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UG STAT



County Administrator Monthly Report
on Unified Government Priorities

UG STAT MESSAGE TO OUR MAYOR AND ELECTED OFFICIALS

We are now in full 2025 city and county budget season and the Unified Government is poised to continue in our efforts to embrace change for a more fiscally sustainable future.

Priority-Based Budgeting: What Matters Most

Introducing a new approach to how we budget ensures we are in a better position for the future by honing focus on our greatest priorities. Priority-based budgeting goes beyond just what was spent/budgeted last year to really understanding how our programs and services are aligned to Commission priorities and the true needs of our community. This month, we re-introduced the UG Commission to ResourceX, who has been hired to help walk us through the very important effort of cataloging our services, evaluating impact and return on investment, and providing us with an effective way of looking at the UG budget so we can eliminate waste and focus on what's most important. This is just the first step of a multi-year effort to address our fiscal health and I am encouraged by the initial support of our elected officials and senior staff as this will require a sustained effort to be successful.

Our Mission: Preparing for the Future

Meanwhile, working closely with departments, we are overturning every stone and challenging ourselves to find new ways to think about revenue, costs, and efficiencies in our service delivery. We are looking closely at our personnel, processes and programs to see what we can fix immediately while preparing for some larger changes in the near future.

In a recent workshop with department directors, we established organizational values and a new UG mission statement to serve as our north stars. The challenges we face today did not appear overnight so having this clear focus will help guide us in making critical changes to our operations. We will be rolling out these elements in the coming months as part of our effort to transform service and communication and enhance our internal culture.

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Unified Government Mission

We strive to provide excellent public service as responsible stewards of our community's trust.

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Public Safety, Infrastructure & Human Services

In this second issue of UG STAT, we have included updates from the departments that provide public safety services for both the city and county as well as infrastructure and human services. We are celebrating the success of our police department and historically low crime rates, a critical component to our long-term growth as a community, economic development and

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DEPARTMENTS REPORTING

Public Works & Safety

- Community Corrections
- District Attorney
- District Court
- Emergency Management
- KCKFD
- KCKPD
- Municipal Court
- Parks & Recreation
- Public Works
- Wyandotte County Sheriff

Human Services

- Area Agency on Aging
- Human Services
- Public Health

Stay tuned for the May 2024 report which will include updates from the following:

- 3-1-1
- Budget, Research & Analysis
- Clerk's Office
- Community Development
- Economic Development
- Election Office
- Finance
- Human Resources
- Legal
- Legislative Auditor
- Office of the Appraiser
- Planning & Urban Design
- Purchasing
- Neighborhood Resource Center
- Register of Deeds
- Strategic Communications
- Technology
- Transportation

AT-A-GLANCE
2024 Commission Priorities

The Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS (UG) Commission has identified four priorities for 2024. These priorities will guide budget development and an organizational deep-dive to improve internal operations, increase our efficiency, and address community outcomes. County Administration has been working with leadership across the UG to operationalize these priorities and establish a clear strategic vision for the organization.

PRIORITY ONE
UPHOLD FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY



PRIORITY TWO
FOSTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



PRIORITY THREE
FOCUS ON SERVICE & COMMUNICATION



PRIORITY FOUR
IMPROVE INFRASTRUCTURE



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quality of life. There are additional updates highlighting efforts to be more proactive in protecting our public safety - including extensive education and outreach efforts by both our Fire and Police Department on issues ranging from fire prevention to fentanyl. We also feature several programs designed to address equity in our judicial system by providing alternative pathways and reducing costs when low-level offenses have been committed.



David W. Johnston, ICMA-CM
County Administrator

We have also provided updates on various infrastructure projects across the community, including our parks, streets, and emergency fixes. As we look forward to the federal funding opportunities, the Unified Government is in an increasingly better position to pursue these funds with the design and engineering on major projects already underway. Our efforts to improve flood safety, for example, have not gone unnoticed which will bring incredible savings to property owners needing flood insurance in our most vulnerable neighborhoods. The Commission's prioritization of parks funding in the 2024 budget is already coming to fruition with much-needed updates to play equipment, recreational facilities, and overall accessibility to green, open space across the community. Meanwhile, we continue to pursue funding to allow us to restore closed bridges and streets as we prepare Wyandotte County for an international audience during World Cup 2026.

Several departments have provided updates on the various programs and services offered for our youth, seniors, persons living with disabilities, and more. As part of our priority-based budgeting, we will have more opportunity to evaluate the benefits and costs associated with each of these services to ensure we are truly changing community outcomes. With federal COVID relief funds, such as the American Rescue Act Plan, coming to an end soon, we must be prepared to adjust our expectations for the scope of services we can afford to provide as an organization.

The 2025 budget process will continue to challenge our elected officials to balance the trade-offs of savings with service delivery, particularly in an era where inflation is rapidly increasing the day-to-day cost of doing business. Please keep reading for more information and insights into our operations and do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

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PRIORITY ONE

UPHOLD FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY

Area Agency on Aging Funding

Core funding for the Wyandotte/Leavenworth Area Agency on Aging is currently stalled in the state legislature. Our local Kansas state delegation has voiced their support to advance this funding and the department continues to monitor the situation. Between January and March 2024, the agency has received over \$53,000 in revenue from the State of Kansas.

Meals on Wheels program income has been very low this year. The Older Americans Act of 2024, pending reauthorization by Congress, emphasizes the importance of donations to support program sustainability. The Area Agency on Aging is monitoring this situation closely.

The Area Agency on Aging receives approximately 77% of its funding from various grants and 23% of its budget from mill levy funding. The Area Agency on Aging has recently submitted a grant application for the Senior Medicare Patrol Program. If awarded, this will help expand capacity to address Medicare fraud, errors and abuse while enhancing senior education on benefits selection. Notification on this grant is anticipated in April 2024.

Parks Fleet Savings

The Parks & Recreation Department is saving nearly \$110,000 by purchasing three used pickup trucks from Engineering through the Enterprise program.

KCKFD Vehicles & Maintenance

The KCKFD vehicle maintenance team has successfully serviced brush trucks and four light-duty vehicles to ensure optimal performance and reliability

for field operations. Maintenance on vehicles such as the Fire Inspector's car and Safety 2 vehicle as well as two mainline rigs were completed in early February in an effort to prolong their service life. Preventative maintenance and other repairs are ongoing to ensure fleet reliability and efficiency.

Infrastructure Grant Applications

The Department of Public Works submitted a grant application on February 14, 2024 for Enhancing Floodplain Management for Resilience from FEMA and the Kansas Adjutant General's Department.

Staff Uniforms

The Parks & Recreation Department has transitioned to a new uniform vendor which will save approximately \$20,000 annually on staff uniforms.

Stormwater Fee

As of January 1, 2024, the stormwater rate fee changed from a flat fee to an impervious area calculated fee. The impervious rate calculation is a nationally recognized standard for calculating stormwater fees and has been found to be the most equitable way to assess this fee. Public Works has been accepting credit and appeal applications and will continue to do so throughout the entire initial year.

Sunflower Hills Golf Course Revenue

For January through March 2024, the Sunflower Hills Golf Course revenues are up 35% as compared to the previous year for a total of \$118,000.



PRIORITY TWO

FOSTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Tree City USA

Since 2008, the UG has been designated as a Tree City USA by meeting the requirements established by the Arbor Day Foundation and Kansas Forest Service. Established in 1976, this program promotes the benefits of bringing trees to urban environments. According to the Arbor Day Foundation:

- Trees help absorb the sounds of traffic in urban areas by 40%.
- Neighborhoods with trees are seven to nine degrees cooler than those without.
- Trees reduce energy costs up to 25% by shading buildings and protecting them from winter winds.
- Homes with trees have higher property values.
- Green space plays a major role in improving mental and physical health.
- Planting and maintaining trees absorbs carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, mitigating the effects of climate change.



Arbor Day Celebration

Please join the UG for an Arbor Day Celebration on Friday, April 26, 2024 starting at 10AM at the Wyandotte County Museum.

Stormwater Credit Program

Non-residential properties may be eligible for a stormwater credit if the property can prove through required technical documentation that stormwater runoff from the entire parcel, or a portion of it, is managed on-site, per the UG's stormwater credits program technical criteria. There are four credit types for which a non-residential property may qualify:

- **Quality Credits:** Quality Credits are available to properties that implement stormwater best management practices that effectively control pollutants in the runoff and thus protect water quality.
- **Quantity Credits:** Quantity Credits are available

to properties that control the rate of stormwater runoff discharged to the Unified Government's stormwater system or surface water system (rivers, streams, etc).

- **Discharge Credit:** Discharge Credits are offered to properties with permitted discharges and for properties adjacent to the Kansas or Missouri Rivers, where the runoff from the property flows directly or through a private system into these rivers.
- **Ratio Credit:** Ratio Credits are offered to properties with large pervious areas relative to impervious areas and thereby help minimize the overall volume of runoff from the property.

Applications for stormwater credits are welcome at any time in 2024, with a non-refundable application fee required (\$25.00 for 501(c) or 501(c)(3) organizations and \$95.00 for other non-residential properties).

Applicants can apply for first-time stormwater credits at any time during 2024. To obtain credit, property owners must apply and provide sufficient technical evidence. More information about the credit program is available online at wycokck.org/stormwater.

National Flood Insurance Community Rating System (CRS) Updates

The UG is proud to announce its ongoing collaboration between Public Works and Planning and Urban Design in actively engaging with the National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS). This collaborative effort underscores the commitment of the UG to exceed the basic standards set by the NFIP in floodplain administration.

Participation in the CRS is voluntary and allows municipalities to demonstrate their dedication to implementing superior floodplain management practices. Currently holding a Class 6 Rating, the UG stands as one of the top-rated municipalities in the state. This prestigious rating translates into tangible benefits for the residents of Kansas City, Kansas, who are eligible for up to a 20% discount on their flood



The Third Annual KCKPD Peace Walk on April 20 was a celebratory gathering of community and our police department. The KCKPD has worked closely with the community to foster trust which has culminated in historically low crime rates.



Mayor Tyrone Garner and KCKPD Chief Karl Oakman with Alvin Brooks.

insurance premiums.

The impact of this initiative is significant, resulting in collective savings exceeding \$50,000 for residents across KCK. This underscores the UG’s proactive approach to safeguarding communities against flood risks while simultaneously delivering financial relief to its residents.

KCKFD Plan Review & Inspections

	Fire Alarm and Sprinkler Plan Reviews	Commercial Development Review Committee	Field Inspections
Jan 28 - Feb 3	-	-	-
Feb 4 - Feb 10	2	1	6
Feb 11 - Feb 17	2	12	1
Feb 18 - Feb 24	0	2	6
Feb 25 - Mar 2	1	2	6
Mar 3 - Mar 9	4	8	4
Mar 10 - Mar 16	-	-	-
TOTALS	9	25	23

Downtown KCK Community College Campus

Amanda Martin, director of the Wyandotte County Historical Museum, has joined the KCKCC and Historic Preservation Design Board committee working on plans to incorporate architectural elements from and tell the story of the 1101 N 7th Street Ebenezer Church of God in Christ Church on the new KCKCC downtown campus. The Historic Preservation Design Board was created as part of the landmarks process when the demolition of the historic church was approved.

