

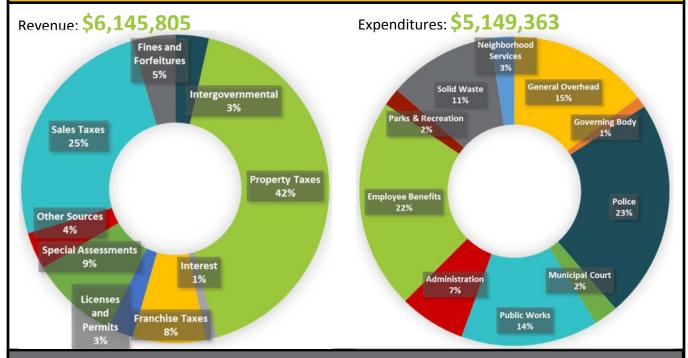
# The ROELAND PARKER

August-September 2020

# 2021-2023 Budget Summary and Update

The City held its budget hearing on August 3rd at its regular Council meeting. The City adopts next year's budget and establishes two additional years of projections to gain a better understanding of the City's financial position. Below is a big picture of that position for FY 2021 for the General Fund along with organizational goals and objectives and an overview of our 5-Year Capital Plan by Category.

# 2021 General Fund at a Glance



# **Organizational Goals & Objectives**

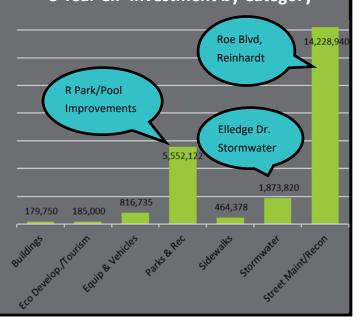
- I. Equip Snow & Street

  Sweeping Equipment with

  GPS
- 2. Quarterly Diversity and Racial Equity Assessment
- Reduce Non-State Mandated Fines & Court Fees by 25%
- Maintain & Improve
   Cooper Creek Park & Update Gateway Entrance
- Build Artistic Staircase
   Leading to Aldi/Walgreens from Roe Ln.
- 6. Replace Amenities at

- Sweany Park
- Designate a Maintenance Budget for Public Art
- Install Marquee Signs on Roe Blvd at the North & South Ends
- 9. Replace Seating for Municipal Court
- 10. Provide Free Wi-Fi at the Aquatic Center
- 11. Replace Administrative Vehicles with All Electric
- 12. Install a Major Sculpture at the Northern Entry to the City

### 5 Year CIP Investment by Category



# Counting on You—You Count!

he 2020 Census is still happening. Census counts are safe and confidential, and they cannot be used against you according to federal law. The public is strongly encouraged to complete their census online by visiting my2020census.gov. If you do not have a code, you can simply enter your address to complete the survey. You can also respond by phone by calling (844) 330-2020, or by mail.

74.7% of Roeland Park households have responded to the Census, more than the Kansas and National Average! Let's keep up the great response rate.



# City Sales Tax Ballot Initiative

The City is seeking to renew and increase these resources to infrastructure. the current sales tax that is due to sunset in 2023. The sales tax that will be on the November ballot is currently 1/4 cent and is earmarked for infrastructure improvements. The ballot question will



ask to increase this sales tax to 1/2 cent and continue committing

Passing this initiative will allow the City to do more residential street reconstruction projects and higher quality resurfacing (known as UBAS) and continue to improve our beloved parks. More information can be found at:

Roelandpark.net/377/2020-Sales-Tax-Ballot-Question.

#### Vote! Vote! Vote!

Election season is well underway! Don't forget these important dates:

- October 13<sup>th</sup>: Last Day to Register for **General Election**
- October 14<sup>th</sup>: Advanced Ballots Start to be Mailed, and In-Person Advanced **Voting Begins**
- -October 27<sup>th</sup>: Deadline for Voters to Request Advanced Ballots to be Mailed
- -November 2<sup>nd</sup>: Final Day for In-Person **Advanced Voting**
- November 3<sup>rd</sup>: General Election

Information about guidance, where to vote, and becoming an election worker can be found at voteks.org

Applications for advanced ballots as well as information about sample ballots can be found at jocoelection.org.

# The Roeland Park Community Center



## **Fun for All**

Geocaching: Family Fun Geocaching at Nall Park (All ages),

Fri., Sept. 18th, 5:30pm - 8 pm, \$10 per person, \$30 per family of four or less, \$40 per family of seven or less

Search for hidden caches around the park using our GPS devices. Receive a prize when all caches are found! Enjoy dinner and a take home s'mores kit. Arrive anytime between 5:30pm and 6:30pm. Must pre-register for event.



#### Adult/50 Plus

Yoga (Ages 18+), Mondays and Thursdays, 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm, punch card program—try one class free Moderate Intensity: Strengthen your body, calm your mind and improve flexibility and balance. Prior to coming to Yoga or in order to try one class for free, call (913) 826-3160 for details and class schedule.

