

The Roeland Parker

Your City Newsletter, November 2010

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City Goes Green—The Roeland Parker NO LONGER TO BE MAILED

In an effort to reduce costs, the City of Roeland Park will no longer be mailing newsletters. How much are we saving—approximately \$10,000-\$15,000 a year in printing and mailing costs. During the budget process this year, many expenses were reviewed to determine if the City could realize any savings.

What does this mean to you the resident or business owner? News and events will be posted online on our website, on our Facebook page and delivered via email (sign up now).

Don't have access to a computer? There are public computers available at the Cedar Roe Library and the Roeland Park Community Center.

Still want a hard copy...not a problem, just stop by City Hall and pick one up or call us and we will mail you a hard copy.

Town Hall Meeting Topic—Keeping Chickens

November 9 at 7 PM

Location Correction—Roeland Park City Hall



The City Council will be holding a Town Hall Meeting to hear comments regarding the residential keeping of fowl (hen chickens) within the city limits of Roeland Park.

The Administrative Committee has held several meetings to research such an ordinance. To date the committee has reviewed proposals for keeping hen chickens only (no roosters); the fee to the owner; the number allowed; permit requirements; enclosures; distances from adjacent properties; and nuisance control.

The council would like to hear from you. *What questions or rumors have you heard?* Come to the meeting hear the facts and express your concerns or consent.



TRASH COLLECTION

Trash will be collected on your regular scheduled day. Make sure you have your cans to the curb by 7 am.

Signs, Signs, Signs

Roeland Park has always had a restrictive set of ordinances when it comes to signs. Garage sale signs, political signs, real estate signs and other signs all had codes that limited or prohibited their use in most cases. However, the sign ordinances needed to be updated to comply with Kansas laws and statutes. This revision was completed and included in the reorganization and **revisions of Chapter XVI of the city's code book.** After having several discussions and a public hearing, the new and improved Chapter XVI was adopted on May 3, 2010 by the City Council through ordinance #845.

Most of the sign ordinances remained the same which prohibit any signs being attached to city sign posts or utility poles; no signs are allowed that advertise a home business in a residential area; and no signs should be placed on public property (including the medians on Roe Blvd and the planted islands at any intersection) unless approved by the City Council. Garage sale signs are allowed and the guidelines are provided with the garage sale permit.

One of the most misunderstood sign ordinances are for real estate sales. The **ordinances do allow for one "Yard Sign."** The sign surface is limited to six (6) square-feet in area/per side, is not to exceed six (6) feet in height and shall be set back a minimum of ten (10) feet from the street line. Directional or pointer signs on the corners of intersections are prohibited with the exception of signs advertising an open house. Open house signs are permitted on the corners of



intersections during the actual hours of the open house only. Open house signs placed on the corners in advance will be removed.

Political signs are now referred to as **"temporary signs."**

Temporary signs may also include signs that advertise scouting, a festival or something else altogether. Temporary signs are limited to three (3) square-feet of surface area, a maximum width of thirty (30) inches and a maximum height of forty-two (42) inches above grade. There is a limit of three temporary signs per residential property; they must be placed at least ten (10) feet behind the street line; and they must be kept in good condition.

Window signs are permitted as long as they are placed on the inside of the window and do not exceed three (3) square-feet per sign.

2010 Holiday Lighting



This year the City will kick-off the holiday season at Sweany Park (Neosho and Wells) with a traditional Holiday Lighting starting at 6 pm Wednesday, December 1.

The children from Roeland Elementary School and St. Agnes will ring in the holiday season with a medley of traditional music.

Santa will be making his arrival in Roeland Park just for this ceremony.

Hot Cocoa and Cookies will be served.

Roeland Park—Official Electric Vehicle Charging Location

The future is here — Electric vehicles are environmentally friendly, cost significantly less to operate, and are fun to drive. So how do you charge them when you are away from home, by using public charging stations like the one that is being installed at Roeland Park City Hall. For more information about EV charging stations, join us at our ribbon cutting event.

Ribbon Cutting Event for our EV Charging Station.

Date and time to be Announced



City Hall Receives Energy / Sustainability Grants

The City of Roeland Park was awarded two grants this past month. One from the Kansas Corporation Commission and the State Energy Office “Public Projects Grant” in the amount of \$87,000 for energy efficient repairs/renovations to our City Hall building. The city will be replacing/retrofitting the florescent lighting and HVAC to more energy efficient equipment. These renovations will help in making the building less expensive to operate.

Our second grant was the Sustainable Skylines Parking Lot Grant from Mid-America Regional Council in the amount of \$5,000. City Hall parking lot has been selected as the location to receive the funding. We will be adding trees, that are located as part of the “Right Tree, Right Place” initiative. There will be buffalo grass planted in areas around the parking lot to reduce the amount of grass cutting areas and a native planting area located at the front circle.

Weatherization and Energy Audit Programs Available

The Johnson County Weatherization Program provides assistance to low-income residents of Johnson County in making their homes more comfortable, safe and energy efficient: hsa.jocogov.org/housing/weatherization.shtml

Efficiency Kansas -

Thermal Rebate—Qualifying improvements include caulking, insulation, weather stripping, window sealing, and door sealing. www.efficiencykansas.com/envelope_rebate.php

Energy Audit—\$500 discount on home energy audits—only \$100 for the first 1500 Kansans.

www.efficiencykansas.com/audit_program.php

Kansas City Power & Light

Energy Optimizer—This program offers a FREE programmable thermostat (\$300 value), participating KCP&L residential and small commercial customers to help manage energy consumption throughout the year. www.kcplsave.com/residential/programs_and_services/energy_optimizer/default.html



Leaf Pickup Schedule

The City will conduct its' Annual Fall Leaf Pickup, during the months of October, November and December. These dates are tentative, providing that the leaves have fallen and weather conditions allow for pickup. Please do not place leaves out more than two days prior to your scheduled week.

