

Louisburg Speaks ^{KS}

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Holiday Magic on Broadway comes to downtown Louisburg Dec. 8.

Organizers, the Chamber of Commerce, Louisburg Library, Louisburg Recreation Commission and the City, have changed a few of the details of this year's event. The event will be from 5-7 p.m. with the tree lighting and light-up parade at 7 p.m.

Several area businesses and organizations will have booths set up on Broadway with give-aways or activities. The Grinch will be strolling Broadway for a photo opportunity with kiddos.

Axe throwing and a mechanical bull will entertain the older set while younger children can have a mock snowball fight.

Santa will be greeting children at the Christmas tree on Broadway.

Watch the organizers' Facebook pages for more information as the event gets closer. New this year are dedicated Holiday Magic Facebook and Instagram pages. Follow and like!



Top: The light-up parade during Holiday Magic on Broadway is a huge hit. Above: An axe throwing booth offers a bit of non-traditional fun for the older set. Above right: Who needs snow at the LRC's snowball fight area?



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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.



Lithium battery safety

Most residents have at least one if not many more lithium-ion batteries somewhere on their property. These batteries are a popular rechargeable battery chemistry, according to a press release provided by the State Fire Marshall's office.

These batteries can be found in cell-phones, laptops, electric power tools, e-bikes and scooters, wheelchairs, lawn mowers and electric vehicles.

While these batteries have many advantages, they can overheat, catch fire and in rare occasions explode if the batteries become damaged or are overcharged.

The Fire Safety Research Institute has issued a six-step method to reduce the risk of a lithium-ion battery accident.

The program, Take C.H.A.R.G.E of Battery Safety provides these steps and some recommendations:

C - Choose certified products — many products sold online do not meet these safety standards.

H - Handle these devices with care — do not charge larger devices overnight or charge your phone on a pillow or mattress.

A - Always stay alert for warning signs — watch for excessive heat or a strange odor.

R - Recycle devices and batteries properly — batteries and devices should not go in regular trash

G - Get out quickly if there is a fire — know the warning signs.

E - Educate others on battery safety — share the message on battery safety.

From the first sign of a problem, you have less than one minute to escape from a lithium-ion battery fire.

Safety information on lithium-ion batteries can be found on the City's website.

MAYOR'S MINUTE

What a whirlwind of a year this has been: From hiring new positions for our city; to keeping us Revenue Neutral for 2025. First I want to thank all our citizens that voice their opinions during any of our meetings; no matter what the topic you are commenting about. You, the constituents, are the true governing authority. Your voice does matter; so, please stay involved by coming to meetings or contacting your council person on your thoughts/ideas. Our city website has all the governing body's email addresses for you. If you would prefer to talk to them, call city hall and they can relay a message to them for you.

Transparency? How do we get there starting with our city government, county, and all the way to the top? It takes effort and hard work. If you want to see change, you as citizens have to make the change. It is easy to stand back and let other voices be heard; however, it takes the army to win the war. So please keep forging

ahead as I've seen these past few months. As your Mayor, I would like to see more data on our website to include salaries of our employees, all our city ordinances and our STO and UPOC codes to name a few. All of this is public knowledge. If there are other items you would like to see on the website, please email me at dcook@louisburgkansas.gov. Maybe it is time we re-do our website to accommodate this information.

As your Mayor, I would like to say thank you to everyone from employees to citizens that help make this a great community to live in. I will continue to work for the betterment of all our citizens.



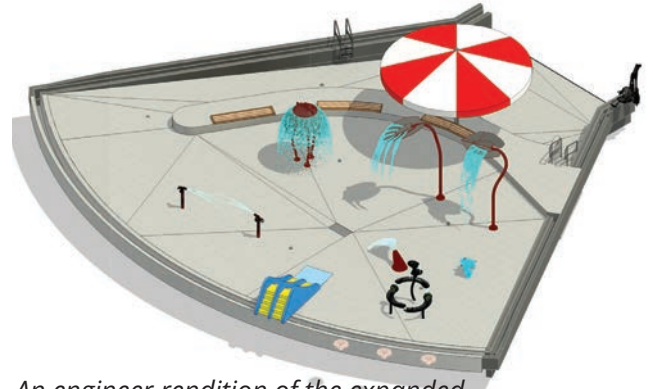
DONNA COOK

Stormwater, pool projects in the works

Louisburg Public Works has two projects that went out for bid in early October that will be of interest to residents.

The first is phase 1 of the S. Fifth and Broadway to S. Ninth and Rogers Road stormwater project. Phase 1 is expected to encompass Doyle Street to Rogers Road. Work will include improved drainage under Rogers Road and will collect water coming from Doyle Street. Underground storm sewers will be installed as part of the project.

Bids are also currently being accepted for improvements at the Louisburg Aquatic Center. Renovations will include new decking and piping, upgrading the main drain, additional seating, shade structures and new play features in the zero-depth entry area.



An engineer rendition of the expanded play area at the Louisburg Aquatic Center

BITS 'N PIECES

Election day

Polls are open from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5, at the polling location, 249 N. Metcalf.

