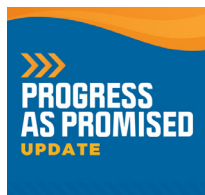




Cedar Lake Park

119TH STREET AND I-35 INTERCHANGE WORK ENTERS FINAL STRETCH



The 119th Street Bridge over I-35 re-opened to traffic in late September with a new diverging diamond

interchange configuration. The new travel pattern is designed to reduce the potential for collisions with fewer conflict points and better move traffic through the area.

New turn lanes and traffic signals were installed at the intersection of 119th

Street and Renner Road. New pavement for 119th Street was applied one mile in each direction of the interchange.

Drivers are urged to use caution while work continues in the coming months. Crews will continue to work on widening the bridges over BNSF with lane restrictions in place.

Weather permitting, the interchange should be completed by the end of 2021.

Visit OlatheKS.org/119 for updates and more project information.



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE



159th Street BEFORE new pavement in 2021



159th Street AFTER new pavement in 2021

KEEPING OLATHE INFRASTRUCTURE IN GOOD SHAPE

Olatheans are accustomed to streets in good or better condition. Residents have high expectations for their streets. Street maintenance is consistently one of the highest-rated priorities on citizen surveys.

When anyone purchases something in Olathe, they are supporting the priority through the Street Maintenance Sales Tax. Approved in 2013, it made possible maintenance to nearly 800 street lane miles between 2014 and 2020.

Following the completion of 2016's Street Preservation projects, the total number of street lane miles rated in good condition began to increase, rather than decrease as had been the trend through 2015. The overall trend of increasing total lane miles in good condition has continued through 2021.

MAINTAINING OUR STREETS TO EXTEND THEIR USEFUL LIFE

Ongoing street preservation investment makes sense for our community, not only to keep streets in good condition but to prevent the much greater cost of rebuilding streets when maintenance doesn't happen. The average cost of maintaining a local street is \$242,000 per lane mile contrasted with \$1.125 million per lane mile to rebuild a street (2021 costs). With our overall street system's value of approximately \$1.7 billion, it's important we maintain one of our community's highest-valued assets.

Our City's main arterial streets, which carry

the heaviest traffic, require resurfacing every 10-12 years to maintain a good condition rating. This recent maintenance is evident on:

- 119th Street, a one-mile stretch from Ridgeview Road to Renner Road, and from Strang Line to Black Bob Road
- Old 56 Highway, from Lone Elm west to 151st Street
- Ridgeview Road, Sheridan Street north to Park Street
- 159th Street, U.S. 169 Highway east to Brougham Drive.

While our local neighborhood streets don't have the wear and tear of the arterials, ongoing maintenance to these 730 lane miles and the 217 lanes miles of collector streets is very important as well.

Sometimes we're asked what determines priorities for street maintenance. All public streets in Olathe are physically inspected every

three years and their conditions are tracked to define the maintenance schedule. This information is combined with detailed data supported with GIS and a dedicated software program. You can learn more about street preservation and the pavement rating index at OlatheKS.org/StreetPreservation.

We're doing a great job in Olathe keeping our streets in good condition. Your support for their ongoing maintenance is making a huge difference as our streets' conditions impact Olathe's quality of life, our economic strength, and the safety of our community. If at any time you have questions or comments about our street maintenance program, feel free to reach out at OlatheKS.org/OlatheConnect.

Sincerely,

John W. Bacon
John Bacon
Mayor

OLATHE STREETS ESTIMATED VALUE:
\$1.7 BILLION

730 LOCAL STREET LANE MILES

217 COLLECTOR STREET LANE MILES

398 ARTERIAL STREET LANE MILES

1,345 TOTAL LANE MILES

OLATHE FIRE STATION NO. 8 OPENS

Fire Station No. 8 opened Sept. 9 near West 148th Street and Lakeshore Drive to serve the growing residential neighborhoods and businesses in the city’s southwest area. The new station houses three firefighters, who also have emergency medical certifications, and a fire truck. This is the first new fire station in Olathe since Station No. 7 opened in 2007.



