

Louisburg

Speaks ^{KS}

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February-March 2026

New utility payment options

By now everyone should be familiar with the new look of their utility bill. Most customers are probably aware the utility account numbers changed with the switch to the new City finance system that manages the utility billing program.

Utility users have multiple ways to pay their bills:

- set up an account through the new utility payment website and pay your bill monthly
- set up automatic payment through the utility payment website
- pay your bill as a guest user on the utility payment website
- pay by phone by calling 1-833-470-6595
- scan the QR code that will take you to the online payment web page
- mail payment to City Hall at 215 S. Broadway, Louisburg, KS 66053
- drop off payment at City Hall during regular business hours
- drop off payment in the drop box located on the west side of City Hall.

If you choose to pay using the website or phone methods, you will need your account number and street address.

When using the website or phone options, customers will be able to access updated account information including real-time balances, payment amounts and due dates.

If you would like to sign up to receive your utility statement via email, you may sign up on the City's website. Look for the sign-up information in the Community News section on the website home page.

Save Time, Pay It Online!

- Pay Water and Sewer Bills
- View Utility Account Balance
 - Set Up AutoPay

The City of Louisburg is pleased to provide you with a simple, safe, and secure way to pay your utility bill online! We invite you to pay as a guest (Quick Pay) or log in to pay your next bill online.



Or go to

<https://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/louisburgks>

And click on "Utility Billing"!



Auto Pay – Establish a recurring monthly payment using your major credit/debit card (Visa/MasterCard). You pick the day of the month to pay the billed amount.



Mobile Friendly –

Use the camera on your phone to scan the QR code to the left to visit the official online payments site of Louisburg, KS.



PDF Statement Copies – Electronic copies of your bill are available. Just click the View Bill link.



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BITS 'N PIECES

Legislative Breakfast

This year instead of having individual legislative breakfasts in Louisburg, Paola and Osawatomie, there will be one joint breakfast at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28 at Paola High School, 401 Angela St. The morning will begin with a pancake breakfast followed by the program starting at 8 a.m. The event will wrap up at 9:30 a.m.

The event is sponsored by the cities' Chambers of Commerce. Questions will be taken at the event or persons may submit their questions to their city's chamber director. In Louisburg, residents may email their questions to Becky Bowes, Chamber director, at chamber@louisburgkansas.com

Garage sale sign moratorium

Residents who are planning a spring garage sale might want to make note of the spring garage sale sign moratorium. This spring's moratorium is April 8-22. The fall moratorium is Sept. 16-30.

The moratorium allows for garage sale sign placement on private property with the permission of the property owner; signs that impose a hazard to the public may be removed; signs shall not obstruct or impede the view of intersections, traffic, pedestrians or street signage; signs may not be placed on utility poles, street signs, hydrants, utility barricades or guy wires; signs may not be accentuated with strobes, strand lights or other attention-getting devices.

Community garden interest meeting

An interest meeting to discuss a new community garden is planned for 9 a.m. Saturday, March 7, at the Louisburg Recreation Commission office at Broadmoor Elementary School.

The LRC has received permission from the City of Louisburg to install a community garden in the vacant lot behind Fox Hall. The LRC is managing the garden as an enrichment program.

Louisburg Cemetery

The City of Louisburg is responsible for selling cemetery plots and maintaining records for the Louisburg Cemetery and also maintaining the grounds.

Plots are available for purchase for \$700 per grave space. Each space allows for the burial of one traditional, or casket, burial or two cremation burials.

Plot owners or their families are responsible for maintaining the monuments erected on their lots. No shrubs, flowers or other plantings are allowed at individual graves.

The City contracts for mowing of the cemetery grounds. Plot owners are asked not to add items to the grave, such as wind chimes, trinkets or other mementos, as it makes it difficult to mow and trim around those items. Volunteer groups from the high school pick up trash and weathered artificial flowers or dead flowers from graves in May ahead of Memorial Day and late October or early November prior to Veterans Day.

This year, the Fox Hall/Cemetery Board was allocated funds approved by the Governing Body to make repairs to older headstones in the old section of the cemetery.

This work tends to focus on the oldest headstones and make repairs to those that are in danger of falling over and breaking.

Budget has been approved for cemetery software and the Fox Hall/Cemetery board is currently reviewing options. This software will digitize all the old records and provide a website to the Louisburg Cemetery. The features of this software that will be available to the public will be determined by the software recommended to the Governing Body for approval.

LAC news

The City of Louisburg is currently taking applications for lifeguards and concession workers now through March 5.

Pool passes will go on sale March 23.

Pool parties can be reserved through the City's website beginning April 24.

More information can be found on the City's website.

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.

Freedom Fest to celebrate nation's 250th

Plans are underway by the Freedom Fest committee, an independent volunteer group, to celebrate the nation's birthday at this annual event July 4 at Lewis-Young Park.

Sponsorships, which provide businesses the ability to publicly support Freedom Fest, are being sought to help fund the community event.

Sponsorships are available to help with costs for the band, inflatables for the kids and as a lawn sponsor.