Regional Economic Development Impacts

The Wyandotte County Historical Museum has been working with a tri-county arts and culture committee to address the needs related to the Panasonic project in DeSoto, KS. With such a large development, there are anticipated ripple effects across Douglas, Johnson and Wyandotte Counties.

Tenant & Landlord Rights

If you have questions regarding your Tenant & Landlord Rights, please feel free to contact the Department of Human Services at (913) 573-5460. This year thus far we have taken over 200 calls related to eviction, lease problems, repairs, unlawful entry by landlord, bug and rodent infestations, security deposit, and others. We want to empower you to learn about your rights and assist you with

problem solving as you navigate issues with renting local property.

Community Health Improvement Plan

The 2024-28 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) is informed by feedback and input from community members collected as part of the Community Health Assessment, and a series of 11 community planning sessions hosted in October and November 2023, engaging an estimated of 390 participants and 82 community-based organizations.

The Wyandotte County Public Health Department is getting ready to launch the 2024-28 CHIP at the end of April 2024. The 2024-28 CHIP will address five community-identified priority areas:

- Health Care Access
- Jobs and Education
- Violence Prevention
- Safe & Affordable Housing
- Behavioral Health

The Health Department has been working closely with the CHIP Lead Agencies and other key partners to finalize goals, objectives, and strategies for action for each of the five CHIP priority areas.

Healthy Families

Healthy Families Wyandotte is a free program for pregnant women and families who want to improve their child’s health and development. The program by the Public Health Department served 4,445 clients in the month of March. Healthy Families will be participating in the **Hands Only Fair** on Saturday, April 27 at Emerson Park. EIP families will be invited to participate where they can get vaccines, free eye exams and glasses, health checkups, learn CPR, enjoy food truck, get gifts, etc.

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Early Intervention Program

In 2023, the stores accepting WIC in Wyandotte County made \$4.5 million dollars on WIC purchases. This was an increase of a little over \$500,000 from the previous year. Of the \$4.5 million, \$1.1 million of that was on fresh fruits and vegetables. As a result of the Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program by the Wyandotte County Public Health Department, the WIC Breastfeeding Rates for 2023 have increased significantly from 2022. In 2023, the Initiation rate

(those moms that do any breastfeeding) was 81% (up 5% in 2022), Duration rate (those moms that are still breastfeeding at 6 months) was 38% (up 5% from 2022) and the moms that exclusively breastfed their baby was 14% (up 4% from 2022).

Key Year-to-Date Crime Stats

Kansas City, Kansas ended 2023 with the lowest number of homicides in more than a decade. KCKPD reports the following changes in 2024 crime statistics in Kansas City, Kansas (as of March 25, 2024):

- Violent Crime -32%
- Persons Crimes (other) -9%
- Property Crimes -30%
- Property (other) -25%
- Society (drugs/guns) -17%
- Total crimes -24%

2024 Crime Data Highlights

KCKPD is continues to see lower crime rates across the board, making KCK one of the safest communities in the metro area.

Opioid overdoses, year-to-date, which have been driven up by the use of fentanyl, are down 41% and overdose deaths are down 68% compared to the first quarter of last year. This is significant and serves to support the multifaceted approach the KCKPD Narcotics Unit has taken to the nationwide epidemic.

2024 Opioid Data Year-to-Date

Overdoses down 41%
Overdose deaths down 68%

In the first quarter of 2024, the Special Operations Unit served 16 warrants with seven enforcement actions. Community Policing had 200 dispatched calls; 1,436 self-initiated calls, participated in 79 events and 22 community meetings.

City ID and Unhoused Outreach

Community Police continues to work diligently to ensure everyone has an ID. They have worked tirelessly to confirm information to ensure the ID’s being given out, are correct.

Municipal Court

The Municipal Court is considered a court of limited jurisdiction, having responsibility for all adult misdemeanors which occur in the City of Kansas City, Kansas, with a few exceptions. There are no jury trials in Municipal Court. Historically, approximately 35,000-40,000 cases are filed at the Municipal Court every year.

The Municipal Court has specialty dockets for both DUI and Domestic Violence cases. The Court currently has 14 separate dockets each week.

The Municipal Court acts on tickets written by KCKPD, Wyandotte County Sheriff, Railroad Police, KU Med Center Police, Kansas City, Kansas Code Enforcement Officers, USD 500, Kansas City, KS Community College, KCK Animal Control Officers, and UG Parking Control Officers. Tickets written by the Kansas Highway Patrol are processed by the District Court.

The Municipal Court has a Probation Division, which is managed directly by the Municipal Court.

RECENT YEARS BY CASE TYPE	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Misdemeanor Total	6,279	5,479	5,791	5,893	7,304
Animal	844	922	951	1,100	2,011
Failure to Appear	1,466	1,161	1,111	821	711
Codes	186	79	100	134	41
Domestic Violence	730	736	868	836	764
Traffic Total	21,345	20,671	19,955	13,006	15,354
DUI	406	349	407	295	300
Parking Total	10,229	6,921	7,708	2,564	4,312
ALL Citations	37,583	33,071	33,454	21,463	26,980

HIGHEST RISK TO PUBLIC SAFETY	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Domestic Violence	730	736	868	836	764
Other Violent Misdemeanors	849	808	874	924	924
DUI	406	349	407	295	300

Community Police Officers headed by MSGT. Joyce continue their weekly site visits to our check homeless communities with the goal of connecting them with the services they need.

Suspended License Intervention Program

In May of 2022, in partnership with Kansas Legal Services (KLS) and the Health Department, the Municipal Court introduced this program as a way to benefit those who would otherwise not be able to recover from a cycle of continuing license suspensions by assisting defendants obtain valid licenses. Additionally, the program seeks to reduce the number of jail days served and/or additional lengthy suspensions due to habitual violator status through a supervised diversion program. Since its beginning through the end of 2023, the program has yielded impressive results.

To date, the Suspended License Intervention Program has served 411 clients with 116 licenses reinstated, 75 restricted licenses obtained, and 180 diversion agreements made. A 2017 study in Arizona found that the median income loss as a result of a suspended

license was \$36,800. To date, fines and fees totaling \$64,869 have been waived which translates into approximately \$6,513,600 back in the pockets of Wyandotte County residents.

Over 200,000 Kansans have suspended driver's licenses. The vast majority of those are not for dangerous driving but are instead a manifestation of poverty. Meaning, they have failed to pay a traffic ticket or missed court. 40-50% of people with a suspended license will lose their jobs. American Rescue Act Plan (ARPA) funds have been supporting this program since its launch.

Marijuana Diversion Program

Launched in January 2024, defendants that have been arrested for marijuana possession or paraphernalia may have the option to accept the Marijuana Diversion Program as an alternative to a misdemeanor charge and related penalties. What is required? Defendants are required to watch a video and pay a diversion fee of \$100 to participate. Defendants can watch the video in-person at the Prosecutor's Office, or online. If the defendant watches the video online,

they are required to complete a survey as proof. Without diversion, the penalties escalate:

- First Offense – Class B Misdemeanor, 6 months in jail and \$1,000 fine.
- Second Offense – Class A Misdemeanor, 1 year in jail and \$2,500 fine.
- Third Offense – Felony, 10 to 24 months in jail and \$100,000 fine.

Unified Government Marijuana Diversion Program

Marijuana is illegal in the State of Kansas.

WITHOUT DIVERSION	WITH DIVERSION
1st Offense Class B Misdemeanor 6 Months in Jail and \$1,000 Fine	Watch Our Diversion Video
2nd Offense Class A Misdemeanor 1 Year in Jail and \$2,500 Fine	+
3rd Offense Felony 30-42 Months in Jail and \$100,000 Fine	Pay the \$300 Diversion Fee

KCK Prosecutor's Office
301 N. 7th Street 7th Floor, Sixth Floor, Kansas City, KS 66101
913-233-5890 | prosecutor@cityofkck.com

Upon meeting the requirements of diversion, the Prosecutor's Office considers the diversion complete, and no charges will be on the defendant's record. All persons may receive diversion more than once but not within the same 12-month period. Since starting the program, we have had 12 diversion completions.

Cities & Counties for Fine and Fee Justice Grant

The Municipal Court has been committed to eliminating as many costs as possible, and we have implemented several changes over the past few years towards this goal. An area, though, where we have not been able to make as much progress has been the elimination of fees related to specific classes (sanctions) and/or assessments for individuals ordered to probation and/or diversion as well as those persons identified through court interaction.

The CCFFJ, led by the Fines and Fees Justice Center and the City and County of San Francisco's Financial Justice Project, is a national leadership network of local places committed to meaningful fines and fees reform that make a positive difference in the lives of low-income residents.

In August of 2022, Wyandotte County/City of Kansas City, Kansas, along with five other jurisdictions, was announced as a new member of Cities and Counties for Fine & Fee Justice. The selected leaders represent jurisdictions that are rethinking their reliance on fines and fees revenue and committed to implementing reforms that support public safety and economic prosperity for all their residents. The other jurisdictions included Chatham County, Georgia; Jefferson County, Alabama; Miami-Dade County,

Florida; Washtenaw County, Michigan; and City of Wilmington, Delaware.

As a participating jurisdiction of the 2022-23 CCFFJ Cohort, we received a \$50,000 grant to help support our fine and fee reform efforts/goals, specifically:

- The elimination of the \$30 court cost fee, which required no use of grant funds. Working with the Legal Department, Ordinance 23-13 was updated to reflect the elimination of the \$30 court cost fee – this was effective July 20, 2023.
- Creation of a new position in Municipal Court – the Risk Engagement Assessment Liaison (REAL). Grant funding allowed us to pay for much of this position, at least through the grant period of 1 year (2023). At the end of the grant period, the Unified Government agreed to fully fund the position for at least an additional year (through 2024), and will reassess at the end of 2024 to determine if we will continue the position on a permanent basis.

We set out to have the Risk Engagement Assessment Liaison work with individuals primarily through the facilitation of classes, which can be provided at no cost to the participant. Additionally, the liaison would provide simple assessments when/if needed and assist the participant with navigating those areas specific to their individual needs – e.g. where to obtain a mental health or substance abuse evaluation. Also, the liaison will be working with community corrections on reestablishing a community service program for individuals receiving community service sanctions through Municipal Court. The liaison actively works at building relationships with community providers and partners in an effort to reduce costs to individuals where possible. We want to provide citizens with viable options and resources that will assist them in overcoming the barriers and obstacles that could lead them back into the criminal-legal system.

Parcel Mapping to Resume Mid-April

Every year, Geo-Spatial Services has a moratorium on parcel mapping changes from January through April. This hold is in place to support data requirements during the finalization of property values by the Appraiser. With the completion of appeals period by the Appraiser, Geo-Spatial Services will resume mapping changes.

