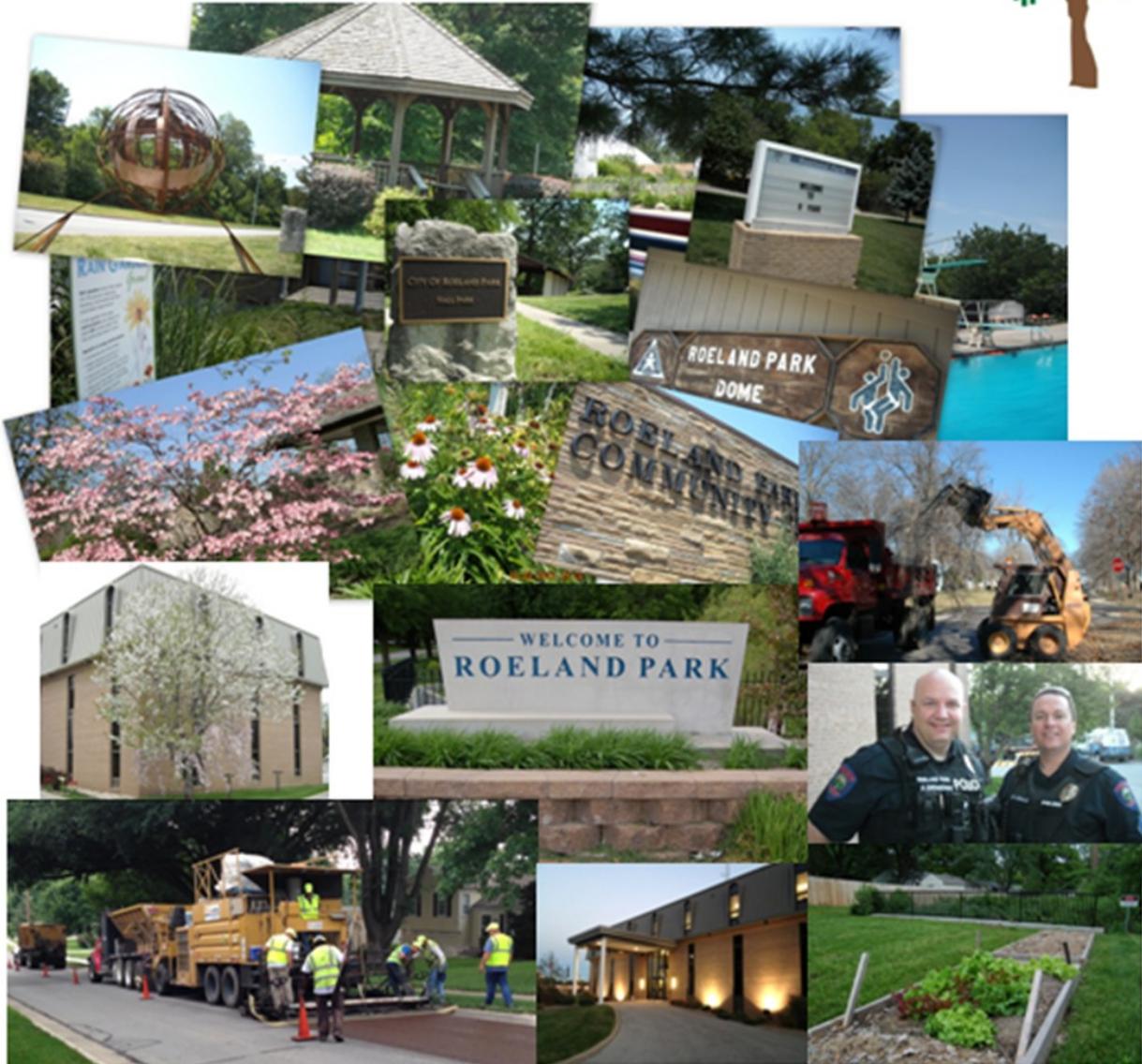


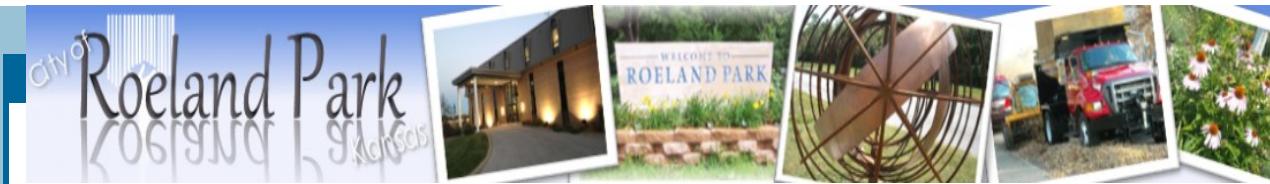
Roeland Park



Annual Report 2014

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A letter from the City Administrator:

March, 2015

Dear Roeland Park Residents, Neighbors, Customers, and Friends,

2014 was an exciting year for Roeland Park. This year we've seen many achievements ranging from private fundraising for the completed walking path in R Park to the Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting. The City welcomed two new council-members—Michael Rhoades and Ryan Kellerman and we said goodbye to Bob Meyers and Mel Croston whom we thank for their years of service. The City also said goodbye to several staff members who left including long-time city clerk and finance director Debbie Mootz and Public Works director David Mootz. 2014 was a year of change for City Hall as we welcomed a new city clerk, public works director and finance director/assistant city administrator.

In addition to personnel changes, the City also bade farewell and welcomed new things—Google Fiber was welcomed by the City and emerald ash borer necessitated the removal of our ash trees.

Numerous exciting events were held throughout the year in Roeland Park! The City's events committee hosted its first citywide block party as well as the spectacular fireworks display and tree lighting. We also completed the multiyear update to the City code book. New Building Codes were approved by the governing body in February. Through the enforcement of these codes our neighborhood services team continues to help make Roeland Park a beautiful place for residents to call home. Large strides were made in the City's Strategic Plan Update, which resulted in a great deal of resident feedback. These achievements could not have been done without the hard work of governing body members, staff, and citizens who serve on boards and commissions or assist the City in so many other ways.

Our public works staff, including new Director Jose Leon, has been working very hard to clear leaves and snow from the City as well as to repair streets in our City. Our police department, under police Chief John Morris, continues to do a stellar job in protecting and assisting our residents in issues both small and large as we work together to reduce crime in our City.

As you read through our annual report, the City would like to thank each and every one of you for making these achievements and events a reality.

Sincerely,

Aaron A. Otto
City Administrator
City of Roeland Park

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CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS 2014

January

APPROVED:

- Inter-local cooperative agreement between the City of Roeland Park and the Board of County Commissioners of Johnson County, KS requiring all Contractors conducting business within the City limits to be licensed with Johnson County.
- Bid specifications for corrugated storm pipe replacement on Roe Lane.
- Motion to clarify the use of beer and wine at certain Community Center events.
- Cooperative agreement to maintain plantings, provide trash removal, and provide half of the cost to remove snow at the bus stop on the North side of Johnson Drive at Roe Boulevard. The City will pay \$17.50 per snow event.
- Purchase of budgeted 2014 Public Works truck with snow plow and safety lighting package at a cost not to exceed \$40,000.

February

APPROVED:

- Hugo Wall School of Urban and Public Affairs at Wichita State University as the facilitator for the Strategic Planning process at a cost not to exceed \$9,900.
- Ordinance No. 891 adopting the 2012 ICC (Building, Mechanic, Plumbing and Fire) Code and the 2011 National Electric Code.
- 2014 Street Maintenance Project with bid specifications.
- Bid from Widenmann Inc. to replace damaged corrugated pipe on Roe Lane south of 48th Street at a cost not to exceed \$97,723.
- A new Governing Body Training and Travel policy.
- Resolution No. 632 updating fees and charges to take effect February 18, 2014.

March

APPROVED:

- Proclamation for a day of recognition for National Service Day on April 1, 2014.
- Ordinance No. 893 removing property within Redevelopment District No. 2 and the addition of property to Redevelopment District No. 3 and approving district plans pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1770.
- Resolution No. 633 approving 2015-2019 five year program under the County Assistance Road Systems Program (CARS).
- Proclamation declaring April 2014 Fair Housing Month.
- Proclamation making April 6-12, 2014 National Crime Victims Rights Week.
- Appointed David Waters as City Ethics Attorney, and reappointed Frank Gilman as City Prosecutor, Karen Torline as Municipal Judge and Shafer, Kline, and Warren as City Engineer.

- Bid for Precision Concrete Cutting Midwest at a cost of \$5,849 to complete sidewalk work in Ward 3.
- Nomination and election of Cmbr Gliniecki as Council President (unexpired term through May).
- Resolution No. 634 providing notice of the City's intent to withdraw from the Midwest Public Risk of Kansas Health Benefits pool.
- Parks Committee to partner with citizen fundraising initiative for R Park improvements.

April

APPROVED:

- The purchase of two budgeted police vehicles at a cost not to exceed \$55,000.
- Reappointment of Neil Shortlidge as City Attorney.
- Proclamation of April 25 as Arbor Day.
- Proclamation of the month of May as Bike Month.
- Proclamation of May 4 thru 10 as Municipal Clerks Week.
- Proclamation of May 11 thru 17 as National Police Week.
- Proclamation of May 18 thru 24 as National Public Works Week.
- The 2014 Street Maintenance Project with Little Joe's Asphalt at a price not to exceed \$137,751.18 and allowing the City Administrator to spend up to the budgeted amount on emergent street repair needs with the work to be performed by Little Joe's Asphalt.
- Rescinded Resolution #634 withdrawing from Midwest Public Risk of Kansas Health Benefits Pool. Approved Midwest Public Risk as the City's provider of health benefits for a period of at least three years.
- Issued a request for proposals for streetlight utility locate services for the City with bids due May 12, 2014.
- Interlocal cooperation agreement between the City of Roeland Park and the Johnson County Park and Recreation District for the joint use and operation of the Roeland Park Community Center at an amount not to exceed \$75,000.
- An agreement between the cities of Roeland Park, Fairway and Westwood and J&M Displays to provide a fireworks display on July 3, 2014 at a price not to exceed \$2,500.
- Permission for the Arts Committee to hold a fundraising event on May 3, 2014 in conjunction with Createful Studios.
- Creation of Phase 1 of a walking trail at R Park through private donations via the Roeland Park Community Foundation and authorized the Citizens Initiative to apply for a Sunflower Trails Grant to support construction of Phase 1 of the Walking Trail at R Park.
- Recommended to Google that the Roeland Park Community Center be the one public access site in Roeland Park to have a high speed fiber connection.