SCHEDULE

All Houses East of Roe

October 25th - 29th

November 8th - 12th

November 22nd - 24th

All Houses West of Roe

November 1st - 5th

November 15th - 19th

November 29th - December 3rd

City-Wide Cleanup

December 6th - 17th

Houses on Roe Blvd

Saturday, Nov. 20th

(The outside lanes of Roe Blvd will be blocked starting at 7 am to allow residents to push their leaves into the street. Last pickup will be completed by noon.)

Leaves need to be raked into the street about a foot from the curb so the machine can get in and pick them up. Make sure that no foreign objects are raked into the leaves, as they can damage the machine and cause unnecessary expenses to the City and to you, the taxpayer.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the leaf program, please feel free to contact City Hall or your council member.

Christmas Tree Recycling Program

Drop off at 48th & Roe Lane
December 26th—January 31st

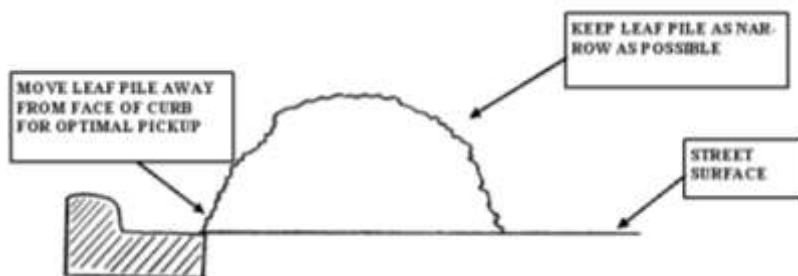


REMOVE all the ornaments, decorations, tinsel and stand from the tree.

Construction News:

RC12-014 Stormwater Project—Updated schedules are available on the City's website under “Public Works—Construction.” This project is funded by the City of Roeland Park, Johnson County SMAC and the residents in the benefit district. Assessments for the project will be determined once final costs are in; however, the total cost to the residents in the benefit district will be no more than \$.25/area square foot.

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



CITY CALENDAR



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Roeland Park, Ks 66205

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November

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| City Council (7pm)..... | 1, 15 |
| Public Works & Public Safety (6 pm)..... | 8 |
| Town Hall Meeting—Chickens (RPCC 7 pm)..... | 9 |
| Joint City Council/Parks Committee (6 pm)..... | 10 |
| City Offices Closed— Veteran's Day | 11 |
| Finance Workshop (6pm)..... | 15 |
| Planning Commission (7pm)..... | 16 |
| Sustainability Committee (6pm)..... | 17 |
| Finance/Admin Committee (6pm)..... | 22 |
| City Offices Closed—Thanksgiving..... | 25-26 |

December

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| Holiday Lighting (Sweany Park—6 pm)..... | 1 |
| Finance Workshop (6pm)..... | 6 |
| City Council (7pm)..... | 6, 20 |
| Parks Committee (6pm)..... | 8 |
| Public Works & Public Safety (6pm)..... | 13 |
| Finance/Admin Committee (6pm)..... | 14 |
| Sidewalk Ad-Hoc Committee (5:45 pm)..... | 20 |
| Planning Commission (7pm)..... | 21 |
| City Offices Closed—Christmas Observed..... | 24 |

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

Programs Available for Residents of Roeland Park at the Roeland Park Community Center

Emergency Services—913-826-3130

- Utility Assistance
- Food Stamp application assistance
- Rent Assistance
- Kansas City's Medicine Cabinet
- Food Pantry

Senior Services—913-826-3130

Volunteer Opportunities—913-715-8859

The Neighbors' Place—913-816-3139

Lunch with choice of entrée at RPCC for residents 60 and older (weekdays).

Services to all residents—913-826-3130

- Notary public
- Intensive Family Counseling
- Free public computer use
- Wi-Fi

November 15



America Recycles Day

Lead by Example

City Council Actions

RC12-018 Stormwater Project—Engineering/Design, Approved. Council approved the engineering contract with Larkin Group for the design of the drainage basin generally located on the north by 55th Street, on the east by Ash Drive, on the south by Johnson Drive, and on the west by Nall Avenue.

Document Management Software, Approved. Council approved the purchase of SIRE Technologies document management software. The software will allow residents to access public documents from the internet.

Elected Official and Appointed Official Salary reduction, approved. The council approved a 20% reduction in salary for the Mayor, council

members, judge and prosecutor positions. City Treasurer position was reduced from \$100 per month to \$0.

Massage Therapy Establishment and Ordinance—Revised, approved. Council approved revised Massage Therapy Establishment and Massage Therapist licensing requirements. All massage therapists must have 500 hours of instruction in theory, method or practice from a National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage & Bodywork (NCBTMB) approved school. Or passed the National Certification Examination; CPR and First Aid; and provide proof of compliance with the continuing education requirements for NCBTMB or AMTA.

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