

Louisburg Speaks ^{KS}

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February - March 2025

Aquatic Center will open with new look

Construction is moving along at the Louisburg Aquatic Center with the goal of meeting opening day, May, 24.

Public Works Director Peter Yazbec said contractors are confident the pool will be ready for opening day. The pool will open Saturday, May 24 and will close Sunday, Aug. 10.

Visitors to the pool will see several new features this season. Toddlers and the younger set will enjoy the new spray features added to the zero-depth entry area. That area will be built up and will not be as deep with a bench added to the area where the water begins to get deeper. A rope swing will take the place of the drop slide, and several new seating areas with shade will be added.

POOL PASSES

Pool passes are \$30 per person and can be purchased online through the LAC Marketplace starting March 17. Look for a link on the City's homepage or the pool's Facebook page. Children 2 and under and patrons over 65 get in free but seniors must have a pass to gain admittance. Seniors can pick up their free passes at City Hall beginning May 5.

Residents can purchase their passes in two ways: an actual pass that is mailed to them or an ePass that is emailed to them that can be stored on their phone.

Pass purchasers that want an actual pass should order early to allow for the pass to be delivered through the mail.



The construction company began work on renovations to the Louisburg Aquatic Center earlier this fall. The pool will see an expanded toddler play area, a rope swing for the older set, additional seating and shade areas.

POOL PARTIES

Pool party reservations will occur online this year. The reservations can be made on the same link as pass sales. Reservations for pool parties will also begin April 14. Party cost is based on the number of guests. Additional guests over the party package will be billed at \$5 per additional person. Pool parties range in price from \$250 for 10-50 persons to \$400 for 150 or more guests.

The pool may be reserved for parties from 8:30-10:30 p.m. on Fridays or from 8-10 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

Parties are not considered scheduled until payment is received. Pool parties can be scheduled from June 7 through July 27.

DAILY ADMISSION & HOURS

Residents may also pay daily admission of \$4 at the pool. A 10-day punch card for \$30 can also be purchased at the pool or at City Hall.

Pool hours are noon to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 7:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Lap swim is available from 8-9 p.m. Monday through Friday. Lap swim may be canceled on Fridays due to a pool party. Please watch the information board at the pool or follow the Louisburg Aquatic Center's Facebook page for these notifications.

SWIM LESSONS

Swim lessons are provided by the

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BITS 'N PIECES

UTV tags

UTV tags were available for renewal Jan. 1. City residents who wish to drive their UTV on most city streets must have the vehicle tagged through the Police Department. Tags are good for one calendar year and may be purchased at City Hall during regular business hours.

The renewal fee is \$50. Owners must provide a copy of current insurance and a valid driver's license to renew the vehicle. A sticker will be issued for renewal.

Those who would like to get a tag for the first time should make an appointment with the Police Department by calling 913-837-3191. The vehicle will undergo an inspection, and the driver will complete an application.

If you did not renew your vehicle last year, the vehicle must be inspected by the Police Department and an application completed by the driver.

UTVs may not be driven on Amity/K-68.

Dog tags

Dog owners are reminded their pet's dog tags were due Jan. 1. Dogs older than six months are required to be licensed per City Code. Tags are good for one calendar year. The tag fee is \$3 for a spayed or neutered pet and \$5 for a pet not spayed or neutered. A copy of the pet's rabies vaccine is also required.

No more than three dogs and only five pets total are allowed per household.

Owners who have not purchased their pet's license by May 1 will be charged a \$5 late penalty fee, per City Code.

Tags can be purchased from 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at City Hall.

FLIP extended in 2025

At its Jan. 7 regular meeting, the City Council approved some adjustments to the The Facades of Louisburg Improvement Program for residential and commercial projects.

The Council approved an award of up to \$2,500 for FLIP-Residential improvements to the front of a single-family home. One of the requirements is the home's value per the county assessment office cannot be more than \$325,000.

FLIP-Commercial awards up to \$5,000 for those projects that have an investment greater than \$15,000. In addition an applicant can receive up to \$5,000 for certain improvements inside the building that would address life safety concerns under FLIP-Enhanced.