May**APPROVED:**

- SMA Run on October 4, 2014 with the City providing Police and Public Works services in support of the event.
- Street Run/Parade Permit for the Horizon Academy event on October 25, 2014 with the City providing Police and Public Works services in support of the event.
- Selected low bid from JDS Contractors, LLC to provide a new precast grate inlet and adjacent pavement restoration on Granada St south of Roe Ln at a cost not to exceed \$8,500.
- Approved O'Donnell-Way to provide additional emergent full depth patch and limited mill and overlay street maintenance needs at a cost not to exceed \$49,617.83.
- City Administrator's Employment Agreement with an effective date of March 1, 2014.
- City to apply for the Sunflower Grant for the R Park Walking Trail.
- Set the 2015 total solid waste collection fee of \$175.47 per household.
- Declared the Police Department's 2009 Ford Crown Victoria Unit #259 as surplus property to be sold on Craigslist or at auction.
- Purchase of a 6'x20' trailer for use by Public Works.
- Amendment to the 2014 Firework Agreement.
- Ordinance #895, allowing consumption of alcohol on certain public property for the 2014 community block party at R Park.

June**APPROVED:**

- Rescinded the motion approved at May 19 Council meeting regarding the approval of O'Donnell-Way providing emergent full depth patch and limited mill and overlay street maintenance.
- Amended contract for Little Joe's Asphalt to provide emergent full depth patch and limited mill and overlay throughout the City and complete replacement of Sycamore from Roe Blvd to Granada St at a cost not to exceed \$82,380.30.
- Contract with JDS Contractors LLC to replace the grate inlet on Granada Street at a cost not to exceed \$8,500.00.
- Updated City Reserve Policy to include an update to the bond and interest reserve, general fund reserve, and major maintenance building reserves.
- Modified agreement with Zimmer Real Estate for leasing space on third floor of the Roeland Park Municipal Building.
- Interlocal agreement between the City and the Board of County Commissioners to provide IT Services.
- Ordinance # 892 - KCPL Franchise Ordinance - Renewed for additional five years and retained the five percent exemptions for religious, nonprofit, government, educational and utilities.
- A 1 inch variance for the right of way ordinance for Google to install cabinets.
- Separated the City Clerk and Director of Finance into two positions and combine the position of assistant city administrator with the director of finance.

July**APPROVED**

- Charter Ordinance 27 exempting the City from KSA 14-570 and KSA 14-571 and adopted additional provisions relating to street lights and the issuance of bonds for street light improvement.
- Permission to publish the 2015 budget with a property tax levy of \$2,030,423.
- Events, time, time, place, and approval of two banners for Bacon, Brews and Blues Fest.
- Issuance of an RFP for a new roofing layer on the community center with responses due on August 12, 2014.
- Issuance of an RFP for a walking trail at R Park along with bid alternatives for trees and tree planting due August 11, 2014.
- Declared 2009 Ford Crown Victoria (Police Unite #249) as surplus property.
- Utilization of Jayhawk Software for Court Management Software at a cost of \$9,710.
- \$403.27 for an NLC reimbursement for CMBR Fast and up to \$750 for registration by CMBR Rhoades in the Leadership Northeast Program with \$496.73 from the large event training fund, and the remaining balances from CMBRS Rhoades, McNeil, and Gliniecki.
- Modified lease extension for Mack Hills at the same rate as the original agreement on the East side of the Third floor of City Hall and a lease agreement with Scenic Roads Productions for the entire suite of the West Side of the third floor of City Hall.

August**APPROVED**

- Ordinance 894 An ordinance relating to businesses prohibiting discrimination in employment practices, housing and public accommodations..
- FY15 Budget with a total *ad valorem* of \$2,030,423.
- Agreement with O'Donnell-Way to reconstruct the base of Mohawk Lane with a cost not to exceed \$28,536.
- Task Order 11 for the engineering, design and construction observation services for the work on Mohawk street between 52nd and 53rd street at a cost not to exceed \$7,195.
- Task Order 10 for the engineering, design and construction observation document preparation and construction observation services for additional work on the 2014 street and sidewalk maintenance program on Sycamore street (between Roe Blvd. and Granada St.) and spot repairs throughout the City.
- Professional Service Agreement with Gilmore Bell for general bond counsel services as well as disclosure compliance services.
- Amending and repealing code section 3-102, thus allowing the City Clerk to Approve a Permit for the use of Alcohol in City Hall and the Community Center.
- Modified an animal variance for 5009 Parish.
- Amendment to the development agreement with commerce bank allowing for a six month extension to start vertical construction by March 1, 2015.
- The base bid from Delta Innovative Services Inc. to provide construction of a roof recovery system at the community center roof at a cost not to exceed \$124,000.

- The bid from Synergy Construction Inc to provide construction of 2450' of a 6" wide aggregate trail within R Park near 56th and Juniper at a cost not to exceed \$28,600.

September

APPROVED

- The Commercial full service office lease agreement, dated September 4, 2014, between Roeland Park and The Family Conservancy for a office complex on the 3rd floor of city hall.
- Parade Permit for Bishop Miege High School Homecoming event with the \$150 permit fee to be waived.
- City Staff not to enforce the pit bull ban found in city code for the dogs used as part of the obedience performance at the Bark in R Park event.
- A revision to last the 2014-2018 Capital Improvement Plan to include the potential purchase of the city's street light system as the street light master plan and other updates.
- The use of a professional facilitator to participate in the next council retreat.
- To notify that the Governing Body of Roeland Park is generally not interested in upfront cash payments at a discounted rate for the cell tower leases unless those payments approach 93 percent or more of the expected remaining value of the lease.
- Adopt procedural rules for citizen participation in committee of the whole meetings; and to update procedural rules for citizen participation in city council meetings.
- Adopt request for proposals for a hearing officer, mediation services, and investigator.
- Resolution No. 635 a resolution approving the 2014 Master Capital Improvement Plan for The City, including plans for a streetlight project.
- Resolution No. 636 a resolution authorizing the offering for sale of general obligation bonds, series 2014-A, of The City of Roeland Park, Kansas.
- Ordinance #897 State Traffic Ordinance
- Ordinance #898 The Uniform Public Offense Code.
- Charter Ordinance #28 a charter ordinance exempting The City of Roeland Park, Kansas from the provisions of K.S.A. 12-4113(G), K.S.A. 12-4204 and K.S.A. 12-4207 and providing substitute and additional provisions on the same subject.
- Ordinance 899 an ordinance regulating procedures of the Governing Body; incorporating by reference the "Code of Procedure for Kansas Cities, Second Edition," with certain amendments, additions, and deletions; amending and repealing existing section 1-211 of The Code of The City of Roeland Park, Kansas; adding new sections 1-212 –1-218, inclusive.
- A revision to last the 2015-2019 Capital Improvement Plan to include the potential purchase of the city's street light system as the street light master plan and other updates.



October

APPROVED

- A proclamation honoring the Community Center Community Garden and proclaiming the week of October 26 through November 1 as Roeland Park Community Center Community Garden Volunteer Appreciation Week.
- Appointment of Mark Kohles to the Roeland Park Planning Commission.
- Purchase agreement of the street light system in Roeland Park from Kansas City Power and Light for \$460,389 .
- An agreement with Black and McDonald to provide maintenance for the street light system at a cost of \$2.92 per pole per year for 2015 and 2016.
- An agreement with USIC to provide locate services for the street light system.
- An agreement with Kansas One Call to provide a call center referral services in support of requests for locate services for the light system.
- The services of the City Engineer to review a future traffic study performed by Commerce Bank's engineer to determine a full access interchange at 5800 Roe.
- The City to share in the cost of a study to determine if a full access interchange could be allowed at 5800 Roe Blvd. at a cost of \$2,500
- Nine staff Holidays for 2015.
- Issuance of an RFP for complete removal of ash trees on city property and pool property.
- Contract with the City of Westwood Hills for one day leaf pickup services.

November

APPROVED

- December 2, 2014 as Roeland Park Giving Tuesday.
- A policy on displaying banners on public properties.
- A resolution between MARC and Roeland Park to participate in the U.S. Department of Energy Outdoor Light Acceleration Program.
- Appointment of Judy Hyde to the Sustainability Committee.
- An agreement allowing for the city's participation in the state of Kansas Setoff Debt Collection Service.
- The bid from KC Tree Care LLC to provide services for complete removal of 44 Ash trees per bid alternative 1 on city property with a cost not to exceed \$17,499.99, waiving the mandatory pre-bid meeting.
- An agreement with the City of Westwood to provide up to 5 days of leaf pickup for Westwood.
- Adopt request for proposals for a hearing officer, mediation services, and investigator.
- To request that the planning commission review the temporary sign portion of the city's sign regulations.
- Ordinance 900; relating to meetings and procedures of the Governing Body.
- Ordinance 901; relating to unlawful discriminatory practices.
- Ordinance 902; authorizing general obligation bonds to finance the purchase of street lights in Roeland Park.
- Resolution 637; prescribing the form and details of and authorizing and directing the sale of general obligation bonds.

December

APPROVED

- A proclamation for Kansas Family and Community Education Week.
- Amend the existing motion to include two council members, the mayor and the police chief to decide on the final design to approve the purchase of neighborhood watch signs for Roeland park at a cost not to exceed \$3,500.
- The purchase of the abovementioned neighborhood watch signs at a cost not to exceed the aforesaid \$3,500.
- To appoint and reappoint the residents listed as reappoint or applied on the committee list with the exception of Ward III Board of Zoning Appeals applications.
- Approve the proposed 2014 budget amendment to ensure compliance with state budget laws.
- Approve the cost share with the Johnson County Parks and Recreation District to share the expense of running fiber from the Johnson County Wastewater Nelson Facility west of Nall Park to the Roeland Park Community Center in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.
- To approve an interlocal agreement with the City of Mission to explore development options on the property located at the Northeast corner of Roe Boulevard and Johnson Drive.
- For City staff not to enforce the property maintenance codes for the properties owned by Roeland Park Restaurant Partners, LLC located at the corner of 47th and Mission Road twenty business days from April 1, 2015, unless there is pending weather or unforeseen environmental abatement.
- A professional services agreement with Kristin Shelley-Chapin as the hearing officer; to approve a professional services agreement with Jerry Merrill as the investigator; and to approve Melanie Braham as the mediator.
- Four banners for the Strategic Planning Committee until Mid-January or Earlier on City property.
- Resolution 638 allowing the City to abate conditions causing a nuisance on private property and assessing the cost of such abatement to the property on which the nuisance is located.



