

Olathe 2040 Strategic Plan Sets Forth a Future-Ready Community



FUTURE READY

Olathe takes a future ready approach. We are resilient, innovative, nimble, and collaborative in how we address tomorrow's challenges today.



QUALITY OF LIFE

People choose Olathe. Healthy, safe people living in quality neighborhoods connected to important places and each other.



INFRASTRUCTURE

Olathe delivers smart, connected, integrated, innovative infrastructure that is safe, reliable, efficient, and sustainable.



ECONOMY

Olathe is an economic leader in the region. Our strong economic base is built by highly successful businesses of all sizes, entrepreneurs, a skilled workforce, vibrant downtown, and other attractive places throughout the community.



EXCEPTIONAL SERVICES

Olathe efficiently provides high quality services the community values.



The Olathe City Council has adopted an updated 20-year strategic plan that charts the course for future generations to live, work, and play in one of the best future-ready cities in the nation. The plan is based on Olathe's intention to be resilient, innovative, nimble, and collaborative in addressing tomorrow's issues today.

The Olathe 2040: Future Ready community-focused strategic plan culminates an 18-month process that included more than 3,000 people who shared their ideas, visions, and dreams for Olathe. Additionally, input and valuable guidance came from the Strategic Planning Advisory Committee and from multiple community groups and businesses. A team of 100 City staff members worked on the strategic plan's goals, strategies, measures, and targets with the City Council's review and feedback.

The Olathe 2040: Future Ready strategic plan, including videos of community members, can be viewed at OlatheKS.org/Olathe2040.



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Mayor's Message

Olathe's Unwavering Commitment to Traffic Improvements

Managing traffic flow and congestion has remained a top resident priority for Olathe since the early 2000s. Our community has made tremendous progress in this area with major projects to help us travel more efficiently through Olathe.

Many of us remember experiencing the traffic backups on Santa Fe at the east railroad tracks crossing. In 2008, the "raising the rail" project eliminated the at-grade crossing as well as those at Ridgeview, Park, and Loula Streets. The year before, improvements included the I-35 overpass for 127th Street and an improved College Boulevard, with a new bridge over Mill Creek and the west railroad tracks. In 2010, the new I-35 interchange at Lone Elm became a reality. These were all big projects that brought significant improvements for the traveling public.

Olathe faces unique challenges as we work to improve traffic flow, including two major rail lines and an interstate highway crossing diagonally through the heart of our city. Our intervals of traffic access to I-35 are limited, concentrating more traffic in our interchange areas and surrounding streets. In recent years, the Edgerton BNSF logistics facilities' workforce and infrastructure have significantly impacted our traffic with workers and transportation of goods.

Addressing Your Priorities

In 2016, we asked residents to identify locations where they experienced the most traffic delays. This input, combined with traffic studies, helped establish responsive plans to ease traffic snarls in priority locations.

Residents said the **Santa Fe and Ridgeview** intersection needed the most attention. To make traffic flow improvements, right-of-way acquisition and utilities relocation are in progress. In 2020, construction will begin on dual left turn lanes, and right turn lanes for all directions.

Based on resident priorities, the City of Olathe is currently improving **K-7 (Parker), between Santa Fe and Old 56 Highway**, with additional turn lanes and medians. Next year, improvements continue with **Lone Elm's widening** to four lanes south to 151st Street, along with intersection modifications at **Old 56 Highway and Lone Elm**.



143rd Street, between Pflumm and Quivira recently received major improvements.

We have a design ready for improving traffic flow at the **119th Street and I-35 Interchange**, including improvements for the **119th Street corridor from Strang Line to Renner Road**. The City of Olathe is seeking federal and state funding assistance for the \$28 million interchange project.

A public-private partnership with Garmin will provide another route from the 151st Street area with **Mahaffie Circle's extension under I-35**. Work continues this fall to lengthen the bridges on I-35 to accommodate the new street, along with additional long-term traffic improvements along the **151st Street corridor**.

