

# Louisburg

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## Going green

### New features in parks highlight recycled products



*At left: A new play surface was recently installed at the Louisburg Aquatic Center playground. Benches were added to this playground, City Park (below) and at Lewis-Young Park's soccer pavilion this summer. The benches and the play surfacing are made of recycled materials.*



The latest recycled product project wrapped up in early October in Louisburg parks.

A pour-in-place playground surface was installed in late September at the playground near the Louisburg Aquatic Center.

This play surface is made using 12,255 pounds of recycled rubber with 83 percent of that product produced using recycled tires. All of the recycled prod-

uct was collected in the state of Kansas. According to the play surface installer, almost 300 tires were kept out of the state's landfills with this Louisburg project.

This project was funded using the Parks Department share of money that came from the sale of the City-owned property at Amity & Metcalf.

Earlier this year the City received a grant from the Kansas Department of

Health and Environment's Waste Tire program to add picnic tables made of recycled materials in several city parks.

In addition to the LAC playground, three tables were added to City Park and six tables were added to the new soccer pavilion at Lewis-Young Park. The table at the LAC playground is wheelchair accessible.

Each picnic table contains the equivalent of 20 passenger tires and 3,840 empty gallon plastic jugs destined for Kansas landfills, according to the table's manufacturer.



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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.



*The south side of S. Third Street between Olive and Metcalf will see a new sidewalk later this fall.*

## New sidewalks coming to 'Old Town'

New sidewalks will soon be coming to traditional Louisburg after the City Council approved the action at a September meeting.

Sidewalks will be replaced along the south side of S. Third Street from Broadway to Metcalf Road. A new sidewalk will be added between Olive Street and Metcalf.

A new sidewalk will also be installed between S. Elm to S. Vine streets along the south side of S. Fifth Street.

The council approved a bid of \$86,805.30 to complete the work by the end of the year.

This work continues to chip away at items on the Master Trail Plan, a document that was approved in December

2017. This plan helps guide city council and staff to plan for new sidewalks and trails throughout the community. The trail plan can be found on the City's website under the Plans & Policies page.

"Adding or replacing sidewalks along S. Third & S. Fifth will not only give school children a better school walking corridor, but will help all citizens going from the east end of town to Rogers Road," Mayor Donna Cook said.

Cook said in response to citizens' requests, city officials are working to make connections from the east edge of town to the commercial district on the west end.

# BITS 'N PIECES

## Election Day

Election Day in Kansas will be Nov. 7 with polls open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. City of Louisburg residents' polling location is the Louisburg United Methodist Church, 249 N. Metcalf.

The Secretary of State's office has a webpage dedicated to all things elections at [votekansas.gov](http://votekansas.gov). Voters can find information on how to register to vote, a calendar of important election dates and a link to VoterView, where you can find information on your polling location, a copy of the ballot and the elections you have voted in previously.

Oct. 18 is the first day advance voting starts and Oct. 31 is the last day to request a mailed ballot. In-person voting at the County Clerk's office ends at noon, Monday, Nov. 6

## Fall Fun in Louisburg

### HALLOWEEN ON BROADWAY

The annual trick-or-treat extravaganza is 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28 in downtown Louisburg.

### WILDCAT MARCHING BAND ELS

The LHS band's annual Electric Light Show will be at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28 at Wildcat Stadium. This annual band fund-raiser features the band performing their annual marching competition in the dark with their uniforms and instruments decked out in lights.

## Cemetery clean-up

Students from the LHS National Honor Society will be conducting a cemetery clean-up at the Louisburg Cemetery in late October.

Families are asked to remove any items from graves they would like to be saved. Watch the City's Facebook page for more information.

## Snow Buddies

Volunteers are needed to assist the community's senior citizens with snow shoveling. If you can assist, please sign up on the City's website.

Volunteers are asked to shovel snow on sidewalks and a path from the senior's front door to street — not the entire driveway.

## Special events application

Persons or groups that plan to have a special event of more than 50 persons on city-owned property or an outdoor event on private property with attendance of 250 or more must complete a special events application. The application is available on the City website or contact City Hall for more information.

If alcohol is planned to be sold or dispensed at the event, the City Council must approve a resolution before the event. Applications must be submitted at least 45 days before the event.

# MAYOR'S MINUTE

## Wayfinding signs, new businesses and more

Each day I continue to ponder how to cut expenses for the city and to make Louisburg a destination place to bring more people into our town or county to shop, eat and explore.

### WAYFINDING SIGNS

Our new wayfinding sign committee is working on ways to help people locate businesses and area attractions in Louisburg and Miami County. Local citizens know where the restaurants, City Hall, businesses, etc., are located, however, out-of-town people don't. I'm hoping within the next year, we will have some new signs around town to help our City.