City Accomplishments

and Updates 2014



National Walk to School Day

Roesland Elementary School students and parents met at City Hall on October 8th to participate in National Walk to School Day in October. Roeland Park Mayor Joel Marquardt, members of the City Council, City staff, and local area businesses provided breakfast snacks and water to help students start the day off right as they walked to Roesland Elementary safely!

Arbor Day Celebration

The Arbor Day Foundation named Roeland Park a Tree City USA for the 21st straight year in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management. The City was also named a Growth Award Winner for 19th straight year demonstrating environmental improvement and higher level of tree care.

"It is great that Roeland Park has such a long record of being a Tree City," said Mayor Joel Marquardt. "We believe having a healthy tree environment is an essential part of our established neighborhoods and high quality of life as a vibrant first tier suburb."

Roeland Park achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

Roeland Park has the third longest streak of winning the growth award and the fifth longest record of being designated a Tree City within Johnson County. The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation, in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters.

The City also hosted a celebration with an egg hunt and other activities. Many residents turned out including a lot of enthused children.





Tree Lighting 2014

Many Roeland Park residents and friends joined in the annual Tree Lighting ceremony which took place in Sweany Park in December. There was joyful holiday music provided by St. Agnes and Roesland Elementary School students. Santa arrived in Roeland Park for the event!

Unused Prescription Drug Return Program

The Roeland Park Police Department participated in the Take Back Drug Program sponsored by the DEA. The program allowed citizens to drop off unused or expired medication in a safe manner. About 40 pounds of unused drugs were collected that day. This is the third year the department has participated in the program.



Drop-Off Bin for Prescription Drugs Now at Police Department

The Roeland Park Police Department now has a drop-off bin available for expired or unused prescription drugs. The bin is available for use by the public from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Items that can be dropped-off include prescription medications, ointments, over-the-counter medications, vitamins, samples and pet medications.

Roesland Students Take Over City Hall

Local students from Roesland Elementary interacted with the Police Department and spoke with the Mayor and Council President about how municipal services and public safety are provided to the families and individuals living in Roeland Park. Students were also given a chance to govern by holding a mock City Council session. Students especially enjoyed interacting with the police and some even had the chance to put on a bulletproof vest!



Roeland Park Receives Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

The City of Roeland Park was awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). This is the 20th year in a row that Roeland Park received this award, which recognizes the City for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by the City of Roeland Park and its elected officials and staff.



Halloween Spooktacular

Many Roeland Park residents participated in this year's Spooktacular on October 18th at the Roeland Park Community Center. There was pumpkin carving with a best pumpkin award, a kid's costume contest, a pet parade, as well as our Haunted Hallway!



Cure SMA Race-n-Roll

On October 6th the 12th annual Cure SMA Race-n-Roll was held in Roeland Park and started at Bishop Miege High School. An Awards Ceremony kicked off the post race festivities immediately following the Kid's Dash! This was followed by some great music, food, entertainment, and plenty of fun for the whole everyone involved. The City of Roeland Park also supported this community event as a major sponsor by making an in-kind donation of public works and police personnel to support a safe race route though the City.

The Great Pumpkin Race 5K

The 2nd annual "Great Pumpkin Race 5K" race supporting the Horizon Academy Scholarship fund was held on October 25th. This event helped fund scholarships for children in need in order to provide a caring and respectful environment for students with learning disabilities in grades 1 – 12. This program gave these students the opportunities they need to achieve their highest potential. This year's Race was exciting and families enjoyed a healthy fall morning of fun including face painting, pumpkin designing and snacks. The City of Roeland Park also supported this community event as a major sponsor by making an in-kind donation of public works and police personnel to support a safe race route though the City.



Welcome Councilmember Michael Rhoades

On May 13 Michael Rhoades was elected in a special election to fill the vacant Ward 2 seat on the City Council. Mr. Rhoades was sworn into office on May 19 and will serve through the unexpired term (April 2017).



Welcome Councilmember Ryan Kellerman

On December 9 Ryan Kellerman was elected in a special election to fill the vacant Ward 3 seat on the City Council. Mr. Kellerman was sworn into office on December 15 and will serve through the unexpired term (April 2017).

Several Staff Changes

After 17 years of dedicated service to the Roeland Park community City Clerk/Finance Director Debbie Mootz left city service for a new position in the private sector. The City is extremely grateful for her long tenure of dedicated service to our community.

Kelley Bohon, previously Assistant to the City Clerk, began a new position as the City Clerk of Roeland Park this year.

The City hired a new Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Jennifer Jones-Lacy. The City also hired a new Public Work Director Jose Leon. We are grateful for the 27 years of service by former P.W. director David Mootz who is now the facilities director of the Roeland Park Community Center.

We also welcomed a new Public Works Employee—Rick Allen and several new police officers—Mark Engravalle, Eric Garcia, John De Moss, and Tod Shapiro.

Finally after the departure of our Administrative Assistant Joe Blankenship, the city hired a new Administrative Assistant Jennifer Murphy.

The city is thrilled to welcome all of these talented individuals to our team!



Kelley Bohon



Jennifer Jones-Lacy



Jose Leon



Jennifer Murphy



Emerald Ash Borer

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) has been confirmed in Roeland Park by the Kansas Department of Agriculture. The EAB has been found in a number of sites throughout the County. Based on experience in other states, this pest will continue to spread and the time has come to gather information and make plans for treating or removing your Ash trees in the future.

The City Forester, is available to answer your questions on this or any other tree issue at 722-5435 or cwisdom@roelandpark.org.

Commerce Bank Update

Commerce Bank is working on a traffic study to validate if a full access turn into and out of the west cloverleaf property (Roe and Johnson) is possible on Roe Blvd. Once this study is complete it will be reviewed by the City Engineer. If there is the opportunity to allow for a full access intersection into and out of the property, Commerce Bank will work to find a second commercial tenant for the property.

Commerce Bank has offered to make the City whole financially by offering a payment equal to the amount of taxes that would be collected on the property for six months if the improvement to the property (i.e. the bank building) had been constructed as originally scheduled. Pursuant to this goal of determining if a full access turning lane may be allowed, the city council allowed for a six month extension for vertical construction by March 1, 2015.



Google Fiber

Google is completing construction and installation for Google Fiber around the city. In 2013, the city approved the necessary documentation for Google Fiber in Roeland Park and now the infrastructure to provide Google Fiber service is almost complete.



Volunteer Reception

A few dozen people showed up to the volunteer reception at City Hall. This was a chance for the governing body and city staff to thank those citizens who volunteered their time to serve on boards and commissions.

National Night Out Against Violence

On August 5th the City hosted a night out against violence event. This event provided citizens a chance to engage with one another and the police force on crime awareness and prevention. Educative activities and demos were presented. Twenty organizations including the Roeland Park Police Officers co-sponsored the event.



Citywide Block Party

Approximately 100 residents joined in the fun and had a leisurely outdoor afternoon in R Park. Residents could bring picnic baskets and lawn chairs. They enjoyed the afternoon playing outdoor games, listening to music and socializing with their Roeland Park neighbors.



Sunflower Foundation Banner

Sunflower Foundation Grant in R Park

The City of Roeland Park was awarded a grant from the Sunflower Foundation of Kansas which paid more than \$18,000 in matching funds for the construction of the crushed limestone walking trail, the planting of trees, and signage along the trail in R Park.

Trail in R Park is Complete and Full of Walkers!

The trail in R Park has just been constructed and is now being enjoyed by people of all ages. R Park is located at 5535 Juniper. Thanks to all those residents and area homeowners who helped in the fundraising and construction! The near half-mile limestone trail was constructed by the local company, Synergy Construction, during the week of November 10, 2014, the .46 mile.



Fireworks Display

The annual fireworks display is one of many efforts with Roeland Park's neighboring cities to bring our communities closer together, and in this instance reap the benefits from shared costs. The City of Roeland Park partnered with the Cities of Fairway and Westwood, along with financial assistance from the Cities of Westwood Hills and Mission Woods, to present a wonderful 2014 fireworks display. By working with other local cities, Roeland Park was able to provide another year of exciting fireworks at a reduced cost to Roeland Park residents.



Contractor Licensing Program

Towards the beginning of the 2014 calendar year the City of Roeland Park entered into an agreement with the Johnson County Board of County Commissioners and joined the Johnson County Contractor Licensing Program. The Johnson County Contractor Licensing Program exists to protect consumers by assuring that those undertaking the construction, alteration, and demolition of structures are qualified to do so. The program does this by promoting code and construction uniformity and by providing required continuing education to contractors, inspection professionals, and licensed designers. By participating in the program, the City of Roeland Park, its residents, property owners and businesses will know that all contractors who obtain building, electrical, mechanical, plumbing or demolition permits are licensed contractors who also participate in the Johnson County Contractor Licensing Program.



Citizens Academy

The City launched its Citizens Academy in the Fall. Six sessions occurred ranging from quality of life to fire safety. These sessions were designed to help citizens learn about their government. Class size was limited by design so the Academy could remain informal and adequately allow for questions, responses, and tours for the sessions. Showcased here are a few of the sessions where the participants went to the consolidated fire department #2 and the Roeland Park Aquatic Center!



International Visitor Leadership Program

Roeland Park welcomed six international visitors completing a program with the U.S. Department of State. The visit on September 26 consisted of a discussion with the mayor, two city council members, and the city administrator about local government's role in policymaking and influence on foreign affairs. The visitors hailed from Djibouti, India, Republic of Korea, Mexico, Thailand, and Turkey. The program lasted from mid September to early October and allowed participants to meet with the FBI, United Nations, and many cultural centers.



