



CITY OF OLATHE NEWSLETTER

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Kansas School for the Deaf students with their snow plow art.

How You Imagine Olathe in 2040

During the latter half of 2018, citizens shared how they imagine Olathe in 2040. City engagers asked the question at numerous public events, community groups, youth events, businesses, and through OlatheKS.org/Olathe2040. More than 3,000 people participated. What did you say? Here are some highlights of how you imagine Olathe's future.



Quality of Life

- Safe neighborhoods and schools
- Locally-owned stores/restaurants near neighborhoods
- More walking and biking trails connecting neighborhoods to destinations
- Pedestrian-friendly, mixed-use developments
- Coordinated transportation and development
- Equal access to technology

Infrastructure

- Plan for driverless vehicles
- More public transportation options
- Raised railroad tracks
- Connections to the regional transportation system

Economy

- Opportunities for aspiring entrepreneurs
- Additional technology-based, top employer businesses
- Private investment venture capitalists
- Opportunities for technical job certifications
- Partnerships offering workforce training
- Workforce housing

Exceptional Services

- Funded transportation and infrastructure
- Investments in clean, renewable energy
- Opportunities for the aging population
- Historical preservation while creating new spaces
- Public involvement in City projects

The Olathe Strategic Planning Advisory Committee presented a Vision Framework to the City Council in December for their comments. The final Olathe 2040 Strategic Plan is expected this summer.



Olathe 2040: Future Ready Art Challenge student entry. See more art on page 8.



Find additional Olathe news at OlatheKS.org. Click on NEWS.

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Mayor's Message

Always Moving Forward

Happy 2019! As we enter this new year, it's a good time to reflect on our community's past year as we keep moving forward. Allow me to share a few examples of our progress.

During 2018, our local economy grew with new companies making Olathe their home. Among those we welcomed: Cargill, HiPower Systems, ProPak Solutions, and Hyland Software. Other companies continue investing here. Orizon Aerostructures joined several existing Olathe aeronautics and aviation businesses, extending our city's important role as a cluster in the industry. We also saw TVH Parts grow, Terracon open a new headquarters building, and Garmin continue expansion.

While our changing world necessitates Olathe continue attracting innovative companies, we are also striving to keep the City of Olathe at the forefront of technology to best serve our residents and secure our future as a first-rate city. Leveraging technology allows us to work smarter and use environmentally-minded ways to provide you services. In 2018, our Fire Department partnered with the PulsePoint app. This app notifies the nearest CPR-trained person to assist those experiencing a cardiac emergency. In another example of advanced technologies, we are improving our traffic management by minimizing driving delays and providing drivers more information through mobile apps. See more about these topics on page 7.

In 2018, we opened a Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fueling facility in partnership with Johnson County Government, to provide clean fuel for our Solid Waste fleet. In the future, we plan to use CNG to fuel our street sweeper vehicles.

This year, we can look forward to more opportunities for an active lifestyle through new park facilities. Enjoy the new, 4.5-mile Meadow Lane Trail or the new nature playground at Frisco Lake Park. Many exciting improvements are on schedule to open this summer at Lake Olathe. In addition, new amenities will serve Lone Elm Park users, and a new park will open in the Woodland Hills Reserve neighborhood. A beautiful and innovative new Indian Creek Library will



Fun awaits at the new Frisco Lake Park nature playground.

open its doors in the fall to provide our community a new gathering place.

Putting Our Future in View

Looking farther ahead, more than 3,000 residents shared how they imagine Olathe in 2040 through the strategic planning process. You inspire us and help move us forward. We are incorporating comments and images you shared in a draft vision for Olathe. See highlights of this input on page 1.

We are ever-striving to improve our city through strategic planning. In addition to the current Olathe 2040: Future Ready planning, we have three long-term plans underway: a Master Housing Study, Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative, and Communities for All Ages Plan. Stay tuned to learn more about these significant planning efforts.

This planning is vital as our city continues to grow. After all, we all want safe and quality lives for our children and beyond. With your continued support for these efforts, we can look forward to an Olathe that not only meets, but exceeds these hopes and dreams for future generations.

Sincerely,

Michael Copeland
Mayor



This season, City of Olathe snow plow blades are adorned with more colorful images courtesy of students from 10 Olathe schools. You're likely to see this student artwork when snow removal operations are in progress.

"We are thrilled that these young artists shared their creativity to brighten snow removal equipment," says Hallie Sheptor, Olathe Public Works communications.



