

The Roeland Parker

Your City Newsletter, March 2011

Join us to help design your new community park!

Date: Wednesday, March 9th
Time: 6:00pm -to 7:30 pm—Open House
Location: Roeland Park Community Center
4850 Rosewood Drive

The City of Roeland Park invites residents to a public open house to come see the new Roeland Park Elementary School site park design concepts. The design team will be collecting input from the attendees to create the final design for the park at this meeting.

There will be two concept plans shown incorporating the ideas and wishes collected from the public survey that was completed.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Ward 3 Meeting
Roeland Park City Hall
Court Room
Thursday, March 10th
7 –8 pm

Stormwater Projects RC12-014 and RC12-018

RC12-018 Benefit District

The City of Roeland Park retained **Larkin Group's services to design** storm drainage and street improvements in the general area of 55th Street to Johnson Drive / Nall Avenue to Briar officially known as RC12-018 Benefit District. Larkin has begun the process of evaluating the existing pipe systems and culverts to determine their adequacy and which systems require replacement.

A Public Information Meeting will be held on April 20th at 6pm to discuss:

- What is a Benefit District?
- Why a Benefit District must be created?
- The project process
- Construction Timeline
- City Council adopts Resolution creating the Benefit District - Proposed May / June

Obtain Easements from property owners in the construction area. More information and preliminary drawings will be available at the public information meeting.

The RC12-014 construction is substantially completed.

The City has begun calculating final Benefit District Assessments. The costs of the improvements will be paid between the Johnson County Stormwater Management (SMAC) and the benefit district. The properties that fall within the benefit district (drainage area) will be assessed on their lot an amount up to \$.25 per square foot. You will have the option to pay it all at once or have it assessed to your property tax bill for fifteen years.

Spring 2011 Election Info

On Tuesday, April 5, 2011 all Roeland Park registered voters will have the opportunity to vote on your future City Council members. One seat in each of the four wards is up for a four year term.

Ward 1 Toni J. Hull (I) John Millett	Ward 3 Megan England (I) Linda Mau
Ward 2 Scott Gregory (I) Jennifer Gunby	Ward 4 Linda Fell Marek Gliniecki (I)

March 16—Advance voting by mail begins

March 21—Registration books close - last day to register

March 29—Advance voting in person begins at Election Office

April 4—Advance voting in person closes (12 noon)

April 5—Election Day

Farewell after 24 Years

Community Center Manager Leaving after 24 Years

On Thursday, March 31, Jane Hurst will walk out the doors of the Roeland Park Community Center for the last time—at least in the role of its manager.

Jane took the helm of the RPCC in February of 1987 through her position as Multi-Service Center Coordinator with what was then the Johnson County Human Resources and Aging Department. In the intervening years she became the public face of the center—a warm, caring, wise presence that Roeland Park residents of all ages felt comfortable with, whether they were renting a room for a wedding reception, working out in the fitness room, coming in for a tea dance, eating at the senior nutrition site, or bringing their grandkids in for a puppet or magic show.

Jane’s responsibilities fell into two broad areas: coordinating the center’s facilities and providing programs and services to help the most vulnerable of residents. Her knowledge was vast, encompassing the workings of the boiler, the electrical circuitry, how the sewer gas is vented, grant funding, budgets, supervision, community event programming, and serving as a landlord.

A typical day could include conferring with the custodial supervisor about floor wax, giving out bags of groceries from the food pantry, making a presentation at Rotary, and planning a new Walking Club to keep seniors active during the bitter cold. In every facet of her job she radiated kindness and concern, wisdom and willingness to try new things, professionalism and personality.

Among Jane’s proudest accomplishments is the Seeds That Feed the Need Garden, a volunteer project through which fresh produce, herbs, and flowers are grown and then distributed to residents through the pantry. That project was so ingenious and successful that it won an award for innovation from the National Association of Counties, or NACo. She was also pivotal in the daily humming of the EasyRide transit program.

During her tenure at the RPCC, Jane worked closely with community organizations, corporations, and city government to provide the best possible service to residents. She chaired an active board of advisors, whose passion for the community center helped it flourish. Many

residents knew her from her regular column in the quarterly **“Preview” newsletter.**

Now Jane is eager to manage something new—the rhythm of her own days! She plans to spend lots of time in her beautiful gardens and with her beloved grandchildren, travel with her husband, Harry Hurst, and step into a role she knows well from the other side: being a volunteer.

We wish her all the best and extend deep gratitude for her service to Johnson County and to the City of Roeland Park.

A farewell reception will be held on Thursday, March 31st from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Roeland Park Community Center. Please come by and wish Jane the best in her future endeavors.



Construction News:

Watch for Spring Construction on 55th Street between Roe Blvd and Shawnee Mission Parkway.