PRIORITY THREE **FOCUS ON SERVICE & COMMUNICATION**

Opening Day at the Lake

March 2, 2024 was opening day for fishing and boating at Wyandotte County Lake and fishing at Park Lake, Pierson Park Lake, and Big Eleven Lake. On opening day, between 6AM and 9AM, more than 460 vehicles visited the Wyandotte County Lake. To date, over 13,500 pounds of trout have been stocked in Wyandotte County Lake and a combined 9,000 pounds of channel catfish have been stocked in all lakes.

Sunflower Hills Golf Course

In March 2024, even with five days of closure due to weather, 3,323 rounds of golf were played at the Sunflower Hills Golf Course. To date, 5,891 rounds of golf have been played in 2024 which is up 24% as compared to 2023. The golf course is currently enrolling juniors for lessons and leagues. More information can be found at sunflowerhillsgolfcourse.com

Mowing Season & Landscaped Medians

The 2024 mowing season has begun. The Parks & Recreation Department mows and oversees contracted mowing for over 2,400 vacant lots, 14 cemeteries, 15 sport fields, 31 parks, medians at 54 intersections, 30 UG-owned buildings, and 28 UG Water Pollution Control sites. For the first time, the Parks & Recreation Department has contracted out services for landscaped medians. This initiative will free up the department's horticulturalists to focus on other beautification needs.

Parkwood Pool and Spray Parks Opening Day: May 25

The summer is coming! Our spray parks and aquatic season at Parkwood Park officially open for the season on Saturday, May 25.

- Spray Parks: Open daily from 9AM-9PM
- Parkwood Pool: Open Tuesdays through Saturdays, 12PM-7PM and Sundays from 2PM-7PM. Parkwood Pool open on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27 but close on Tuesday, May 28.

Museum Customer Concerns

Wayfinding represents the biggest customer concern – recognizing the Wyandotte County Historical Museum as a museum in the park and finding the museum once in the park. Customers have mentioned signage and web platforms, including Google and MapQuest, as problems with inaccurate information. We are addressing exterior elements and signage as a part of the Exhibits & Engagement Project. We have made some web platform improvements and plan to continue to address this challenge for visitors.



Museum Director Amanda Martin presents career opportunities with Prep-KC at Eisenhower Middle School this past March.

YOUTH SERVICES

Summer Camp and Youth Activities

Registration is now open for the 2024 Summer Camps at the Beatrice Lee and Eisenhower Community Centers. Each camp has a weekly registration fee of \$40 which is due at the time of registration. For the first time ever, both summer camps can now accept **Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) payments**, making these programs even more accessible and affordable for all.

Museum: By the Numbers

MARCH SOCIAL STATS

12,426
Facebook Followers

309
New Followers

40,800
Engagement

448,387
Reach

4,154

visitors to the **Civil Rights in Wyandotte County** temporary exhibit at the Bonner Springs Library in February 2024.

PROGRAM/SERVICE	February 2024	March 2024
Museum visitors	81	84
Meetings and programs	218	216
Outreach	4,217	265
Research and cemetery inquiries	36	19
TOTAL	4,552	584



OUTREACH

- Feb 7 | Black-Owned Businesses, presented by Chester Owens (KCKCC Art Gallery)
- Feb 8 | Black History Month at the WyCo Museum, presented by Amanda Martin and Gene Chavez (Facebook Live event)
- Feb 16 | Parks of WyCo, presented by David Hartman (Shepard Center)
- Mar 1 | WyCo Spanish Flu Epidemic of 1918, presented by Amanda Martin (Piper Middle School)
- Mar 6 | Prep-KC Careers in Museums, presented by Amanda Martin (Eisenhower Middle School)
- Mar 20 | Prep-KC Careers in Museums, presented by Amanda Martin (Carl Bruce Middle School)

Top Facebook Post 3/23/24: 270,935 reach

The newest archive at the WYCO Museum is the remaining Maurice Greene sign. At one time there were 6 around Wyandotte County.

Maurice Greene was the World's Fastest Human from 1999-2004. Maurice Greene was a Kansas City, Kansas native and a F.L. Schlagel High School graduate. Maurice's 100-meter record was 9.79 seconds. His record was broken by Asafa Powell with a time of 9.77 seconds. Maurice was a 5-time World Champion as well as an Olympic Champion winning 4 medals 2 Gold in Sydney, 1 Silver and 1 Bronze in Athens.



Registration for summer camps now available online at wycokck.org/parks.

The Beatrice Lee Community Center will host a Performing Arts Summer Camp between June 24 and August 2 with music, acting, dancing and a final performance. Registration for the entire summer is encouraged! The Eisenhower Community Center will host a traditional summer camp with education, sports, crafts and other engaging activities between June 10 and July 26.

The KCKPD Summer Youth Academy is a one-week summer youth program for youth ages 12-15. It is a fun, interactive learning experience designed to familiarize youth with the many aspects of police work. There are three sessions in different areas of Kansas City, Kansas to choose from, each from 9AM-2PM each day: June 17-24, South Patrol (2200

Metropolitan Ave); July 15-19, East Patrol (849 N. 47th St.); and August 5-9, KCKPD Training Academy (7340 State Ave.). Registration is now open!

Returning for the third year in a row on Saturday, June 8, **Tackling Conflict Together** is a one-day football camp at Bishop Ward for kids 8-18 led by KCKPD officers with goal of teaching skills for conflict resolution. We are expecting nearly 300 young people to attend. Register today!

Applications are now being accepted for the **KCKPD Summer Cadet Program**, a full-time, paid opportunity targeting youth interested in community service and law enforcement.

The Wyandotte County Sheriff's Office is partnering with KCKPD, KCKFD and Parks & Recreation once again this summer to offer the **Sheriff's Day at the Pool**. Save the date for Saturday, June 22 from 12PM-3PM at Parkwood Pool. The first 200 guests will swim for free. Hot dogs, chips and bottled water will be available.

Building the Dream: Planning the Transition from School to Adult Life

Come learn about the resources available in the Kansas City, Kansas community. If you are a parent, teacher, or caregiver of an individual with a disability, please join us for a day full of information at the **"Building the Dream"** event on Saturday, May 4 from 9AM-3PM. If you have questions about Individualized



palkck.org

The **Police Athletic League (PAL)** is open to youth ages 8-18 on Mondays-Thursdays. This quarter, the PAL was awarded a \$50,000 National Opioid Grant for youth education and prevention. Additionally, a new, redesigned chicken coop was installed in the community garden after stray neighborhood dogs killed the chickens that had been there.

PAL's experience with unlicensed drivers assisted lawmakers in introducing and passing new law which will help parents with suspended licenses gain restricted ones (based on specific situations) in order to provide transportation for their families. (It is hoped that this will reduce the number of unlicensed teens driving as they try to help bridge that transportation gap.)

Education Programs (IEP), Person Centered Planning, and the Transition to Adulthood process, there will be several vendors available to provide information to help youth with disabilities transition to adulthood. For more information, please contact the Department of Human Services at 913-573-5460.

Parent Project with Community Corrections

The Juvenile Division of Wyandotte County Community Corrections has been offering Parent Project, among other programs, at the Juvenile Services Center for parents with youth involved in the justice system and parents in the community who may have children that are “difficult or out-of-control.” According to the **Parent Project** website, “Changing Destructive Adolescent Behavior” is an award-winning intervention model addressing the most destructive of adolescent behaviors. We know of no other program that addresses it all: truancy, drugs, runaways, media, early teen sex, violence, gangs, among many other great topics.

Parent Project promises concrete answers for every parent question asked. The Parent Project Program is a collaborative effort between Wyandotte County Community Corrections, Heartland 180, Inc., and PACES, as well as various local churches and restaurants who provide means to defray dinner costs. On March 21st, a total of 12 adults (6 from the English class and 6 from the Spanish class) graduated The Parent Project program, the largest graduating class at the Juvenile Services Center to date. Graduation was held in the Division 15 Courtroom. The next Parent Project class is English-speaking only and begins May 23rd at the Juvenile Services Center. You may place referrals for Parent Project via www.heartland180.org using the REFERRAL FORM at the top of the home page.

SENIOR SERVICES

The Wyandotte/Leavenworth Area Agency on Aging provides county-wide services for older adults and caregivers in our community.

The Unified Government will be recognized in April 2024 as a Bronze Level **Community for All Ages**, a national program facilitated by the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) for its commitment to being a community where everyone feels welcome to age in place. Stay tuned for more information and upcoming engagement opportunities.

January - March 2024	Key Metrics
CASE MANAGEMENT Provides experienced geriatric specialists to work one-on-one with older adults to develop an treatment plan to address specific needs.	471 hours
HOME & COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES (HCBS) Program to help qualified individuals use Medicaid Waivers for in-home care instead of nursing home care.	390 individuals assessed
FAMILY CAREGIVER Offers support and respite care to family caregivers, includes grandparents raising grandchildren.	81 caregivers
OPTIONS COUNSELING Free service to discuss important long term care choices.	423 sessions 2580 contacts
SENIOR CARE ACT PROGRAM Provides critical home care to older adults through a cost-sharing system allowing services to be more affordable.	2007 hours \$153,013
CLIENT ASSESSMENT REFERRAL & EVALUATION (CARE) Pre-screens individuals seeking nursing facility care and offers alternative options.	301 individuals assessed
SHICK/MEDICARE OUTREACH Free program offering WyCo residents an opportunity to talk with trained community volunteers and get answers to questions about Medicare and other insurance issues.	8,630 contacts

January - March 2024	Key Metrics
<p>INFORMATION, REFERRAL & ASSISTANCE Free service provided to everyone who contacts the Aging & Disability Resource Center by phone (913) 573-8531.</p>	6,855 individuals
<p>GIVING THE BASICS Provides free incontinent supplies to older adults in an effort to promote self-dignity, personal hygiene and a positive self-image which allows them to remain active members of our community.</p>	16,560 incontinent supplies distributed (5,520 supplies/month)
<p>BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER The monthly newsletter is part of the online registration options for individuals interested in information on services for older adults and caregivers. Physical copies of the newsletter are available through the Area Agency on Aging.</p>	2,500 contacts on mailing list

EXERCISE Fitness classes are available at three of the congregate meal sites: Strangers Rest Baptist Church, Vernon Center, and Victory Hills Baptist Church. Facilitated by a certified trainer from the Providence YMCA, these classes are evidence-based ways to promote a healthy lifestyle for older Americans.

HEALTHY MEALS The Area Agency on Aging has been investigating the expansion of the Choosing Healthy Appetizing Meal Program Plan Solutions for Seniors (CHAMPSS) to more sites. This program, targeted to seniors who can still drive themselves, has the potential to generate additional revenue as it is very popular across Wyandotte County. With sites at the Mission Hy-Vee and IHOP Legends, this program has seen continued growth with 206 seniors currently enrolled. Feedback from current customers is that more sites are needed to make it convenient and the Area Agency on Aging is exploring a partnership with Price Chopper to expand its reach.