Themes painted on snow plows range from winter wonderlands to school mascots. Schools participating in this artistic venture include: Arbor Creek Elementary, Indian Trail Middle School, Kansas School for the Deaf, Northview Elementary, Olathe North Student Council, Olathe Northwest Soccer, Olathe South Falcon Flight Crew, Olathe West Green Tech Academy, Scarborough Elementary, and Woodland Elementary.



Important City Phone Numbers

Regular Business Hours:

Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Except for **Emergency 911**, and unless otherwise noted

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Emergency TDD/TTY Calls 911

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OLATHE CONNECT TrashDay

What's Being Built in Olathe

Davis Apartments

The proposed development at the southwest corner of 119th Street and Pflumm consists of 23 two-story apartment buildings with a total of 240 units. Nineteen of the buildings include first floor interior garages. Amenities include a pool, clubhouse, outdoor sitting areas, walkways, and a dog park.



West Market Shops Update

Construction of the Starbucks within West Market Shops is underway, near the intersection of Parker and West Loula Street. The new location is expected to open in early spring 2019. A Tropical Smoothie Café is planned near the Chipotle, under construction in the northern portion of the shopping center.



Alden Center – Multi-Tenant Building

A 7,900 square foot multi-tenant building is in construction at the southwest corner of West 135th Street and Greenwood. The building will have five tenant spaces, and Chipotle will occupy the easternmost tenant space. Chipotle will also have an approximately 570 square foot outdoor dining area.



Police Chief Menke Recognized for Excellence

Congratulations to Olathe Police Chief Steven Menke, recipient of the 2018 Clarence M. Kelley Award for excellence in police administration. This recognition is from the Kansas City Metropolitan Crime Commission and Greater Kansas City Chapter of ASIS International (American Society for Industrial Security).

Menke started work for the Olathe Police Department in 1988, serving the community in various roles as he progressed through the ranks. He was appointed chief of police in 2008.

New Alarm Renewal Schedule in Effect

Effective January 1, 2019, alarm renewal dates coincide with the alarm user's original month of registration instead of the end of each calendar year. Alarm owners should expect renewal notices in the mail at least 30 days before the renewal is due. It can be completed at <https://CryWolf.OlatheKS.org> or through paper registration.

The City of Olathe partners with alarm users each year to prevent false alarms, which can be costly and dangerous, divert public safety resources, and delay response to emergencies. Both monitored and unmonitored alarm systems, intended to summon a public safety response, require annual registration. Questions about alarm registration can be directed to Alarm Coordinator Tammy Foxworthy, 913-971-8530 or falsealarm@olatheks.org.

Learn About City of Olathe Jobs

Whether you're interested in full-time or part-time employment, seasonal work or an internship, there are several ways to begin the employment journey.