Dance: Kansas City 2-Step (Ages 18 & Older), Sat., Sept. 5, 8-2 hour sessions, 9 am - 11 am, \$85 A cultural dance unique to Kansas City, 2-stepping's roots go back to the big band and swing eras of jazz. DC's Dance Instruction provides knowledge, skills, guidelines, and behaviors. Partner not required.

#### Selling Online, Mon., Aug. 24th, 5 pm - 7 pm, \$19

Clearing out clutter? Looking to sell handmade wares? Class covers how to sell online safely. Learn tips and tricks to online payments, where to sell, and how to ship.

Healthy Cooking in Your Electric Pressure Cooker (aka Instant Pot), Wed., Sept. 30th, 5 pm - 8 pm, \$36 Lose the fear and fall in love with one of the hottest kitchen gadgets. Electric pressure cookers are safe, easy, and a great way to get healthy and delicious dinners made fast. Price includes demo and sampling.

Please visit www.jcprd.com often for updates/new offerings as we gradually resume programs and events.

#### **Roeland Park Community** Center

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#### Office Hours

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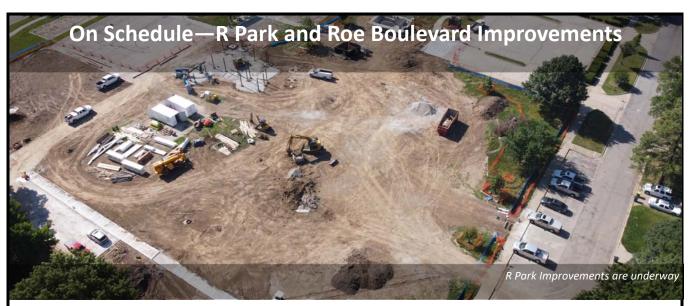
Monday-Thursday: 8 am-8

Friday: 8 am-5 pm

Saturday: 8 am-1 pm

Fitness Room Hours may vary, call for details

www.jcprd.com



#### **Roe Boulevard Improvements**

Roe 2020 Improvements consists of a complete overhaul of the City's main north/south corridor and includes new traffic signals and LED street lighting, improved pedestrian refuge points in the median, a new 8 ft multi-use trail on the west side, and enhanced crosswalks. The City will also install gateway entrance signage, landscaping and trees as part of the project. The project is on schedule and the following work is complete:

- Traffic signal removed at 52nd St.
- Median curbs replaced
- dirt backfill is complete to
- allow for trees and landscaping
- Stamped concrete is being installed in narrow sections of medians

### **R Park Improvements**

R Park is in the process of a major facelift which will include new restroom and pavilion facilities, improved ADA access and pathways, new soccer field and landscaping. The project is progressing nicely and is expected to be ready to use in the fall. The following components are complete:

- · Utilities are installed
- complete
- Restrooms/pavilion construction in progress
- Hammerhead turnaround complete
- · Sidewalk on the north is

# **Community Shout Out!**

# **Check Out Our Newest Sculpture by Artist Darren Mil-**



ooray for community togetherness! Some appreciative neighbors graciously provided RJs Bob-be-Que Shack lunch to the hardworking Mega Construction crew at the R Park renovation area. Just another example of our residents spreading kindness. Thank you!

New public art was recently installed in R Park! Members of the community attended the installation of the beautiful sculpture by Darren Miller.

One of the ways we celebrate life is to explore. My work is observation and study combined with acquired skills leading to the exploration of what may become. Time spent in nature, windsurfing and dancing have led me to produce these kinetic sculptures that delight in being in the world. I often

call them 'Floral Improvisations" or 'Patterns of the Dance', but they are abstract so I do not name them, I leave that to the new steward of the piece. It will be what you decide it is in relation to your lives and contemplations.

~Darren Miller, Artist





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# Equality—Right in Your COVID-19 Updates

Face Mask Mandate
Mayor Kelly Announces Mask Plan

n response to Governor Laura Kelly's Executive Order requiring masks be worn in public,

Mayor Mike Kelly announced that Roeland Park will be using CARES Act funding to provide free masks to residents of the City as well as businesses. Any resident who would like a mask may come to City Hall to obtain them. The Police Department will deliver masks to interested businesses.

The COVID-19 pandemic is still dramatically affecting our community and our country. Please remember to practice social distancing and wash your hands regularly. Governor Kelly has mandated that masks be worn in public. The Executive Order will remain in effect through September.

Please visit roelandpark.net to find our up-todate COVID-19 page that outlines additional information and other COVID-19 related updates.



Stay safe, everyone!

# Take Action for Racial Equality—Right in Your Own Community

Established by the City of Roeland Park Black Lives Matter Resolution, the Roeland Park Racial Equity and Diversity Committee is looking for a diverse group of Roeland Parkers to inform local policy.

In particular, we are looking to learn, discuss, and implement ways to become more inclusive and engage the full diversity of our city.

Fill out an application to join the committee online. Please contact City Clerk Kelley Nielsen at knielsen@roelandpark.org or 913-722-