2015 Budget Recap

The City of Roeland Park recently completed its fiscal year 2015 budgeting process which resulted in no new major reductions in services while maintaining the same property tax mill rate as 2014. This year's budget process included 12 public meetings where the budget was discussed, two town halls, and one budget hearing over nearly five months. The 2015 budget resembles the 2014 budget with a few changes. Funds were included for:

- Replacement of trees and the addition of three signs around the new R Park walking trail based on a 50/50 grant (the trail construction will be via private donations and a matching grant).
- Removal and replacement of Ash trees around R Park due to the arrival of the Emerald Ash Borer (please see the City's website for more information about how you can treat Ash trees and the Emerald Ash Borer).
- Placement of a temporary bathroom at both R Park and Nall Park during the 6 warmest months of the year.
- Providing a three percent merit salary increase pool for city staff.
- Continuing the corrugated metal pipe replacement/insert master plan for a second year.
- A County Assistance Roads Program (CARS) project for improving the safety features at the intersection of Roe and 48th Street and the replacement of curbs on 47th Street (a federal grant is expected to pay for 80 percent of the intersection improvements and CARS is a county program which splits the cost 50/50 for construction on high traffic streets).
- Set aside funds for two police vehicles in 2015 when the current vehicles reach a replacement point.

As part of last year's three year budgeting forecast the city:

- Continued to fund the City's Capital Improvement budget which includes streets, facility needs and vehicles.



A LOOK *at the* **BUDGET**

Citizen's Fundraising Initiative for R Park

Because Roeland Park is expected to experience a budget shortfall due to the impending move of Wal-Mart out of the City, line items such as Arts and Parks have been removed from the City's budget.

A grassroots group of citizens in Roeland Park saw the need to step up and lend a hand to the City by fundraising money to help realize the R Park Master Plan. Meeting for the first time in February, 2014, this group named itself "Citizens Fundraising Initiative for R Park" and is lead by Gretchen Davis. Although this group is not a formal City committee, they are fundraising under the auspices of the Roeland Park Parks and Trees Committee which makes all the decisions for R Park.



Money raised by Citizens Fundraising is donated by Roeland Park residents to the R Park Account in the Roeland Park Community Foundation, a 501C3 tax exempt organization, which operates under the umbrella of The Greater Kansas City Community Foundation. Money deposited into that account is used by the Parks Committee and the City of Roeland Park for projects to revitalize R Park.

The Parks and Trees Committee designated the construction of the .46 mile limestone walking trail in R Park's Master Plan to be the first project realized. Citizens' Fundraising Initiative for R Park began their work.

In the Spring of 2014, a kick-off fundraiser, entitled "Happy 63rd Birthday, Roeland Park," encouraged 63 local businesses and households to contribute \$100 each so that \$6300 could be raised by Roeland Park's birthday on July 2, 2014. Because of the generosity of so many people and businesses in Roeland Park and surrounding communities, more than \$7,000 was raised.

Citizens' Fundraising Initiative also held bake sales as well as selling R Park products such as t-shirts, aprons, and Roasterie's R Park Special Blend Coffee. The theme of their designed logo is "R Park, Your Park."

Former City Clerk Debra Mootz showed the citizens group a Sunflower Foundation grant opportunity which would provide for matching funds for trail construction and other enhancements. Working with the City of Roeland Park as the Grantee, Citizens Fundraising Initiative applied for the Sunflower Trails grant, with citizens paying \$12,650 in matching funds for the trail construction and the City of Roeland Park paying \$2,720 in matching funds for 20 trees to be planted along the trail and \$3,021 in matching funds for signage in R Park. In August, 2014, the City was awarded a Sunflower Foundation's matching grant of \$18,391 to pay for their half of trail construction, 20 trees and signage along the trail in R Park.

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Citizens' Fundraising Initiative held a final walking trail ticketed fundraiser on October 11, 2014, entitled "Bacon, Blues and Brews," at the Roeland Park Community Center. Cinder Block Brewery and Boulevard Brewery provided the brews, and Mass Street Soda in Lawrence provided the root beer. Local restaurants donating their bacon food items were: China Star in Roeland Park and RJ's Bob-Be-Que Shack and Johnny's BBQ, both in Mission. An R Park Marketplace sold gift certificates from local businesses, gift baskets, and R Park products. More than \$8,000 was raised at this event, putting the total fundraising efforts over \$18,000 and meeting the goal for constructing the trail in R Park.



In early November, 2014, Synergy Construction of Roeland Park, constructed the .46 mile crushed limestone trail in R Park, completing Phase 1 of the Master Plan for R Park.

A "Ribbon-Cutting and Community Walk on the Trail" was held on Saturday, Dec. 6, 2014. Mayor Joel Marquardt and Greg Mischel Smith, Chair of the Parks and Trees Committee, made remarks and cut the ribbon. People enjoyed walking the trail and reading the inspirational signs along the trail. Hot chocolate and cookies were served.

The next fundraising initiative for R Park is now focused on raising money for benches, picnic tables, trash receptacles, and bike racks.

Gretchen Davis, chair of Citizens Fundraising Initiative for R Park, wished to thank the Roeland Park City Council, Mayor Joel Marquardt, City Staff, Parks and Trees Committee, Events Committee and each and every business and citizen in the surrounding area who contributed money, bought tickets for and volunteered at events, baked cookies, bought R Park products, and attended meetings. Without all of this support, the R Park revitalization would not be happening.

Strategic Plan Update

After more than a year's worth of work by a citizens' volunteer committee, the Neighbor-to-Neighbor Strategic Planning Group has created a draft strategic plan and gathered feedback from Roeland Park Residents. The Citizen's committee received over 100 submissions of feedback through its online survey! The results of the survey helped shape the final plan that will go to City Council for review and approval March 2015. The Strategic Plan will help guide City processes and policy in the future in terms of economic development, financial planning, communication with citizens and programming for green space and recreational activities.



Police Department



MISSION STATEMENT

"It is the mission of the Roeland Park Police Department to provide dedicated service with integrity, preserve life, enforce the law, and work in partnership with the community to enhance the quality of life in Roeland Park".

A letter from the Police Chief, John Morris:

On behalf of the men and women of the Roeland Park Police Department, I am pleased to present our 2014 Annual Report. The Roeland Park Police Department is comprised of talented law enforcement professionals dedicated to public service. It is my honor and privilege to serve with them as the Chief of Police. In reflecting on 2014, it has been highlighted with transitions and personal accomplishments. As we embrace the opportunities brought about by these unique times, I am confident that the partnerships we have developed with our residents and businesses in the community will continue to be the cornerstone that allows us to provide outstanding law enforcement services.

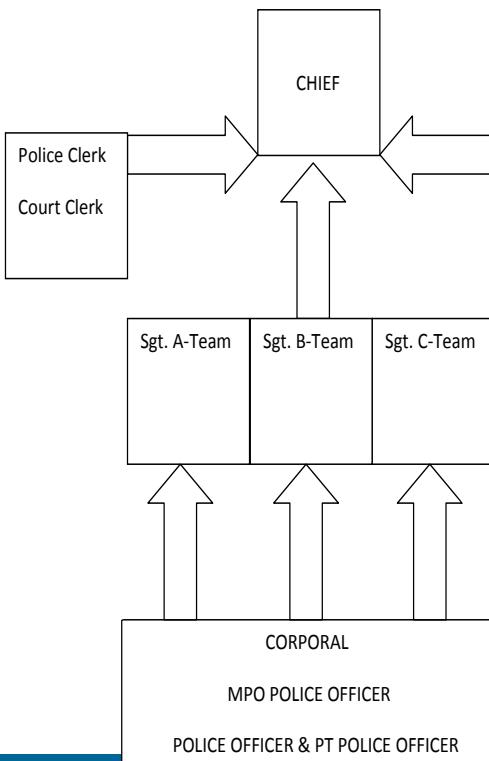
ROELAND PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sincerely,
John Morris
Chief of Police

NOVEMBER 2014

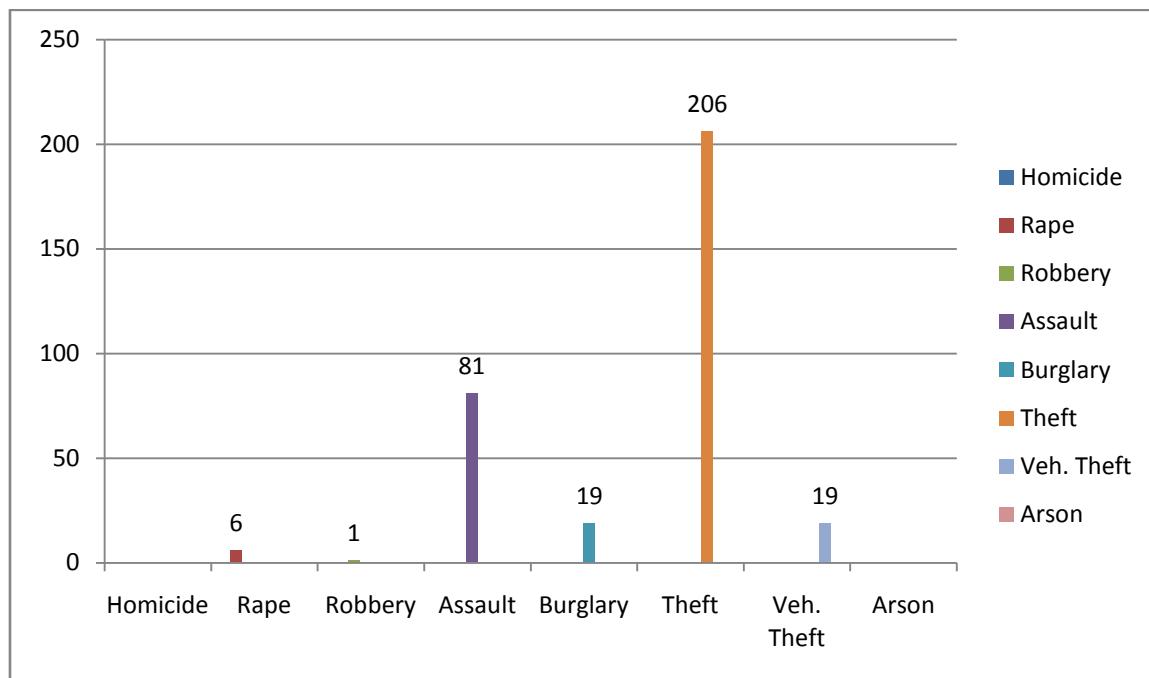
ROELAND PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

