

# Louisburg Speaks <sup>KS</sup>

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October-November 2022

## HOLIDAY MAGIC ON BROADWAY



Holiday Magic on Broadway returns to historic downtown Louisburg the first Sunday in December. Most activities run from 3-6 p.m.

Visits with Santa Claus will be from 1:30-5:30 p.m. Parents may make a reservation for their child to see Santa beginning Monday, Nov. 14 by calling City Hall at 837-5371. Appointments will be accepted until all time slots are filled.

A special mailbox for Santa letters will be available at City Hall after Thanksgiving. Santa will reply with a personal note for those letters dropped off by Friday, Dec. 16.

Rather than greeting children in the Louisburg Library like last year, the Grinch will roam the downtown area and be available for a photo opp.

The lighting of the Mayor's Christmas Tree will take place at 6 p.m. in the green space north of City Hall.

Immediately following the tree light-



*The Grinch was behind the wheel of this Jeep in the first-ever Light-Up Parade last year during Holiday Magic on Broadway activities. The Mayor's Christmas Tree lighting led by Mayor Donna Cook will take place at 6 p.m. with the Light-Up Parade immediately following.*

ing will be the Light-Up Parade.

The year will mark the second year for the Light-Up Parade. Businesses, organizations and families are encouraged to decorate their car, truck, trailer, bike — or whatever they can ride or drive — with lights and parade through downtown from S. First to S. Fifth streets. If you are interested in participating, please call Jessica at 913-837-5217 to sign up.

Businesses or organizations that would like to have a vendor table on Broadway during the event can call the

Chamber of Commerce at 913-406-1901. A Cheermeister Award will be presented to the business owner that has the most holiday spirit by decorating their table and wearing holiday attire.

Other activities include carriage rides, a story walk, music, ax throwing, corn hole, snowball fight, hot cocoa & cider stations and food vendors.

The event is sponsored by the City of Louisburg, Louisburg Chamber of Commerce, Louisburg Library and Louisburg Recreation Commission.



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Hours: 7 am - 4:30 pm

Monday-Friday

**Police Department**

Chief Tim Bauer

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**Fire Department**

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The City of Louisburg requires building permits. Please call the Building & Zoning Department at 913-837-5811 before beginning any construction project.

# Open burning inside city limits

Open burning of leaves and yard waste is allowed inside the city limits on Fridays and Saturdays only.

Fire Chief Gerald Rittinghouse reminds residents that, while a permit is not required, residents must still follow open burn regulations:

- Do not use tires, oil, or composition shingles to ignite or accelerate the fire.

- Do not burn anything that creates a dark smoke.

- Burning is permitted from one hour after sunrise until one hour after sunset. No material may be added to the fire within two hours before sunset.

- Burning is prohibited during inclement or foggy conditions or on very

cloudy days.

- Surface wind speeds must be 5 mph and no more than 15 mph.

- The person conducting the burn must ensure that the burning is supervised until the fire is extinguished.

- Any person who violates the provisions of Louisburg City Code pertaining to open burning may be assessed a fine of not less than \$50 or more than \$500 upon conviction and the violator may be assessed all costs incurred by the City in controlling any fire found to be burning in violation of City Code.

## BRUSH DUMP

Residents may take brush and limbs

to the brush dump located south of the city on Rogers Road.

There is a separate area at the dump for leaf drop off. Residents should remove yard waste from bags or containers.

The dump is open to City of Louisburg residents only. Violators may be prosecuted.



## MAYOR'S MINUTE

### Lots of fall activities in Louisburg

Wow is this year flying by. It seems like it was just spring and now here we are at Halloween. I love this time of year with crisp mornings and leaves falling.

Don't forget the Halloween on Broadway event were all the kids and parents can dress up and trick or treat down Broadway with the businesses passing out candy/ items for all the kids. It is October 22, 4-6 p.m. with Broadway shut down for our kids' safety so everyone come out and enjoy all the fun and great community camaraderie.

We have several positions open with the City. Please check our web site for the details.

The burn site is back open, and we are working on a few kinks to make it satisfactory for all of Louisburg.