CONGREGATE MEAL SITES To date, the Area Agency on Aging has purchased/served 4,400 meals at the congregate sites. Currently, there are

nine (9) congregate meal sites across Wyandotte County, including: Bethel Neighborhood Center, Plaza Towers, Rosedale Towers, Strangers Rest Baptist Church, Vaughndale Towers, Vernon Center, Victory Hills Baptist Church, Westgate Towers, and the Armourdale Recreation Center. Now that transportation services are available, the agency reports seeing an increase of 35% in attendance.

MEALS ON WHEELS This year, the Area Agency on Aging has served/purchases 14,318 meals for its Meals on Wheels clients.

NUTRITION EDUCATION A nutrition consultant provides healthy eating classes at the congregate meal sites. This education series includes teaching seniors how to grow their own fruits and vegetables, cook and make healthy eating choices. In partnership with the K-State Extension Office, additional nutrition classes are available to help seniors learn how to read and understand the nutrition labels on food cartons.

GAP FUNDING Continuing its work with the Kansas Aging Network Advocacy to the State, the Area Agency on Aging seeks additional funding to address service gaps for our community. There are many areas where there is no federal or state funding allocated.

LONG-TERM CARE The Client Assessment & Referral Evaluation (CARE) Assessment was developed by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) to evaluate a person's health and functional abilities. The purpose of CARE is to help persons find appropriate long-term care services and to collect data on the need for home and community-based services. The assessment is a personal interview with seniors (and family or other caregivers such as a guardian/conservator when appropriate). KDHE is launching a pilot program this month where a state staff person will be assigned to one-on-one with our local CARE Coordinator. Due to the high assessment rates, the Wyandotte/Leavenworth Area Agency on Aging hopes to be one of the five centers selected for this pilot program.

Silver Haired Legislators

Silver Haired Legislators identify priority concerns of older adults in Kansas representing all 125 counties. The Silver Haired Legislators develop Bills and Resolutions designed to address concerns and forward to the Kansas Legislature as recommendations for State policy. Wyandotte County has five representatives including the President of the Silver Haired Legislature.



In January 2024, the Silver Haired Legislature meet with representatives from Wyandotte County.

Older Kansans Day At the Capitol

In February 2024, the Area Agency on Aging, along with about a dozen older adults, converged on the Capitol in Topeka to discuss issue that are important to the. While at the Capitol, all 16 Legislators representing Wyandotte and Leavenworth counties were invited to join the group for a lunch as a way to discuss the issues.

OTHER HUMAN SERVICES

Wyandotte Community Development Disabilities Organization

This organization is the single point of entry for individuals with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities in Wyandotte County. The Department of Human Services is actively reaching out to potential clients who meet our criteria and need services. While the State has a lengthy waitlist for Home- and Community-Based Services, you may be eligible for other local County programs funded by Mill Levy. Contact our office at (913) 573-5502 to learn more about this and our eligibility process.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Open Burn Collaboration

For several years the Geo-Spatial Services (GSS) team has supported the online permit tool to help the Kansas City, Kansas Fire Department facilitate the open burn period. The team is currently using the second version of this tool.

Residential Open Burn - April 2024

KCK residents can apply for permits online or at their local fire station for the April 2024 open burn period. Notices of burn cancellations due to weather are posted on kckfd.org and wycokck.org. **Apply for your permit here.**

Solid Waste Annual Review

The Solid Waste Committee received and approved the Solid Waste Annual Report on February 8th and March 7th respectively. The report highlighted collaboration with WM for a potential carts demo program, as well as efforts in public outreach and education through engagement with local schools and community meetings. Additionally, the team outlined improvements made to the recycling and yard waste center. Staffing changes were noted, including the addition of a new Solid Waste Manager and General Laborer for the recycling center. Discussion during the presentation focused on the carts program, prompting the team to prepare for a more detailed presentation on April 4th. There is a goal to initiate the program in the summer, with a deadline set by WM for completion for phase one by August.

Kansas City, Kansas is the only city in the state to offer unlimited collection services. Confirmed by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, this denotes an unique service offered by the Unified Government and Waste Management.

Solid Waste Partners with Re.Use.Full

Solid Waste is collaborating with the community nonprofit Re.Use.Full to begin a recycling challenge to collect recycling items such as plastic bags and film. The recycled materials are used to build park benches. This new initiative is set to begin in late April with the first park bench to be installed at the Recycling and Yard Waste Center.

Kansas Riverbank Clean-Up

The Historic West Bottoms Association is organizing a **riverbank clean-up** with Bridging the Gap on Saturday, April 20 from 8AM-1PM. Public Works and other departments have been able to assist with coordinating the clean-up. Waste Management will also sponsor the event by providing dumpsters, volunteers and supplies. If you are interested in volunteering, you can meet at the 9th Street Community Garden in the West Bottoms.

Stormwater User Charge Appeals

The UG has a stormwater charge appeals program to address customer concerns regarding the stormwater charge and related data. There are many reasons why customers may want to appeal their stormwater user charge or its related data, including:

- **Property Classification:** Submit an adjustment request if the property classification that is assigned to a parcel is believed to be inaccurate.
- **Parcel Ownership:** Submit an adjustment request if the parcel ownership that is assigned to a parcel is believed to be inaccurate.
- **Impervious Area:** File an adjustment request if the total impervious area of a parcel, which the Unified Government uses to calculate the monthly IA Charge, is believed to be inaccurate.
- **Gravel Area:** File an adjustment request if the impervious area of a parcel or a portion thereof, is gravel and the Applicant can demonstrate that the gravel surface area is not compacted (does not contain fines) and is equal to or greater than 50% of the total billed impervious area square footage of the property.
- **Compacted Dirt:** File an adjustment request if the impervious area of a parcel or portion thereof, is compacted dirt, and the Applicant can demonstrate that the compacted dirt area is equal to or greater than 50% of the total billed impervious area square footage of the property.

The UG will not accept stormwater utility fee adjustment appeal applications for any reason other than those stipulated above. Customers may apply at any time. There is no fee for submitting an appeal request. To get started, customers are encouraged to review the Credit & Appeals Manual available at wycokck.org/stormwater.

Waste Management & 3-1-1 Reports

According to our data analysis, we observed a remarkably low number of 894 calls reporting missed pick-ups during February, making it an approximately a rate of 0.4% of misses for the month. This outstanding performance is a testament to the dedication and efficiency of Waste Management. We received about 946 missed pick-up calls in March. The number of misses continues to be less than 1%. The Solid Waste team values the partnership and appreciates Waste Management's commitment to serving our community.

Aerial Imagery

The Geo-Spatial Services team participates in a metro-wide purchasing consortium through the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) to purchase orthorectified digital aerial photography. Last fall, the MARC consortium selected the vendor Surdex. In early March, Surdex had airplanes in the air capturing photography. All the flying for Wyandotte County has been completed.

Now Surdex is going through the lengthy work to process the data. GSS will get some early previews of the imagery in late spring. A quality control review will occur in late summer with the final delivery of new imagery expected in September or October. The last time Geo-Spatial Services did this was in 2022. The update is always a valuable resource to show what has changed on the ground over the previous two (2) years.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Community Paramedicine: WYCO Care Connection with Vibrant Health

The KCKFD, along with 180 other attendees, participated in a state-wide forum hosted by the Kansas Health Institute in Topeka in late January 2024 on community paramedicine.

WYCO Care Connection

WYCO Care Connection is a community paramedicine program made possible through a partnership between Vibrant Health and the Fire Department. This program seeks to reduce the number of individuals using emergency medical services for non-emergent care. This program aims to reduce strain on the local health system and improve the quality of care for patients.

Community Education & Outreach

The KCKFD has been facilitating several educational opportunities across the community in the past couple months, including:

- CPR education for KCKPS Police (13 participants) and the Wyandotte County Sheriff's Office and Courthouse security (10 participants);
- Food Truck Safety Class (20 participants) in partnership with Business License Division and the State Department of Health and Environment;
- Hands-only CPR training for students at Junction School; and,
- Fire and Life Safety training for first-time homeowners.

In early March, KCKFD was host to several events including tours of fire stations with local Scout troops. The team also participated as guest readers for a day-long event at Bethel Pre-K to engage children and support early education initiatives.

On March 15, the KCKFD met with the Central Avenue Betterment Association (CABA) and the Department of Agriculture to explore opportunities for extending fire safety education to Spanish-speaking restaurant and food truck owners.

Tech to Support Hydrant Inspections

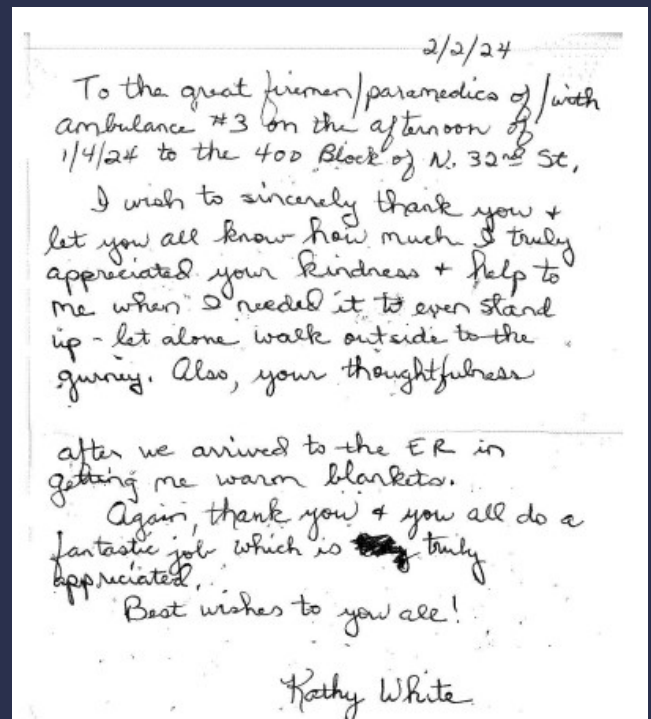
During the spring, the Kansas City, Kansas Fire Department will have crews out inspecting hydrants for proper function. GSS is supporting an application to track the work being done. The application allows for quicker and more accurate reporting of issues to the Board of Public Utilities (BPU).

Fire Prevention & Safety

The KCKFD educated 45 individuals from the UG Transit team on the proper use and handling of fire extinguishers, enhancing safety and preparedness within the department's fleet operations.

The KCKFD conducted follow-up visits to schools previously identified with fire code violations and has been supporting the State Fire Marshal inspections needed across the community. Additionally, the KCKFD has been providing event standby support for large events such as Roller Derby at Memorial Hall and has been touring new facilities such as Homefields to better understand the layout in case there is a need for emergency services.

Customer Testimonials: KCKFD



Above and Beyond

In mid-February, the first shift crew of Pumper 7 and Truck 7 responded to a small fire in the father's bedroom of a local resident. This father/grandfather is on hospice and bedridden. Once the site was safe, the crew changed the sheets on his bed, moved furniture around in the living room, and moved his bed where the family wanted it in the living room. They gently transferred him from the cot to his bed and made sure he was comfortable before leaving. The KCKFD crew would say they were doing their job but these efforts have left a lasting impression on this family. Thank you!