RC12-014 Stormwater—Final construction to be completed in Spring. Assessment notices will be

delivered to homeowners by mail during the early Spring. Please contact City Hall if you have questions regarding the assessments. (More information on cover page)

Please be assured that during construction of City projects, emergency vehicles will always have access to your property.

Spring and Summer Reminders

Great weather is around the corner and with everything getting ready to turn green and bloom again, the City wants to remind you, the residents, of some of the ordinances in Roeland Park. Here are just a few to remember.

- Trash containers need to be stored properly behind a shield. This could mean in the garage, the backyard or behind a piece of fencing. They are not to be visible from the street and may not be in front of your house on any day other than pickup day. All trash needs to be inside the container as well.
- As your grass starts to grow please keep in mind it needs to be mowed periodically and the maximum length is 6 inches.
- Peeling or chipping Paint— touch up areas that are in need of care. Jo Co Home Program funding assistance available to those that qualify.
- If you do your own lawn care, please remember it is unlawful to rake or blow yard debris onto the sidewalks,

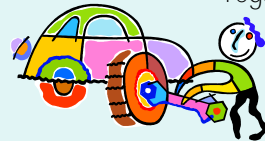


into the streets or put it in storm drains. If you choose to have a lawn service, please remind them of this as well because the violation will fall on the owner of the property.

- All signs are required to be a minimum of ten (10) feet from the curb. If they are closer the signs could get pulled.
- Inoperable cars are not allowed. Inoperable means flat tires, on jacks, expired tags or a motor vehicle that will not move under its own power.
- **Trailers, boats and RV's are allowed;** however they need to be on the side (behind the front) of your residence or in the backyard. They are not required to be on paved surfaces.
- All residents with sidewalks on their property are required to maintain that section of sidewalk. If there are weeds growing out of the cracks please pull them or put weed killer **on them so it doesn't ruin the sidewalk.**
- If you have animals and take them on walks please remember they are

to be leashed, no matter how obedient, and pick up after your **animal. It is no one else's** responsibility to clean up after your pet. Noisy dogs are also an ordinance violation and this could result in a visit from Animal Control or the Police Department.

Please keep in mind if you get a letter regarding these, it is because a violation has been found. And please remember it is a violation letter, NOT a citation. The City does give people time to correct violations



If you believe a neighboring property has a violation you can contact City Hall. You may also try to speak with your neighbor first. You may be asked your name and address, but you will remain anonymous if a violation is found. Also keep in mind, what you may think is a violation may not be a violation according to city code.

If you would like to see all the ordinances you can look at our code book online at www.roelandpark.org.

City Council Actions

January 3, 2011 City Council Meeting

- Approved Agreement with SureWest for Telecommunication Franchise.

January 18, 2011 City Council Meeting

- Approved travel expenses for Mayor to NLC in Washington DC.
- Approved the purchase of 2—2011 Dump Trucks to replace the 1997 dump trucks.
- Approved Agreement with Johnson County for SMAC Reimbursement up to

75% on RC12-018 Stormwater Project.

February 7, 2011 City Council Meeting

- Approved Ordinance allowing Residential Keeping of Chickens. (See Ord 857 for details)
- Council began Goal Setting sessions.

February 21, 2011 City Council Meeting

- Approved Professional Services Agreement for repairs needed at the

Community Center.

- Approved Bid Documents and Notice to Bid for CARS 55th Street Maintenance Program.
- Roeland Park City Council will be discussing the Granada Park— **Skatepark at its' March 14th Public Works Meeting.** The public is invited attend.



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 4600 West 51st St
 Roeland Park, Ks 66205

City Now Accepting Online Payments

You will now be able to pay for building permits, garage sale permits, occupational license, rental license, animal licenses and court fines on-line for a small convenience fee of 3% (\$2.00 minimum) for MasterCard, Visa or Discover and a flat \$3.00 charge for checks. For more information please contact City Hall. There will not be a convenience fee if paying in person at City Hall.

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Meetings held at Roeland Park City Hall unless otherwise noted. RPCC = Roeland Park Community Center, 4850 Rosewood Drive

For additional information, contact the Debra Mootz, City Clerk at dlmootz@roelandpark.org or 913-722-2600

50 PLUS ADULT ACTIVITY CALENDAR

March/April 2011

ORGANIZATION NAME:

JOHNSON COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT ROELAND PARK COMMUNITY CENTER 50 PLUS PROGRAM

4850 Rosewood, Roeland Park, KS 66205

SUBMITTED BY: LIBBY SCARBOROUGH

TELEPHONE: (913) 826-3160

Cost of classes show: **\$Johnson County Resident/\$Non-Johnson County Resident**

Fitness Classes offered throughout the month. Call the center for details. Drop-in Cards and Games classes offered throughout the month. Call the center for details. One-on-One Computer Tutoring sessions are offered by appointment. Call center for details.

