

Louisburg

Speaks ^{KS}

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February-March 2023

Council seeks input on leaf removal, burning

The Louisburg City Council has discussed leaf removal and the City's brush dump located south of the public works building on S. Rogers Road over the past several months.

The Council has discussed ways to assist residents in disposing of leaves and also minimize impact at the brush dump.

Discussion has centered on open burning that is currently allowed inside the city limits on Fridays and Saturdays.

The Council is asking residents of Louisburg to answer this quick survey and return it with their next utility payment.



Each fall, leaves quickly fill the designated leaf dump area at the City's brush dump located on S. Rogers Road.

Please complete this survey and return with your next utility bill.

Do you currently burn your leaves?

Yes No

How do you dispose of your leaves? (check all that apply)

Haul to brush dump

Pay for yard waste pickup as part of trash collection

Burn on my property

Mulch leaves

I don't do anything with my leaves

I don't have leaves

Are you in favor or opposed to open burning of leaves in the city limits?

Favor Opposed

Please rank the current options for your preference to dispose of leaves, 1-6, with 1 the most preferred option.

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What Ward do you live in?

Ward 1

Ward 2

Ward 3

Ward 4

Unsure of ward? Please include your address so your ward can be determined for survey purposes.





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Monday-Friday

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Chief Gerald Rittinghouse
205 S. Metcalf Rd.
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913-837-4700

Spring spruce-up, Home Buddies

The annual city parks spruce-up day is planned for Saturday, April 1. Anyone that would like to volunteer for this event is asked to meet at City Park, S. Fifth & Vine at 8:45 a.m. The crew will work from 9 a.m. to noon.

This work is organized by the Louisburg Ministerial Alliance and includes spreading mulch in planting beds and under playground equipment, raking leaves and picking up sticks, trimming bushes, power washing picnic tables and other chores.

Volunteers are encouraged to bring shovels or pitchforks, rakes, pruners and leaf blowers. Volunteers will be divided into groups to complete the work in various city parks.

Also during this time, volunteers will do clean-up work in the yards of senior citizens as part of the Home Buddy program. This program matches senior citizens with volunteers to help with

outdoor work like cleaning out flower beds, raking leaves, picking up sticks and similar chores.

Senior citizens that would want to take advantage of this opportunity, should contact City Hall at 837-2324 to be placed on a first-come, first-served list. Youth organizations from the high school assist with this program. This allows them to earn community service hours.



MAYOR'S MINUTE

New Year's resolutions

I don't know what everyone did for their New Year's resolution.

Mine: On being Mayor, how can I help Louisburg grow and still keep that feeling of a warm community where everyone cares and helps each other; like in the old days when kids and grownups would shovel snow off your neighbor's driveway/sidewalks then everyone would go sledding down PD Hill?

One question I asked myself: How do you spend money for needed infrastructure, parks, etc., and not raise taxes to our citizens? I think every governing body thinks this. I still believe a \$1 saved here and there does add up. So that is why I question why we need this vehicle or can that street wait one more year to be paved. Those dollars can be used for much needed storm water runoff and various other issues in the city. And I will continue to ask those questions for our Louisburg citizens.

Second question I asked myself: How will we grow? Overland Park is right on our door step to the north. If

we don't start thinking of our future growth and how we want it to look for our town, we will be swallowed up before we know it then it is too late. We are looking into a city planner/engineer to help with this. Someone that has insight on keeping our town warm and fuzzy yet helping find ways to grow and not break the bank. This will be a juggling act that our city should try and not drop the ball.

Louisburg is a great little town, let's support our local businesses. Any ideas on how to get people to turn left at the intersection off 69 Hwy from the north instead of right, I would be interested in hearing. My email is dcook@louisburgkansas.gov.



DONNA COOK

Donna

Louisburg Speaks is published six times a year by the City of Louisburg for its residents. Please direct questions or comments to jcarder@louisburgkansas.gov

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

Pool pass sales start March 1, pool rental April 7

Parents or grandparents looking for a fun gift to put in a child's Easter basket can consider purchasing a pool pass to the Louisburg Aquatic Center.



Pool passes will again be sold online this year through the LAC Marketplace and will be available to purchase starting March 1. The link to purchase will be available on the City's website: www.louisburgkansas.gov. The link can be found in a call-out box at the top left side of the home page.

This year's pass price will be \$30. There will be no additional processing fees. Residents should allow up to 2 weeks to receive their cards in the mail. This year, patrons have the option to renew last year's card.

Patrons under the age 2 and over 65 have free entry to the pool. Seniors must have a pass but are asked to come to City Hall to pick those up starting April 7. Children 2 and under are not required to have a pass.

The aquatic center will open for the season Saturday, May 27 and close Saturday, Aug. 12.