Firefighters pushed in Olathe’s newest fire truck on Fire Station 8’s opening day. The “push” is a tradition dating back to fire services when firefighters had to push in the horse-drawn wagon after it returned to the station following a call.



Olathe MAYOR'S CHILDREN'S Fund Meeting Basic Needs

You Can Help Olathe’s Most Vulnerable Residents

2021 goal: \$150,000 through Dec. 31

Visit OlatheCares.org

See the complete list of children’s charities.

Donate at OlatheCares.org, or send a check to:

Olathe Mayor’s Children’s Fund
City of Olathe, Mayor’s Office
PO Box 768, Olathe, KS 66051

IMPORTANT CITY PHONE NUMBERS

Regular Business Hours: Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
OlatheKS.org/ServicesDirectory

EMERGENCY911

Emergency TDD/TTY Calls911

GENERAL INFORMATION
(TDD/Voice)971-8600

CUSTOMER SERVICE
(Billing, Trash, Water & Sewer)
1385 S. Robinson971-9311

FIRE ADMINISTRATION
(Non-Emergency)
1225 S. Hamilton Circle971-7900

OLATHE PUBLIC LIBRARY - Indian Creek
16100 W. 135th St.971-6835

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1078A W. Santa Fe971-6850

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CEDAR CREEK TRAIL SOUTH OF LAKE OLATHE COMING SOON

The Cedar Creek Pedestrian and Bicycle Trail construction in west Olathe is moving forward from Lake Olathe to approximately one-third mile south of Old 56 Highway. The trail section travels through dense woods with views of the creek bed, a hilltop vista of Lake Olathe, and native limestone outcroppings along the way. Overlook seating and a fishing area will be included south of Dennis Road. Bald eagles and heron rookeries are seen in the area. The trail's first phase will cover 1.8 miles with completion expected in spring 2022.

Upon the trail's second phase of completion, the 2.3-mile trail will extend between Lake Olathe and Cedar Lake. It will have two creek crossings with passages under Old Highway 56, Dennis Avenue, and the BNSF bridge.



Pavement of Cedar Creek's 10-foot wide trail is in place below Old 56 Highway.

WHAT'S BEING BUILT IN OLATHE AZURA CREDIT UNION

Azura Credit Union, based in Topeka, is expanding their banking network with the first branch in Olathe. It will be located in Ridgeview Falls, near Ridgeview Road and 119th Street. Construction will begin on a new 5,000 sq. ft. building by early 2022. Additional plans include an outdoor space with seating areas and an open lawn for general community use. Azura Credit Union serves more than 50,000 members.



MO'BETTAHS

Mo'Bettahs, a Hawaiian-style restaurant from Utah, is venturing into the Midwest for the first time to open a location in Olathe. They will move into the former Long John Silver's building near 119th Street & Strang Line Road, offering both drive-through and dine-in options. The Mo'Bettahs team is pushing forward with a building permit for the restaurant and hopes to open later this year.



FLOOD CONTROL PROJECTS PERFORM WELL DURING EXCESSIVE RAINFALL

Beginning Aug. 12, 2021 and continuing the next morning, an extraordinary rainfall amount pounded Olathe in less than 24-hours. More than eight inches of rain fell with 10.7 inches recorded near Sheridan Street and Lindenwood Drive. Stormwater professionals quantify this level of rain as a 0.5 percent chance of occurring in a given year.

“Previously, with rainfall of this magnitude we would have seen surface flooding of homes,” says Rob Beilfuss, Olathe stormwater manager. “The flood control investments made during the past 10 years prevented any widespread flooding in areas of repeated past flooding.”

While localized street flooding occurred, primarily because of clogged storm drains, the recently completed flood control projects along Indian Creek and its tributaries prevented any overtopping of streets or home flooding. This included areas near 143rd Street and Locust, Sheridan Street and Lindenwood Drive, Sheridan Bridge Lane and Lindenwood Drive, 151st Street and Lindenwood Drive, and 139th Street and Brookwood.

