

SUMMER 2022



New play structure
at Calamity Line Park

DOWNTOWN LIBRARY EMERGING

Arising in the heart of Olathe is the new Downtown Library on East Santa Fe Street between North Chestnut and North Water Streets. Crews are currently enclosing the building and interior work will soon begin. This 21st century state-of-the-art destination library is expected to open in early 2023. Visit [OlatheLibrary.org](https://www.OlatheLibrary.org) to track progress.



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

PUBLIC SAFETY IS ALWAYS A PRIORITY

All Olathe residents have a basic need for safety. I'm pleased that Olathe public safety services are top notch with our Police and Fire Departments' performance excelling among those of similar size throughout the nation. These quality services are no accident. They're the result of thoughtful community input and strategic planning.

New Police Building Update

Public safety investment is ongoing throughout our community. We are replacing the 38-year-old Public Safety Building, 501 E. Old 56 Highway, with a two-story Police headquarters to serve Olathe until at least 2040. This spring, crews separated the main building from Fire Station 1 and the utilities. The old building's demolition will occur this summer. The 60 individuals who worked here are at several temporary locations, including the top floor of the 2010 Police Building and Fire Station 6. We are grateful to Olathe Health for providing space available in their Doctor's Building to the Advanced Crisis-Intervention Team and the Media Unit. During construction, the Police Department lobby is next door to the Municipal Court lobby, accessible from 1200 S. Harrison St. The new Police Building's expected completion is in late 2023.

In another area of Police services expansion, the Advanced Crisis-Intervention Team (ACT) is doing exceptional work to address community mental health needs. Unfortunately, our community is seeing a marked rise in mental health reports with a 33 percent increase from 2020 to 2021. During the past year, the specialized

OLATHE PUBLIC SAFETY STATISTICS CONTINUED TO DEMONSTRATE SERVICE EXCELLENCE IN 2021

Olathe Police Department

- Maintained a below five-minute average response time for emergency calls (4.25 min.)
- Achieved a 91 percent plus clearance rate for crimes such as drug offenses and driving under the influence.
- Achieved an 81 percent plus clearance rate in violent crimes.
- Decreased the violent crime rate by more than 13 percent.

Olathe Fire Department

- Achieved a 62.5 percent cardiac arrest patient survival rate upon hospital arrival.
- Experienced zero fire deaths in 2021.
- Confined 74 percent of fires to the room of origin.
- Recognized as an Accredited Fire Agency (Commission on Fire Accreditation International).
- Maintained a Class 1 Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating.*



Recent 21st Century Public Safety Academy Law Enforcement graduates



Recent 21st Century Public Safety Academy Fire Rescue graduates

ACT answered 60 percent of calls for crisis intervention, which is providing earlier mental health resources on mental health 911 calls.

New Wildland Fire Certification

Our firefighters are trained and ready to combat growing grass fire threats with recently acquired skills, equipment, and national certification. These skills have already proved to be valuable in requests for assistance from neighboring jurisdictions.

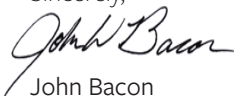
Keeping Future Olathe Safe

We continue to recognize the importance of residents' safety, now and for Olathe's future. To further our commitment to public safety we work closely with Olathe schools to provide education and training in young lives and for future Police and Fire career opportunities. Following a COVID-19 imposed hiatus, the Fire Department is pleased to be back in third-grade classrooms, bringing vital fire and life safety education. This summer, HERO Day – short for Her Olathe Day – introduces interested young women, ages 13-23, to the fire service. Female Olathe firefighters teach the course that offers experience in search and rescue, extrication, emergency medical services, and more.

This spring, 35 high school students graduated from the 21st Century Public Safety Academy as part of a significant partnership with City public safety departments and the Olathe Public Schools. These students gained valuable knowledge and earned certifications for first responders. We are excited that our Fire Department recently hired its first Academy graduate. While firefighters can be hired at age 18, the Police Department will have to wait a few more years to hire 21st Century Academy graduates since police officers must be 21 years of age.

Last year, 96 percent of Olathe residents were either very satisfied or satisfied with police, fire, and emergency medical services, according to the annual citizen survey. We want to continue providing you quality public safety services in Olathe. As always, your support is appreciated to keep Olathe one of the nation's safest cities.

Sincerely,


John Bacon
Mayor

* ISO collects and evaluates information from U.S. communities about their structure fire suppression capabilities. Following data analysis, a Public Protection Classification (PPC™) grade is assigned to the community about fire protection services.

MORE DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENTS IN MOTION

The City of Olathe is further enhancing the ambience and mobility in downtown Olathe following the new Johnson County Square project and the old courthouse demolition. New Kansas Avenue street pavement and streetscape improvements are underway from Santa Fe Street to Cedar Street. Planned improvements include:

- Decorative streetlights
- Brick crosswalks
- Landscaping and decorative hardscapes in median and on street (intersection) corners
- Traffic signal removal at Park Street
- Upgraded traffic signal at Loula Street
- Two-way, protected cycle track along the east side of Kansas Avenue
- New pavement on Park Street, Loula Street, and Cedar Street from Kansas to the railroad right-of-way.