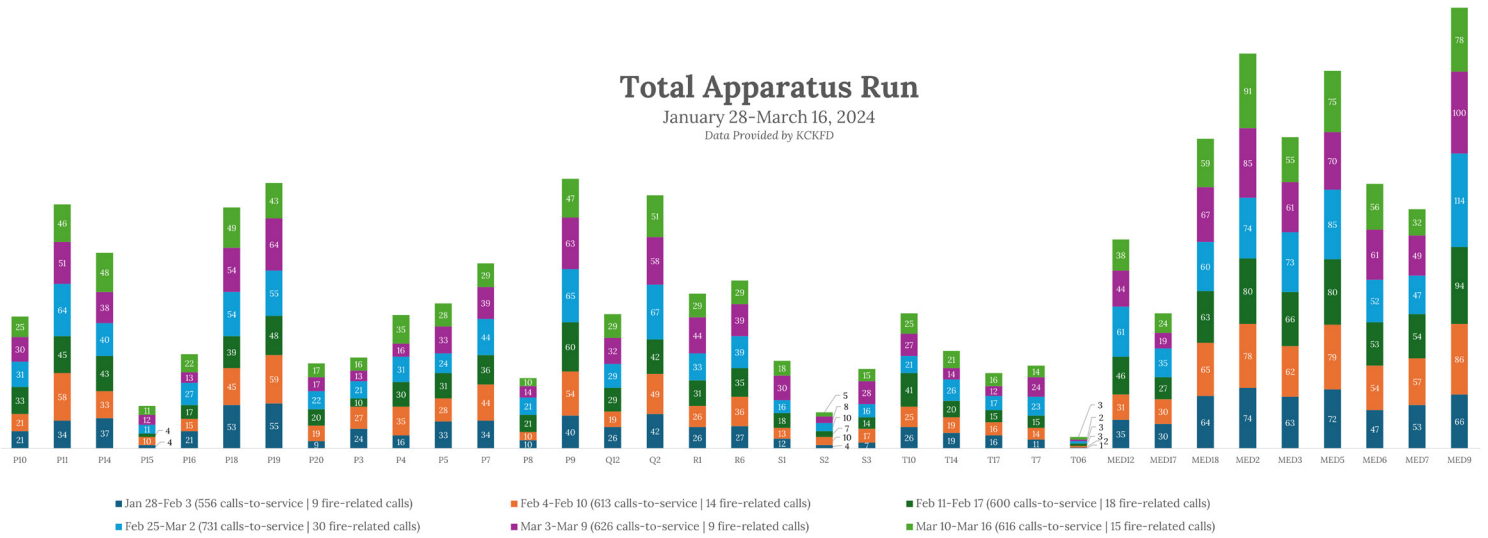
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KCK FIRE DEPARTMENT

Total Apparatus Run

January 28-March 16, 2024

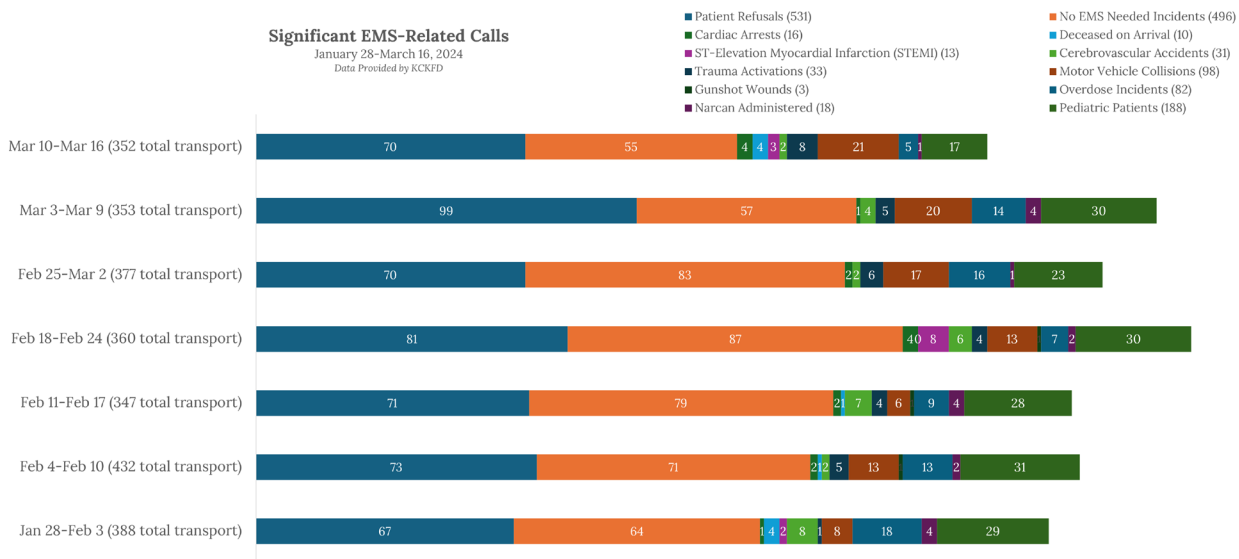
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Significant EMS-Related Calls

January 28-March 16, 2024

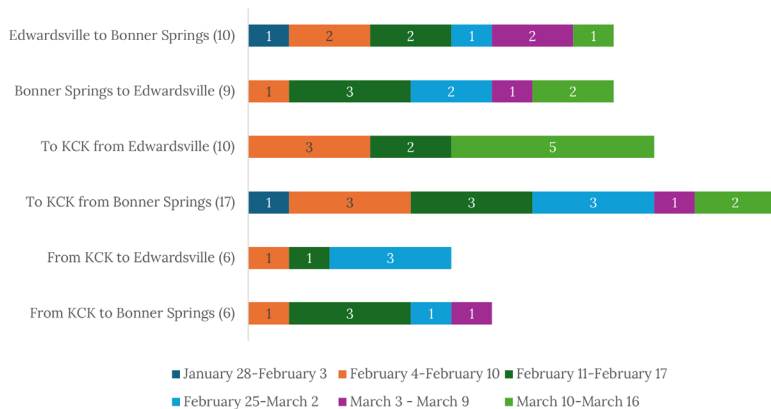
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Auto-Aid Agreement Engagement Summary

January 28-March 16, 2024

Data Provided by KCKFD



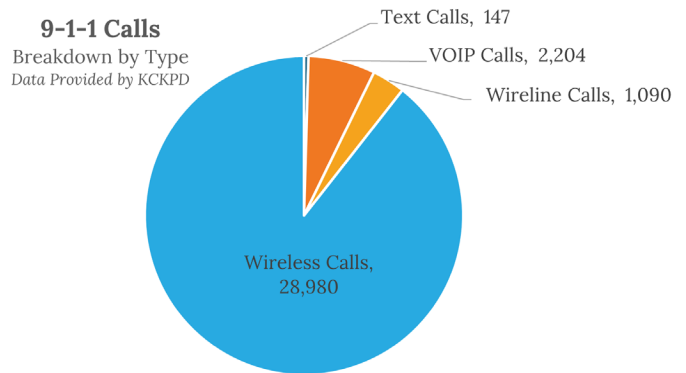
The Kansas City, Kansas Fire Department provides emergency service support to the Cities of Bonner Springs and Edwardsville through an auto-aid agreement. The chart to the left illustrates the number of calls as well origin-destination information that occurred over the last two months.

	Residential Fires Investigated	Commercial Fires Investigated	Illegal Burns	Vehicle Fires
Jan 28 - Feb 3	1	0	2	2
Feb 4 - Feb 10	3	1	2	1
Feb 11 - Feb 17	-	-	-	-
Feb 18 - Feb 24	3	5	1	1
Feb 25-Ma 2	3	2	5	2
Mar 3 - Mar 9	1	2	4	2
Mar 10 - Mar 16	3	-	1	5
TOTALS	14	10	15	13

was empathetic; this officer was very helpful and put a smile on my face after an unfortunate accident by being positive and very helpful.

9-1-1 Call Information

	Total Calls	Total 9-1-1	Ave/Day	9-1-1/Day
Jan 2024	25,298	10,797	816.1	348.3
Feb 2024	23,831	10,241	821.8	353.1
Mar 2024	26,333	11,383	849.5	367.2
TOTAL	75,462	32,421	829.1	356.2



KCKFD Commitment to Customer Service

The KCKFD recently began publishing results of the community engagement and performance feedback survey. The department received exceptionally high approval ratings, with 98.7% of respondents commending the department’s quick emergency response, 99.5% praising their professionalism and care, and another 99.5% satisfied with the staff’s appearance. A perfect 100% felt their emergency requests were effectively resolved and that they were treated respectfully. Additionally, the department received 23 written responses, offering invaluable insights for further improvement. These results underscore the department’s significant impact and dedication to serving the community efficiently and respectfully.

KCKPD Officer Feedback Forms

On calls for service, residents receive a form which they can fill out and return in the mail or complete online to rate the responding officers in a number of areas such as courtesy, knowledge and professionalism. Of the 50 total surveys received, 47 surveys were very positive and only three were negative (all from the same call).

Some of the feedback received included: Very friendly & courteous; the officer was very professional and friendly; officer was very respectful and polite; Officer was very kind, courteous, friendly, and knowledgeable. She took my information quickly and

Second Free Spay & Neuter Event Held

In March, Animal Services hosted its second free event as part of the Spay/Neuter Collaborative of Kansas City spaying/neutering, vaccinating and microchipping 30 dogs and 25 cats. This event booked up in less than one hour driving home that these types of free services are desperately needed in our community.

KCKPD Community Liaison

It’s been a busy start to 2024! 14 residents graduated from the 6-week Citizen’s Academy for Spanish Speakers earlier this year. This program has been effective in improving relationships with Spanish-speaking neighbors and neighborhoods.

Captain Osvaldo Navarro has been sharing some great stories, featuring local businesses, and highlighting professional staff through various video features on social media to connect the community with our police department. “La Hora del Capitan,” a Facebook



KCKPD hosted a roundtable with Kansas Senator Roger Marshall on human trafficking.

Live series on the first Wednesday of every month at 10AM, has been broadcast three times with visits to the UG Parks & Recreation Department and Turner School District. A second series, "Community TIES with Captain Navarro," highlighted local florist, Sara's, as part of the ongoing effort to showcase local businesses and foster a connection with our community. Five video features, "Fifty-Foot Meet & Greet," highlighting KCKPD's professional staff, have been shared via social media as well as a way to familiarize our community with the inner workings of our police department.

Safety Awareness and Education

KCKPD graduated 13 women from its most recent one-day Personal Safety Class for Women, hosted at the PAL on March 9. Additionally, the KCKPD hosted a Human Trafficking Roundtable on February 22 for city and county leaders, organized by Kansas Senator Roger Marshall.

KCKPD ATV Unit

Training has begun for Community Policing and Traffic Unit officers who will be working on our new ATV Unit that was made possible due to a grant from the Department of Justice 2023. This unit will assist as traffic support at various community events; aide in searches conducted in rough terrain; and other operation where accessibility would have been limited.



The March 5 "Coffee with a Cop" at the Legends Starbucks was an opportunity for community members to meet the KCKPD.

