



# The ROELAND PARKER

April 2018

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE ROCKS?



You may have noticed all of the dirt that has moved at The Rocks development, also known as the old pool site. This City-owned property has undergone major changes in the past two years in preparation to spawn new development. The caves that housed the City's old municipal pool have been filled to accommodate an activity or entertainment center such as an outdoor sports complex. Grading continues on the site as well as work to install a sanitary sewer system and a regional storm water detention facility. The City has engaged CBC Real Estate to market the site to potential developers with the goal of obtaining a limited service hotel, a full-service restaurant, and a regional sports or entertainment center.

The City has taken steps to rezone the property and approve a preliminary development plan for the site. In addition, City Council has approved a hotel/motel tax rate of 8% which could help pay for additional infrastructure improvements on the site. The City will need to relocate Public Works which is currently housed on the site. Staff and the Governing Body continue to work to find a permanent site for the Public Works shop and review of locations is ongoing.

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## Chief's Corner



The Roeland Park Police Department created a specialized unit in 2018 to help reduce criminal activity in the business district of the city. The Department established the "Retail Crime Enforcement Unit" (RCEU), a vehicle used at targeted locations to help deter those involved in criminal activity.

Bill Benfer with Benfer's Tow donated the vehicle and was given a "Community Policing Appreciation Award" for his continuous support of the Roeland Park Police Department and our crime prevention objectives. The specialized unit has officers working in uniform and plain clothes at different locations and times in order to deter, detect, and apprehend criminal violators. Remember to call 911 for anything suspicious and that crime prevention works if we all do our part. Stay safe!  
~John Morris



## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



**April 28** Drug Take Back at **May 17-20** Citywide Garage Sale  
Price Chopper

**May 5** Spring Fling at Nall Park

**Sept. 22** Paper shredding and electronic recycling event

## Got Drugs?

Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal  
Saturday, April 28th  
10am to 2pm

Price Chopper  
4950 Roe Blvd  
Roeland Park, KS

For more information go to [www.dea.gov](http://www.dea.gov) or call 800-882-9539 for a collection site near you

For more information on the drug take-back program, go to  
<https://takebackday.dea.gov/>



SAVE THE DATE: Nall Park Trail Ribbon Cutting, Arbor Day, and more.....

## Coming in September!

### Community Paper Shredding & Electronic Recycling Event

**Saturday, September 22, 2018 9am – 12 noon**

**Location: 4350 Shawnee Mission Pkwy**

**We'll share more details as they become available.**



Dear Friends,

## MAYOR'S REPORT

I hope that you all are enjoying the return of the sun and warmer temperatures. I know that my family has been anxiously awaiting the days when our trips to R Park can return undeterred by cold winter blasts. Spring is my favorite time of the year, and this year will be a special one because of the great progress coming to fruition for Roeland Park.

Our parks and green spaces are seeing continued improvements, but I wanted to share my excitement about three in particular. This spring, we welcome the multipurpose trail at Nall Park, which will offer a great opportunity to enjoy nature within the city. The Parks Committee and Urban Trail Company should be proud of their work. Further, Roeland Park was awarded a grant from the United States Tennis Association to aid in replacing the tennis courts at R Park. As part of the master plan created for the park's future, replacing the aging tennis courts will increase not only the beautification, but also the utility, provided by R Park. Finally, we are excited to add shaded spaces to the parks and aquatic center this year. While a good start, we will continue to evaluate the need for ways to help residents stay cool in next year's budget.



Despite all this excitement, I know that many of you are concerned about the future of the aquatic center. We have worked with JCPRD to ensure that a new dome will be in place this fall for the winter season. Additionally, we are partnering with JCPRD and the Blazers swim team to fix the broken bulkhead. Our partnership with JCPRD for the operation of the aquatic center is scheduled to end in May 2019, and we are continuing to evaluate the feasibility of operating the pool on a year-round basis. To that extent, we need to hear from you about the direction you feel is appropriate. Please contact me and your city council representatives, and come to Governing Body meetings to share citizen comments. A decision will be made within the coming months, so please don't delay in letting your voices be heard.