A local business has already signed on as the title sponsor of the event. Two band sponsorships of \$1,000 are available while \$500 will allow a business to sponsor the inflatables and allow for that to be a free activity for kids.

Lawn sponsorships are \$500 and provide general support for the event. All sponsorships come with various types of signage at the event as well as a shout-out during the event.

Businesses or organizations are also sought to provide items that can be raffled or set up a booth with games or free goodies.

The committee and the City of Louisburg splits the cost of the fireworks.

A sponsorship flyer can be found on the City's website. More information can be obtained by calling City Hall at 913-837-2324.

MAYOR'S MINUTE

It is hard to believe we are already into the New Year and our country is approaching its 250th anniversary — America250 — marking the Continental Congress's adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. What a proud day that was for the original 13 colonies.

Many Louisburg organizations are already in the early stages of planning celebrations to honor this historic milestone. Festivities will take place throughout the day and conclude with a fireworks display at Lewis-Young Park. It promises to be a fun and memorable day for our community. I will share more details about these events as we get closer to July 4.

The Governing Body is working on developing a Vision and Mission Statement to help guide Louisburg's future. I believe sustainable growth is essential to our city's success — and that growth can occur while still preserving the small-town feel that makes Louisburg special. Increased sales tax revenue from visitors will help offset the ongoing rise in city budget demands. While some people have expressed a desire for zero growth, that is not realistic with development moving south from Overland Park. Our responsibility is to plan thoughtfully for how that growth occurs.

Additionally, I have been working with Police Chief Josh Weber regarding community safety concerns involving e-bikes and e-scooters. Chief Weber had already begun addressing this issue prior to our discussions. School

Resource Officers (SROs) are currently providing educational courses for students, and legislation is in progress at the state level to help guide local enforcement and safety standards.

With the World Cup coming to Kansas City, excitement continues to build across the region. Much of the news highlights the positive impact this global event will have on Kansas City and surrounding communities. Our Chamber of Commerce and Convention and Tourism Board have already discussed ways to work together to attract visitors to Louisburg during this time and showcase all our community has to offer.



I want to take a moment to personally thank our Louisburg Fire Department for everything they do for our community. Many folks may not realize that LFD is a volunteer depart-

ment, which makes their dedication even more meaningful. These men and women willingly give their time to provide fire suppression, emergency medical response, and community risk reduction services — often at a moment's notice.

Even with a slight reduction in personnel this year, the department handled a significant increase in calls, a reflection of the continued growth and service demands in both the City of Louisburg and the surrounding county. In 2025 alone, they responded to 530 incidents, a 15% increase over the previous year. City incidents increased by 26.5%, underscoring just how much is being asked of our firefighters.

Through it all, our fire department continues to show up — maintaining strong response times, investing in training and staying connected with the community they serve. I am truly grateful for their commitment, sacrifice, and heart for Louisburg.

As I write this, the cold snap has arrived in Louisburg, and I'm hoping it doesn't stick around for long. Like many of you, I've already started seeds indoors and even done some winter sowing outside as we look ahead to spring. Let's all keep our fingers crossed for an early spring.



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Park spruce-up, Home Buddies and citywide clean-up days set for late April

The City's park spruce-up day is planned for Saturday, April 25.

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.

That day will also be the annual Home Buddies day where volunteers help our community's senior citizens with light yard projects such as raking leaves or cleaning gutters.

If you are a senior and need assistance, please call City Hall at 913-837-2324 to get on the list.

CITYWIDE CLEAN-UP DAY

The citywide clean-up day is also scheduled for Saturday, April 25. 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 hazard-

ous 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, which includes Rockville Ridge and Wea Creek apartment locations.



A large group of volunteers gathered during last year's Park spruce-up day. The group divided and conquered clean-up in the City's parks and also worked in the yards of the community's senior citizens.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Legislative Breakfast

7 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 28
Paola High School, 401 Angela St.

Louisburg City Council

6:30 pm Monday, March 2
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

Park & Tree Board

6:45 pm Monday, March 9
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

Municipal Court

4:30 pm Tuesday, March 10
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

Louisburg Recreation Commission

6 pm Tuesday, March 10
LRC office at Broadmoor School

Convention & Tourism Committee

5 pm Wednesday, March 11
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

Louisburg City Council

6:30 pm Monday, March 16
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

Municipal Court

4:30 pm Tuesday, March 24
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

Louisburg Planning Commission

6:30 pm Wednesday, March 25
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

Louisburg City Council

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

Convention & Tourism Committee

5 pm Wednesday, April 8
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

Garage Sale Sign Moratorium

April 8-22

Park & Tree Board

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

Municipal Court

4:30 pm Tuesday, April 14
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

Louisburg City Council

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

Louisburg Recreation Commission

6 pm Tuesday, April 21
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

Municipal Court

4:30 pm Tuesday, April 28
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

Citywide Clean-up

7 am Saturday, April 25

Park Spruce-up Day

9 a.m. Saturday, April 25

Louisburg Planning Commission

6:30 pm Wednesday, April 29
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.