### NEW BUSINESSES

Someone wrote a letter to the mayor asking to publish what new businesses are in town or coming. They stated they don't drive around town to find out. As I'm writing this, a much needed hardware store is locating here. They will be in the strip mall out by the Post Office and plan to open before the end of the year.

The new Hound Lounge (dog groom-

ing) at 408 W. Amity has opened and welcomes all your pets. There is word on the street of a food business going in at S. First and S. Broadway next year. My fingers are crossed. I don't have any more information to give you; but will let you know as I hear more. Just to let people know, this newsletter is written 30 days or more in advance before you see it; so could be old news to some people.

### LITTLE ROUND HOUSE

The Little Round House at Ron Weers Park has been renovated and is ready for a few citizens who have volunteered to decorate it for various seasons/holidays. Barbara Smith is spearheading this. So please drive by as they start to work on it in the next few weeks.

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

I would like to start working on options for a community calendar on the website. We have events that people don't know about around Louisburg and look to our website to see if events are listed or maybe

a news column on what is going on around our community. If you have any suggestions, please email them to me.

### HAPPY THANKSGIVING

As Thanksgiving approaches, I always start reminiscing about the sounds/smells of Thanksgiving dinners with family and friends over the years. All the laughter that took place with 60ish family members/friends crowded together in mom/dad's home, sitting wherever you could to enjoy your meal was something that I look back and cherish. So as the holiday season approaches there is always, always something to be thankful for. I wish everyone a great holiday season of laughter and good times with family and friends.



**DONNA  
COOK**

*Donna*

# Holiday Magic on Broadway

City staff just received a phone call directly from the North Pole to let us know that Santa Claus will be able to come to Louisburg Sunday, Dec. 3 for the annual Holiday Magic on Broadway!

A slew of mostly free activities is being planned by the event organizers, which includes staff at the Louisburg Library, Louisburg Recreation Commission, Chamber of Commerce and City Hall.

Santa will be on hand at City Hall to visit with all the good little girls and boys from 1:30-5 p.m. The Grinch will be set up at the Louisburg Library at the same time for a photo opportunity. Parents can make a reservation to see Santa and/or the Grinch starting Wednesday, Nov. 15 by calling the Louisburg Library at 837-2217 or City Hall, 837-5371 during business hours. Only a limited number of time slots are available.

Other activities will start at 3 p.m. and wrap up around 5:30 p.m. before the light-up parade starts. The popular axe throwing wagon will once again be set up in downtown. Other events include a snowball fight (snow not needed), cookie decorating, horse-drawn carriage rides, an inflatable Ride the Reindeer activity, donkey petting zoo, a hot chocolate station and other activities provided by area businesses and organizations.

The evening closes with the Mayor's Christmas Tree lighting about 6 p.m. with the light-up parade immediately following from S. First to S. Fifth streets.

Businesses, organizations or families that would like to sponsor an activity should reach out to the Chamber of Commerce, 837-2826.

Anyone that wants to participate in the light-up parade should call City Hall at 837-5371.



*Top: We aren't sure who has more fun at the light-up parade - those watching or those decorating their vehicles, UTVs or trailers. Above: The snowball fight is a fun way for kids to burn off a bit of excess energy. Maybe this year there will be real snow!*

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Daylight Saving Time ends**  
2 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 5

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

**Election Day**  
Tuesday, Nov. 7  
Polls open 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

**Convention & Tourism Committee**  
6:30 pm Wednesday, Nov. 8  
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

**Louisburg Park & Tree Board**  
6:30 pm Monday, Nov. 13  
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

**Louisburg City Council**  
6:30 pm Monday, Nov. 20  
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

**Louisburg Recreation Commission**  
6 pm Tuesday, Nov. 21  
LRC Board office, 105 S. Fifth St. East

**City Hall closed in observance of Thanksgiving**  
Thursday, Nov. 23 & Friday, Nov. 24

**Louisburg Planning Commission**  
6:30 pm Wednesday, Nov. 29  
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

**Holiday Magic on Broadway**  
Sunday, Dec. 3  
Downtown Louisburg

**Louisburg City Council**  
6:30 pm Monday, Dec. 4  
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

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

**Louisburg Park & Tree Board**  
6:30 pm Monday, Dec. 11  
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

**Convention & Tourism Committee**  
6:30 pm Wednesday, Dec. 13  
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

**Louisburg City Council**  
6:30 pm Monday, Dec. 18  
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

**Louisburg Recreation Commission**  
6 pm Tuesday, Dec. 19  
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

**City Hall closed in observance of Thanksgiving**  
Monday, Dec. 25

**Louisburg Planning Commission**  
6:30 pm Wednesday, Dec. 27  
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

**Municipal Court**  
Due to the December holidays, Court will meet the first and second Tuesdays in December rather than the typical second and fourth Tuesdays.