CONCESSION TICKETS

Aquatic Center patrons may purchase concession tickets through the LAC Marketplace. This allows parents to pre-purchase concession tickets that are then redeemed at the concession stand. The tickets can be printed and redeemed at the concession stand or scanned from an email. Parents may like to use this service to avoid sending cash with their children to the pool. A 5% transaction fee will apply.

POOL ADMISSION & HOURS

Residents may also pay daily admission of \$4 at the pool. A 10-use punch card for \$30 is available for purchase at the pool.

Pool hours are noon to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 7:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Lap swim is offered from 8-9 p.m.

Monday through Friday. Lap swim may be canceled on Thursday or Friday evenings in the event of a pool party. Please watch the welcome sign at the pool entrance for any early closures.

POOL PARTIES

Residents may reserve the aquatic center for pool parties beginning April 7. The pool is available for rentals Thursday through Sunday evenings. Thursday & Friday night rentals are from 8:30-10:30 p.m. while Saturday and Sunday rentals are from 8-10 p.m. Pool parties may be scheduled from June 1 through July 29.

A pool party rental agreement form can be found on the City's website under the Department tab and then on the Aquatic Center page. The form should be returned to City Hall to get on the calendar.

Rentals are on a first-come, first-served basis. Rentals should be requested a minimum of two weeks in advance of the requested date. Party cost is based on the number of guests. Any guests over the party package will be billed at \$5 per additional party. Pool parties range in price from \$250 for 10-50 persons to \$400 for 150 or more guests.

Parties are not considered scheduled until payment is received.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Lockers are available for rent for a \$5 deposit, which is returned when the locker key is returned.
- If the pool closes in the event of severe weather, patrons will be asked to leave the pool. Walkers and bicyclists are required to shelter in the bathrooms unless they can get a ride home.

AQUATIC CENTER FACEBOOK PAGE

Watch for a Facebook page dedicated to the Louisburg Aquatic Center coming soon. Information on the page will be announced on the City's Facebook page and website. Please be sure to follow this page to see any pool-related announcements such as early closings, weather events or other pertinent information.

Budget flyer

The City's budget season is here. The budget flyer for 2023 is included with this newsletter and provides information in an easy-to-understand format. City officials encourage citizen participation in the budget process, with opportunities starting in late spring.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Louisburg utility customer Therese S. for receiving \$75 off her utility bill after she returned the City's natural gas distribution system survey. Her name was randomly drawn from those surveys that were returned.

This survey, which was included in the November utility bill, is required by federal regulators of any agency that operates natural gas facilities.

Thank you to everyone who returned their surveys.

Bulky item pickup

As a reminder, residents may take advantage of bulky item pickup but must schedule the pickup by 5 p.m. the Friday prior to pick-up day.

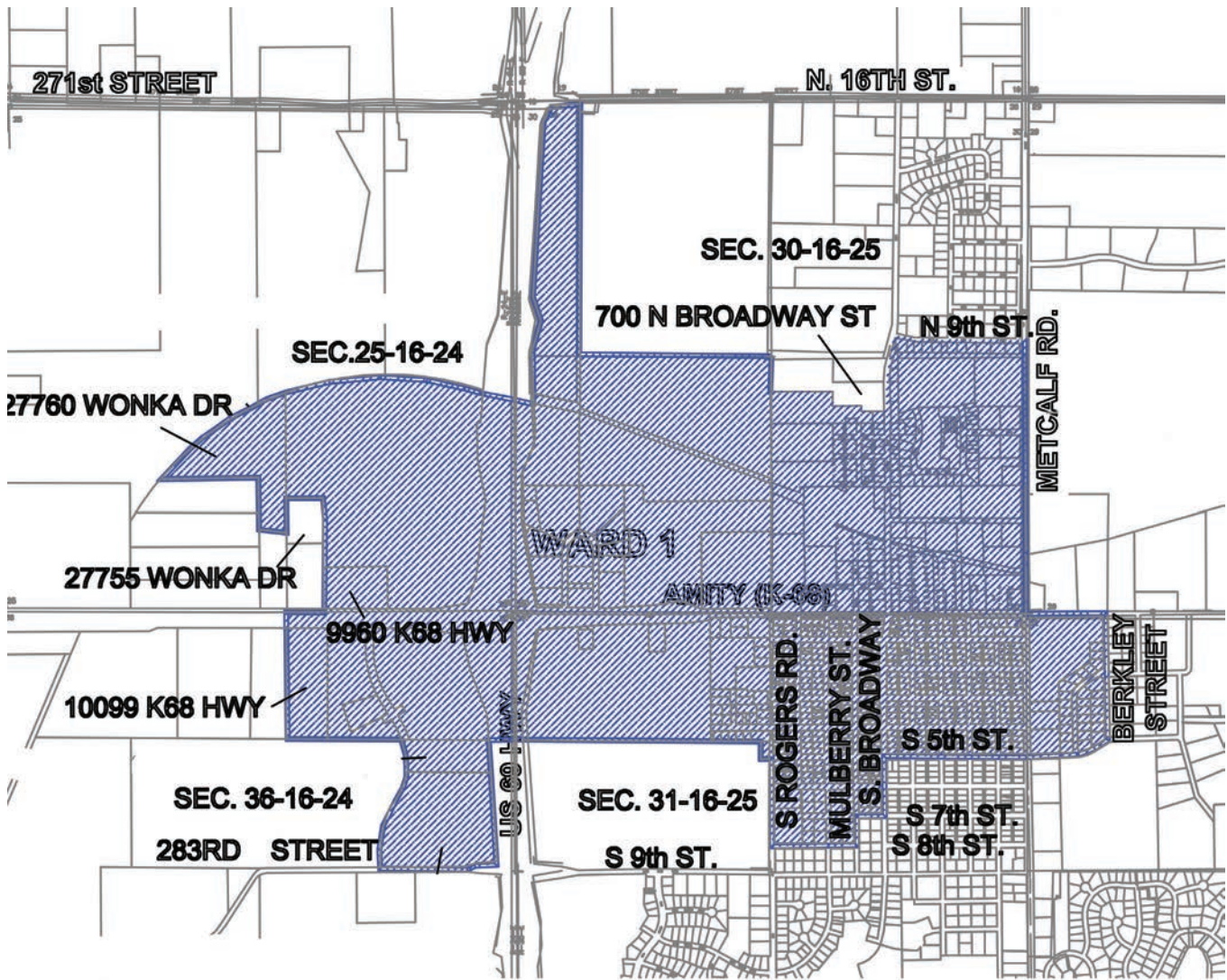
Residents can schedule the pickup by calling the trash contractor at 800-964-8988 or email at: wmillin@wm.com. Please be ready to provide your name, address, phone number and your customer ID from a recent statement.

