

THE ROELAND PARKER

November, 2009

*Season's Greetings from
The Mayor, City Council and Staff of Roeland Park*

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Ripple Glass Recycling is here!

You can finally recycle those empty glass containers! Ripple Glass placed their first bin during the first week of November in Roeland Park. The City, Northeast Johnson County Chamber of Commerce and Ripple Glass will be holding a ribbon cutting ceremony in the Bella Roe parking lot (next to CiCi's Pizza) on November 18, 2009 at 8 a.m.



For more information about Ripple Glass, go to www.rippleglasskc.com

Speed Check

During the past year the Roeland Park Police Department has received calls from residents concerned about speeders on their street. To determine the extent of the problem a speed monitor was placed on those streets. This monitor provides date, time and speed of vehicles along with the number of vehicles per day. The results have provided the Police Department with information on which streets have the heaviest traffic and which streets have a greater need of radar enforcement. Most of the streets that were monitored during 2009 averaged below the legal speed limit. Thanks for helping keep our community safe.

Street	Average Speed	Average Vehicles Per Day
Juniper	21.6	135
Roeland Dr	22.8	233
55th St	27.1	1742
Clark Dr	23.4	207
Neosho	24.4	829
Briar	19.8	90
Buena Vista	25.5	735
52nd Pl	22.7	190

Holiday Lighting Ceremony

Roeland Park will kick-off the holiday season with their traditional Holiday Lighting Ceremony at 6 pm Tuesday, December 1. The children from Roesland Elementary School and St. Agnes will ring in the holiday season again this year with a medley of traditional music. Mayor Foster will share a favorite verse and the lights will be turned on by Channel 41 Chief Meteorologist, Gary Lezak with his best friend, Stormy. Santa will be making his arrival in Roeland Park just for this ceremony. Refreshments will be served in City Hall following the ceremony.



Set those DVR's to Channel 41 at 5 and 6 pm as they broadcast the weather live from the front of City Hall and watch the faces of those young ones as the lights are turned on.

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City Changes Official Newspaper

The City Council approved the use of *The Legal Record* as the Official City Newspaper on September 8th. Public Notices for the City will be published on Tuesdays. If you wish to view *The Legal Record* online, a link is provided on the city's website. Paper copies are available at City Hall.

Flu Shots

Flu shots will again be available at the Roeland Park City Hall on November 12th. KU Medical Center will be on site to administer the flu shots at a cost of \$25. Other shots, tetanus shots (\$30) Pneumonia (\$40) and H1N1 shots will also be available. Avoid the FLU BLUES!

Construction Update:

RC12-012 Stormwater Project, this project is substantially complete. Punch list items as well as some finishing details will be completed in the months to come.

RC12-014 Stormwater Project, bids were received on the project October 27th. The council will accept the construction bid at the November 2nd council meeting. The project is estimated to cost \$2.7 million dollars. The City will be receiving 75% of the funding from SMAC for construction of this project. Additional funding will be contributed by the City and those property owners of the RC12-014 Benefit District.

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

City Leaf Program Winds Down!

This year's program has been in full swing and will end on Dec 18th. The schedule for the remainder of time is:

East of Roe

Week of Nov 9th & 23rd

West of Roe

Week of Nov 16th & Dec 7th
Roe Blvd—Nov 21st, 8-11 am

Please do not rake your leaves out until the weekend before your pickup.

Please do not leave branches or other objects that will damage the machine in with your leaves.

Your RP Green Team...

Along with an increasing ability to recycle everyday items, citizens are encouraged to recycle and/or dispose responsibly of other items such as a variety of electronics that are either still working or no longer in working order. Johnson County is increasing their ability to accept electronics. While the monthly hazardous waste collection dates at the Johnson County Environmental Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility will not resume until March of next year, it is their intention to collect electronics on the 2nd Saturday of the month. Electronic items are not just computer related items, but also include radios, smoke detectors, thermostats, small kitchen appliances, etc. No refrigerators can be accepted due to the liquid coolant.

Additionally, residents can go to http://jced.jocogov.org/solid_waste/recycling/sw_ewastejoco.htm to find a list of businesses in our area that will also accept electronics for recycling.