City of Olathe website: OlatheKS.org/Jobs

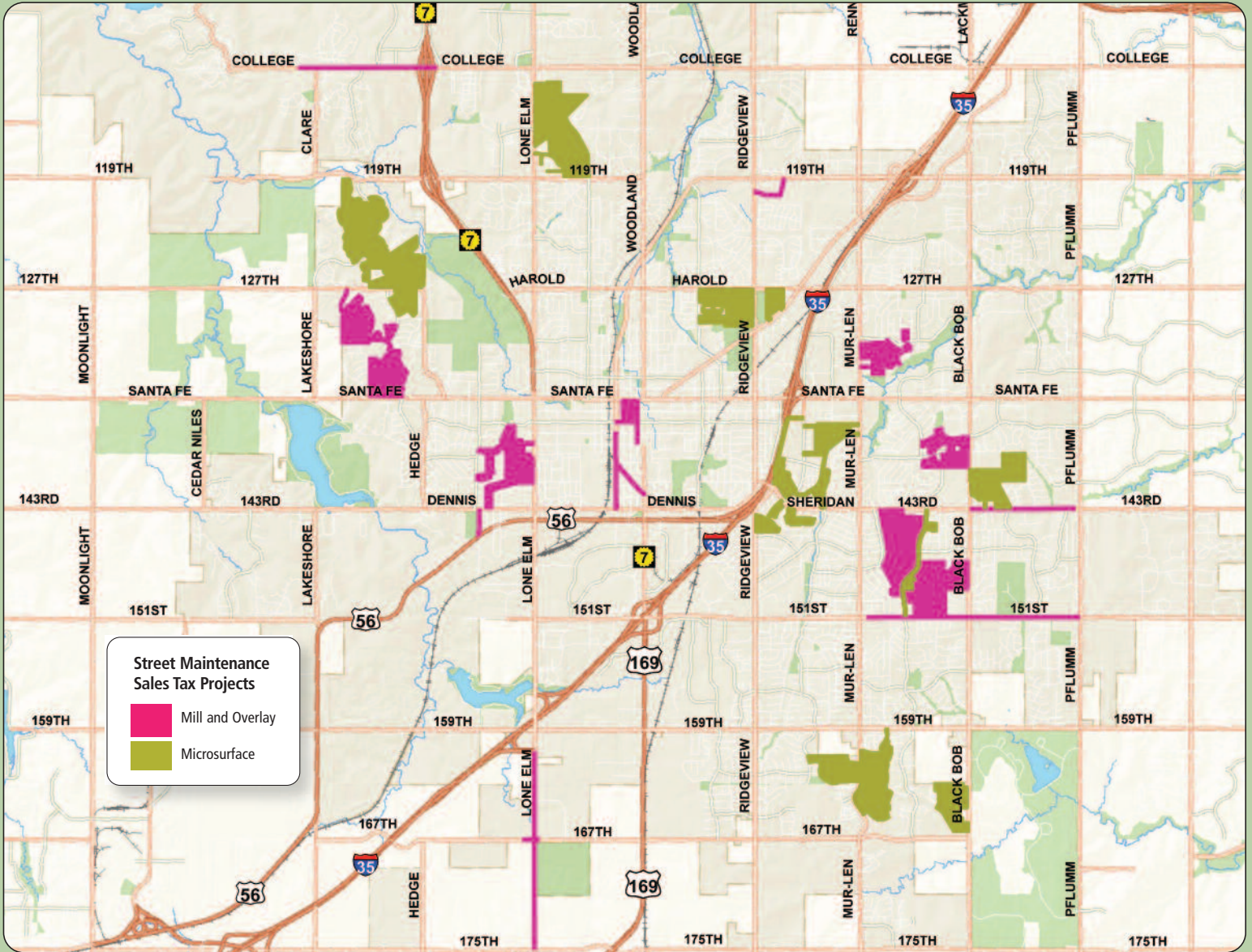
Internet Job Boards: City positions are posted on GovernmentJobs.com and CareerBuilder.com, and other job boards such as Indeed and LinkedIn.

Job Interest Notification Card at OlatheKS.org (found under the Employment Application Process Help tab). Applicants will be notified if a job matches selected interests and experience.

Employment Opportunity Notifications link at OlatheKS.org

Employment opportunity questions or comments can be made through **Olathe Connect** at OlatheKS.org, or call 913-971-9735.

Completed 2018 Street Preservation Locations



164th Street Before



164th Street After



Marais Drive Before



Marais Drive After

Street Preservation by Type	Lane Miles
Arterial Street Mill and Overlay Resurfacing	27
Local/Collector Street Mill and Overlay Resurfacing	41
New Record High Lane Miles Resurfaced in a Single Year	Total 68
Microsurface	64

More information about Olathe street preservation is at OlatheKS.org/StreetPreservation.

Earth News

from the City of Olathe, Kansas

You Have an Important Role in Safe Snow Removal

The City of Olathe's top priorities during winter weather are the safety of motorists and pedestrians, and ensuring emergency responders can reach those in need. Snow removal efforts first focus on major roadways and collector streets, along with a concentration on hills, hazardous intersections, commercial and school areas. Following completion of priority areas, snow removal begins on other streets and cul-de-sacs.

Please remember

- Stay off roads as much as possible. The fewer vehicles on the road, the faster they can be cleared.
- Park your vehicles in the driveway. If there is no driveway, park vehicles on the same side of the street.
- Give snow plow trucks plenty of room. Avoid passing or driving beside snow plow trucks.
- Redirect sump pumps that discharge across sidewalks or public streets to eliminate icy areas.
- Remove portable basketball goals, hockey goals, skateboard ramps, and other structures from the street.
- Keep tree branches trimmed along the street.
- Clear snow from sidewalks and fire hydrants adjacent to your property, including sidewalks located behind rear fences.
- Call 911 if you have an emergency. Dispatchers will contact the snow removal operation if emergency vehicles need assistance reaching you.



Check the status of snow plows with the interactive snow plow map at OlatheKS.org/Snow.

Prevent Frozen Pipes

When the temperature dips to 20°F and lower, prepare for the possibility of frozen pipes in your home. At-risk areas for frozen pipes are located against your home's outside walls and in unheated spaces.