Organizational Chart



ROELAND PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

2014 UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING STATISTICS



Homicide – 0

Rape- 6

Robbery – 1

Assault – 81

Burglary -19

Theft – 206

Vehicle Theft – 19

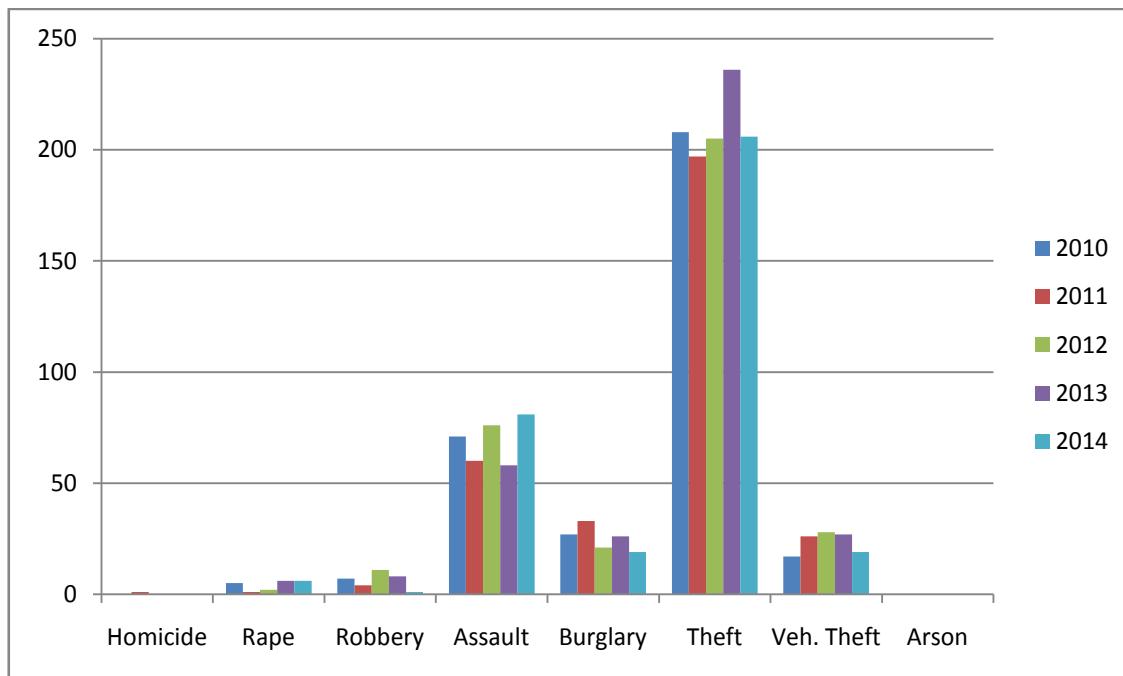
Arson – 0

Each year the “Uniform Crime Report” is forwarded to the FBI for publication. The 2014 statistics for Roeland Park are shown above with the eight required offenses listed.

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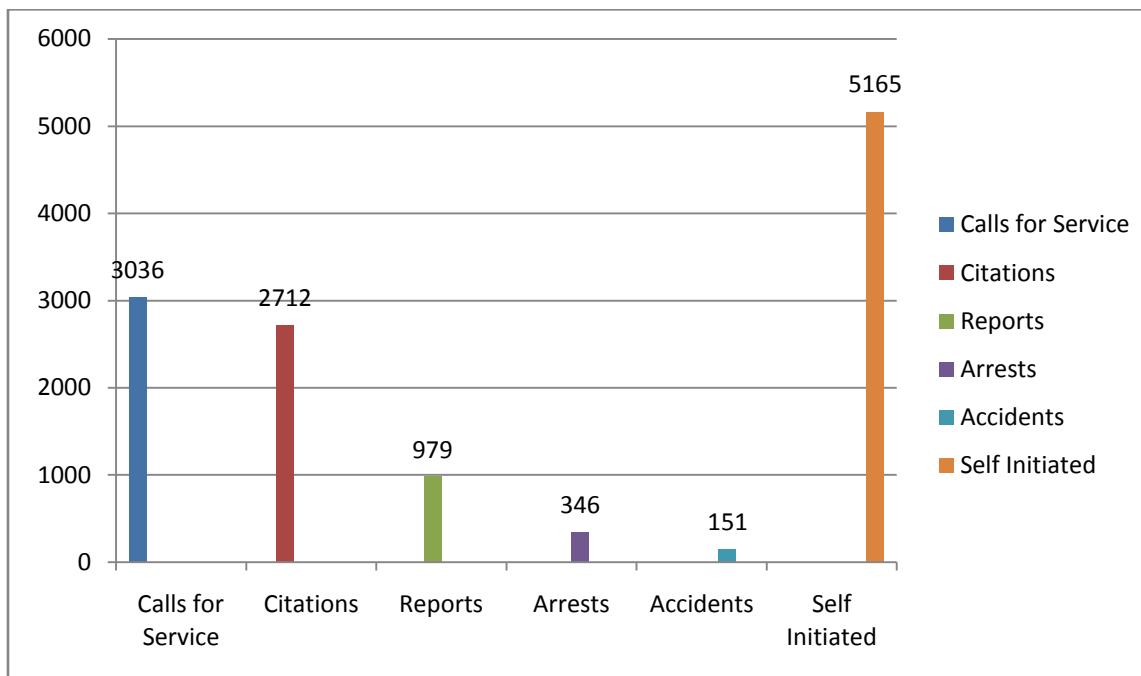
ROELAND PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING COMPARISON 2010 – 2014



Offense	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Homicide	0	1	0	0	0
Rape	5	2	2	6	6
Robbery	7	4	11	8	1
Assault	71	60	76	58	81
Burglary	27	33	21	26	19
Theft	208	197	205	236	206
Veh. Theft	17	26	28	27	19
Arson	0	0	0	0	0

ROELAND PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT – 2014 ACTIVITY SUMMARY



Calls for Service – 3036

Citations – 2712

Reports – 979

Arrests – 346

Accidents – 151

Officer Self Initiated – 5165 (Traffic Stops & Investigations)

This chart shows the activity normally associated with the police department each year. The current 2014 graph is derived from all reported activity and calls for service.

Police Department Continued

2014 Totals for Roeland Park													1st Quarter
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
CAD Activities													
Calls for Service													
	196	188	241	251	327	275	292	295	255	252	231	233	625
Self Initiated Activity													
	293	353	317	372	726	520	425	460	441	411	464	383	963
Total	489	541	558	623	1053	795	717	755	696	663	695	616	1588

2013 Totals for Roeland Park													1st Quarter
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
CAD Activities													
Calls for Service													
	233	206	192	225	273	286	274	256	241	260	242	214	631
Self Initiated Activity													

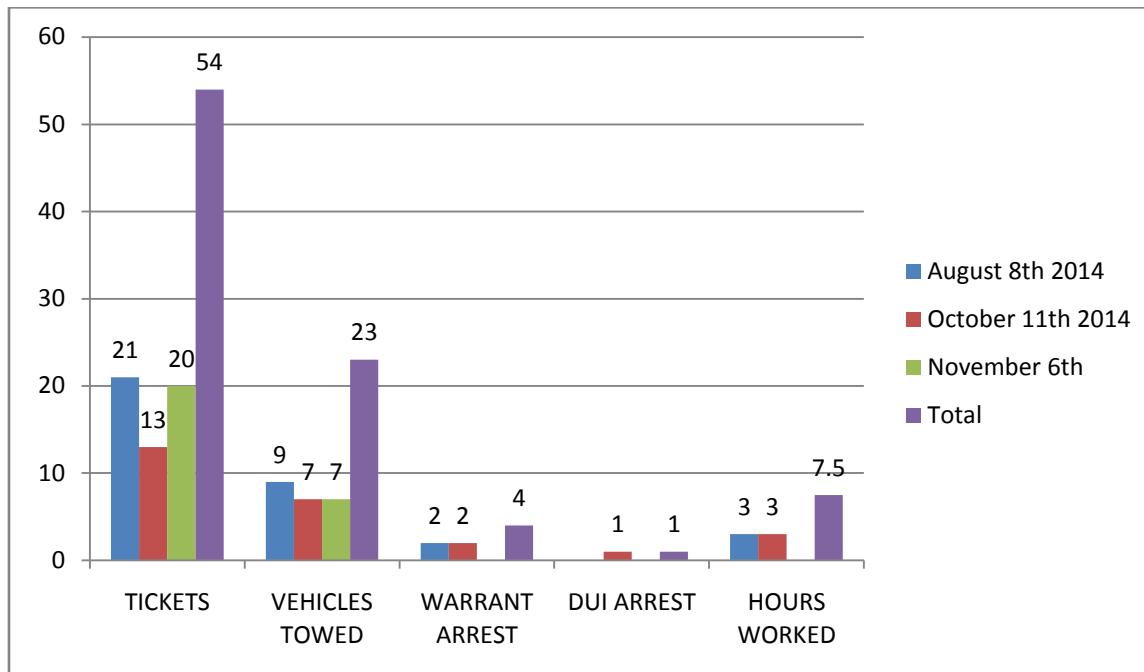


Our police vehicles have seen numerous updates from 1960 (left) to 2014 (right).



ROELAND PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

2014 Traffic Blitz Activity Totals



54 Tickets Issued

23 Vehicles Towed

4 Warrants

1 D.U.I. Arrest

7.5 Hours of Operation

The Roeland Park Police Department completed three special enforcement operations called a 'Traffic Blitz' in 2014. The primary focus is to check for those persons who do not have a valid driver's license. Traffic safety is very important and we strive to ensure proper compliance with an emphasis on community relations.