Harvesters Food Distribution

Community Policing worked with Harvesters to secure new hosts for the twice monthly drive-through distribution it managed at 64th & Leavenworth Rd. Duties have been divided between KODI, which will coordinate the Leavenworth Rd. location and the Quindaro Community Center at 27th & Brown Ave. This will allow Community Policing to reallocate hours to other projects.

Connect KCK: Security Camera Registry

The Kansas City, Kansas Police Department is inviting residents and businesses to register their security cameras to the Connect KCK, a community security camera registry. This registry provides a valuable tool for officers and detectives investigating crimes, while also maintaining your personal privacy.

When an incident is reported, police officers will use the registry to see if private security cameras in the area may have captured images/footage that could help solve the crime. Participation is voluntary and easily withdrawn at any time with notification. Learn more at kckpd.org

Tracking Public Safety Data

Geo-Spatial Services is working with the Sheriff's Department to develop an application to track use of force in the jail. This application is in the early stages of development. Year-to-date, Geo-Spatial Services has participated in monthly working meetings with the Police Department to update data and maps withing the New Worlds dispatch and records system.



Municipal Court Technology

The Municipal Court has integrated new technologies to streamline the customer service experience. On-demand translation services (pictured left) help improve access and efficiency of our work while the check-in kiosk (picture right) is now available for when our customers arrive on the second floor of the Municipal Building.



9-1-1 State-Required Reporting Successful

Geo-Spatial Services made a successful first quarter submission of address and street centerline data to the State of Kansas for support of Next Generation 9-1-1 or NG911. NG911 is a digital, Internet protocol to replace analog systems of the past for enhanced service.

Court-Appointed Defense Counsel

A new Appointed Defense Counsel (ADC) team is now under contract to provide defense counsel services through Municipal Court. The defense counsel team focuses on providing excellent representation, with an emphasis on efficiency and customer service. They are physically present on the 2nd floor each Thursday and Friday (excluding the 5th week, if one), working out of two offices in room #212.

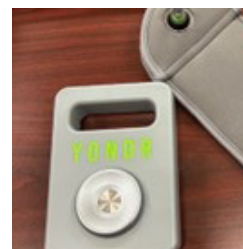
After being appointed counsel in court, the defendant completes a short intake form via their own computer/tablet, phone (QR code provided), or they can utilize one of the laptops set up in a privacy booth. After completing the form, the page will take them to an appointment scheduler where they can make an appointment with their appointed defense counsel. We are very excited to have this team providing services.

On-Demand Interpretation Services

Through one of our contract interpretation vendors (Propio), the Municipal Court implemented the use of real time video interpretation for non-English

speakers. The adoption of this technology, PropioOne, allows for our customers to work with us when they appear at the Municipal Court rather than needing a continuance. We also utilize this service via a dual handset phone, at our cashier window. We have an in-person Spanish interpreter at all dockets. This is through our contract with Interpreters, Inc.

Cell Phone Pouches for Courtroom Safety & Decorum



Starting on February 29, the Municipal Court introduced Yondr pouches to address ongoing issues with cell phones in the courtroom. The usage of the Yondr pouch technology is aimed at enhancing the safety of attendees and ensuring a distraction-free environment.

Municipal Court attendees place their devices in soft, lockable pouches before entering the court room and maintain possession of their device. Attendees will be able to unlock their pouch and retrieve their cell phone when leaving the courtroom. If necessary, attendees are able to unlock their pouch at the podium (in front of the Judge) or at the prosecutor's table. The benefits of utilizing Yondr pouches include:

- Privacy and security - Yondr pouches protect the privacy of personal information and conversations that could be captured by electronic devices, ensuring confidentiality in legal matters and protection of witnesses and defendants.

- Enhanced focus - by eliminating the temptation to check or use mobile devices during court sessions so participants can concentrate solely on the proceedings, leading to more productive and efficient hearings.
- Respect for decorum - Yondr pouches encourage individuals to remain attentive and respectful, reducing disruptions caused by ringing phones, text messages, or the unauthorized capturing of sensitive courtroom information/interactions.

Municipal Court Check-In Technology

The Municipal Court has been using check-in kiosks since July of 2022. The system allows us to see, in real time, who has checked in for court. Additionally, we are able to run reports from the system going back one year.

PUBLIC HEALTH

GENERAL USE HYGIENE BAGS Wyandotte County Public Health Department distributed 22 General Use Hygiene Bags to WIC clients picking up their diapers through the Happy Bottoms Program. Each bag contained baby wipes, a sippy cup, toothbrushes and toothpaste, Vaseline, and diaper rash cream. All bags contained a notice that the funds were for the bags that were purchased with ARPA funds and were distributed to WYCO residents.

NEIGHBORHOOD-BASED CLINICS Between October and December 2023, the Health Equity Task Force and Wyandotte County Public Health Department hosted 14 neighborhood-based clinics, 12 of which had 50 or more people in attendance. The following clinical services were provided:

Service	Customers
AIC Screenings	106
Blood Glucose Tests	94
Blood Pressure Tests	248
Vision Screenings	29
COVID Vaccines	60
Flu Shots	161
Other Immunizations	124
Referrals to Post-Event Care	138

The Neighborhood-Based Clinic Initiative, aims to increase access to clinical services and health resources for under-resourced communities in Wyandotte County by working with community organizations and clinical partners. These events are continuing until ARPA funding has been expended.

CLINICAL SERVICES Starting on April 18, 2024, the Wyandotte County Public Health Department will launch the first satellite health clinic in Bonner Springs, KS with other locations to be announced shortly. This follows the recent announcement of walk-in services available on Fridays at the Health Department, including reproductive and sexual health and immunizations. The department now offers new services for people ages 18+, including treatment for: skin conditions; ear, nose and throat symptoms; and other common conditions such as pink eye and urinary tract infections. Other new services include pre-employment physicals (ages 18+) and sports and camp physicals (ages 12+).

VACCINE OUTREACH: In partnership with the Harmon High School school nurse at USD 500, the department will be launching vaccine outreach to educate students on the importance of these preventative steps.



The Wyandotte County Sheriff's Office recently introduced this new recruitment vehicle to its fleet. See if you can find it around the county!

STAFFING

Staff Development and New Hires

Joe Anthony, Operations Supervisor, earned his Noxious Weed Certification from the Kansas Department of Agriculture. Activities Coordinator **Shelly Boyd** completed her certification from the

National Recreation & Parks Association as a Certified Parks & Recreation Professional. **Ethan Haines** was promoted to Marketing Coordinator for the Parks & Recreation Department where he will oversee marketing and communications for the department. Joining the UG this month, Operations Supervisor **Justin Ukema** will oversee the horticulturist team and develop a robust beautification plan.

Long-time tradesman **Dale Bruscher** has been promoted to Superintended within the Buildings & Logistics team. Carpenter **Craig Fratzel** was promoted to the Lead Carpenter position.

The KCKFD welcomed mechanic **Michael Woods** to the team in early February. His expertise will be invaluable in supporting the maintenance and efficiency of the department's vehicle fleet. On April 4, 18 new recruits began their journey with KCKFD.

In January, KCKPD promoted Officers **April Hagan** and **John Stimach** to Detective. During that same ceremony, Detectives **Josh Cromwell** and **Michael Eckel** were promoted to Captain and Captain **Joseph Grasela** was promoted to Major. On January 25, KCKPD hired 12 academy recruits.

KCKPD

TOTAL STAFF:

321 Sworn Officers

102 Professional Staff

New Hires

3 sworn | 4 civilian

January Academy

12 Recruits

Resignations

5 sworn | 5 civilian

Termination

1 staff

Currently, the Wyandotte County Public Health Department is host to ten (10) public health **AmeriCorps** workers with additions to the Environmental Inspections and Lead Remediation Program. The department celebrated AmeriCorps Week on March 11-15, 2024.

The Wyandotte County Sheriff's Office continue its recruitment efforts for Deputies and Correctional Specialists with a one-day testing event on Thursday, May 16, 2024, 3PM at the Pierson Community Center. These events are an opportunity for walk-ins and other interested candidates to visit with the Sheriff's Office, apply, and take the initial written test for these key positions.

Correctional Specialist Recruitment

Check out this video featuring the Correctional Specialist position.



KCKFD has been busy with ongoing training and education initiatives, including:

Training	Participants
Firefighter Training Program with EMT certification	6
Preventing Harassment Training	143
Advanced and Basic Life Support	77
Thoracostomy (chest tubes)	123
Customer Service	174
Workday	49
Large Area Search Team	18
Advanced Nozzle & Fire Stream	80

The KCKFD also brought in a presentation from Columbia Southern University for 255 department members with opportunities for additional education. Approximately a third of participants expressed an interest in advancing their academic qualifications.

Recreation Staffing Challenges Continue

The Recreation Division continues to face staffing challenges. Recreation staff work a 40-hour 6-day schedule to ensure facilities are open and accessible to the community. There is currently a 27 percent vacancy in full-time recreation positions. Despite the vacancies, no facilities are permanently closed although some facilities have shorter hours.



On February 22, KCKFD honored retired Firefighter/Inspector **Sheila Lenore**, the first African-American female KCK fire fighter.

Staff Honors

Director of Public Works **Jeff Fisher** received the 2024 Leader of the Year Award from the KC Metro Chapter of the American Public Works Association. Throughout his career, Jeff has shown a strong commitment to public service, beginning with serving in the United States Navy, and has demonstrated a remarkable ability to manage complex infrastructure projects while ensuring fiscal responsibility and community engagement. He believes that leadership at all levels is essential to achieving organizational goals, fostering a positive culture, and ensuring long-term success.

KCKPD **Chief Karl Oakman** was honored by the Friends of Yates at the Fourth Annual Black Men and Women of Distinction Dinner in February for his outstanding commitment and service to Kansas City, Kansas. Please join us in congratulating the Chief on this recognition of his leadership and tireless efforts to make KCK one of the safest communities in the metropolitan area.



Earlier this year, Friends of Yates honored **Chief Karl Oakman**, pictured third from the left, with the 2024 Portrait of a Black Man Award for his outstanding commitment and service to the Kansas City, Kansas Community.

DISTRICT COURT

VETERANS TREATMENT COURT

Launched in June 2021, the Veterans Treatment Court was founded in recognition of our veterans' service and the sacrifices they have made for our freedom as Americans. With presiding Judge Renee Henry, the court is a partnership with the District Attorney Mark Dupree, Sheriff Daniel Soptic, Chief CSO Jesse Johns, Wyandot Center, and the US Department of Veteran Affairs (VA).

The Veterans Treatment Court serves to reduce drug and alcohol abuse, lower recidivism rates, reduce financial impact on our community, and promote public safety. Veterans receive assistance with not only substance abuse, mental health, and PTSD, but also housing, benefits, job programs, education programs, and more through the VA liaison. Community partners such as First Federal Bank, for example, provide access to financial literacy training. A volunteer mentor is assigned to each veteran as an

additional means of support and accountability.