In all, 26 Olathe priority locations are at some phase of traffic improvement: in design, in construction, or recently completed. Because there are a significant number of traffic improvements underway, it requires our patience to see them through completion. It helps me to know that the temporary inconvenience leads to long-term travel improvements. Remember driving on Santa Fe before the east rail tracks were raised, or traveling on College Boulevard before the bridge spanned the railroad tracks and Mill Creek?

I'm excited to know that so many traffic improvements are in motion. You can learn more about these improvements and others at OlatheKS.org/ConstructionMap. Select the **Streets** tab.

Sincerely,

Michael Copeland
Mayor

Olathe Community Awards Recognize Those Making a Difference



The Olathe Community Awards celebrate businesses, civic organizations, and individuals who have made a significant contribution to enhance human rights, equality, cultural diversity, and the pursuit of disability inclusiveness. The Olathe Human Relations Commission and the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Board presented the annual awards on Oct. 10.

2019 award recipients pictured front row, from left: Gary Tranbarger on behalf of United Methodist Church of the Resurrection West, Olathe Human Relations Commission Organization Award; Ashford Collins, Olathe Human Relations Commission Humanitarian Award; Keaton Coad, Olathe Human Relations Commission Youth Award; Angie Powers, Olathe Human Relations Commission Humanitarian Award; Molly Pomeroy on behalf of Kids TLC, Persons with Disabilities Advisory Board Accessible Community Award

Pictured back row from left: Phil Simons, Olathe Human Relations Commission Educator Award; Nathan Breeden, Olathe Police Department, Veterans Award; Logan Bonney, Olathe Police Department, Olathe Human Relations Commission Chairman's Award; John Smith on behalf of Olathe Olive Garden Restaurant, Persons with Disabilities Advisory Board Accessible Community Award

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Downtown Library

201 E. Park St. 971-6850

Indian Creek Library

16100 W. 135th St. 971-6835

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Cathedral Builder Awards Honor Erik Erazo and MidAmerica Nazarene University

The annual Olathe Cathedral Builder Awards recognize those whose service, vision, and lasting contributions make a significant difference in our community. The awards are presented each year during Mayor Michael Copeland's State of the City address.

Erik Erazo, coordinator of diversity and engagement, Olathe Public Schools, is building one of the most valuable parts of Olathe's cathedral with his service to children. Erazo has created many student and parent programs throughout the years, but it's his relationships with those he serves that distinguish him as a leader in the field. Erazo also serves his community through Kids TLC, the Olathe Latino Coalition, Center of Grace, and the Olathe Citizens Police Advisory Council.

MidAmerica Nazarene University (MNU) is an educational pillar of higher learning in Olathe and a recipient of numerous national awards. For more than 50 years, MNU educators have provided students a path to success through education excellence, and instilled in young people the value of giving back to their communities. Numerous MNU alumni serve Olathe as civic, faith, and business leaders, educators, and community volunteers.



Left: Mayor Michael Copeland presents the 2019 Olathe Cathedral Builder Awards to Erik Erazo, coordinator of diversity and engagement, Olathe Public Schools, and to Dr. David Spittal, president of MNU, shown right.



Count Me In JoCo

Everyone counts for the 2020 Census

Did You Know...

- The next U.S. Census launches April 1, 2020.
- Every 10 years, the U.S. Census Bureau counts each resident in the United States.
- In 2020, for the first time, the U.S. Census will be available to take completely online in addition to the traditional methods of phone, mail, and home visits.
- U.S. Census results directly impact federal funding Olathe receives for projects and programs.

For more information on the census in Johnson County visit [CountMeInJoCo.org](https://www.CountMeInJoCo.org)

What's Being Built: New Dining Options Coming to Olathe

Doc Green's Gourmet Salads and Grill



Doc Green's Gourmet Salads and Grill will open in the former Pei Wei location near 119th Street and Black Bob Road. It is the restaurant's only location in the Kansas City area.

Black Bear Diner



Black Bear Diner is occupying the former Zio's restaurant in Olathe Station, 11981 Strang Line Rd. This is the first Midwest location for the restaurant.

Lean Feast



Lean Feast, near 135th and Greenwood, will offer meals for dine in or take out. Olathe is the company's first storefront location in the Kansas City area.

