

# The Roeland Parker

## Garbage, Recycling and Yard Waste Collection

As of January 1, 2012 the Johnson County Board of Commissioners require changes be made to the regulations concerning garbage, recycling and yard waste collection. **The most significant change is that each and every household is limited to 96 gallons of garbage pickup each week.** This amounts to a filled 65-gallon trash container and one garbage bag, or a 96- gallon container. For those who have more than 96 gallons of garbage, stickers can be purchased at City Hall for \$1.25 each for each additional 35-gallon garbage bag set out for collection.

Recycling will be unlimited in amounts for the materials listed by Town & Country as items they will collect for recycling purposes. Recycling containers should be placed on the opposite side of the driveway from the garbage container. For more information on what materials are recyclable please visit our website or contact City Hall.

Yard waste will still be collected as it has been in 2011. Yard waste is to be placed in a designated container to be emptied, or in the paper yard waste bags. Yard waste placed in plastic garbage bags will not be picked up. Yard waste should also be placed on the opposite side of the driveway from the garbage container along with the recycling containers.

## Spotlight on Toni Hull

**Please join us in wishing Toni best wishes in her retirement!** Ms. Hull was sworn into office as Councilmember for Ward 1 in April 2003 and reelected in 2007 and 2011. She served as council President from 2007 -2010. Ms. Hull has served as Chairperson in all four of the city's Finance, Public Works,



Administration and Safety Committees. She was the city's representative for the Roeland Park Community Center and a Commissioner for the Northeast Animal Control Commission. She has brought celebrities into our City like Otis Taylor, Buck O'Neil and Art Still to promote Roeland Park.

Toni wants everyone to know she did not step down for health reasons but wanted to be closer to her family in Hiawatha. "Some of the happiest moments of my life come from serving the residents", Hull said.

For more on Toni Hull, please view the full article online.

## How you can help keep Roeland Park safe during the winter?

With winter upon us, the chances of having snow, sleet or freezing rain are inevitable. We would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the responsibilities residents have to help keep our sidewalks and streets safe as outlined in city ordinances. There are a few important components to snow removal to keep in mind this winter:

**Keeping sidewalks clean:** Specifically, article 3 section 13-301 of the Roeland Park City Ordinance states: "All persons owning or occupying property abutting upon any sidewalk shall keep such sidewalk in a safe condition and free from grass or other debris." This ordinance includes snow and ice.

**Use of All Terrain Vehicles:** ATVs can be used to move snow on private property and can be moved between properties by loading them on a trailer. Since ATVs and lawnmowers are not licensed vehicles they should not be operating on public streets.

**Help Keep Our Streets Clear:** The City's Public Works crew will do the best job they can to keep our streets clear of snow and other hazardous conditions. Residents can go a long way in assisting in these efforts by keeping as many cars off the street as possible.

**Winter Safety:** As a friendly reminder - residents should not to leave their vehicles running unattended. Each year numerous vehicles in the metro area are stolen because they are left unattended and running. The Police Department recommends using a remote start if you need to warm up your vehicle.



## ***New Citizens Academy Created to Help Educate Residents to City Functions***

In 2012 the City will conduct a Citizens Academy which will cover a number of different local services which impact residents' daily lives. Below is the draft schedule. Each session will meet for roughly 2 hours.

**Session 1 January 24, 2012 Governing the City: Tour 2<sup>nd</sup> floor City Hall** - The relationship between the City Council and City Administration, the role of Advisory Boards and Committees, and Finance Department.

**Session 2 February 21, 2012 Quality of Life: Community Center and Community Pool Tour** - Learn more about why Roeland Park is a great place to live, work and raise a family.

**Session 3 March 13, 2012 Public Safety** - Tour & overview of the Police Department.

**Session 4 April 17, 2012 Infrastructure and Codes Issues** - Tour of Public Works and discussion of codes issues.

**Session 5 May 22, 2012 Arts in our Park, History of our city and intergovernmental relations** - Tour of art projects throughout the city and discussion with county and state officials.

**Session 6 June 19, 2012 Fire Safety** - Tour and briefing by the Consolidated Fire District #2.

**Class Recognition to be determined City Council Meeting.**

**To be part of this behind the scene tour, the application deadline is Friday, January 10, 2012**

**Applications can be found on the City's website at [www.roelandpark.org](http://www.roelandpark.org).** Please return your applications quickly, as class size is limited. Please return completed applications to: Citizens Academy, City Administrator's Office, City Hall, 4600 West 51<sup>st</sup> Street, Roeland Park, Kansas 66205, or fax to 913.722.3713. If you have any questions, please call Aaron Otto, City Administrator, at 913.722.2600.

### **Smell on Nall**

Do you live in the vicinity of Nall Park? Have you noticed an unpleasant smell while in the area? Several residents have complained about the odors that permeate this area on a regular basis. Johnson County Wastewater operates its plant across the street- just west of the park. Depending on the time of year, wind, and other factors, the odors can be worse than at other times. Residents who live near the park can call Johnson County Wastewater at 913.715.8600 to report the problem. Roeland Park would like to apologize for any inconvenience or nuisance this may pose.



**NEW EXPANDED FITNESS ROOM NOW OPEN AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER! NEW EQUIPMENT...NEW HOURS...NEW RATES...GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO TACKLE THOSE NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS!**

#### **RPCC FITNESS ROOM**

Roeland Park Community Center  
4850 Rosewood Drive  
(913) 826-3160

#### **HOURS OF OPERATION**

Monday thru Thursday	7:00AM	8:00PM
Friday	7:00AM	5:00PM
Saturday	7:00AM	NOON
Sunday	CLOSED	

\*Memberships can be purchased between the hours of 8:00AM to 5:00PM Monday thru Friday in person or with a credit card over the phone by calling the community center office.