While you're out enjoying the weather, our public works team will continue its diligent street maintenance program. Unlike some of our neighboring cities, we are lucky to be able to complete much of the repair and maintenance of our streets in-house, so please feel free to say thank you to the crew when they are in your neighborhood. Also, stay tuned for information from public works about exciting improvements to our leaf program coming this fall.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to serve. Whether good or bad, please contact me and share your thoughts on the actions of the governing body. Please know that my inbox, and my door, remain open to your suggestions.

With Roeland Park Pride,

Mayor Mike Kelly

### CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS

- Ordinance 957 Mobilite Franchise Agreement
- Approved Mobilite Pole Attachment Agreement
- Approved bulkhead replacement at Pool
- Approved 2019 Resident Street Reconstruction Design Task Order
- Approved 2018 Super Pass Agreement and Swim Meet Letter of Understanding
- Approved 2018 Public Works trailer and asphalt float purchase

Agendas, packets and minutes for City Council and Workshop meetings are available at [www.roelandpark.net](http://www.roelandpark.net). The public is welcome to attend city meetings. If you need accommodations, please contact the City Clerk at 913-722-2600 (Kansas Relay Service 1-800-766-3777). Please give 48 hours' notice.

### **Congratulations! To City Clerk Kelley Bohon For being chosen to attend the 2018 Leadership NEJC Class!**

Leadership NEJC is a premiere regional leadership program dedicated to connecting communities, building relationships and growing business throughout Northeast Johnson County. Held annually from January to May, the program has graduated over 500 well-connected and involved community and business leaders. The 2018 class will graduate on May 17<sup>th</sup> at the Marriott Kansas City Overland Park during a luncheon and ceremony with leadership speaker and Pro Football Hall of Famer Will Shields.



## THANK YOU R PARK DONORS!

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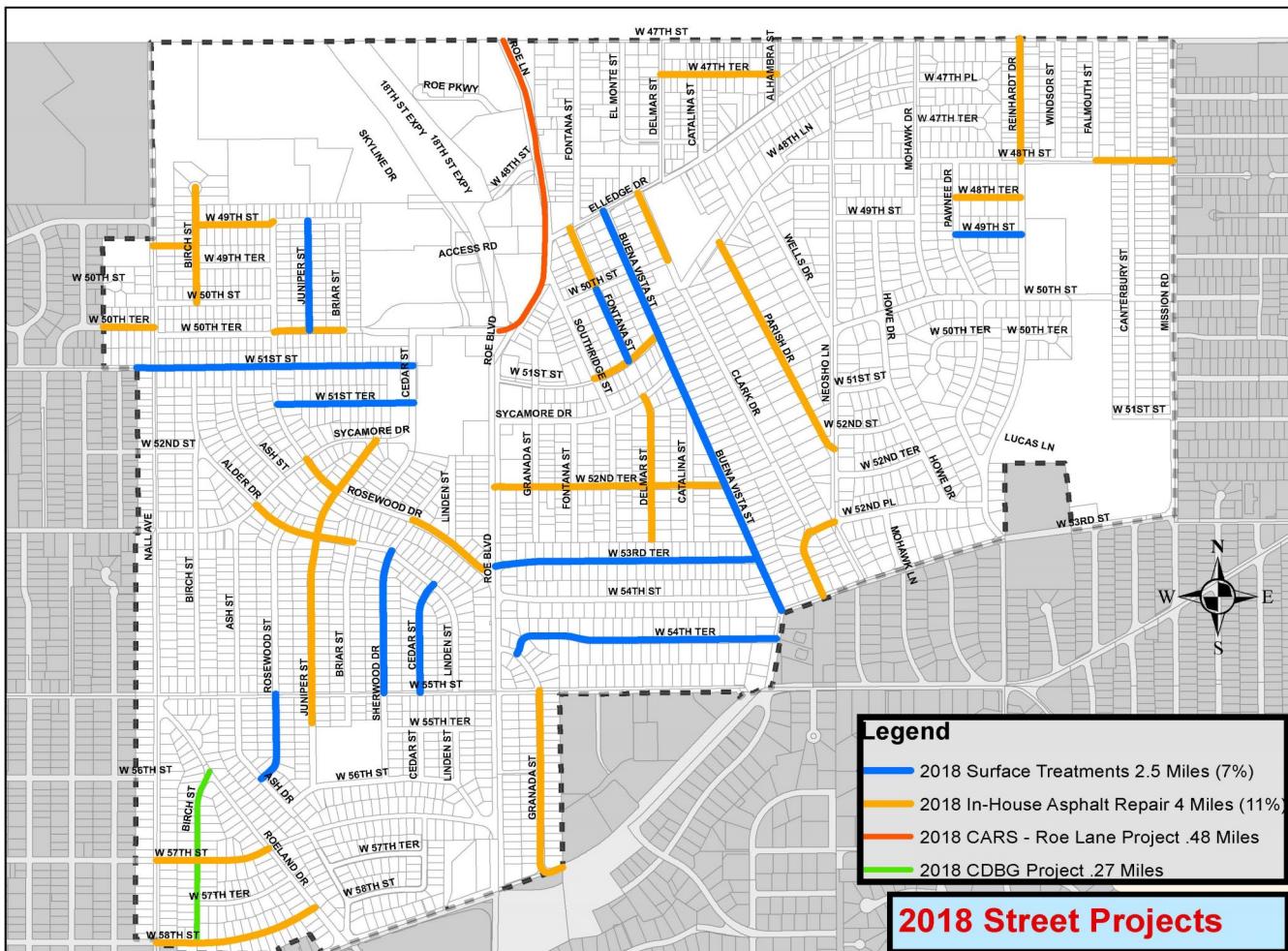
## STREET PROJECTS FOR 2018