Bulky item pickup is part of the regular trash pickup on the first trash collection day of the month. Residents are allowed 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 pickup.

Residents may also contact the company to pickup the old blue, recycle tubs.

Residents who would like to trade the 95-gallon trash cart for a 65-gallon trash cart or don't plan to recycle and would like the recycle cart picked up, please contact the trash contractor at the information provided above.

If you have an old, personal trash container that you would like to have picked up, please mark it as "trash" and set out on a regular trash pickup day.



Ward 1 map

In response to a request by a resident, ward maps will be published in the next few issues of Louisburg Speaks. This first map is of Ward 1. All ward maps may be found on the City's web-

site under the Government tab and Ward Maps page. Located on the Ward Maps page is a written description that provides boundaries of each ward.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Historical Preservation Commission

6:30 pm Wednesday, March 1
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

Louisburg City Council

6:30 pm Monday, March 6
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

Louisburg Park & Tree Board

6:30 pm Monday, March 13
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

Louisburg City Council

6:30 pm Monday, March 20
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

Louisburg Recreation Commission

6 pm Tuesday, March 21
LRC Board office, 105 S. Fifth St. East

Louisburg Planning Commission

6:30 pm Wednesday, March 29
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

Louisburg City Council

6:30 pm Monday, April 3
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

Louisburg Park & Tree Board

6:30 pm Monday, April 10
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

Louisburg City Council

6:30 pm Monday, April 17
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

Louisburg Recreation Commission

6 pm Tuesday, April 18
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

Louisburg Planning Commission

6:30 pm Wednesday, April 26
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

Garage sale sign moratorium

April 12-26
Allows for the placement of garage sale signs without a permit

Citywide Clean-up Day

6:30 a.m. Saturday, April 29
City residents may clean out the closet, garage, basement or shed and dispose of non-regular trash. White good items will be picked up by the City's Public Works crews with other trash being picked up by the trash contractor. Yard waste and hazardous items will not be picked up.

TOTAL CITY BUDGET
\$15,026,523
 million

0.07%
 from the
 FY22 budget

20.872
 mill levy
 down
 11.57 mills
 from FY22

BOND
 RATING

A1
 Moody's says: "The A1 rating reflects the City's small, but affluent and growing tax base favorably located in proximity to employment in the KC metro area, above-average reserve position, moderate debt burden and low pension liability."

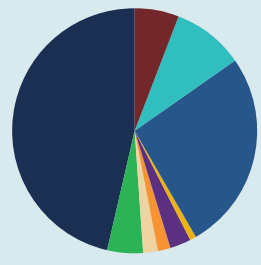
Where Does My City Property Tax Dollar Go?