Day: March 1st
Event: Dance: Ballroom – Intermediate/Advanced
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Fee: 6-50 min. classes - \$32 per person (\$35 nonresidents)
Other information: Turn up the tunes and kick it up a notch in this intermediate/advanced ballroom class. Beginning ballroom is recommended. Punch cards are available. Call 913-826-3160 for punch card pricing.

Day: March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, & 29th
Event: Dance: Social – Tea Dance
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Fee: 1-2 hr. dance \$4 at the door
Other information: Enjoy a fun-filled afternoon while dancing to live music from the big band era during our weekly tea dances. Singles and couples welcome.

Day: March 1st
Event: Exercise: Indoor Walking Club
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Fee: 10-50 min. sessions - \$14 per person (\$15 nonresidents)
Other information: Don't worry about the weather! Keep dry and keep those joints moving with this indoor walking club. Meet every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30am. After the walk, stay for coffee and conversation. Can't make it to all 10 meetings? Join us with a drop-in fee of \$2.00 per session.

Day: March 2nd
Event: Art: Sketch & Paint (Ages 18 & older)
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Fee: 6-2 hr. lessons - \$55 (\$61 nonresident)
Other information: Sketch your composition then paint with your medium of choice. Basics are covered for new or review of various topics to include: perspective, negative space, composition and more.

Day: March 3rd
Event: Beginning Country Line dance (Ages 16 & older)
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Fee: 6-50 min. lessons - \$30 (\$33 nonresident)
Other information: Line dance is a great way to have fun and spend time with friends. Join as a group and learn together.

Day: March 3rd
Event: Intermediate Country Line dance (Ages 16 & older)
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Fee: 6-50 min. lessons - \$30 (\$33 nonresident)
Other information: Line dance is a great way to have fun and spend time with friends. Join as a group and learn together.

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Event: Dance: Beginning Ballroom
Time: 6:30 p.m.
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Other information: Strap on your dancing shoes and grab your partner. Before you know it you'll be dancing like the stars! Beginners start with basic steps. A variety of styles covered. Partner required.

Day: March 3rd
Event: Dance: Beginning Belly Dance
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Fee: 6-50 min. lessons - \$34 (\$37 nonresident)
Other information: Gain control of those often-underused muscles and have fun as you shake away inches and strengthen legs.

Day: March 3rd
Event: Dance: Swing Dance (Ages 16 & Older)
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Fee: 6-50 min. lessons - \$32 (\$35 nonresident)
Other information: Come swing and sway to the great music of the 40's and 50's! Learn the basic steps that made the East Coast Swing popular. Partner required.

Day: March 4th
Event: Art: China Painting
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Fee: 4-3 hr. classes \$44/\$48
Other information: Learn brush strokes and how to blend paint while creating a wild rose pattern on a plate, then progress to other patterns. Instructor furnishes supplies for first-time students; thereafter, students must purchase their own supplies. No painting skills necessary.

Day: March 10th
Event: Games: Mah Jongg for Beginners
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Fee: 6-2 hr. lessons - \$48 (\$53 nonresidents)
Other information: Learn the American version of this popular

ancient Chinese game similar to rummy. Ceremonies and rules are taught at tables of 4. Once you've learned the game play weekly at any of our 50 Plus centers!

Day: March 15th
Event: Special Event: Wii Games (and more!) with the Kiddos (All Ages)

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Fee: 1-2 hr. event \$5

Other information: Get out of the house this Spring Break for a Wii-lee good time with our Wii console. These interactive games on the Nintendo Wii will leave you laughing and wanting more. Come learn to play the Wii or brush up on your gaming skills with other Wii fanatics. We will provide the games and snacks, but don't forget to bring your game face!

Day: March 16th
Event: Computers: eBay Intro to Selling

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Fee: 1-3 hr. class - \$25 (\$27 nonresidents)

Other information: Sell your unwanted items (furniture, antiques and "stuff") on eBay. Learn to list, price and ship the items appropriately. A brief overview of Craigslist will also be included. Some internet and email experience is recommended. Class is presented lecture style.

Day: March 17th
Event: Games: Bunco Bash

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Fee: 1-90 min. event \$5 (\$6 nonresidents)

Other information: Feeling lucky? This easy and fun dice game gets everyone in the mood to have fun. Bring your favorite appetizer or sweet treat to share. We'll provide the drinks and prizes.

Day: March 18th
Event: Pool Party: Spring Break Splash Bash (All Ages)

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Fee: 1-3 hour event \$5 for adults and children 3 and over; Free-children under 3 year of age

Other information: Splish Splash... we're having a Spring Break Bash! Swing on over to the indoor Roeland park Aquatic Center for a swimmingly good time. There will be organized games in the pool area and a delicious hotdog lunch will be served from 11am to 12:30pm. Adults and children can dive in for this splashing good time!

