

Louisburg Speaks ^{KS}

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Fox Hall renovations

Fox Hall, the community building in Downtown Louisburg, is getting a facelift thanks to a \$225,000 grant from the First Option Bank Trusteed Foundations.

The money will be used to update the entire building. The metal siding was removed several weeks ago in hope the glazed brick underneath could be salvaged. Unfortunately the siding was in rough shape so the building will be clad in stone and brick veneer.

The drop ceiling has been removed to expose the bow trusses. The kitchen will be gutted and outfitted with new appliances and stainless steel work surfaces.

The bathrooms will be relocated and made ADA accessible.

In addition the City Council approved adding money to the budget to add public bathrooms to the rear of the building that will be open in season. These will be handy for special events like parades and other community events.

Watch the City's website and Facebook page for renovation updates as they become available.



The back, or east side, of the renovated Fox Hall.



The architect's rendering shows the front of the renovated Fox Hall.



First Option Bank representatives presented the \$225,000 check to Fox Hall Board and City of Louisburg representatives recently for the renovation to the community building. Front row, from left: Shelley Haines and Keri Peterson, First Option Bank; and Mayor Marty Southard. Back row: Mark Williams, First Option Bank; Dennis DeShazer, Fox Hall Board; Betty Hewitt, First Option Bank; Melissa Brummel and Brad Sarver, Fox Hall Board; and Thor McKiernan, City Council liaison to Fox Hall Board. Not pictured: Fox Hall Board members Debbie Landau and George Karnaze.



Polls open for 2019 election

Polls are open for early voting for the Nov. 5 general election. Voters can vote in person at the Miami County Election Office, 201 S. Pearl, Paola, now through noon Monday, Nov. 4.

Advance ballots can also be requested through that office by phone at 913-294-3976 or by completing the online form at: <http://www.kssos.org/forms/elections/AV1.pdf> and fax, mail or email the form to the Paola office. You must include a copy of your state driver's license.

Advance ballots must be requested by Oct. 29 and must be postmarked Nov. 5 and received by the election office within three days. Ballots may also be dropped off at any polling location the day of the election.

Polling locations are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5. Louisburg residents vote at the United Methodist Church, 249 N. Metcalf.

Louisburg city residents from Wards 1 and 2 will be voting for those Council seats. In Ward 1, current Councilmember Kalee Smith has two challengers: Dusti L.

EARLY VOTING

2019

Travis and former Louisburg mayor Travis Thompson. Smith was appointed by Mayor Southard to fill a vacated seat in January 2017.

In Ward 2 current Councilmember Lee Baer is facing challenger Donna Cook. Baer was appointed to fill the vacated seat in February 2018.

Other local ballot measures include a USD 416 board seat and a measure from Miami County to continue to levy a quarter-cent sales tax to be used to continue to finance roadway construction and improvements. This tax will be part of the financing for the Metcalf 2.0 project coming in the next two years.

Residents may check their voter registration, including a sample ballot, at <https://myvoteinfo.voteks.org/VoterView/>.

Mayor

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City Administrator

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Hours: 7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Monday-Friday

Police Department

Chief Tim Bauer

209 S. Metcalf Rd.

Louisburg, KS 66053

913-837-3191

Fire Department

Chief Gerald Rittinghouse

205 S. Metcalf Rd.

Louisburg, KS 66053

913-837-4700

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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.



Last year's Louisburg High School students, from left: Josh Casey, Kohl Vogel, Blue Caplinger and Kiefer Tucker were among the several Snow Buddies helping to shovel sidewalks and a driveway path for senior citizens in town.

Snow Buddies is back and needs volunteers

Snow Buddies, the volunteer program that matches those who can shovel sidewalks and a path along the driveway to the sidewalk, is back and signing up volunteers.

Volunteer buddies are matched with a senior citizen or those with a disability who need some assistance in shoveling sidewalks at their home as well as a path from the front door to the sidewalk along the driveway.

If you need a Snow Buddy or can be a Snow Buddy contact Jean at City Hall at 837-2324 or go to the City's website and sign up on the Volunteer portal. The link is available on the home page. Additional details about the program can be found on the website.

Last year about 20 seniors sought help from the Snow Buddies program.

Goals are good for cities too

Working at the high school there is rarely a dull moment.

Last week I was talking to a senior student who is a great student with fantastic plans and will undoubtedly accomplish great things. One of her

major concerns is reaching her goals before she gets "too old," which she described as 30 years old. I laughed inside and thought 'wow a person's perspective and perception definitely make a difference in how we attack problems and look at the world.'