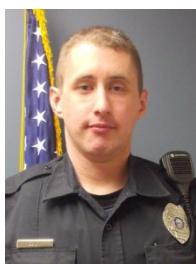
Police Department Continued

Individual Recognitions & Pictures



Sgt. Randy Costlow / 2014 Officer of the Year

Sgt. Costlow has been a member of the department since 1990 and serves as a patrol supervisor and technical support administrator for the city. His dedication to duty and commitment to excellence were just a few items mentioned in this annual award.



Officer Bernard Egidy / 2014 M.A.D.D. Award

Officer Egidy has been a member of the department since 2011 and serves in the patrol division. His dedication to keeping those impaired drivers off of the road was recognized by the annual event sponsored by the "Mothers Against Drunk Drivers" chapter in Kansas City.

Community Events

The Neighborhood Watch Program was reorganized in Roeland Park. There are volunteer "Block Captains" in the city that disseminate information to neighbors that assist the police department in crime prevention. Those interested in the program are encouraged to call the police department.



Officer DeMoss



The Roeland Park Police Department received a special drug disposal unit with a grant from the CVS Corporation. This enables citizens to drop off prescription drugs for proper disposal at the police department. (Picture by PV Post- Dan Blom)

Members of the Roeland Park Police Department paid tribute to the Kansas City Royals for another great season. (RPPD Picture)



Officer Mark Babcock @ National Night Out with his restored fire truck. The event is part of the community policing philosophy of the police department that connects citizens and the police department to discuss crime prevention. Donations by local businesses made the event possible with no cost to the city.

(PV POST Picture by Dan Blom)

Sgt. Honas & family @ National Night Out. Often families are invited to participate with the officers on duty to enjoy food and fun activities. (RPPD Picture)



Roseland Elementary School students visited the Roeland Park Police Department during a career day session at city hall. They were given a tour of the police department and were able to see specialized vehicles and equipment used by officers. (RPPD Picture)

Roeland Park

Community Center



In 2014 Johnson County Park and Recreation staff planned and offered more than 300 programs and events at the Roeland Park Community Center for all ages. Some of the most popular programs included events such as Babysitting 101, Valentine's Day Dinner and Bingo, the bi-yearly Spaghetti Dinners, Holiday Marketplace and Elves Day off. The stars of the summer were the week long Pre-School Discovery camps and School Age Fine Art Camps, all of which reached their maximum capacity for attendance in 2014! In December a new Special Event was offered – Noon Year's Eve took a playful twist on the typical midnight New Year's Eve celebration. The event was well attended by members of the community and featured a balloon drop at noon.

The Community Center also provided shared services with organizations like the Johnson County Election office, which used the center as a polling location for three elections in 2014. Meanwhile, AARP offered tax aide assistance and driving courses, Kansas Legal Services assisted those in need of legal advice and a local podiatrist provided services to community members every other month. More than 900 people utilized these and other shared services at the Community Center in 2014.

Staff assisted more than 10,000 walk-in and phone-in patrons in 2014 and volunteers donated their time to almost 300 activities to assist with a variety of tasks including the serving of over 1,200 lunches to kids this summer through Harvesters Kids Café Summer Lunch Program. The Roeland Park Child Development Center was consistently full all year with 25 preschoolers getting daily doses of learning, fun and care from the Director and staff members.

The Community Center continued to rent rooms to patrons and held many events such as baby showers, wedding showers, weddings, retirement parties, birthday parties and others for more than 7,000 guests. Our fitness room averaged roughly 170 members on a consistent basis with those members visiting the fitness room almost 8,000 times. There were 145 memberships that were renewed and 180 new memberships were established in 2014!

Lastly, the community center enjoyed some much needed upgrades to the campus when a trash enclosure was built on the campus grounds, new roller shades were installed throughout the building, and lobby furniture was purchased for the building's interior.

It was a great year for the Roeland Park Community Center and we look forward to continuing to meet and exceed the wants, needs and desires of our community in 2015!



COMMUNITY CENTER 2014			
Indicators	Classes	Number of Participants	Number of Participations
Roeland Park Programs and Classes			
No Fee Programs/Classes	51	585	2206
Low Fee Programs/Classes	64	472	2689
Revenue Programs/Classes	169	1320	5613
Special Events/Spectators	34	1378	1724
Roeland Park Total	318	3755	12232
Shared Programs/Services	30	874	2752
Volunteer Total		52	289
Drop In/Phone Calls		10271	10271
Kids Café Total			1233
RP Room Reservations		Number of Rentals	Number of Guests
Occurring this year		335	7477
RP Fitness Room		Number of Active Memberships	Number of Visits
Average Monthly Active Memberships/Members		109/172	
Total Visits			7950
Total Renewed Memberships		145	
Total New Memberships		180	

Data Provided by: Johnson County Parks and Recreation

Community Center Continued

New Memberships	3 month	6 month	12 month	
Nonresident 50+ Family	7	2	1	
Nonresident 50+ Single	17	2	2	
Nonresident 50+ Couple (Joint RPCC/RPAC)	2	0	0	
Nonresident Family	7	0	0	
Nonresident Single	13	2	0	
Nonresident Single (Joint RPCC/RPAC)	1	0	0	
Resident 50+ Family	11	1	2	
Resident 50+ Single	17	0	4	
Resident 50+ Single (Joint RPCC/RPAC)	1	0	0	
Resident Family	27	0	3	
Resident Family (Joint RPCC/RPAC)	4	0	0	
Resident Single	35	5	1	
Resident Single (Joint RPCC/RPAC)	1	0	0	
RP City Employee	0	0	8	
Employee	0	0	4	
Total New Memberships	143	12	25	180

Renewed Memberships	3 month	6 month	12 month	
Nonresident 50+ Family	8	1	1	
Nonresident 50+ Single	19	2	2	
Nonresident 50+ Couple (Joint RPCC/RPAC)	4	0	0	
Nonresident Family	2	0	0	
Nonresident Single	13	0	0	
Resident 50+ Family	7	4	0	
Resident 50+ Single	40	2	1	
Resident 50+ Single (Joint RPCC/RPAC)	1	0	0	
Resident Family	14	2	3	
Resident Family (Joint RPCC/RPAC)	2	0	0	
Resident Single	14	0	0	
RP City Employee	0	0	3	
Total Renewed Memberships	124	11	10	145

Total New and Renewed Memberships for 2014	325
Average Total Memberships per month	108.5
Average Total Members per month	171.917
Total Visits	7950
Total Visitors	1310



Aquatic Center

About Us:

The Roeland Park Aquatic Center is a cooperative venture between the City and the Johnson County Parks and Recreation Department (JCRPD). JCRPD manages and operates the facility year-round. The Aquatic Center offers programs and activities such as Learn to Swim programs for patrons six months through adult, youth diving classes. Lifeguard training and water exercise programs for patrons 50 plus. The facility is also used to train the Kansas City Blazera, the Stingrays summer youth league swim team and the Kansas City Water Polo Team.



Year in Review:

In 2014 the Roeland Park Aquatic Center staff planned and developed several new programs and events. Special events included: the Dive in movie night in which we showed Monster University and hosted Mermaids and Pirates Day, Splash for Cash where children went diving for coins in the pool, and Back to School Bash. New programs included: Roeland Park Summer Stingrays Dive team, Mermaid swim classes, Learn to Dive class, and Swim Stroke clinics. During winter holiday break we hosted the Elves Day Off open water swim.

The aquatic center was utilized by a number of organizations for training. We hosted Blazer swim meets, two water polo meets, a master swim meet, two competitive summer league swim meets and two non-competitive summer swim meets. The City of Shawnee Firefighters came over to the center to do their water training. Bishop Meige High School boys and girls swim team trained daily during their season at the pool. The Kansas City Blazers swim team practiced daily at the center. Even Shannon Vreeland, Olympic Gold Medalist did some training throughout the year with the Blazer Elite swim team. The Master's swim group saw substantial increase in their daily numbers. The Making Waves learn to swim program has seen an increase in numbers during the indoor session to over 50+ swimmers per session. We also offered several lifeguard training classes.



Several projects were completed to enhance the looks and operations of the pool. the whale slide was painted, the youth, vortex and splash pools were all painted. We bid for the replacement of the two pool water heaters were installed began in early December. The heaters are up and running.

The aquatic center staff is looking forward to hosting you for another fantastic year in 2015.

Aquatic Center Continued



AQUATIC CENTER ACTIVITY			
	2012	2013	2014
Walk-Ins Summer	3,789	3,927	4,245
Walk-Ins Indoor	1,344	1,293	1,426
Super Pass Visits	1,632	2,421	1,844

MEMBERSHIP SALES			
	2012	2013	2014
Summer Membership	1,543	1,245	1,426
Other Membership	405	419	1,017
Super Passes	91	102	136

RPAC Facility Improvements 2014

Location	Project / Item
Dome heaters	Inspection of the units and equipment. Replaced belts
Dome Heaters	Replaced ignition electrode and flame rod
Dome blowers/heaters	Inspection and maintenance. Replaced belts. Greased bearings. Replaced modulation controller. Checked heat exchanger.
Dome blowers	Replaced and installed new blower motor. Replaced outside bearing on blower unit.
Dome blowers/heaters	Preventative maintenance to the equipment.
Dome heaters	Replaced inducer motor. Repaired the heater blower assembly.
Pool water heaters	Cleaned boiler tubes. Replaced modulating controller.
Pool water heaters	Repair to the heaters
Pool water heaters	Repair by designing a mounting surface circuitry and enclosure for the firing controls.. Installed components and wiring.
Pool water heaters	Checked out the units when not working. Found out there were holes in the tubes.
Dome Emergency engine	Installed relay and new socket
Dome Emergency engine	Inspection and maintenance.
Dome Emergency engine	Replaced timed delayed relay
Dome Emergency engine	Repaired the engine. Wouldn't start.
Pool	Troubleshoot the circulation pump. Tripping breaker.
Pool	Purchased a new walk behind mower.
Pool	Replaced depth markers