WHERE THE MONEY GOES TO

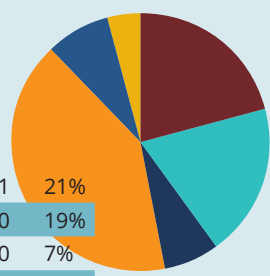
General Fund Budget by Department

Administration	\$371,700	6.1%
Fire	\$569,099	9.4%
Police	\$1,592,297	26.3%
Court	\$48,715	0.8%
Streets	\$169,878	2.8%
Building & Zoning	\$100,510	1.7%
Building Inspections	\$114,789	1.9%
Parks	\$283,571	4.7%
Special Events	\$6,500	0.1%
Capital Outlay/Transfers	\$2,800,000	46.2%
TOTAL	\$6,057,059	



Budget by Type

Salaries	\$3,207,971	21%
Contractual	\$2,814,000	19%
Commodities	\$1,016,000	7%
Capital Outlay	\$6,136,330	41%
Debt Service	\$1,237,222	8%
Transfers	\$615,000	4%
TOTAL	\$15,026,523	



Revenue by Type

Utility Receipts	\$4,453,900
Beginning Fund Balance	\$9,489,294
Ad Valorem Tax	\$1,314,067
Sales Tax	\$2,100,000
Fees & Other Taxes	\$686,858
Motor Fuel Tax	\$126,840
Transfers	\$615,000
Interest	\$122,150
TOTAL	\$18,908,109

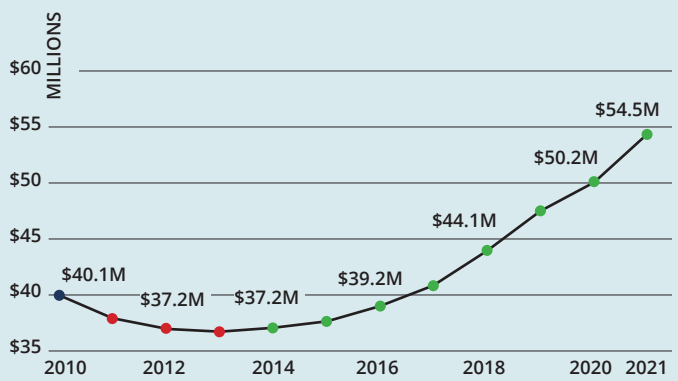
Budget by Fund

General	\$6,057,059
Bond & Interest	\$754,908
Special Highway	\$920,000
Utility Funds	\$5,019,556
Recreation Funds*	\$1,395,000
Infrastructure Improvement	\$880,000
TOTAL	\$15,026,523

Current vs Proposed Mill Levy

	2021 Mill Levy for 2022 Budget	2022 Proposed Mill Levy for 2023 Budget
General Fund	25.172	19.398
Debt Service Fund	7.267	1.474
Total Mill	32.439	20.872

ASSESSED VALUE TREND



NET ASSESSED VALUE
increase over past 5 years
state average during same time 4.23% **6.8%**

What does the City budget mean to **HOMEOWNERS?**



\$250,000 home value
= \$3,434.42 tax bill
City collects \$600.07

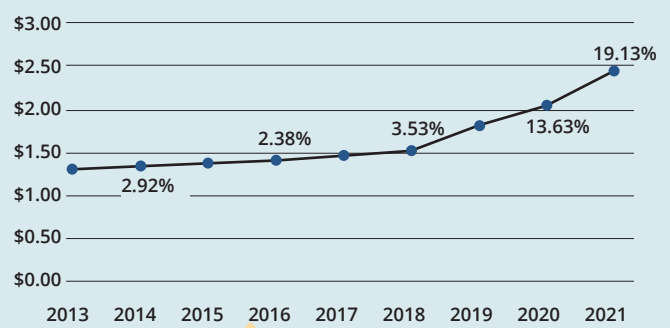
LOUISBURG AT A GLANCE

- Incorporated in 1868
- Population 4,969
- 53 full- & part-time employees
Police Department with 15 full- & part-time staff
Fire Department has 21 paid and volunteer firefighters
- Approximately 27.75 miles of paved roads
- City-owned water, wastewater and gas utility systems

MAJOR PROJECTS FOR 2023

- Fleet, equipment and technology needs
- Continued stormwater improvements
- Continued sidewalk enhancement/replacement
- Utility meter replacement program
- Comprehensive Plan implementation
- Utility maintenance
- Continued implementation of Master Plans
- Maintain/replace streets city wide

SALES TAX TREND



SALES TAX REVENUE has seen double digit growth since 2019

City of Louisburg's Budget Process Made Simple

A key component to developing the budget is hearing from you! To help you better understand how Louisburg plans its spending every year — and how you can get involved — we have broken down some of the key steps that go into developing the City's budget.

A five-step process

1 Prepare	2 Draft	3 Review	4 Adjust	5 Approve
February-March Department heads and Council provide budget wish lists.	March-April Staff develops draft budget.	April-May Council conducts workshop to review proposed budget.	June-July Council has Budget Hearing. Public may provide input.	August Council approves budget.