We had a couple of issues at first and fixed those.

On another note, the LHS Electric light show is Oct 29. If you have never attended to watch them perform in their lighted costumes, I can't recommend it enough; plus, there are fireworks afterwards.

As my first year of being Mayor goes by, I want to let my constituents know that I do value your opinions and what people think about our community. I want Louisburg to be that place where people live and shop.



**DONNA COOK**

*Donna*

## Additional trash service information

In early October, the City's new contract with Waste Management to dispose of the City's solid waste went into effect.

There are several new features that residents will need to know about the service.

Since the hauler is moving to automated trucks in the next few months all residents will be required to use carts supplied by Waste Management. Those trash and recycle carts were delivered in early October to those customers that did not currently have them or that had carts that are not compatible with the automated trucks.

### SMALLER TRASH CART/ RETURN RECYCLE CART

Resident were provided with a 95-gallon trash cart and a 65-gallon recycle cart. To swap a 95-gallon cart with a 65-gallon trash cart or if you don't plan to recycle and want that cart picked up, please contact Waste Management using the information in the box.

### BULKY ITEM PICK-UP

Residents may still take advantage of the monthly bulky item pick-up but must request pick-up by end of business on the Friday prior to the monthly pick-up. Bulky items are picked up on the first collection day of each month. For example, to have a bulky item picked up in November, residents need to notify Waste Management by end of business Friday, Oct. 28.

This service is limited to one item that weighs less than 75 lbs. White good items, which include refrigerators, freezers, washers, dryers and water heaters, are not included in the bulky item pick-up.

### OLD RECYCLE BINS

If residents would like to return the old blue recycle tubs, they can contact Waste Management by using the contact information in the box.

### OLD TRASH CONTAINERS

Residents who want to dispose of their old personal trash containers



*Louisburg residents should have received this postcard in early October informing them of changes to trash, recycle and bulky item pick-up.*

### Waste Management Quick Contact Info

800-964-8988

email: [wmillin@wm.com](mailto:wmillin@wm.com)

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

Please provide name,  
address, phone.

Your customer ID number from a  
recent statement is helpful.

should mark them as "trash" and those will be collected during weekly trash pick-up.

### POSTCARD

The trash provider mailed a postcard to all city customers in October that further explained the changes. A QR code can be found on the card and can be scanned to download the WM app. Residents can schedule all these services through the app.

### OTHER INFORMATION

Bryce Smith, WM district manager, suggested that residents might want to use the website or email to make many of these requests. He said that may be faster than calling in and waiting on hold.

He also noted the bulky item pick-up can be requested through the website. Once on the site, scroll down to the "Do More with My WM" and click on the Request Bulk Pickup icon.

The garbage collection page on the City's website includes this information plus a quick link to the trash hauler's Louisburg-specific website.

## Cemetery clean-up

Clean-up of the Louisburg Cemetery will be conducted Sunday, Oct. 30. Louisburg High School National Honor Society members provide volunteers to assist with this task. All artificial flowers and other tattered and weathered items will be removed. This is a community service project for the NHS members and spruces up the cemetery before Veterans Day.

Please collect any special mementos on loved ones' graves before Oct. 30.

## City-owned property for sale

The City of Louisburg has for sale a 2-acre tract of land located directly north of the fire station on S. Metcalf Road. This property, parcel number: 1093202003001070, is zoned C3 and is suitable for basic retail, service and office uses.

For more information, contact Nathan Law, city administrator, at 913-837-5839 or [nlaw@louisburg-kansas.gov](mailto:nlaw@louisburg-kansas.gov)



## Drug Take-Back Day

It's time to clean out the medicine cabinet of unwanted or expired medications. Those medications can be disposed of safely during the nationwide DEA Drug Take-Back Day hosted by the Louisburg Police Department.

The collection box will be available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29 at the police station, 209 S. Metcalf, says Chief Tim Bauer. He encourages area residents to bring their unused or outdated medications to the free drop off site located in the parking lot in front of the station, which will be monitored by a local officer.