The Council allocated \$15,000 for FLIP-Residential, \$10,000 for FLIP-Commercial and \$10,000 for FLIP-Enhanced.

More information on the program can be found on the City's website. Applications are being accepted now on a first-come, first-served basis.

New city finance system

The City is currently implementing new finance software to replace an a legacy system that is no longer supported and is causing some issues in staff's day-to-day work.

As part of this change-over, staff will be working to transfer records from the old system to the new system.

That will include some days when the current finance system will have to be off-line for a data pull, according to Richard Mikesic, the City's finance director.

Mikesic said the first pull is planned for sometime after March 15 but a date has not yet been set. He said the City will provide notification via the website, the City's Facebook page and on the community sign any time the current system will need to be off-line. The data pulls should only require the system to be down a business day at a time. It is estimated there will be less than five such data pulls during the next six to eight months.

The new system will be more efficient, allow for the ability to pull reports with more data and details and allow for better management of the City's finances, Mikesic said.

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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.

Fox Hall, parks rentals

Fox Hall and some City Park amenities are available for rent to area residents.

Fox Hall, the community building located in downtown, is available for rent for \$25/hour or \$75/day plus a \$100 cleaning/security deposit. If the building is cleaned properly and no damage occurs during the rental, that deposit is returned.

There are plastic folding tables and chairs available for use.

The shelter at Ron Weers Park is also available for rent for \$25 for a four-hour rental or \$50 for the day. A \$25 deposit is required to check-out the restroom key, which is returned when the key is returned to City Hall.

The bandstand at City Park and the two shelters north of Lewis-Young Park lake are also available to rent.

Reservation forms are available on the City's website.

City hires planning director

Katherine Louderbaugh is the City's new Planning & Development Director.

Louderbaugh grew up in central Kansas and received a degree in geography and then a master's degree in regional and community planning from Kansas State University.

Her first job after college was as a Planner in Burlington, Iowa.

She came to Louisburg from Leawood where she worked as a Planner I, Planner II, and Senior Planner. She has worked on building permits, code enforcement, signs, landscaping, large development plan reviews, and more.

"I love that Planning allows me to directly help people who live and work in the community that I work for," Louderbaugh said.

Louderbaugh reminds residents the City requires building permits for accessory buildings over 150 sq. ft.; new residential or commercial structures;

decks; fences; HVAC installation; patio, sidewalk or driveway installation or repairs; pool or spa installation; plumbing and electrical repairs or installation; signs for commercial structures; and roof permits.

If you are starting a project and are unsure if a permit is needed, reach out to Louderbaugh at City Hall in the Building and Zoning office at 913-837-5811.

Louderbaugh will also be tasked with reviewing new development plans and working with new businesses coming to town.



KATHERINE LOUDERBAUGH

MAYOR'S MINUTE

Our vision for Louisburg. At the beginning of last year I brought to the council that we should have a vision workshop that would help create values and missions for the City of Louisburg. We were in the beginning of budget season, so it was put on a back burner. I will be bringing this up again at council meetings to get us moving forward on priorities that will help our city and still keep the ruralism that everyone wants.

On another note, I hear people say, why bother to come to meetings; our comments go in one ear and out the other. I know I say this over and over; if you think we don't listen, please contact your council person and let them know to bring it up at the council meetings under their comments. Better yet, come to the meetings and let your comments good or indifferent be known to the entire governing body. As I've noticed, it takes longer to make changes than when you run your own business. We can only improve and grow based on what we garner from our constituents.

If you drive Amity, you've noticed the progression of the new restaurant

on the corner of Broadway. It will be called "The Go To"; chef inspired pizza and burgers venue. There is also a new law office in the Broadway Shopping Center- Chris Benjamin Law Firm. Scooters, a coffee shop being built right west of Burger King and in their parking lot, should be finished this spring if there are no delays.

Finally I think we are all looking forward to spring after this cold spell. So as you get ready to start hauling leaves, limbs, etc to the city brush/burn site; materials allowed: limbs (should not be more than 6 inches in diameter), brush and shrubs. Materials not allowed are lumber, trash of any kind, or grass. Leaves are to be in the leaf pile area only and not in bags. The site is only open Saturday and Sunday.