2018 is lining up to be one of the most productive years for our street maintenance efforts. In total, the City is improving nearly 20% of the street network in Roeland Park. This is a huge accomplishment! The map below illustrates the streets which will receive surface treatment, in-house asphalt repair locations, 2018 CARS project, and 2018 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project.

Our surface treatments will use two different methods: Chipseal and UBAS. Buena Vista and 51st Street both will receive UBAS, which is a thin layer of asphalt. All other streets will be have chipseal. Our 2018 In-House maintenance efforts will focus on the removal and replacement of the top 2"-4" asphalt repairs and we will also repair any base repairs as well. These streets have been marked for curb replacement as well, so if you see any white paint marks on your street or on the curb near your home those are the locations we are going to be fixing!

The City's 2018 CARS project on Roe Lane is a large storm water maintenance and street improvement project. This project will remove and replace nearly 1/2 mile of deteriorated corrugated metal pipe (CMP). The street will receive a 2" mill/overlay, new sidewalk heading north to city limits, and this road will be home to the City's first bike lanes! The 2018 CDBG project on Birch Street will receive a 2" mill/overlay with base repairs, some curb and gutter replacements, and a new sidewalk down this section of Birch Street!

In our City's 2016 Citizen Survey you told us to focus on our City's infrastructure and we listened. Please be patient with any inconveniences all this work causes! For any questions regarding any of this work, please contact our Director of Public Works, Jose Leon at 913-722-5435 or [jleon@roelandpark.org](mailto:jleon@roelandpark.org)



# What do you do for fun?

## Roeland Park Community

### Center

(913) 826-3160

#### Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 8am-8pm

Friday: 8am-5pm

#### Fitness Room

Monday-Thursday: 7am-8pm

Friday: 7am-6pm

Saturday: 8am-12pm

Sunday: Closed

#### Room Rental Hours

Monday-Thursday: 8am-10pm

Friday-Saturday: 8am-

10:30pm

Sunday: 11am-8pm

## Roeland Park Aquatic

### Center

(913) 432-1377

The Aquatic Center is currently closed. Please visit the Johnson County Park and Recreation District Facebook page for future status updates.

## Roeland Park Sports Dome

(913) 362-8700

Please call for open gym and court rental availability.