Find more information on Olathe development at [OlatheKS.org/WhatsBeingBuilt](https://www.OlatheKS.org/WhatsBeingBuilt)



New Indian Creek Library Opens

- 93,000 library items
- Indian Creek Cafe, by Park Street Pastry
- 230 seat community event space
- Quiet reading room
- Study/meeting rooms
- The Studio audio/video recording
- The Lab makerspace
- The Zone gaming room
- Friends of the Library book store
- Children's reading garden

OlatheLibrary.org



Earth News

from the City of Olathe, Kansas

Holiday Curbside Collection Schedule for Trash, Recycling and Yard Waste

Thanksgiving

- Delayed by one day for only Thursday and Friday collection schedules.

Christmas Day and New Year's Day

- Delayed by one day for Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday collection schedules.

Sign up for free collection reminders and holiday schedules by visiting OlatheKS.org/TrashDay; or download the Olathe Trash Day app in the App Store or Google Play.

happy holidays

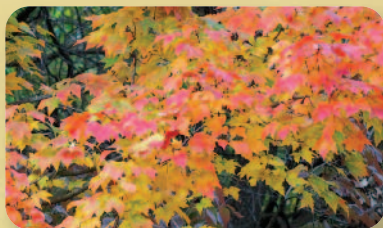
Household Hazardous Waste Facility

- Closed on Thanksgiving, the Friday after Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.

Transfer Station and Compost Facility

- Closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.

When Autumn Leaves Fall...



- Refrain from raking or blowing leaves into the street or stormdrains. It is illegal.
- Dispose of leaves properly. The City of Olathe provides curbside pick up of leaves placed in compostable paper bags or in Olathe yard waste carts on your normal trash collection day.
- Do NOT place leaves in plastic bags.
- Manage your leaves by mulch mowing as they fall or composting.
- Use mulched leaves in your landscape to provide a winter blanket around shrubs and other hearty plants.

Have a question about proper leaf disposal? Visit OlatheKS.org/OlatheConnect.

Recycle Christmas Cheer

Box and Gift Wrap Recycling

- Recycle all types of cardboard boxes (corrugated and/or pressed paper board). All boxes must be broken down and flattened for collection.
- Recycle clean wrapping paper as long as it has no metal or plastic.
- Place strings, rope, ribbon, yarn, and bows in the trash. These items are not recyclable.

Christmas Tree Recycling

- Recycle your cut Christmas tree by placing it at the curb on collection day, or drop off trees at the Composting Facility, 127th and Hedge Lane, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday.
- **Important:** All ornaments, lights, tinsel, tree stands, and plastic bags **MUST** be removed.

Water Plant Improvements Nearly Complete

Olathe's Water Treatment Plant 2 provides drinking water to approximately 135,000 residents of Olathe and surrounding areas. Upgrades to critical water plant infrastructure began last year to ensure future safe and reliable drinking water.



The new chlorine dioxide disinfection treatment facility addresses future federal regulations and has the added benefit of improving the taste of drinking water. To date, the concrete basin is 90 percent complete and the new chemical storage masonry walls are constructed.



Three basins at the plant provide softening and improve drinking water clarity. In May, repairs and painting of Basin 3 were completed to extend its service life. In September, equipment replacement began on Basin 2 for improved treatment efficiency.



The new lime feed building improves safety for staff and ensures reliable operation for water softening. Most of the building structure is now in place, including the 95-foot tall lime silos.



A new water storage tank began service in June. It will meet storage demands during peak season. An inside view of the tank's construction is pictured.

Follow the construction at [OlatheKS.org/WaterTreatment](https://www.OlatheKS.org/WaterTreatment).

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CHRISTMAS
at
MAHAFFIE

November 30,
December 7 & 14

Mahaffie Stagecoach
Stop and Farm
1200 E. Kansas City Road

CELEBRATE
OLATHE
*and the Mayor's
Christmas Tree Lighting*

December 6
6 to 8:30 p.m.

Olathe
Community Center
1205 E. Kansas City Road

at
Olathe
Live!
Christmas

December 12
7 p.m.

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Community Center
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