Additional voting information was published in the last Louisburg Speaks and is available on the City's website or Facebook page.

Cemetery clean-up



The LHS National Honor Society will be making a sweep of the cemetery cleaning up old flower displays and trash in preparation for Veteran's Day. The group has not set a date yet so please watch the City's Facebook page and community sign for the exact date.

Families are encouraged to pick up any items they would like saved.

The City and Cemetery Board are not responsible for the care of real or artificial flowers or the containers in which they are placed. Regulations call for cut flowers to be picked up within five days and artificial flowers should be picked up within 15 days.

Snow Buddies

The list of seniors who would like a Snow Buddy is growing but the volunteer shoveler list is small.

If you can help shovel sidewalks and a path on the driveway of a Louisburg senior, please sign up on the City's website.

If you would like shoveling help, you may also sign up on the website. The program is on a first-come, first-served basis and is strictly voluntary.

Change those batteries

Fire Chief Gerald Rittinghouse would like to remind residents to change the

batteries in their smoke and carbon monoxide detectors when they change their clocks at the end of Daylight Saving Time, Sunday, Nov. 3.

Rittinghouse also said the Fire Department has an ongoing smoke detector program. Contact the department for information. The department will also change the batteries in detectors for those that are unable to do so safely.



DANNY SUMMA



BEN MILLER



BRIAN JOECKEL



DAVE SANDER



MASON LAMB

City hires, promotes staff

Danny Summa has been hired as the City's new Facilities Coordinator. In this new role, Summa is responsible for Fox Hall and parks usage scheduling and overseeing the maintenance of City facilities. Summa comes to the City after a career with the Coast Guard. Summa has an office in City Hall.

Ben Miller, formerly the Public Works Lead, has been promoted to Public Works Supervisor. Brian Joeckel has been promoted to Public Works lead.

At the Police Department, Dave Sander was recently promoted from Lieutenant to Captain, while Mason Lamb was promoted from Patrol Officer to Sergeant.

State's highest court to visit Louisburg

Louisburg area residents are in for a rare glimpse into the workings of the Kansas Supreme Court in November.

The court is coming to Louisburg High School as part of its ongoing outreach to familiarize Kansans with the court, its work, and the overall role of the Kansas judiciary Tuesday, Nov. 12.

The Court will hear an oral argument in the event that begins at 6:30 p.m. and will end with a public reception in which justices will greet the public. The event should conclude about 7:15 p.m. at the high school, 202 Aquatic Dr.

WHAT TO EXPECT

There are several guidelines if attending the event:

- Talking during oral argument is prohibited.



- If arriving after the session starts or have to leave early, be as quiet as possible while entering and exiting.

SECURITY

- Arrive early to allow time to get through the security screening. Doors open at 5:30.
- Do not bring knives, pepper spray, firearms or weapons.
- Do not bring electronic devices such as laptops, handheld games or tablets.
- Cell phones should be turned off.
- Food or drink is not allowed.

CASE ON DOCKET

The court publishes a booklet for the special session that explains the proceedings and describes the case to be heard. A summary of the case, briefs filed by the attorneys involved, and the questions of law before the court will be posted on the court's web page: <https://bit.ly/3BE2MXi>

The case heard in Louisburg is Appeal No. 126,350: State of Kansas (appellant) vs. Brian Beck (appellant)

LIVESTREAM

If you can't attend in person, the special session will be streamed live online at www.YouTube.com/KansasSupreme-Court.

TRAVEL DOCKET HISTORY

In 2011, the Supreme Court convened outside its Topeka courtroom in the Kansas Judicial Center to mark the state's 150th anniversary. Its first stop was the historic Supreme Court courtroom in the Kansas Statehouse. Lansing was the other community hosting the Supreme Court this year in April. Since its inception, the court has traveled to 24 locations.

MORE INFORMATION

More information on the event can be found on the Kansas Judicial Branch website: <https://bit.ly/4eFC9Qu>



The Supreme Court heard oral argument in Lansing earlier this year.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

Election Day
Polls open 7 am-7 pm
Tuesday, Nov. 5
at 249 N. Metcalf

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

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

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

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

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

Louisburg Planning Commission
6:30 pm Wednesday, Nov. 20
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

City Hall closed in observance of Thanksgiving
Thursday & Friday, Nov. 28-29

Louisburg City Council
6:30 pm Monday, Dec. 2
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

Holiday Magic on Broadway
5-7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8
Downtown Louisburg

Louisburg Park & Tree Board
6:30 pm Monday, Dec. 9
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

Convention & Tourism Committee
6:30 pm Wednesday, Dec. 11
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

Louisburg City Council
6:30 pm Monday, Dec. 16
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

Louisburg Recreation Commission
6 pm Tuesday, Dec. 17
LRC Office, 505 E. Amity

Louisburg Planning Commission
6:30 pm Wednesday, Dec. 18
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

An updated calendar as well as agendas and minutes for city meetings can be found at www.louisburgkansas.gov under the Agendas & Minutes icon. Links to meeting livestreams can be found in the Agenda Center or by clicking on the movie camera icon in the search bar on the homepage.

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