[www.jcprd.com](http://www.jcprd.com)



#### Brochure & Bingo (50 Plus)

**Tuesday, April 3rd, 1:00pm-2:00pm, FREE**

Meet other adults interested in hearing about JCPRD's new 50 Plus Programs which will debut in the May-August My JCPRD Activities catalog. The coordinators who plan these programs also want to hear what activities you are most interested in! Four games of themed bingo will be played for JCPRD gift cards. Please register in advance to reserve your spot.

#### Video Phone Calling (50 Plus)

**Saturday, April 7th, 9:00am-11:00am, \$17 residents**

Stay connected with friends and family by keeping up with the technology trends. Smartphones and webcams make it possible to have a free video call via the internet. If you have a smartphone, laptop, or tablet, bring it to class to learn how to get set-up. Please know the brand of your device when calling to register.

#### Canvas Painting with a Brush & Beans (50 Plus)

**Friday, April 13th, 10:00am-12:00pm, \$35 residents**

A fun class of step-by-step canvas painting techniques given for the true beginner. Brushes and art supplies included, coffee beans brewed to enhance friendly conversation! Take home your work of art and feel proud of your new-found talent. To schedule a private session for a small group, call Lisa at (913) 826-3161.

#### Senior Fraud Seminar (50 Plus)

**Thursday, April 26th, 1:00pm-3:30pm, FREE**

Stay safe online by guarding yourself against fraud. This free seminar presented by Bank of Blue Valley will cover: online and mobile security; ATM and debit card security; ID theft prevention tips; and recent fraud scams and alerts. Please register by 4/23.

#### Family Bingo (Fun for All)

**Friday, May 4th, 6:30pm-8:30pm, Individual and Family pricing available.**

This is a great opportunity for the family to unplug and have fun together. We've added twists and special treats to make the game more active, silly, and a family night to remember! Dinner served at 6:30pm. Prizes include gift bags and gift certificates. Cost of admission covers food and staff time to administer the Bingo Program. No additional charge for Bingo. Please call 913-826-3160 with any event questions.

#### An update from the Roeland Park Aquatic Center

The Johnson County Park & Recreation District is excited to announce the Roeland Park Aquatic Center will re-open for the summer season on Saturday, May 26th.

Be on the lookout for special information regarding pool memberships to be delivered through the City of Roeland Park's e-newsletter. Pool Memberships will go on sale April 2nd, and can be purchased at the Roeland Park Community Center during normal hours of operation.

Visit [www.roelandpark.net](http://www.roelandpark.net) to ensure you receive Community Center Newsletters through Constant Contact! Summer is just around the corner, come enjoy fun in the sun so close to home!

#### Join Our Team!

Now hiring for Lifeguards, Front Desk Clerk, Water Safety Instructors and Concession Workers.

Apply today at [www.jcprd.com](http://www.jcprd.com)

For more information, a complete list of all our available programs or to register for activities please call (913) 826-3160 or visit us online at [www.jcprd.com](http://www.jcprd.com).



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## Roeland Park Police K9 Fund

The Roeland Park Police Department has kicked off a fundraising campaign to help purchase the first-ever canine unit for the City of Roeland Park, Kansas. The fundraising goal is \$80,000, which will help purchase the canine, training, equipment, and a police canine vehicle.

A police canine is a vital community resource that serves to protect the police officers and citizens. The canine will be trained in narcotics detection as well as other patrol related duties including tracking, building searches, suspect apprehension, and crime prevention.



Every penny raised goes directly to our canine unit. Whether it's a donation through [GoFundMe](#) or directly to the police department, all donated funds are strictly placed only into the K9 Fund and not the City's general fund. This money will be used to purchase our dog, equipment, food, vet care, and other items needed to first establish the canine unit. Money in this fund will also be used to sustain the canine unit.

Our handler will train at the Hill Country Dog Center (HCDC) in Pipe Creek, Texas. We have extensively researched various kennels and believe HCDC is the best fit for the Roeland Park PD Canine Unit. HCDC has graciously provided us a picture of one of their dogs ready to work!

Our future dog could soon be patrolling the streets of Roeland Park, so please help us reach our fundraising goal! If you can't help financially, we understand. Please reach out to those who may be able to help and share our story.

Thanks again for your support!

Roeland Park Police Department