed and valued whether you live in a 1950s ranch or are building a brand new home.
- Keep Fairway a safe walkable community with access to the new amenities being built around us.
- Protect the homes along Rock Creek, by ensuring we continue to seek a multi-city solution to the increased flooding.
- Finish the improvements we’ve made to our Park by pushing for a permanent restroom.

Ward 2: Gail Gregory

Resident of Fairway: 39 years

Family: Husband Jerry, Daughter Erin, Son-in-law Nathan, grandchildren Elle and Lafe, and son Paul

Education: B.A. Caldwell College, Masters Business Management and Supervision, Central Michigan University; Certified Financial Planner Designation (CFP) Denver, Co.

Employment: Retired CFP

Affiliations: Past member of the St. Agnes Finance Committee; current Board Member of the Tennis Competitors of Kansas City; volunteer Usher at the Kauffman Center

Interests/Hobbies: Tennis, Pickelball, Golf, and Cultural Arts

Goals during term: Continue to work hard to maintain: a high level of trust between the Governing Body and our residents; our high level of Police protection by continuing to function as Chair of the Police Department and member of the Administration Committee; and last but not least, maintain the lowest tax base which will support all the exceptional services our residents have come to appreciate and expect.
Ward 3: Michele Kiehl

Resident of Fairway: 22 years

Family: Daughter Jordan, 22 yrs old, graduated from Kansas State University May 2019 in Industrial Engineering, working at Deloitte.

Education: Bachelor of Architecture from Kansas State University

Employment: Senior Project Manager at HNTB; Architecture Group. Licensed Architect and LEED AP BD+P

Affiliations:

- American Institute of Architecture, Kansas City Chapter
- Central Exchange Member
- Member of Central Exchange Corporate Advisory Council
- Volunteer at Highlands Elementary, Indian Hills and Shawnee Mission East, various events and committees.
- City of Fairway
  - City Hall Relocation Committee, 2001
  - Strategic Plan Committee 2014
- Attends St. Francis Xavier Church

Interests/Hobbies: Gardening, Travel, Art, Architecture

Goals during term:

a. Represent the Fairway Residents ensuring their priorities and goals are moved forward.

b. Availability – Increase communication opportunities where desired.

c. Accountability/ Transparency – Maintain fiscal responsibility and provide services that meet the needs of Fairway Residents.

d. Ensure character of Fairway is preserved in new development, property values are maintained, and Fairway continues to be a highly desirable community to live for all families.

e. Progress on Stormwater issues and improve Watershed analysis requirements.

f. Progress of goals contained in the Fairway Comprehensive Plan

Ward 3: Joseph Levin

Resident of Fairway: 35 years

Family: Suzie Aron is my wife and we have 6 children and 4 grandchildren.

Education: BA, Mathematics from St. Ambrose University

Employment: Senior Vice President and Chief Actuary, Employers Reinsurance Corporation before retirement after 28 years.

Affiliations: Fellow, Casualty Actuarial Society; Member, American Academy of Actuaries

Interests/Hobbies: Golf, Crosswords, Travel, Sports

Goals during term: Keep Fairway financially stable using my experience as a financial professional and my position as Chair of the Fairway Finance Committee. Work with staff and other members of the Fairway City Council to address the goals of the City as expressed in the Fairway Mission Statement. Stated simply, Keep Fairway Safe, Clean and Beautiful.
Ward 4: Jenna Brofsky

Resident of Fairway: 2 years

Family: I live with my husband Ethan and our newborn son, Isaac.