One property owner reported surface water flooding in another area of the city and instances of basement flooding occurred where sump pumps could not keep up with the rain amount.

Since 2010, the City of Olathe and Johnson County have funded more than \$30 million in flood control projects including measures that widened bridges and channels and replaced culverts. In addition, the City of Olathe enacted a stream buffer ordinance to keep new development out of the floodplain.

Currently, another flood control project is part of the work in the Mill Creek area, north of Santa Fe Street and south of Mulberry Street. More information, including maps, timelines, and funding information is available at OlatheKS.org/MillCreek



The improved Northview Street bridge over Mill Creek, near Parkway Drive and Harold Street, combined with other channel improvements has reduced the risk of flooding to the area.

OLATHE'S DOWNTOWN TRANSFORMATION CONTINUES

GROUNDBREAKING FOR NEW DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

On Sept. 18, a groundbreaking ceremony celebrated construction's start on a new, downtown Olathe Public Library. The new library builds on more than a century of service to Olatheans. Located in Olathe's downtown core since 1914, a new 21st century, destination library is poised to be a new anchor in the community.

The library will serve current needs and ignite the downtown area as it creates a community-focused space that can grow and transform with the city's evolution. The four-story building will be on East Santa Fe Street, north of Civic Center Park, between North Chestnut and North Water Streets. An opening is expected in early 2023.

ARRELLO APARTMENTS

Downtown Olathe will soon welcome new residents to the Arrello apartments. The north building's construction at 110 S. Chestnut St. is expected to wrap up this fall for occupancy near the end of 2021. The south building at 120 S. Chestnut St. is expected to open in early 2022. The two buildings will have a total of 228 residential units. For more information visit www.arrelloapts.com.

DOWNTOWN OLATHE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

A collective volunteer group of downtown business owners is working to advance downtown as the economic and cultural heart of Olathe. Formed in 2018, this group works in partnership with representatives from the City, the Olathe Chamber of Commerce, and Johnson County on downtown projects, events, and economic activities. Follow @downtownolathe on Instagram for more details.

KANSAS AVENUE STREETScape

Downtown streetscape improvements are in design to create a safe and attractive environment along Kansas Avenue, Santa Fe Street to Cedar Street. Spring 2022 construction is planned on curb extensions to reduce pedestrian crossing distances, a protected two-way cycle track, diagonal on-street parking, upgraded sidewalks, crosswalks, and additional landscaping.

JOHNSON COUNTY SQUARE

The former Courthouse's removal is making way for a new gateway at Cherry Street and Santa Fe Street. Initially, look for a community green space for gatherings, a curved walkway, and a large tree grove. Project details are available at Jocogov.org.



Library image provided by Gould Evans

OLATHE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE PROGRAM GROWING

Olathe residents are doing their part to divert household hazardous waste (HHW) materials from the waste stream. From June 30, 2020 to July 1, 2021, the HHW facility served 14,021 households, 4,000 more than in any year, and collected 625 tons of materials, exceeding previous collections by 250,000 pounds.

Hazardous waste used around the home, such as paints, pesticides, used motor oil, and more, should not be thrown out with regular household trash or disposed down drains or in neighborhood storm drains. Proper disposal of HHW protects our waterways, protects solid waste workers from dangerous materials, and reduces the risk of poisonings and fires.

Schedule a HHW drop-off appointment online at [OlatheKS.org/HHW](https://www.olatheks.org/HHW) or call 913-971-9311 during business hours. In addition, no appointment is needed at the drop-off events, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. on the second Saturday of the month. The HHW facility is at 1420 S. Robinson Dr.



CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS AND REMEMBER TO RECYCLE

Recycle Boxes and Non-Shiny Gift Wrap

Residents can place flattened boxes outside of their recycling cart for pick up on their scheduled recycling collection day. Boxes should be no larger than 4 feet by 4 inches when flattened.

