

# The Roeland Parker

Your City Newsletter, September 2010

## Renewal of Special

## Sales Tax for Infrastructure on November Ballot

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On November 2nd, registered voters in Roeland Park will have the opportunity to cast their vote on the renewal of the existing 1/4 percent sales tax which provides funding for infrastructure improvements to the City. The renewal of this sales tax would remain in effect for ten years ending March 31, 2023.

### What the sales tax can be used for:

Water and Wastewater;  
Transportation; Transit; Cultural/  
Social/Community/Recreational  
Facilities; Waste Management

### Why the City Council decided on renewing the Sales Tax:

The City Council considered this option for voters because it offsets the burden of funding infrastructure improvements by utilizing **sales tax rather than property tax**. Roeland Park has a favorable Trade Factor, providing more tax revenue from non-residents than residents. Which means local businesses are pulling in customers from beyond the Roeland Park city limits.

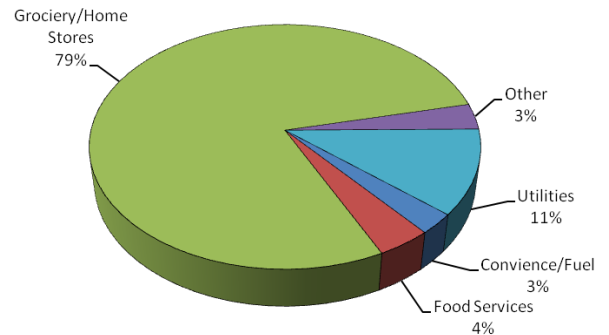
### How much money has the 1/4 percent sales tax generated for the City:

Approximately \$2,700,000 has been generated over the past 7 1/2 years (\$360,000 annual average).

### What has the 1/4 percent sales tax been used for since it was approved:

Johnson Drive mill and overlay; Mission Road mill and overlay; Nall Park Nature Trail; RC12-012 Stormwater Project; RC12-014 Stormwater Project; Purchase of Former Roeland Park School Property for New Park at 5535 Juniper; Roeland Park Elementary Demolition; Various Street/Sidewalk Maintenance projects.

2009 Sales Tax Generated by Type



### How will the question appear on the ballot:

SHALL THE FOLLOWING BE ADOPTED?

“SHALL THE CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS, BE AUTHORIZED TO LEVY A ONE-FOURTH OF ONE PERCENT (0.25%) CITY RETAILERS' SALES TAX, IN ADDITION TO THE ONE PERCENT (1.0%) TAX CURRENTLY LEVIED, WITHIN THE CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS, AND TO USE THE REVENUE FROM THE ADDITIONAL TAX FOR PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS, INCLUDING BUILDINGS, WITH SUCH ADDITIONAL TAX TO TAKE EFFECT ON APRIL 1, 2013, AND TO END ON MARCH 31, 2023?”

### What was the turnout of the November, 2002 Election with regard to passing the 1/4 percent sales tax:

The 1/4 percent sales tax was approved by the voters as follows:

Total Votes: 2631

Yes 1574, 59.83% No 1057, 40.17%

### CITY OFFICES CLOSED

Monday, September 6 for Labor Day

### TRASH COLLECTION

Trash will be collected on Labor Day  
Monday, September 6

# City Events

## CURE SMA Race-n-Roll, October 2



The Cure SMA (Spinal Muscular Atrophy) Race-n-Roll is quickly approaching! The date is set for Sat. October 2nd at a NEW LOCATION! It will now be in front of Bishop Miege High School in Roeland Park!

Families of SMA makes a difference every day because of your support. Together, in 2010, we will accomplish the following:

- Expand our investment in critical Spinal Muscular Atrophy

research to grow the drug and clinical pipeline to increase our likelihood of finding a treatment and cure.

- Provide direct support to hundreds of families with newly diagnosed children by sending them packets of important information and pieces of critical equipment.
- Provide services to more than 70% of SMA families in the United States.
- Host the nation's largest gathering of those affected by SMA and the

researchers working towards a cure at the 2010 Annual SMA Conference, bringing together hundreds of families and researchers from around the world to share ideas and hope for the future.

Just click or paste this link [www.fsma.org/LWC/GroovyGibbsGirls](http://www.fsma.org/LWC/GroovyGibbsGirls) and you will be able to Join the Cure SMA Race-n-Roll team, register and donate!

### Sept 18 Movie Night

Appx 7 pm  
Movie to begin at dusk  
RP Community Center

Featuring -  
Disney/Pixar **Up!**

All movies are family friendly and absolutely FREE!

Grab your cooler, lawn chairs and blankets for a great night of fun.  
*Alcohol is prohibited*

Rain or Shine—  
If it rains, we will hold it inside the Community Center in the Multipurpose Room

### Sept 20—25 Neighborhood Knock

The Roeland Park Green Team will once again be walking door to door to share with the residents information about composting and recycling.

The Roeland Park Green Team is working to increase interest and participation in recycling and share the cost savings and importance of recycling.

### Oct 9 Green Day Festival

10 am—3 pm  
RP Community Center

*Sponsored by Johnson County Park & Recreation*

StoneLion Puppet Theatre, Johnson County Parks and Recreation and the Johnson County Stormwater Education Committee are joining together to bring a free festival of ART, Theatre, Music and conservation to Johnson County. Come have fun, create and learn how to help the planet we live on.

Featured performances include StoneLion Puppet Theatre and Mr. Stinky Feet- Jim Cosgrove.

Dozens of area Environmental groups, Eco Game show, kids art and activities, refreshments and fun for the entire family....and it's all FREE!