Education: B.A., magna cum laude, Brandeis University; J.D., Order of the Coif, The George Washington University Law School

Employment: Attorney at Husch Blackwell

Affiliations: Girls on the Run (Coach at Westwood View); Jewish Vocational Service (Young Professionals Board)

Interest/Hobbies: Running, gardening, traveling

Goals during term: I will be a strong voice for the residents of Ward 4. I will show up to the Council meetings having done my homework and prepared to advocate for my Ward. As an attorney and non-profit board member, I bring experience solving problems and working collaboratively. My husband and I are committed to Fairway and raising our infant son here -- what better way to ensure his community remains a wonderful place to live than to serve on the city council. Once elected, I will communicate clearly and regularly with members of the Ward and empower them to raise ideas and concerns with the council. And, I have already been endorsed by several community groups that share the values of Ward 4 residents, including MainPAC, the political action committee of the Mainstream Coalition, and the Greater Kansas City Women’s Political Caucus. Please reach out with ideas or questions at Jenna4Fairway@gmail.com and follow the campaign on Facebook – Facebook.com/Jenna4Fairway

Ward 4: Adam Dolski

Resident of Fairway: 10 years

Education: Bachelor of Arts – Political Science – University of Kansas
Minor – English – University of Kansas

Employment: WellSky – Project Manager/Account Manager – Healthcare IT

Affiliations: - Fairway City Council Ward 4 – since May 2017
    Committees: Finance, Police, Parks & Recreation and Public Works
    - 2020 Fitness – Member since April 2016
    - Wheat State Alumni Association – Treasurer – since January 2009
    - Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, University of Kansas House Corporation
    - American Public Square – UMKC Civic Organization

Interests/Hobbies: Old maps, skiing, exercise, performing arts, social engagements, photography, travel and front flips off the high dive at the Fairway Pool

Goals during term:
- Continue the strong fiscal responsibilities and practices of the City of Fairway, along with an emphasis on future needs of our citizens.
- Maintain the high quality of residential life and services our residents expect in our little slice of Kansas City.
- Represent and engage Ward 4 residents and other surrounding municipalities (including the County) to collaborate on the needs that impact our fair Town.
- Keep Fairway livable (especially housing, character and desirability) for all stages of life and family dynamics.
2019 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 2019. Recognizing that some residents may not be able to utilize the service for a variety of reasons, this is a voluntary program. For curbside leaf removal on these specified dates, the cost is $40 for pick-up #1 only, $52 for pick-up #2 only OR, $75 for both.

**Step 1:** See the Collection Calendar for when Benjamin Lawn & Landscape will be in your Ward doing curbside leaf removal on dates noted

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**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 designed to vacuum a long row of leaves. 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 are to be raked up to the edge of the lawn as noted above. DO NOT rake leaves into the street or gutter and DO NOT block the sidewalk.

- Leaves only. Remove sticks, rocks, trash, and other debris.

- Do not block the leaf row with vehicles on collection day.

**Step 3:** SIGN-UP & PAY ONLINE at www.BenjaminLawn.com click on “Curbside Leaf Removal”. If you prefer to pay by check, mail completed form and payment to the address listed below.

**Step 4:** 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: _______________________________________
E-mail: _________________________________________
Phone Number: (____)____-__________

Please make checks payable to: Benjamin Lawn & Landscape
PO Box 8063
Prairie Village, KS 66208

**Place an “X” next to the dates you wish to participate:**

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$40 for pick-up #1 only, $52 for pick-up #2 only, OR $75 for both.

Payment must be received at least 2 days prior to your given pick-up date(s). Your payment reserves your place on the collection list.

Note: If you live in the FIELDSTON or FAIRWAY Homes Associations, do not sign-up for this program as your HOA has arranged curbside leaf removal for you. If you have questions please contact your HOA or Benjamin Lawn & Landscape. Collection dates:

Fairway HOA  Monday, Nov. 25 & Monday, Dec. 16
Fieldston HOA  Sunday, Nov. 24 & Sunday, Dec. 15
Secure e-Cycle will be onsite collecting electronics. There will be a small fee for PC Monitors $20 & TV’s $25 (cash or check). 

EVERYTHING ELSE WITH A CORD IS FREE.

Complete list available at http://secureecycle.com/items.asp