Clean wrapping paper may be recycled as long as it has no aluminum. If it has any shine, please don't place it in the recycling cart.

Place strings, rope, ribbon, yarn, and bows in the trash. These items cannot be recycled.

Recycle Christmas Trees

Cut Christmas trees may be placed at the curb for collection. **Important:** all ornaments, tinsel, tree stands, and plastic bags should be removed. There is no timeline on when the City stops collecting trees.

Christmas trees may be dropped off at the Compost Facility, 127th and Hedge Lane, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

HOW ARE CITY OF OLATHE UTILITY FEES USED?

Water, Wastewater, Solid Waste, and Stormwater Fees

The City is committed to providing a continued high level of utilities service while planning and preparing to meet future needs. Utility fees provide funding for personnel, resources needed for rehabilitation and systems replacement with a focus on asset management. By law, fees charged by a specific utility can only fund the needs for that specific utility. For instance, the fees customers pay for trash collection cannot be used for the water utility.

Rates paid by customers for water, sewer, and stormwater help to pay:

- Personnel, who help keep our system running efficiently, safely, and effectively
- Operational and maintenance costs including materials, chemicals, equipment, and security of our systems needed to provide service on a daily basis
- Agreements with suppliers including software, utilities, and professional consulting services
- Debt service payments that pay for debt incurred for new capital projects
- Costs associated with meeting existing and new state and federal regulatory requirements.

BULK WASTE PICK-UPS AVAILABLE

If you're an Olathe solid waste customer you can schedule a bulk waste pick-up when you have too much bulk waste to place with regular trash or yard waste collection. Pick-ups are available the same day as regular trash collection and can be scheduled online by signing into your City of Olathe utility account and clicking "manage services," or by calling 913-971-9311. Requests must be made before 4 p.m. on the business day (Monday – Friday) before your scheduled trash and recycling collection day.

When placing bulky items at the curb, remember:

- Place brush and limbs in separate piles to distinguish them from other items.
- Keep items away from fire hydrants, mailboxes, streetlight poles, etc., to allow emergency access if needed and facilitate the collection.
- Any glass items should be placed on top of the pile so drivers can toss the glass into the truck before the claw grabs the other items.



More information about bulk waste pick-ups and a video are available at OlatheKS.org/Trash. Click on Bulk Waste Pick-Up.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULES

TRASH, RECYCLING, AND YARD WASTE

Thanksgiving

Collections will be delayed by one day for only Thursday and Friday pickups.

Christmas Day and New Year's Day

These holidays fall on a Saturday. Collections will not be impacted during the week.

Household Hazardous Waste Facility

The facility will not accept household hazardous waste Nov. 25, Nov. 26, and Nov. 27, and will close at noon on Dec. 23. No dropoffs on Dec. 24, Dec. 25, Dec. 31, or Jan. 1.

Olathe Transfer Station and Compost Facility

These facilities will be closed on Nov. 25, Dec. 25, and Jan. 1. They will be open Nov. 26, Nov. 27, Dec. 24, and Dec. 31.

Sign up for free collection reminders and holiday schedules.

Visit OlatheKS.org/TrashDay, or download the TrashDay app in the App Store or Google Play.

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P.O. Box 768
Olathe, Kansas 66051-0768
913-971-8700

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The City of Olathe champions continuous training and development for employees at all levels. We believe that if our employees continue to grow and are successful, both personally and professionally, then we will serve our residents in the best ways possible.

If you're looking for a career where you can serve others, make a difference, and grow, then your path starts here.

Find City of Olathe career opportunities at OlatheKS.org

Olathe consistently ranks as one of the best places to work, live, and raise a family. Dedicated City employees work each day caring for a great place as they make life better in our community. "Setting the standard for excellence in public service" is not just a saying in Olathe. It is what we do.

Olathe's quality of life is second to none, and we believe our employees deserve the same. We value and foster an innovative,