More information can be found on the City's website under the Community News section.

# Advance voting opportunities before Election Day

Election Day is fast approaching and the Miami County Election Office has several opportunities for residents to avoid the line and advance vote.

Voters can cast their ballot in advance from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. beginning Wednesday, Oct. 19 at the Miami County Election Office, 201 S. Pearl St., Paola.

Extended voting times are offered until 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25 and



Thursday, Nov. 3.

Saturday hours are available from 8 a.m.-noon on Oct. 29 and Nov. 5.

Advance voting ends at noon, Monday, Nov. 7.

Residents must provide photo identification when voting in person.

Residents can also request a mail-in ballot. Information can be found on the County's website at: <https://bit.ly/3SZHU01>

Voters who request a mail-in ballot may either return the ballot by mail or drop it in the Ballot Drop kiosk located in the alley on the east side of Louisburg City Hall.

# Natural gas safety in your home, neighborhood

With winter right around the corner now is a good time to review natural gas safety in your home and neighborhood.

Many residents use natural gas to heat their homes and power appliances such as ranges, dryers, fireplaces and water heaters. Occasionally, pipelines that carry natural gas can leak by either being ruptured during excavation or other accident, worn-out seals on gas appliances or simply old worn-out pipes.

Natural gas is odorless, colorless and is lighter than air. This means it doesn't diffuse quickly and can become trapped in your home and potentially cause an explosion.

All gas providers, including the City of

Louisburg, puts an additive into the gas distribution system that smells like rotten eggs, the smell generally associated with a gas leak.

If you think you smell gas in or near your home, follow the steps on this stoplight image provided by the Kansas Corporation Commission, the state agency that oversees natural gas safety in the state.

If you suspect a gas leak, leave the area immediately on foot and upwind of the smell. Warn others to stay away. Call the City of Louisburg at 913-837-5371 or 911.

Do not use any electrical devices including light switches, garage door openers or telephones including cell phones; do not start a vehicle; do not



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light a cigarette or smoke; and do not try to shut off the gas to your appliances.

Signs of a gas leak include a rotten egg smell; blowing or hissing sound coming from the ground; dead or discolored vegetation in an otherwise green area; dirt or dust blowing from a hole in the ground; and bubbling in wet or flooded areas.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Fox Hall/Cemetery Board**  
5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24  
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

**Louisburg Planning Commission**  
6:30 pm Wednesday, Oct. 26  
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

**DEA Drug-Take Back**  
10 am-2 pm Saturday, Oct. 29  
Louisburg Police Station

**Electric Light Band show**  
LHS Wildcat Marching Band  
7 pm Saturday, Oct. 29  
Wildcat Stadium  
Rain date: Sunday, Oct. 30

**Historic Preservation Commission**  
6:30 pm Wednesday, Nov. 2  
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

**Louisburg City Council**  
6:30 pm Monday, Nov. 7  
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

**Election Day**  
**Tuesday, Nov. 8**

**Louisburg Park & Tree Board**  
6:30 pm Monday, Nov. 14  
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

**Louisburg Recreation Commission**  
6 pm Tuesday, Nov. 15  
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

**Louisburg City Council**  
6:30 pm Monday, Nov. 21  
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

**Louisburg City Hall closed for Thanksgiving, Thursday & Friday, Nov. 24 & 25**

**Louisburg Planning Commission**  
6:30 pm Wednesday, Nov. 30  
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

**Louisburg City Council**  
6:30 pm Monday, Dec. 5  
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

**Historic Preservation Commission**  
6:30 pm Wednesday, Dec. 7  
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

**Louisburg Park & Tree Board**  
6:30 pm Monday, Dec. 12  
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

**Louisburg City Council**  
6:30 pm Monday, Dec. 19  
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

**Louisburg Recreation Commission**  
6 pm Tuesday, Dec. 20  
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

**Louisburg City Hall closed for Christmas, Monday, Dec. 26**

**Louisburg Planning Commission**  
6:30 pm Wednesday, Dec. 28  
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

**Louisburg City Hall closed for New Year's Day, Monday, Jan 1.**