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THE ROELAND PARKER

Official Newsletter of the City of Roeland Park

Letter from the Mayor

Dear Residents,

Fall is a time to celebrate an important part of makes us uniquely Roeland Park - our signature leaf pick-up program! Please pay close attention to the information on the insert of this newsletter to ensure your leaves get picked up. We designed it specifically to live on your refrigerator as a reminder. We will also share information on the City's website and social media.

As we prepare for the holiday season, I am reminded what a caring, generous community Roeland Park is. I urge all who are able to donate to the City's Adopt-a-Family holiday program. Thank you, as always, for your commitment to your neighbors and our community.

Sincerely,

Mike Kelly



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COUNCIL MEMBERS ATTENDING THE ALDI STAIRS DEDICATION HOSTED BY THE ROELAND PARK ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTIST: ASHLEY CORBELLO
PICTURES: LYNDA LEONARD

The dedication of the Aldi staircase is the culmination of a 2021 budget objective designed to improve pedestrian access and enhance the East/West connectivity of the City. The staircase will provide a safe route for residents who travel up the hill to Walgreen's and Aldi.





RESIDENTIAL ENERGY AUDIT INCENTIVE PROGRAM

REDUCE CARBON EMISSIONS

As part of our City-wide goal to reduce carbon emissions, the City of Roeland Park will rebate up to \$400 of the cost of a residential energy audit. The audit will be conducted by a licensed contractor and will include a list of customized recommendations to make your house more energy efficient. New tax credits are now available under the Inflation Reduction Act for energy efficiency home improvements, so it's a great time to take advantage of this program. All residents are eligible for this program!

To participate:

1. Schedule a home energy audit with one of our qualified contractors (list available on City website, link below)
2. Submit your reimbursement form to the City (including copy of invoice and customized report)
3. Receive up to \$400 back if application meets all criteria
4. Implement recommendations to save money and reduce carbon emissions!

For more information visit

<https://www.roelandpark.net/397/Climate-and-Sustainability>



COMMUNITY GIVING



The holidays are approaching! The City of Roeland Park plans to 'adopt' several families this upcoming holiday season. If you would like to help or donate, keep an eye out on our website (www.roelandpark.net) and social media for additional information. The City will also be accepting non-perishable food items for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Please contact Kelley Nielsen with questions: knielsen@roelandpark.org.



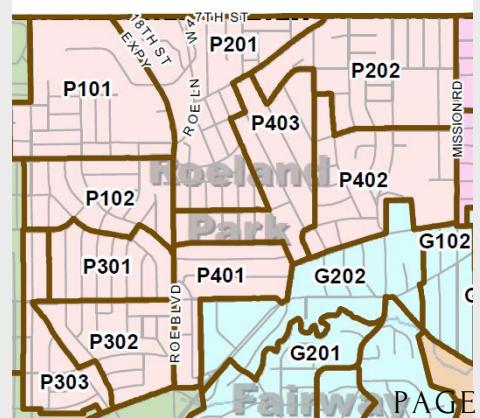
NOVEMBER 8TH GENERAL ELECTION

Candidates on the ballot include:

US Senate
US Representative
Kansas Governor/Lieutenant Governor
Kansas Secretary of State
Kansas Attorney General
Johnson County Commission
Kansas Supreme Court Justices
State Board of Education
State Treasurer
Commissioner of Insurance

For more information and to find your polling location, call (913) 715-6800 or visit:

<https://www.jocolection.org/voting-election-info/polling-places>



The Roeland Park Recreation Campus

COMMUNITY CENTER

Fitness Room
Personal Trainers
Group Fitness Classes
Facility Rental Space
Early Childhood Center
Programs & Events For All-Ages

Monday-Thursday: 7 am-8 pm
Friday: 8 am-5 pm
Saturday: 8 am-1 pm
Sunday: Closed

NOW ACCEPTING:



**Renew
Active**
by UnitedHealthcare

**Active Fit & Silver Fit
Coming Soon**

SPORTS DOME

Adult Volleyball Leagues
Adult Basketball Leagues
Court Rentals Available

*Please call for open gym
and court rental availability.*

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Community Center (913) 826-3160
Sports Dome (913) 362-8700

Habitat Restoration Continues at Cooper Creek Park

Restoration of the natural habitat at Cooper Creek Park will intensify during the next few months. Follow-up treatment for the eradication of invasive plant species will target any new growth of bush honeysuckle, wintercreeper vines, and Tree of Heaven. The eradicated areas will then be reseeded with a cover crop mixture of native grasses, which will help prevent erosion.



BUCKEYE BUTTERFLY AND BEES ON SEDUM

In Cooper Creek Park's riparian ecosystem, a woodland bordering a waterway, trees and other plants along the banks form a reciprocal relationship with organisms in the creek: each benefits the other. Once restored to natural health, Cooper Creek's riparian ecosystem will provide rich, valuable habitat for diverse plants and animals, as well as an inviting space for visitors of all ages and abilities to relax and play.

Cooper Creek Park is located at 5730 Roeland Drive.

Article by Gretchen Davis
Photos by Judy Hyde



MILKWEED FOR MONARCHS

A diversity of 130 native trees and shrubs will also be planted along the creek banks to reduce erosion and stormwater run-off, beautify the park, and provide shade, air purification, and habitat for wildlife. Because increased diversity provides increased resilience, the restored Cooper Creek ecosystem will have greater ability to withstand threats from extreme weather, insect infestation, disease, pollution, and invasive species. Additional environmental benefits include water filtration, cooler temperatures, and carbon sequestration.



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call for art!

THE CITY IS THRILLED TO
COMMISSION A SIGNATURE
PIECE OF ART TO BE PLACED ON
THE NORTH END OF ROE
BOULEVARD. INTERESTED?
LEARN MORE HERE:



ROELAND PARKER

The City recently purchased and installed a permanent Parade of Hearts sculpture. Go check it out on Roe Blvd in front of the Blvd Apartments!



Artist: Cindy Heller
Photographer: Ed Schulteis