Is open burning allowed? This is what I found on our website:

The burning of leaves is allowed on Fridays and Saturdays and no permit is required. Anyone burning must call the Miami County Sheriff's Office, 913-294-4444 option 4, prior to any burn. Additionally any outside burning shall be attended at all times by the person who

has set the fire, or his agent; a person shall not initiate burning during the night hours, which for the purpose of this regulation shall mean the period from two hours before sunset until one hour after sunrise; that the person shall not add material to a fire after two hours before sunset and before one hour after sunrise; and no person shall burn when the wind speed is in excess of 15 mph. Burning in the street is strictly prohibited. Violations can be reported to the Fire Department or Police Department.

For those living in Fire District #2, outside the city limits, a burn permit required.

Everyone start having wonderful spring thoughts. As a master gardener, I've already ordered seeds in anticipation of starting my tomato plants. Enjoy...



DONNA COOK

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Home Buddy, park & citywide clean-up days set

Volunteers who would like to help with the City parks spruce-up day should mark their calendars for April 5.

The Louisburg Ministerial Alliance assists with this event and organizes volunteers to work in the parks spreading mulch, trimming bushes, raking leaves, picking up sticks and doing similar chores. Those that can assist are asked to meet at City Park at 8:45 that morning for assignments. Volunteers that can bring wheel barrows and pitchforks or shovels for moving mulch, and rakes, pruning shears and leaf blowers are appreciated.

HOME BUDDIES

Louisburg senior citizens that would

like a little help with simple yard work like raking leaves, cleaning out flower beds and similar chores can get a free hand that same morning.

If you are a senior that needs some work done at your home, please contact City Hall, 837-5371, to get on the list.

CITYWIDE CLEAN-UP DAY

The citywide clean-up day is scheduled for Saturday, April 26. On this day residents are allowed to set out multiple items for pick-up.

This event is for city residents only. Please have items at the curb by 6:30 a.m. Small items should be contained in boxes or bags. Refrigerators or

freezers must be emptied, with doors removed, locked or steel banded and turned face down. Doors or lids of other large appliances should be secured. Items not picked up: brush or limbs; regular household trash; and hazardous waste, tires or batteries — this includes paint, thinners, varnishes, pesticides, oil, gasoline motors, etc. Contact Miami County Sanitary Landfill at 913-294-2674 about disposing of those items. No demolition or construction material will be picked up.

Commercial/business accounts are not eligible for citywide clean-up and that includes Rockville Ridge and Wea Creek apartment locations.

Pool

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Louisburg Barracuda swim team. More information is available on their website.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Lockers to hold valuables are available for rent for a \$5 deposit, which is returned when the key is returned.
- 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. Watch the Aquatic Center's Facebook page for cancellations.

AQUATIC CENTER FACEBOOK PAGE

There is a City-sponsored Facebook page for the pool at www.facebook.com/Louisburgpool. Watch that page during pool season for updates on early closures, weather events and other pool news.

CONCESSION TICKETS

Aquatic Center patrons may purchase concession tickets through the LAC Marketplace, the same link in which pool passes are purchased. 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Louisburg City Council/Board/Commission Joint Workshop
6:30 pm Thursday, Feb. 27
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

Louisburg City Council
6:30 pm Monday, March 3
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

Park & Tree Board
6:45 pm Monday, March 10
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

Convention & Tourism Committee
6:30 pm Wednesday, March 12
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

Louisburg City Council
6:30 pm Monday, March 17
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

Louisburg Recreation Commission
6 pm Tuesday, March 18
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

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

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

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

Convention & Tourism Committee
6:30 pm Wednesday, April 9
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

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

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

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

Garage sale sign moratorium
April 2-16
Allows for the placement of garage sale signs without a permit

Citywide Clean-up
April 26

Fox Hall/Cemetery Board
6:30 pm Monday, April 28
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

Louisburg Planning Commission
6:30 pm Wednesday, April 30
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 live streams can be found in the Agenda Center or by clicking on the movie camera icon in the search bar on the homepage.