Aquatic Center Improvements Continued

Pool	Repaired outdoor drinking fountain.
Pool	New clamp handles for strainer baskets.
Pool	Splash Pit- Tightened leaking pipes. Worked on outdoor drinking fountain.
Pool	Youth pool pit-- repaired broken pipe.
Pool	Splash Pit- Installed a new motor.
Pool	Splash pit- repaired line coming out recirculation pump.
Pool	Splash pit- replaced float switch in surge tank.
Pool	Paint and thinner for youth, vortex and slide pools
Pool	Step for ladder.
Pool	Skimmer lid and thermometer.
Pool	Lounge chairs.
Pool	Skimmer lids.
Pool	Vortex Pool- replaced tile and materials.
Pool	Test backflows
Pool	Repaired and welded pit doors and the bulkhead.
Pool/Dome	Replaced ballasts and electrical panel. Repaired dome lights. Replaced switch to UV unit.
Pool/Dome	Rental of forklift for dome days. Fall and Spring.
Pumphouse	Repair chlorinator. Discharge float not working.
Pumphouse	Service to the chemtrol board.
Pumphouse	Repair chlorinator.
Pumphouse	Roto flow repair kit
Pumphouse	Repair strainer basket clamp.
Pumphouse	Repair chlorinator.
Pumphouse	Replaced screen for chlorinator.
Pumphouse	New pump tube for acid pump.
Pumphouse	Replaced UV lights and flow meter.
Pumphouse	Replaced flow indicator for the chlorinator.
Pumphouse	Repaired pumphouse door lock.
Pumphouse	Replacement parts for chlorinator. Solenoid and timer.
Pumphouse	Cleaned out eye wash station pipe that was clogged.
Bathhouse	Repaired 3 deep concession sink.
Bathhouse	Unclog toilet.
Bathhouse	Repair AC unit.
Bathhouse	Replaced sloan valve on men's toilet.
Bathhouse	Repaired the water line in the breakroom. Unclog toilet.
Bathhouse	Repaired broken water lines.
Bathhouse	Replaced ceiling tiles and new refrigerator.
Bathhouse	Unclog toilet.
Bathhouse	Unclog toilet.
Bathhouse	Installed a new flush valve on toilet.
Bathhouse	Repaired hose faucet.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Pool water heaters	Replace the two pool water heaters.
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Neighborhood Services



Mission: To support residents, businesses and visitors of Roeland Park with a safe, clean and appealing community in which to live, work and visit through the fair and equitable application of building and property maintenance guidelines.

Goals: 1) Address blighting issues such as overgrown vegetation, junk and rubbish and inoperative motor vehicles. 2) Preserve rental housing and safeguard the health and safety of tenants. 3) Encourage voluntary compliance. 4) Refer citizens to grants and/or loan programs offered through the City. 5) Support City Council in crafting ordinances to address current community concerns.

2014 Neighborhood Services Letters: In addition to Code Compliance Letters, the Neighborhood Services Officer continued the communication tool of placing Courtesy Door Hangers. During 2014, there were many letters and postcards mailed to residents regarding removal of grass in sidewalks.

Additional Assistance: Neighborhood services also refers homeowners to programs that assist them, in the event of financial hardship, with their home's upkeep and financing. These services are run by Johnson County, Habitat for Humanity, MARC, or charity organizations such as Catholic Charities.

Johnson County Contractor Licensing Program: At the beginning of 2014 Roeland Park entered into the Johnson County Contractor Licensing Program. This program seeks to protect consumers by assuring that those undertaking the construction, alteration, and demolition of structures are qualified to do so. The program does this by promoting code and construction uniformity and by providing required continuing education to contractors, inspection professionals, and licensed designers. Please see page 19 for more details on this new and exciting program!

A proactive code enforcement approach involves addressing issues that may become code enforcement cases or complaints before they escalate to a point of mandated abatement or referral to the court system. This can be achieved by implementing many different techniques, but the primary means to achieving a more proactive code enforcement approach is through education.

Top Code Violations:

Trash Containers

Inoperable Vehicles

Grass/Yard

Debris/Dead Trees

Property Maintenance

Trailers/RV's

Public Works

Public Works Continued

Finance

During the 2014 Budget season, the Governing Body and city staff met to lay out a plan to meet the needs of the Roeland Park community. After more than four months of discussions, the Governing Body presented the 2015 Budget.

The primary purpose of the City's budget and budgeting process is to develop, adopt and implement a plan for accomplishing goals for the upcoming year within given resources. The 2015 Budget was designed to look at a three year forecast of the City while maintaining a responsive government, a stable financial position, and high quality service levels.

As planned during 2014, the 2015 Budget held the mill levy essential flat. With this recommendation, the Governing Body approved a General Fund Property Tax Levy of \$1,728,320 and a Bond and Interest Property Tax Levy of \$302,104 for 2015 (a 0.002 mill decrease). In making the recommendations based on a three year forecast, the goal is to hold property taxes level for 2016 and 2017, assuming a number of estimates are maintained, including:

No loss in annual sales tax from the anticipated move of Wal-Mart greater than the \$700,000 previously estimated by the City's Financial Advisor.

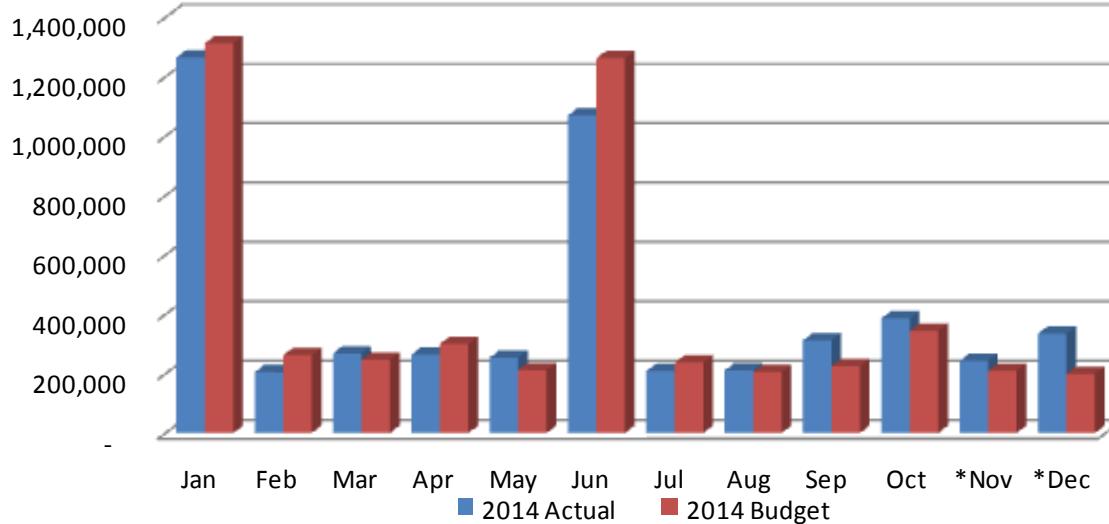
Property values increase by 1-2 percent in 2016 and 2017.

Franchise fees and court revenues remain in line with 3-5 year trend analysis.

Roeland Park Budget at a Glance

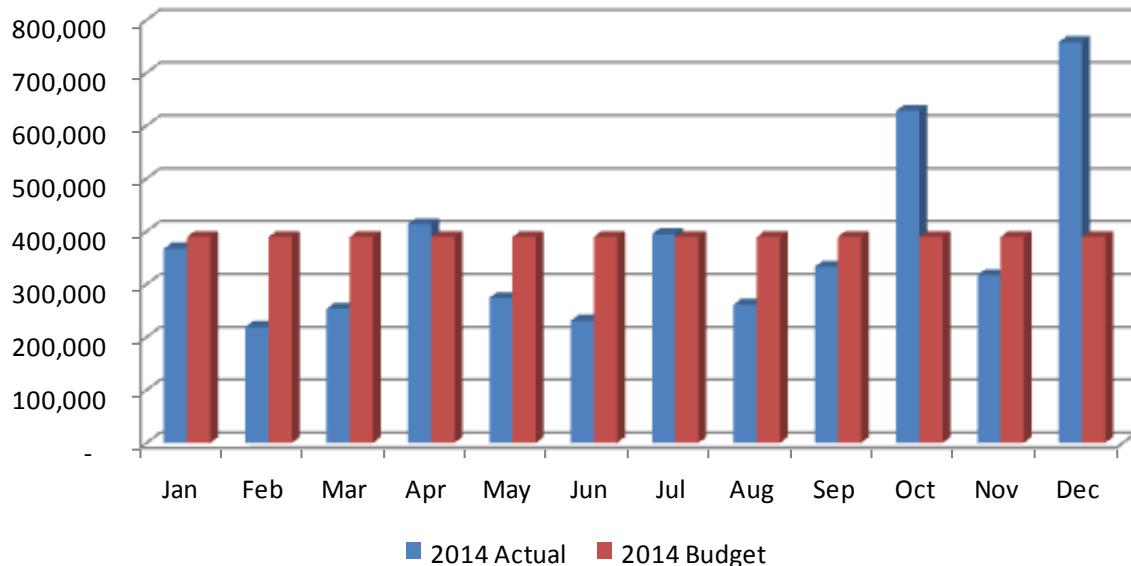
	2015 Mill Levy	2015 Property Tax Levy	Increase	Percent Increase
Total Property Tax/ Mill Levy	33.377	\$2,030,424	\$51,959	2.63%
General Fund	28.411	\$1,728,320	\$25,542	1.50%
Bond & Interest	4.966	\$302,104	\$26,417	9.58%