### Oct 16 Art Reception



Artist Reception at City Hall on, Saturday October 16 from 3:30—5:30 pm

**Artists for Round 6:**  
Reda Carr, Kenneth Purevich, Angelica Sandoval

**Artists for Round 7:**  
Todd Baker, Eric Candee, Ben McCullough, E. Spenser Schubert, Robert Melville Stone

Please join the artists for an informal talk, a little music and some refreshments.

## September 16-19

### City Wide Garage Sale

Plan now to participate.

No permits needed for those dates!

# K-State Research and Extension Office to Provide Free Soil Tests

Knowing the base fertility of the soil is important for proper plant growth. This is especially important as the time for fall lawn reseeding quickly approaches. Soil testing is the only way to know the nutrient levels in your soil. Applying fertilizer without a current soil test is sure to cost you in either over application or under production.

Through a grant provided by Johnson County Stormwater Management, a limited number of free soil tests are available from Johnson County K-State Research and Extension. The

free tests are good for a routine soil analysis which tests the pH, phosphorus and potassium levels of the soil. Johnson County homeowners are eligible to receive one free test per household. Johnson County agriculture producers, which includes pastures, row crops and commercial horticulture, are eligible to receive up to five free agriculture soil tests

The test is available on a first-come basis. Samples need to be brought or mailed to the Johnson County Extension office at 11811 S. Sunset

Drive, Suite 1500, Olathe, KS 66061. To take advantage of this opportunity and learn the specific procedures for collecting a proper sample, or to learn of additional tests that are available for a nominal fee, visit [www.johnson.ksu.edu](http://www.johnson.ksu.edu), or call (913) 715-7000.

## Construction News:

**RC12-012 Rain Garden Walk-Through**—The City of Roeland Park will be doing a walk-thru of the rain gardens and linear bio-retention area located in the RC12-012 Benefit District. Staff will be on hand to discuss plantings and maintenance. An information booklet complete with plant photos and other relevant ecological information for each species will be available to inform residents of the plant size, spread and bloom season. Meet us at 52nd Place and Reinhardt on a Oct 14, 2010 at 5:30 pm.

**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.

**2010 CARS Project**—The 2010 CARS Program includes spot curb replacement, and mill and overlay of asphalt on 53rd Street (from Buena Vista to Mission Road) and on Buena Vista (from Shawnee Mission Parkway to 53rd Street). Upon completion, 53rd Street and Buena Vista will be more attractive and provide improved function for years to come. We apologize in advance for any temporary inconvenience to you during construction.

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

# Leaf Pickup Begins October 25th

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

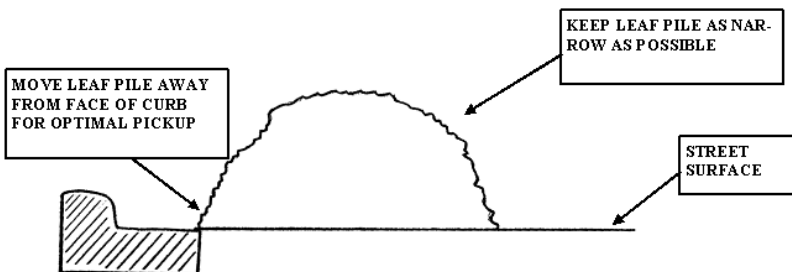
### Houses on Roe Blvd

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.



# City Council Actions

## July 6, 2010—Regular Meeting

**2010 CARS Bid, Approved.** Council approved the bid from McAnany Construction for the mill and overlay of Buena Vista from Shawnee Mission Parkway to 53rd Street and 53rd Street from Buena Vista to Mission Road. (See *Construction News* for more details)

## July 19—Regular Meeting

EasyRide Program coming to an end December 31, 2010. Usage of the EasyRide Program has seen a large decline since its inception in 2004. Johnson County Transit and Roeland Park are looking for ways to continue to support riders with other transit programs.

## August 2—Regular Meeting

**Chicken Ordinance** Council recommending Administrative Committee review the ordinance on keeping of Chickens in the City.

## August 14—Special Meeting

**2011 Budget Adopted** The council approved a mill levy of 22 mills. This is an increase of 3.23 mills. Over \$800,000 in expenses were cut for 2011 included such items as Art in R Park, Community Events, 15% reduction in Elected/Appointed Official Salaries, NLC Travel, council meals, printing of the Newsletter in Black and White.

*For additional information, contact the Debra Mootz, City Clerk at [dlmootz@roelandpark.org](mailto:dlmootz@roelandpark.org) or 913-722-2600*

## 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

### Services to all residents—913-826-3130

- Notary public
- Family Conservancy-family asset building
- Intensive Family Counseling
- Free public computer use
- Wi-Fi

### The Neighbors' Place—913-816-3139

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

## CODE Reminder:

Did you know that the grass growing on the top of the curb and in the sidewalk in front of your property is the responsibility of the homeowner. Cleaning the grass out of the curb or sidewalk needs to be done regularly in order to keep your city beautiful. If you have questions or concerns regarding this code, please contact Shiloh Wells at 913-722-2600 or by email at [swells@roelandpark.org](mailto:swells@roelandpark.org).

# CITY CALENDAR

## September

City offices closed.....	6
City Council (7pm).....	7, 20
Parks Committee (6pm) .....	8
Public Works & Public Safety (6pm) .....	13
City-wide Garage Sale .....	16-19
Movie Night RPCC (7:30pm).....	18
Finance Workshop (6pm) .....	20
Planning Commission (7pm) .....	21
Sustainability Committee (6pm) .....	22
Finance/Admin Committee (6pm) .....	20

## October

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*Meetings held at Roeland Park City Hall unless otherwise noted.*

*RPCC = Roeland Park Community Center, 4850 Rosewood Drive*