The excitement and carefree attitude of young people helps deal with fear that sometimes gets in our way as we want and should try new things whether it be in our lives or trying to reach new goals with the city.

The other side is true as well. The wisdom that is gained from growing older is invaluable when we all learn from past experiences, mistakes and ideas. This is true in both our personal lives and work that is done in the city by elected officials. It takes all perspectives and ideas to get things done and we have to keep an open mind in order for the city to continue to prosper and move forward.

City officials recently examined outside-the-box ideas. These ideas can fall short on public agreement and support but we will look at all avenues when trying to meet city goals. Keep an eye out for the next opportunity to participate with a planning process or volunteer to be on a board for the city.

Although, if students feel like 30 is old they must think that at my 50 years my days are surely numbered. Maybe I could argue that working with youth keeps you young from any perspective.



MARTY SOUTHARD



Improvements have recently been made to the City's brush dump located south of the city on S. Rogers Road just south of the Public Works building.

Brush dump issues

An area for leaves has been created in the City's brush dump but city residents should remember that bags are not permitted in the dump site.

Residents that haul leaves to the dump in bags should empty the bags and take the bags with them. This includes paper as well as plastic bags.

The leaf area is located on the south side of the dump in a clearly marked location.

Those taking brush to the dump should pull to the west end to unload brush.

Trash, construction debris and lumber are not accepted in the dump.

A security light and cameras have been installed at the site. The cameras will be monitored for illegal dumping.

Santa coming to Louisburg Dec. 1

Santa Claus is coming to town! He has Louisburg on his calendar for a visit with girls and boys from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1 at City Hall.

This year, families can reserve a time to visit with the jolly elf. City staff hopes this eliminates the wait for families. Reservation information will be available in November. Watch the City's website and Facebook page for reminders as Santa's visit gets closer.

Children will get a special treat after their visit.

After Santa visits with the children, he and Mayor Marty Southard will light the Mayor's Christmas tree at 5:30 in the green space next to City Hall. Everyone is invited to attend.



Santa Claus and Ella smile for Louisburg City employee and Ella's mom Jessica McGowin during last year's visit.



Louisburg police officers Thomas Shanahan, Sergeant Dave Sander and School Resource Officer Nathan Bell receive a gift of portable radios from A&M Products Manufacturing employee Sam Long.

Portable radios donated to Louisburg police

The Louisburg Police Department was the recent recipient of a gift of two-way radios from the A&M Products Manufacturing (The Clorox Company) of Spring Hill.

Sam Long, a Louisburg resident and employee of the company, made the presentation in mid-September.

Long said the company upgraded to digital radios and didn't need these models anymore.

Sgt. Sander said the department will be able to use these portable radios as an alternate communication source when working events such as Freedom Fest rather than having to tie up emergency radio communications.

Sander said the gift will come in useful in a variety of situations and the department appreciated the donation.

"One of the great things about working in Louisburg is how supportive the community is toward its police department and the police officers. In Louisburg, it's not unusual for an individual resident or a business to call the station, send a card, or make some other kind gesture to the department to say thank you for something an officer or the department has assisted them with or handled. The kind words, cards and gestures go a long way in reinforcing and assuring the department members that the job we do makes a difference in peoples' lives and their quality of life. This donation of the radios, once again reflects that care, concern and support for the police department and its members by the community," Chief Tim Bauer said.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day
10 am - 2 pm Saturday, Oct. 26,
Louisburg Police Station,
209 S. Metcalf

Halloween on Broadway
5-6:30 pm Saturday, Oct. 26,
Downtown Louisburg

LHS Band Electric Light Show
7 pm Saturday, Oct. 26, Wildcat
Sports Complex

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

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

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

General Election
7 am - 7 pm Tuesday, Nov. 5.
City of Louisburg residents vote
at Louisburg United Methodist
Church, 249 N. Metcalf

Louisburg Park & Tree Board
6:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 11,
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 for Thanksgiving
observance** - Nov. 28-29

Santa Visits Louisburg
2-5 pm Sunday, Dec. 1, City Hall,
215 S. Broadway

Mayor's Tree Lighting
5:30 pm Sunday, Dec. 1, City Hall,
215 S. Broadway

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

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

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

**City Hall closed for Christmas
observance** - Dec. 24-25

**City Hall closed for New Year's
observance** - Dec. 31-Jan. 1
*Agendas and minutes can be found
on the City website: www.louisburg-kansas.gov under the Agenda &
Minutes icon.*