To qualify, one must be a veteran of the US Armed Forces and eligible to for VA services. Off-grid felonies and sex offenses are not eligible. All other felony offenses are reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Veterans must plead guilty and agree to be sentenced to the Veterans Treatment Court. If a veteran does not complete the program, they are removed and must serve their original sentence.

Veterans Treatment Court is held every other Wednesday at 2:00 pm in Division 13 of the Wyandotte County District Court. The program includes five phases and takes a minimum of 14-18 months to complete. Each phase has milestones that must be met in order to progress to the next phase. The Veterans Treatment Court team meets prior to court and reviews each veteran's progress. Rewards or sanctions are

determined by the team based on the progress. Rewards can include, gift cards, raffle tickets, first in first out at court, candy, or military swag. Sanctions can include community service, curfew, ankle monitoring, or jail time. Upon successful completion of all five phases, a graduation ceremony is held in recognition of their hard work. Under Kansas statutes, many charges can be expunged upon successful completion of a treatment court.

Veterans Treatment Court is open court, and all are invited to attend and observe the work the team is putting in to help Wyandotte County veterans.

Court Coordinator **Brandi Thomas** can be reached at brandi.thomas@kscourts.org for anyone interested in further information. Veterans interested in volunteering as a mentor can contact **Craig Westbrook** at craig.westbrook@kscourts.org.



PRIORITY FOUR

IMPROVE INFRASTRUCTURE

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds

RECREATION FACILITIES The Parks & Recreation Department is collaborating with the Buildings & Logistics Department and Ameresco, a consultant, on the spend of the roughly \$1.2 million in allocated ARPA funds for community center improvements. These funds will be directed to update air handling units and windows on these facilities for improved energy efficiency.

SENIOR CONGREGATE SITES The Area Agency on Aging has used ARPA funds to make several updates to the congregate meal sites across the county including adding new steam tables, refrigerators, televisions and rolling carts. Some sites also received new cabinets, tables and chairs, and other needed equipment and supplies.

State COVID-Relief Funds

The Area Agency on Aging has also invested state COVID relief funds in the purchase of four (4) vans for congregate meal sites to increase senior participation in programming. The vans have been a huge help and necessity in transporting seniors to the election polls, for senior outings, and other activities. The Vernon Center will be a pilot site for new iPads to teach seniors computer skills. In addition to helping with learning the technology, this pilot will also help with eye-hand coordination, motor skills and other practices to enhance memory and mobile technology usage.

Environmental Health: Aquatic Quality

Entering fourth year of the 5-Year Aquatic Quality Improvement Plan, the Wyandotte County Public Health Department continues its inspections of septic tanks and pools. This improvement plan will be fully implemented before the 2026 World Cup to assure that the neighboring hotels are able to provide safe and healthy aquatic facilities for our visitors.



Disc Golf Gazebo at City Park



New Swings at Edgerton Park

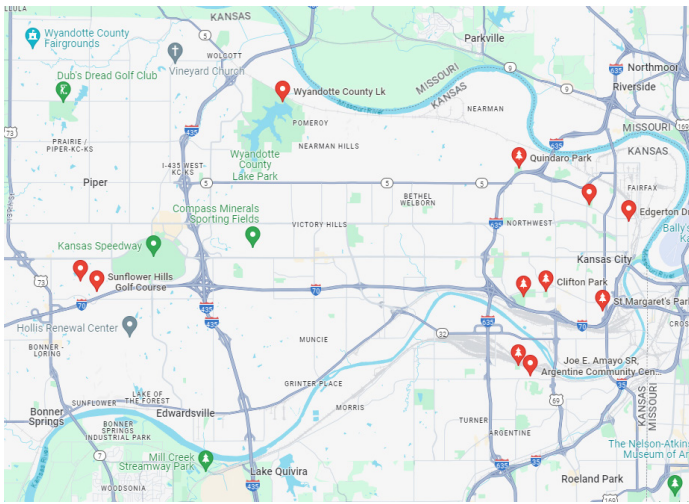
Park and Facility Improvements

CITY PARK: Funded with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, a new gazebo has been installed at the City Park Disc Golf Course.

CLIFTON SPRAY PARK: The new spray park is slated to open for the 2024 Summer Season. This project was made possible through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding and adds a fourth spray park to the UG's inventory. A ribbon cutting will be planned prior to the opening.

CLOPPER FIELD: The UG is in the process of soliciting bids, due April 24, for improvements at Clopper Field. The project will include the construction of a walking trail around the park in addition to on-street parking improvements.

EDGERTON PARK: New swing sets have been installed at Edgerton Park and Wyandotte County Lake's main playground, a total investment of \$28,500.



Ongoing Park and Facility Improvements - April 2024

JOE E. AMAYO COMMUNITY CENTER: The gymnasium at the community center now has a fresh coat of paint.

PARKWOOD POOL: In preparation for the swim season, improvements to the snack area at Parkwood Park have been completed, including asbestos tile abatement and new paint. Lighting improvements are anticipated to be complete before opening day.

QUINDARO PARK: Construction began in March on two post-tension basketball courts at Quindaro Park. Following outreach last summer to determine what recreation use would be most desired, the community voted for basketball which help the UG team determine next steps. Anticipated completion timeline is May so stay tuned for more information on a ribbon cutting and celebration around that time. This project was funded with American Rescue Act Plan and Park budget dollars for a total investment of \$255,000.

ST. MARGARET'S PARK: Construction of a new, five foot- wide, concrete walking trail is nearing completion at St. Margaret's Park. The walking trail is roughly .33 miles around the south end of the park. Once warmer weather is here to stay, a top layer of rubber surfacing is slated to be installed. More information to come on a ribbon cutting and celebration as we get closer.

SUNFLOWER HILLS GOLF COURSE: The Parks & Recreation Department has been consulting with Benesch to complete an assessment of the course clubhouse. The assessment covers the structural, mechanical and electrical state of the building as well as requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

WYANDOTTE COUNTY LAKE: UG Parks and Recreation installed two picnic tables and two

benches at the pickleball and fitness courts. The project to replace nearly 40,000 linear feet of water lines, spanning six phases, is nearing completion. Started in 2014, the total project cost was \$2.3 million. In 2023, the UG embarked on an initiative to remove old, non-compliant metal playground equipment from our parks. Shelter 4 at WyCo Lake was the first location to receive new replacement equipment. Over the next five years, the UG will follow its plan for playground replacements.

NEW SIGNAGE: Since late February, Parks & Recreation staff have replaced 51 signs across our community. With a new milling machine now up and running, the team will continue updating and replacing missing or damaged signs throughout the parks system. Be sure to check out the **short explainer video** on our in-house sign capabilities.

Wyandotte County Historical Museum

ACCESSIBILITY: The Museum team is working with Buildings & Logistics on cost estimates and plans for restroom rehabilitation and ADA accessibility improvements to both the building entrance and restroom doors.

RESEARCH: The Museum has also recently purchased a microfilm View/Scan4 and computer hard drive for approximately \$9,000 for the research library. This technology was entirely funded by the Historical Society to help the Museum better serve the people of Wyandotte County.

SECURITY: The Wyandotte County Historical Society & Museum has agreed to pay half the cost of security improvements to the facility, including cameras and a mobile panic button for roughly \$5,000.

New Water Pollution Control Building

Work continues on the new Water Pollution Control building at 49th and Armstrong Avenue. Crews have been making great progress with the recent good weather. At last check, the building was nearing 50% completion with the structure in place and interior walls being installed.

New Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) Building

The new CSI building at 49th and Armstrong Avenue construction is also moving along well. The structure is up and siding is being installed. It is estimated that construction is 46% complete.



Water Pollution Control Building
3/28/24 5:59:21 PM CDT



CSI Building
3/28/24 5:56:32 PM CDT

Municipal Building Restoration

Work continues around the base of the Municipal Building with an estimated completion date of mid-2025.

KCKPD Animal Services

New flooring was installed in the large dog area of the shelter, improving not only the aesthetic, but making it a more hygienic environment for staff and dogs.

KCKFD Station 20

Plans are moving along to construct a new fire station, KCKFD Station 20, at 72nd and Kansas Avenue. The department has been gathering insights from the recently completed Station 16 to inform and enhance the functionality of the forthcoming station as part of its commitment to continuous improvement.

KCKFD Vehicles

The KCKFD was proud to accept delivery of the new Pumper 14, a state-of-the-art replacement for an older model from 2007. The team diligently worked to prepare the new vehicle for service by late March 2024.

Other KCKFD Facilities

Facility maintenance and repairs are ongoing, such as plumbing leak repairs at Fire Headquarters and Station 7; generator maintenance and refueling at Station 19; electrical repairs at Station 18 and garage door repairs at the maintenance shop. A new HVAC system has been installed at Station 14 and a broken storefront glass window was replaced at Station 9. Winter weather and storms have damaged several vehicles, introduced new leaks at stations, and

another station experienced flooding.

Hutton & Leavenworth Intersection Modernization

The second phase of construction began on April 1st. Although this phase of construction required the complete closure of the intersection, it is a significant step towards completing a modern roundabout to enhance the area's safety and traffic flow. The intersection is slated to be reopened to traffic by August of this year.

Bridge No. 311 Replacement

Construction to replace Bridge No. 311 on Thorn Drive over Barber Creek began in March. This bridge serves businesses that have been major employers in KCK for decades. The roadway and bridge also provide access along the vital levee system that protects the core of this industrial KCK area. The existing bridge will remain in service while the new bridge is being constructed immediately adjacent to it. Federal funding will pay for 80% of the project's eligible construction and inspection costs up to a maximum of \$1,000,000. The bridge replacement is scheduled to be completed by November of this year.

2023/2024 Street Resurfacing Project

Work began in mid-February due to nice weather and is roughly 15% complete or underway. This project is slated to address roughly 62 lane miles of pavement, 65,000 feet of curb and gutter replacements, and 180 ADA ramps. The cost will be roughly \$15,000,000 and should conclude in late August.

Fairfax Trafficway Rehab Project

This project will address a failing section of Fairfax Trafficway south of Quindaro Boulevard. Fairfax Trafficway will be reopened to four full lanes of traffic with two lanes of travel in each direction. Major construction will begin in early May, and completion is scheduled for August.

Holiday Drive Bridges Replacement Project

Two bridge structures will be replaced on Holiday Drive, near 73rd Street and 78th Street. Work will begin on April 22nd but will not close Holiday Drive. This project will increase stormwater capacity, limit flooding, and improve safety for increase traffic in the area by widening the structures to decrease chance of accidents from people leaving the roadway.

State Avenue Improvements, 118th St to France Family Drive

This project will replace existing curb and gutter, as well as mill and overlay existing roadway. Work will begin on April 8th and last through the middle of June. The approximate cost is \$2,500,000.

WYCO Lake Waterline Replacement Phases 4 & 5

Final phases of Wyandotte County Lake Park Waterline Replacement Program will be complete in April 2024. This marks the completion of a 10-year effort to upgrade the waterlines and hydrants at WYCO Lake Park Shelters to provide better amenities for our citizens and reduce ongoing maintenance costs and efforts for our staff.