Day: March 23rd
Event: Gardening: Container Gardening

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Fee: 1-90 min. workshop - \$12 (\$13 nonresidents)

Other information: Learn how to make container growing more successful and accessible, including discussions of pot types, medium, color, and texture considerations, flowers for hot or shady conditions, and growing edibles.

Day: March 31st
Event: Games: Wii Games Drop-In

Time: 1:00 p.m.
Fee: 1-2 hr. drop-in game & snacks - \$3 pay at the door

Other information: From five to 95, the young and the young at heart will enjoy these interactive games on the Nintendo Wii. Come play fun and simple games such as bowling, tennis, baseball, and many more. Simple and unique games will leave you laughing and wanting more. Please RSVP three days in advance by calling 913-826-3160.

Day: April 1st
Event: Art: China Painting

Time: 9:00 a.m.
Fee: 4-3 hr. classes \$44/\$48

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their own supplies. No painting skills necessary.

Day: April 5th
Event: Exercise: Indoor Walking Club

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Day: April 5th
Event: Genealogy: Genealogy 101

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Fee: 2-90 min. workshops - \$18 per person (\$20 nonresidents)

Other information: Discover your family history! Start from scratch and learn the process of creating a written record of your immediate family and ancestors. Information on where to access records in your area and from internet sites is reviewed. Participants will receive reference material to assist further research.

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Event: Dance: Social – Tea Dance

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Fee: 1-2 hr. dance \$4 at the door

Other information: Enjoy a fun-filled afternoon while dancing to live music from the big band era during our weekly tea dances. Singles and couples welcome.

Day: April 7th
Event: Spring Spaghetti Dinner

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Fee: 1-20 hr. event - \$5 per person

Other information: Mmmm! Something good is cooking at the Roeland Park Community Center! You don't want to miss this long standing tradition of delicious food, friends, conversation, and don't

forget the fun! Doors open at 4pm and dinner is served at 5:30pm. Call 913-826-3160 to register.

Day: April 9th

Event: Crafts: Jewelry Bag (Ages 18 & Older)

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Fee: 1-3 hr. event - \$18 (\$20 nonresident)

Other information: Traveling with great grandma's earrings? Or a special bracelet? Keep your jewelry together and pack it safely in this handmade jewelry bag. Call 913-826-3160 for a supply list.

Day: April 12th

Event: Dance: Ballroom – Intermediate/Advanced

Time: 6:30 p.m.

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Event: Art: Sketch & Paint (Ages 18 & older)

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Fee: 5-2 hr. lessons - \$46 (\$51 nonresident)

Other information: Sketch your composition then paint with your medium of choice. Basics are covered for new or review of various topics to include: perspective, negative space, composition and more.

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Event: Dance: Beginning Ballroom

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Day: April 16th

Event: Geocaching: Adventures in Geoaching (All Ages)

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Place: Heritage Park

Fee: 1-2 hr. outing - \$8 (\$9 nonresidents) per person or \$13 (14 nonresidents) per family of four or less.

Other information: Try this new and exciting hobby and get to know

your local parks! Geocaching is an entertaining adventure game for GPS users. Learn in a fun and relaxed environment how to use GPS, otherwise known as Global Positioning System. You don't need your own, one will be provided for you. So what's a cache? Think of it as a treasure on a modern day scavenger hunt. Children under 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

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Day: April 21th

Event: Games: Bunny Bingo

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Fee: 1-2 hr. event \$5 (\$6 nonresidents)

Other information: Here comes Peter Cotton Tail, hopping down the bunny trail! Enjoy some spring time snacks and 10-12 games of Bingo free at this limited edition Springtime Bunny Bingo Bash! Prizes include gift certificates to local businesses and gift packs.

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Day: April 30th
Event: Special Event: Breakfast & Bargain Bonanza (All Ages)
Time: 8:00 a.m.
Fee: Breakfast (served 8am-11am) - \$3 in advance, \$5 at the door.; Sale Space (2 parking stalls) - \$20; Use of one (1) table in your space - \$5(reserve when you register); Use of one (1) coat rack - \$5 (reserve when you register).
Other information: What is the best way to spend a spring Saturday?

Bargain shopping of course! Join us for an egg-cellent breakfast and then browse this huge community garage sale!

Day: April 30th
Event: Art: Painting with Acrylic Workshop
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Fee: \$37 (\$41 nonresident)
Other information: create a work of art using acrylic paint and take it home that day! Join this workshop with artist Carol Tinklepaugh to learn the properties of this versatile medium. Bring a sack lunch and a drink.