#### **MEMBERSHIP RATES**

	<b>Roeland Park Residents</b>		
	<b>3-Month</b>	<b>6-Month</b>	<b>1-Year</b>
Single	\$36.00	\$65.00	\$125.00
Family	\$45.00	\$85.00	\$160.00
50+ Single	\$36.00	\$65.00	\$125.00
50+ Family	\$45.00	\$85.00	\$160.00

*Contact the Fitness Center for Non-Resident Rates*

Members must be 18 years or older. Family memberships are limited to member, spouse (or significant other), and dependent children between the ages of 18 and 21 who live at the same residence.

#### **Strength Training**

##### **Room Includes:**

*Lifetime Fitness  
Circuit Equipment,  
Free Weights,  
Hammer Strength  
Equipment*

#### **Cardio Room**

##### **Includes:**

*5 Treadmills,  
3 Ellipticals,  
3 Step Machines,  
3 Aerodyne  
Bicycles and  
1 Recumbent  
Bicycle*

## Budget Efficiencies



In an effort to maximize the effectiveness of city services, the City Staff follows certain efficiencies to help reduce costs. The Administration, Police, and Public

Works Departments have all instituted policies that will contribute to cost-savings for the City.

The Administration Department has adopted several cost-cutting measures, including carpooling and sharing hotel rooms with officials from other cities for conferences, trainings, and meetings. The City has rebid the newsletter and realized a 35% cost savings for printing. Attorney fees will be shared between cities for similar legal updates. Whenever possible, overtime will be limited. Prior to hiring professional contractors, building maintenance, repairs, and IT maintenance will be done to the City's capability, where possible.

The Police Department has made some changes which will also

reduce costs. First, wherever and whenever possible, overtime will be reduced. The number of officers have been reduced by one. Uniform purchases are only made when they are completely in need of replacement. Training costs have been drastically reduced. Travel has also been restricted.

The Public Works Department is reducing summer help from 3 or more employees down to 1. Overtime will be limited. Whenever possible, Public Works will complete all vehicle, equipment, and building maintenance and repair needs in-house. This includes the vehicles used by the Police Department. Public Works will also periodically check prices from vendors, ensuring low cost and high quality. A recycling program for scrap metal has been created to capture additional revenue and avoid discarding these items to a landfill.

Last, whenever possible, the City will purchase products from local Roeland Park stores to support vendors operating in our city which will help ensure residents have local purchasing options in the future.

## Update on Possible Wal-Mart departure to Mission

There have been some discussions about the possibility that the Wal-Mart based in Roeland Park may be moving to the Gateway Center in Mission.

Wal-Mart has been a great community partner since 1996. Representatives of the City have been working with representatives of the current property owners, Woodson Partners, on a two track approach in response to this development. One approach is, while Wal-Mart has signed a letter of intent to move to Mission for additional space, representatives of the current property owners have been working on concepts which could allow for additional space in Roeland Park if the possible move to Mission proves to be unsuccessful. While at the same time, if Wal-Mart does move to Mission, the City and property representatives see this as an opportunity to repurpose this high traffic, large retail space with possible new tenant(s).

While challenges may come along from this development, the City will continue to work with the property owners to provide input and assistance to take advantage of this new opportunity through a possible retreating of the space.

Wal-Mart has committed to keep the Roeland Park store open until the Mission store is open for business. They have also committed to buy out the remaining time on their lease in Roeland Park so the property owners can retenant the space as soon as possible which will minimize the amount of time building is vacant. Remember until Wal-Mart leaves, they are open for business which is very important to our community.

## Communication via Newsletter



You may be wondering why the City is going back to communicating via in-print newsletter. The governing body feels that it is important to share critical information with the residents of Roeland Park. While this costs the City money, the decision was made that it is important to communicate the day-to-day operations and events to keep our residents fully informed and engaged in the community. Also, due to residential home ownership turnover, if you would like to opt out of receiving the paper copy, we request you notify City Hall at the beginning of January each year. This system will ensure a new resident does not miss out on critical information because the previous owner chose to receive that information via email. The City will continue to build our presence in the city's website, Twitter, and Face Book.

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## DMV Closing

Johnson County Motor  
Vehicle Offices at 6000  
Lamar is closed

through the first quarter of 2012 while  
the State of Kansas renovates the  
building and updates their vehicle  
registration system. For further  
information, visit  
[www.dmvproject.ks.gov](http://www.dmvproject.ks.gov) .

## Storm Water Project RC 12-018

The final design meeting to discuss  
renovations and easements will be  
held at the Roeland Park Community  
Center on January 26 at 6 p.m.  
Please feel free to attend and share your  
opinions and concerns.

## Committee Vacancies

Roeland Park currently has five  
active committees. They are the:  
Parks Committee, Planning  
Committee, Board of Zoning and  
Appeals Committee, Sustainability  
Committee, and the Arts  
Committee. If you are interested  
in being a part of any of these  
committees please complete the  
“Committee Volunteer  
Opportunities” Application at  
[www.roelandpark.org](http://www.roelandpark.org). If you have  
any questions about service on  
one of these committees call City  
Hall at 913.722.2600



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our Face Book page!



You can follow us on  
Twitter @roelandparks



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City Council Meetings  
are held the first and  
third Monday of every  
month.

For more information on  
Council, Committee Meetings  
and Workshops please visit our  
website [www.roelandpark.org](http://www.roelandpark.org)  
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