KC Levees Enhancement Project

This \$540 million dollar project has been under construction since fall 2020. The project is raising the flood control along the Kansas River 200% for Argentine, Armourdale and CID Levee units. The pump stations replacement and repair are 99% complete. The levee raise, floodwall placement, and railroad stoplogs contracts are over 65% complete.

Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) 19 Sewer Separation Project

This project, which includes new sanitary and storm sewer piping, will be the second of fourteen

planned projects to separate combined sewers in our community to comply with the Unified Government (UG) Federal Consent Decree. The project area is within the bounds of North 10th Street on the east, North 13th Street on the west, Everett Avenue on the north and Grandview Boulevard on the south. Separating the stormwater from the wastewater will result in increased capacity at the plant, which lowers wastewater treatment costs. It will also reduce sewer backups, which can cause disease and unsanitary environmental conditions. Amino Brothers Co., Inc., a local KCK heavy contractor, has been selected to construct the first phase of the project. Work is scheduled to be completed in April of 2025.

Treatment Plant 20 Renovations and Thickening

Constructed in 1979, Treatment Plant 20 was an expansion of the sanitary system to service a portion of western Wyandotte County and Edwardsville. To address deferred maintenance on the building and to bring operations further in line with regulatory compliance, this large-scale project is getting some much-needed attention to keep this facility running smoothly, far into the future!

Emergency Sanitary Construction

SOUTH 73RD STREET AND FOREST DRIVE: In an effort to reduce blockages and ground level sewage, contractors are installing a new, up-sized sewer at this location. The infrastructure in this area is extremely old and newer technology will help improve flows and reduce maintenance.

1820 WASHINGTON BOULEVARD: Deferred maintenance of a sanitary line has caused a failure in the critical infrastructure, and a sinkhole has formed at the surface. Emergency work is preparing to begin to remedy this sinkhole and repair the line.

MISSION CLIFF PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP:

A hillside destabilized behind two homes near West 38th Terrace and South Thompson Circle, damaging critical sanitary infrastructure. The UG is partnering with the residents that these impacts to install new infrastructure away from destabilized area, ensuring that the infrastructure will serve these homes for years to come. (Not started yet)

CONNOR CREEK INTERCEPTOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECT:

With the increase in development out west, the sanitary sewer system size needed to increase to allow for future development. The Connor Creek Interceptor project is one example of a smart

investment into our infrastructure. This expansion reduces the expense of installing and maintaining a force main, while takes out of service a pump station that would have otherwise needed to continue in service.

NORTH 83RD STREET AND LEAVENWORTH ROAD EMERGENCY STORMWATER

CONSTRUCTION A concrete channel near N 83rd St and Leavenworth Road has deteriorated due to deferred maintenance. Now, it's starting to affect the road itself. Supported by the Stormwater Utility, this stormwater infrastructure failure will be able to be addressed. The goal is to make the area safer and stronger by improving how stormwater is managed. This will keep everyone in the area safe, whether they're walking or driving.

Collection System Metrics To Date

Here are some of the key metrics to date in 2024 from our Water Pollution Control team:

Water Pollution Control Key Metrics	
Pipe Cleaned	35.39 miles
Pipe TV'd	11.24 miles
Pipes Repaired	20
Pipe Lined	11,211 linear feet
Pipes Replaced	10
Pipe Replaced	1,188 linear feet
Manholes Repaired	108
Manholes Replaced	4
Catch Basins Inspected	749
Catch Basins Cleaned	445

Remote Monitoring & Control Improvements

The wastewater and stormwater systems operated by the Water Pollution Control division of Public Works includes facilities that date back to the 1800's. Periodic investments are required to not only keep systems operating, but also make use of newer technologies that provide increased reliability and decreased operational costs. One such project currently underway, the Pump Station SCADA project, is adding improved monitoring capabilities to provide much more extensive real-time information. The outcomes of this project will allow

the utility operations groups to reduce down-time in emergencies, reduce cost of maintenance, and also allow for future implementation of intelligent operations and ultimately provide better utility service to our community.

Armourdale Industrial District Pump Station Major Upgrade Complete

The Armourdale Industrial District Pump Station was constructed nearly 60 years ago. Over the past 2 years, Water Pollution Control has been working with a design team and contractor in a Construction Management at Risk (CMAR) arrangement to expedite major upgrade and renewal project at our system's largest wastewater pump station. This facility serves the entire sewer collection system in Wyandotte County from approximately 70th street east. Flows are pumped to the Kaw Point Treatment Plant at rates up to 12 million gallons/day in dry weather and up to 35 million gallons.

New Court Management System: Municipal Justice

After a long, two-year process, the Municipal Court is moving forward with a new court management software system that will greatly improve efficiency, resulting in cost savings and improved customer service. We will spend calendar year 2024 and a portion of 2025 in managing this transition to Municipal Justice by Tyler Technologies.

Our current system dates back to 2013, with no upgrades being made since that time. We have seen a sharp decline in the quality and reliability of our current system. Tyler Technologies is an industry leader when it comes to government and other public sector software. In addition to being a software as a service solution, Municipal Justice is a robust court management system that will be integrated with eCitation as well as state reporting systems (KDAR & KDOR), making the Court approximately 90% paperless. Additionally, the system has a check-in component as well as a video court component, which will allow us to potentially expand court services.

Street Maintenance: By the Numbers

Snow & Ice Control



x 12 storms this past winter.

5,568

tons of salt

0 tons of sand



Pre-treated bridges on three occasions.

4,250

gallons of brine costing \$297.50

13,037

labor hours, costing \$214,194



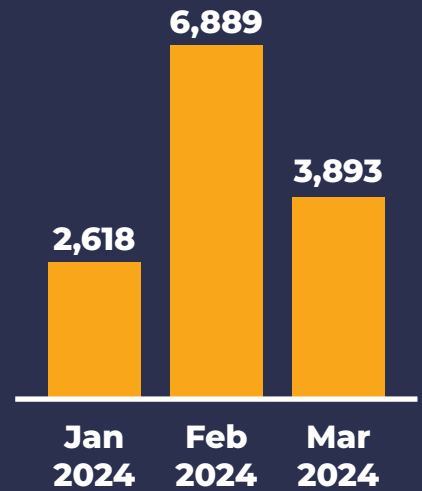
\$599,826

WINTER OPERATIONS TOTAL COST



January-March 2024

Pothole Repairs



Illegal Dumping Pickup

January-March 2024

106
work orders closed

157
labor hours

427
cubic yards trash collected



69
cubic yards brush collected



317
tires collected



Sign Repairs

January-March 2024

288
work orders closed

186
labor hours



HOW WE ROLL

The UG Public Works Department received delivery of a new spray patcher (left) and a Day of the Dead-inspired street sweeper (right).






AT-A-GLANCE

APRIL 2024

All of these calendar events can be found with all details on wycokck.org. If viewing the digital copy of this calendar, you can click each event name for a link to the event details.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>RESIDENTIAL OPEN BURNING</p> <p>Apply for your permit at ckkfd.org</p>	<p>1 Spring Open Burn Period Starts Economic Development & Finance Standing Committee Neighborhood & Community Development Standing Committee Advisory Board on Human Relations & Disability Issues Landmarks Commission</p>	<p>2 Complete Streets Traffic Plan for Rainbow Boulevard Steering Committee Business & Economic Development Task Force</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 Welcome Reception for CFO Shelley Knuvean Solid Waste Management Committee KCKPD Citizens Academy Spring 2024 2025 Budget Workshop with UG Commission Full Commission Meeting</p>	<p>5 Dumpster Days</p>	<p>6 Dumpster Days DotteTalks - Rosedale Development Association Wyandotte County Ethnic Festival</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>8 Board of Zoning Appeals and City Planning Commission</p>	<p>9 CHAMPSS Food Program for Seniors CivicConnect Spring Cohort Environmental Sustainability & Green Energy Task Force</p>	<p>10 Law Enforcement Advisory Board Park Board DotteTalks - Downtown Shareholders</p>	<p>11 Noxious Weed Sales Start UG Special Meeting</p>	<p>12 Battle of the Badges Blood Drive Sound the Alarm: Armourdale & Argentine Pierson KCKFD Station 16 Ribbon Cutting and Open House</p>	<p>13 Kansas Health Yards Expo Spring Fair at Bethany</p>
<p>14</p>	<p>15 DotteTalks - Turner Community Connection Tax Rebate Program DEADLINE!</p>	<p>16 ServSafe Food Handler Course Rights & Responsibilities for WyCo Renters and Advocates DotteTalks: West</p>	<p>17 KCKPD Police Academy Testing</p>	<p>18 Community Corrections Juvenile Advisory Board Drug Court Graduation Spring Job Fair 2025 Budget Workshop with UG Commission</p>	<p>19 Hollywood Casino Grant Fund Deadline Movie Bingo Night in Armourdale</p>	<p>20 Household Hazardous Waste Disposal 3rd Annual KCKPD Community Peace Walk Riverbank Clean-Up Inclusive Soccer Clinic</p>
<p>21</p>	<p>22 Public Works & Safety Standing Committee Administration & Human Services Standing Committee</p>	<p>23 Area Agency on Aging Public Hearing DotteTalks - Bonner Springs Mayor Tyrone Tuesday</p>	<p>24 Area Wide Advisory Council on Aging Behavioral Health Court Graduation</p>	<p>25 Livable Neighborhoods Task Force UG Career Expo Full Commission Meeting</p>	<p>26 Arbor Day at Wyandotte County Museum</p>	<p>27 Hands-Only Health Fair DEA National Prescription TaxBack Drive</p>
<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 Spring Open Burn Period Ends</p>	<p>Join the Office of the Mayor for Seven Days of Kindness April 10-April 18. Check out our website for ideas on how you can share kindness with others and yourself.</p>			



AT-A-GLANCE

MAY 2024

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Wyandotte County Landlord Education	2 All Pink for Cervical Cancer Awareness UG Commission Meeting	3	4 Building the Dream: Planning the Transition from School to Adulthood
5	6 Advisory Board on Human Relations & Disability Issues Landmarks Commission	7	8 Fraternal Order of Police and KCKPD Police Memorial Service Law Enforcement Advisory Board Park Board	9	10 Wyandotte County Sheriff's Office Memorial Service	11
12	13 Board of Zoning Appeals and City Planning Commission	14 CHAMPSS Orientation - Food Program for Seniors	15 KCKPD Police Academy Testing	16 2025 Budget Workshop with UG Commission Wyandotte County Sheriff's Office Testing Day	17	18 Kids to Park Day Household Hazardous Waste Disposal
19	20 Public Works & Safety Standing Committee Administration & Human Services Standing Committee	21 8th District Parks & Recreation Townhall with Comm. Davis	22 Area Wide Advisory Council on Aging	23 Livable Neighborhoods Task Force Area Agency on Aging Annual Sock Hop East Patrol Open House	24	25 Opening Day for Parkwood Pool and Spray Parks
26	27 Parkwood Pool open for Memorial Day UG Offices Closed	28 Parkwood Pool closed Mayor Tyrone Tuesday	29 Teen Baby Shower	30	31	

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