What You Can Do

- Let water run in a very slow drip from a faucet farthest away from water's entrance to the house. This will help keep water moving to reduce the chance of frozen pipes.
- Open cabinet doors that lead to exposed pipes to allow circulation of warmer, household air.
- Keep garage doors shut. Plumbing routed through unheated space leaves it vulnerable to cold air.
- Install pipe insulation products on exposed pipes—such as a “pipe sleeve,” Underwriters Laboratories (UL)-listed, “heat tape,” “heat cable,” or similar products.
- Keep your thermostat set above 65°F when away from your home or business for several days.

To Thaw Pipes

Safely thaw the pipes as soon as possible, or call a plumber.

- If you're thawing the pipe, shut off the water. Starting near the faucet end, slowly apply heat with the faucet open, and work toward the coldest section. Slower is better.
- A hair dryer is appropriate for the job; a blow torch is NOT. To avoid electrocution, DO NOT use electrical appliances while standing in water.
- Check the other faucets around your home for additional frozen pipes. If one pipe freezes, others may freeze as well.

For more information, please contact a licensed plumber.



In 2018, stormwater funds were invested in the stream bank stabilization project on Indian Creek, Albervan to Pflumm.

Stormwater Funds Help Manage Runoff and Pollution

In 2017, Olathe received 46 inches of precipitation through rainfall or snow. This water, called stormwater, often soaks into the soil. When stormwater falls onto impervious surfaces, such as streets, sidewalks, parking lots, or driveways, and cannot be absorbed, it becomes stormwater runoff.

Stormwater runoff is routed through a comprehensive stormwater system throughout Olathe in a way that prevents flooding and protects water quality. A system of inlets, pipes, culverts, stream banks, lakes, and ponds works together to prevent flooding and reduce pollution in streams. Through monthly charges to Olathe residents and businesses, the City of Olathe provides a stormwater management program that benefits residents, businesses and visitors. The City can manage stormwater runoff and pollution by maintaining current stormwater infrastructure and funding new stormwater projects. This program provides safe roads, protects structures from flooding, and maintains a high level of water quality.

Other stormwater program elements include public education, illegal dumping elimination, a cost share reimbursement program, and street sweeping.

New Technology Reduces Driving Delays

The City of Olathe is leading the region using live, traffic data to improve traffic flow. In fall 2018, Olathe Traffic Operations improved travel times on Santa Fe using advanced technology through a cloud-based information pilot project. The technology provides detailed analytics for multiple traffic management areas, such as traffic congestion, destinations, and the resulting improvements.

Using this information and timing optimization software, traffic signal cycles and green light times adjustments are occurring to reduce driving time in the Santa Fe corridor, Greenwood to Ridgeview.

Reduced Average Travel Times

East and Westbound Santa Fe, Greenwood to Ridgeview 6:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. weekdays	Westbound Santa Fe, Greenwood to Ridgeview 7 – 8:15 a.m. weekdays
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Before: 6 min. 30 sec.
After: 5 min.

Before: 6 min. 22 sec.
After: 5 min. 2 sec.

In addition, traffic signal adjustments are saving drivers up to 30 seconds at the Santa Fe and Clairborne intersection (westbound) through the new technology.

EnLighten App Notifies You of Time to Green Light



If you want to know how long until the traffic signal turns to green, the EnLighten app may be for you. The app uses available information from Olathe's coordinated traffic signals with predictive technology at major intersections. Olathe is the only city in our region where you can use the technology. Learn more about the EnLighten app on Facebook: <https://bit.ly/2zSMY9M>.

Apple and Android users can download and use the EnLighten app free of charge. To avoid distracted driving, only use the app when your phone is on a support or a passenger can assist.

Reader Feedback
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Imagine Olathe 2040 Art Challenge

Fifty eighth-grade arts students from Pleasant Ridge Middle School created murals representing themes of Olathe 2040: Future Ready. The Olathe Planning Division hosted the art challenge in October 2018 as part of National Community Planning month.

Students created the murals modeled for sites in downtown Olathe, City parks, and other public places. Planning staff visited the school to gather student ideas about future neighborhoods, entertainment, transportation, the environment, and technology.

Student artwork featured at right:

Top left: Sustain the future theme

Top right: Entertainment theme

Bottom left: Transportation theme

Bottom right: Innovative neighborhoods theme

See other entries in the Imagine Olathe 2040 Art Challenge at OlatheKS.org/ArtChallenge.