2014 General Fund Revenue (Budget to Actual)

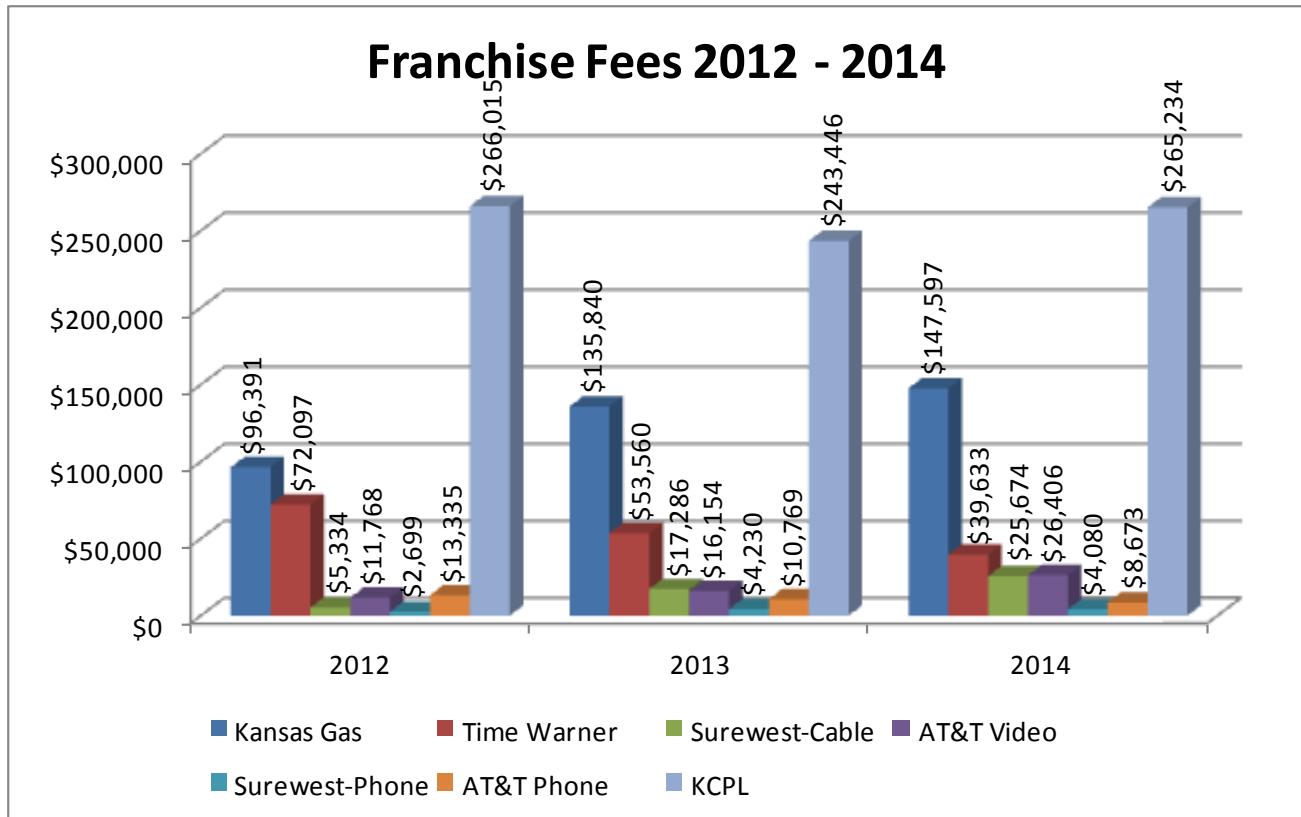


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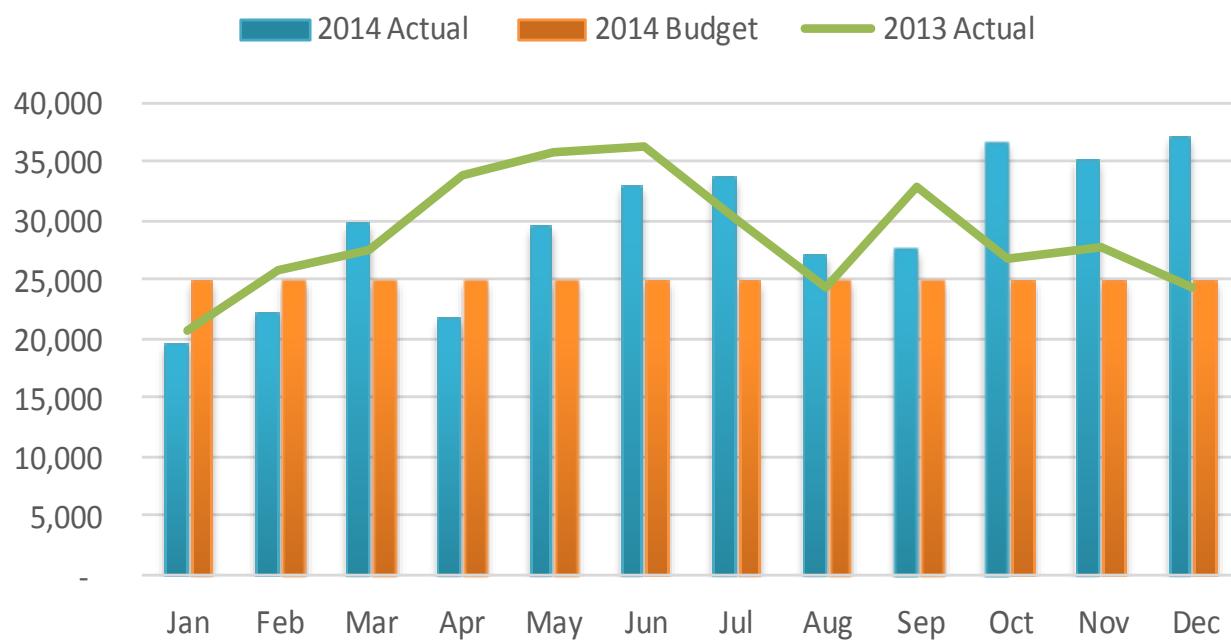
2014 General Fund Expenses (Budget to Actual)



Finance Continued



Court Revenue (Budget to Actual)



City Clerk

What does the City Clerk's Office do?

The City Clerk is the designated Freedom of Information Officer for the City. The City Clerk's Office provides for the retention and maintenance of official city records and is responsible for recording all activities involved in City Council meetings, including meeting minutes, ordinances and resolutions. The City Clerk's Office administers various city licensing/permitting processes and coordinates public notices, legal publications and bid notices. The City Clerk conducts public bid openings. City Council election filings and other notices and details of elections are also administered by the City Clerk and coordinated with the County Election Officer.

Open & Transparent Government

The City Clerk is designated as the City's Freedom of Information Officer, and coordinates responses to many Open Records Requests. In 2014, the City Clerk's Office responded to 10 "official" requests, as well as countless informal requests for information and documents. As needed, the City Clerk advises and assists other departments of the City with records requests. The City Clerk's Office coordinates the publishing of many legal notices, ordinances, and other items in the local newspaper.

Governing Body Support

The City Clerk's Office supports the activities of the City Council in various ways, including attendance at meetings, creation of meeting minutes, filing of ordinances and resolutions, City Council election filings, and execution of documents such as contracts approved by the City Council.

COUNCIL MINUTES	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
<i>Regular Council Meetings</i>	24	24	24	24	24	15
<i>Special Council Meetings</i>	3	9	21	3	4	5
<i>Pages of meeting minutes produced</i>	99	108	127	91	167	145 + Dec 15
<i>Committee of the Whole Meetings</i>				39	31	37
<i>Budget Meetings (not included as part of other committee meetings)</i>				~10	~12	~19

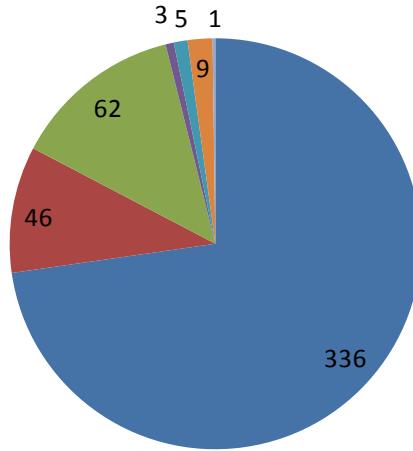
City Clerk Continued

Licensing/Permitting

As stated above, the City Clerk's Office administers the licensing/permitting processes for various business and other activities in the City. The following tables include the total number of licenses/permits issued by type.

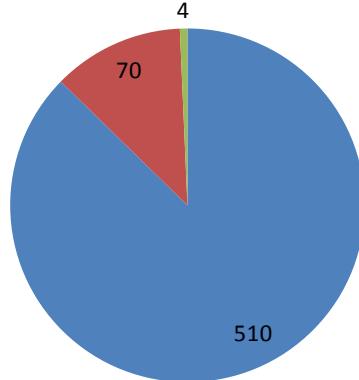
Licenses and Permits by Type (2014)

■ Non-Domocil ■ Home ■ Retail ■ Solid Waste ■ CMB ■ Massage ■ Pay-Day Loan



Permits by Animal Type

■ Dog ■ Cat ■ Chicken



City of Roeland Park Staff list for Calendar Year 2014

Last Name	First Name	Title
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Administration - Aaron Otto, Department Head

Otto	Aaron	City Administrator
Bohon	Kelley	City Clerk
Mootz	Debbie	City Treasurer
Murphy	Jennifer	Administrative Assistant
Blankenship	Joe	Administrative Assistant *

Neighborhood Services - Jennifer Jones-Lacy, Department Head

Flickinger	Mike	Building Official
Jones-Lacy	Jennifer	Assistant City Administrator & Finance Director
Wells	Shiloh	Neighborhood Services Officer

Police Department - John Morris, Police Chief

Babcock	Mark	Police Officer (part-time)
Birdsong	Sylvester	Sergeant
Costlow	Randy	Sergeant
Cypret	Kenneth	Police Officer
De Moss	John	Police Officer
Egidy	Bernard	Police Officer
Engravalle	Mark	Police Officer
Estrada	Anthony	Police Officer (part-time)
Garcia	Eric	Police Officer
Gardner	Warren	Corporal
Gross	Andree	Police Clerk
Honas	Cory	Sergeant
Kotcher	Charlie	Corporal
Mason	Robert	Corporal
Morris	John	Police Chief
Mosciaro	Joseph	Police Officer *
Peter	Ruth	Master Police Officer
Schemper	Gary	Police Officer *
Shapiro	Todd	Police Officer *
Thornton	Chris	Police Officer (part-time)
Weaver	Courtney	Detective

Public Works - Jose Leon, Department Head

Allen	Rick	Equipment Operator
Haesemeyer	Steve	Shop Foreman/Mechanic
Leon	Jose	Director of Public Works
Mootz	Dave	Director of Public Works *
Murphy	John	Equipment Operator
Stainbrook	Dan	Equipment Operator
Thorell	Doug	Equipment Operator
Wisdom	Carl	Equipment Operator/Forester

Municipal Court

Galvan	Lisa	Court Clerk
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Management Interns

Amick	Kris *
Clemons	Ted
Lindstrom	Eric *

* Designates that this person ended employment with The City of Roeland Park prior to end of the 2014 calendar year.