City Hall Calendar

November

- 2 * 5:45 pm Sidewalk Ad Hoc
- 2 * 6:45 pm Property Owners Assn
- 2 * 7pm City Council
- 3 * 12pm City Hall Improvement
- 5 * 6pm Volunteer Reception
- 9 * 6pm Public Works/Public Safety
- 10* 12pm City Hall Improvement
- 11 * 6pm Parks
- 12 * 2pm Flu Shots
- 16 * 7pm City Council
- 17 * 7pm Planning Commission
- 18 * 8am Ribbon Cutting Ripple Glass, (Bella Roe Shopping Ctr 4960 Roe Blvd)
- 18 * 6pm Sustainability
- 23 * 6pm Admin/Finance
- 24 * 12pm City Hall Improvement
- 26-27 * Thanksgiving Holiday—City Hall Closed

December

- 1 * 12pm City Hall Improvement
- 1 * 6pm Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony
- 7 * 5:45 pm Sidewalk Ad Hoc
- 7 * 7pm City Council
- 8 * 12pm City Hall Improvement
- 9 * 6pm Parks
- 14 * 6pm Public Works/Public Safety
- 15 * 12pm City Hall Improvement
- 15 * 12pm Planning Commission
- 21 * 7pm City Council
- 25 * Christmas—City Hall Closed
- 28 * 6pm Admin/Finance

All meetings held at Roeland Park City Hall
4600 W 51st Street, unless otherwise noted.

City Hall Art Gallery...

The Senior Arts Council will be presenting a wide variety of mediums in November.

Troy Swangstu will showcase his Kansas landscapes in December.

Most pieces are available for purchase directly from the individual artists.

From the Desk of the Building Official

It is that time when we all start focusing more on the holiday season ahead of us and less on home improvement activities. And, why shouldn't we? Many of us have spent the majority of our weekends and other time off working on our yards and our homes since the beginning of spring. We are ready for a break, or at least something different to consume our time with.

I want to encourage everyone to think about safety as we all start to spend more time inside our homes. Please take the time to have your furnace serviced and check your filters before winter sets in. All fire, smoke and carbon-monoxide detectors should be checked and the batteries changed for the winter as well.

This is also a good time to check any lamp cords, extension cords, multi-outlet strips and any other power cords you have in use. Look for nicks in the wire, discoloration or burn marks around your outlets. If there are signs of wear, consider replacing the power cord, extension cord or outlet strip as needed.

Even though most people wind down for the winter months, there will always be some odds and ends to complete and a few surprise projects that may appear just to keep us on our toes. Most contractors are looking for winter projects and often offer better prices in the winter as it is their slow season. This is also the best time of the year to have any tree work done. The trees are dormant and the tree companies are also looking for work. And like any other contractor, they often offer better prices during the winter months to keep their crews working.

I hope everyone has a safe, warm and prosperous holiday season and winter. Please remember to get your permits for any upcoming projects and do not forget to check references and insurance on any contractor you hire.



Council Actions

- Agreed to utilize the existing TIF funds to make necessary improvements to City Hall.
- Received notification from CLO that they were no longer interested in purchasing the old Roeland Park Elementary School.
- Agreed to advertise the old Roeland Park Elementary School was for sale in order to be used as a church or school.
- Approved a contract to demolish the pool house at the old city swimming pool.

Snow Removal Crew

We know we don't want to think about it, but, one of these days our streets will be covered with snow. While we have the best Public Works Dept around, they need your help when it comes to getting our streets cleared. The trucks can clear your streets much faster if your car is not in the street. If there is much snow you will find a windrow in front of your drive or against your car if it is in the street. This can't be helped, so keep those shovels close. Plan ahead for these storms. Our Public Works staff work long and hard to provide the best service for your safety and convenience.



Food Pantry Collection

In the tradition of holiday giving and sharing, Roeland Park Community Center will be collecting food for their Food Pantry. Contributions may be left at City Hall, Room 200. Your contribution will help make some family a nice holiday.





Roeland Park City Hall
4600 West 51st St
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Christmas Tree Recycling Program

Drop off at 48th & Roe Lane
Dec 26th—Jan 31st

REMOVE all the ornaments, decorations, tinsel and stand from the tree.



New to Roeland Park
 Welcome! Please call City Hall and ask for a new resident packet. The packet contains valuable information on:

- Animals Registration
- Home Repair/Remodeling
- Voter Registration
- Recycling/Trash Information
- Community Events & Activities

Roeland Park City Hall Directory
 4600 West 51st Street, Roeland Park, KS 66205
 Phone (913) 722-2600
City Hall Hours • Monday-Thursday 7 am—6 pm • Friday 7 am—5 pm

E-Newsletter:

Would you like to STOP the paper copy of this newsletter? Sign up online for the Roeland Parker emailed directly to you as soon as it is available or you can view it online at: www.roelandpark.net—Newsletter

Important Phone Numbers:

Animal Control782-0720
 Aquatic Center.....432-1377
 Community Center.....826-3130
 Easy Ride.....397-7300
 Fire Dept (non emergency)432-1105
 Municipal Court 677.3389
 Town and Country (Trash).816-380-5595
 Hazardous Waste715-6900
 Johnson Co Wastewater...913-432-3820
 KCPL816-471-5275
 KPL Gas/Electric800-794-4780
 Time Warner913-451-6464
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