This project will be substantially complete by August so that Kansas Avenue can accommodate September's Johnson County Old Settlers event.



Kansas Avenue near Park Street, Downtown Olathe Active Transportation Plan original concept



2022 SHOWS

July 8 - Liverpool

- A Tribute to The Beatles with special guests Mikey Needleman and Caleb Blacksher

July 15 - Surfin' USA

- A Tribute to the music of The Beach Boys

July 29 - Bob Jovi

- A Tribute to Bon Jovi and Ridin' The Storm Out: A Tribute to REO

All shows are at 7 p.m. at Stagecoach Park

OlatheKS.org/OlatheLive



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

OLATHE PUBLIC LIBRARY - Temporary Location
1078A W. Santa Fe971-6850

OLATHE PARKS & RECREATION /COMMUNITY CENTER (TDD/Voice)
1205 E. Kansas City Rd971-8563

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501 E. 56 Highway971-7500

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CITY OF OLATHE - KEY DATES FOR 2023 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT

City Manager’s 2023 Budget Presentation June 21, 2022
 (Recorded presentation available at [OlatheKS.org/Budget](https://www.olatheks.org/Budget) after June 21)

Budget Workshop 1 July 12, 2022
 General Fund, Debt Service Fund, Library Fund, Capital Improvement Plan

Budget Workshop 2 July 19, 2022
 Water & Sewer Fund, Capital Improvement Plan

Budget Workshop 3 Aug. 2, 2022
 Stormwater & Solid Waste Funds, Street Maintenance Sales Tax Fund, Capital Improvement Plan

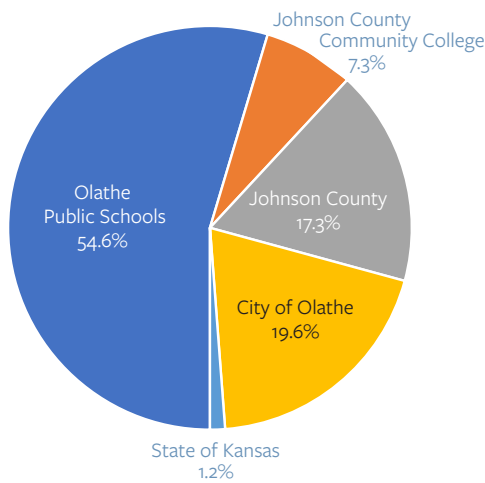
Budget Workshop 4 Aug. 16, 2022
 Chamber of Commerce, Recreation Fund, Park Sales Tax Fund, Capital Improvement Plan

Citizen Budget Workshop, Budget Public Hearing Aug. 23, 2022

Proposed Budget Adoption Sept. 6, 2022
 More information about the City of Olathe budget, including fund topic summaries, is available at [OlatheKS.org/Budget](https://www.olatheks.org/Budget)

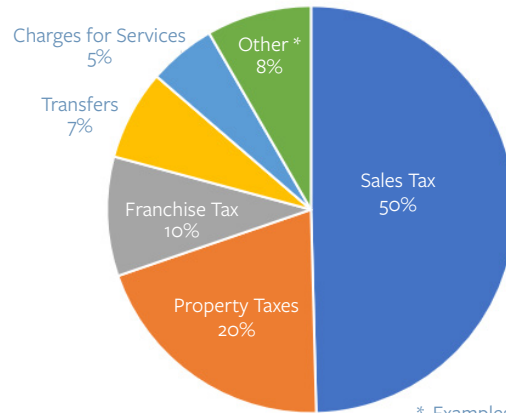
WHAT YOUR PROPERTY TAX SUPPORTS

Tax Year 2021



CITY OF OLATHE GENERAL OPERATION FUND

REVENUE SOURCES 2022



* Examples: permits, investment earnings, intergovernmental revenue

WHAT’S BEING BUILT IN OLATHE



College Ridge Apartments broke ground at the southwest corner of Ridgeview Road and College Boulevard. This project includes six (6) four-story apartment buildings with a total of 285 one, two, and three-bedroom units, a well-designed clubhouse and pool, as well as internal walking trails that connect to the Gary L. Haller Trail to the west. Construction will take place throughout 2022.



Fareway Meat Market, based out of Iowa, has nearly completed a 13,200 square foot two-tenant building located at the northeast corner of 151st Street and Pflumm Road. Early this summer, Fareway Meat Market will open shop in one of the tenant spaces and begin selling their high-quality Midwest-raised meat that may be purchased either in-store or online.

NEW TAXPAYER NOTIFICATIONS COMING SOON

Recent changes in Kansas law require residents to be mailed a taxpayer notification form. In August, Olathe residents will receive a form with information related to their property tax.

Below is information for Olathe residents that will help illustrate the taxpayer notification form and what it may mean for you.

Overall, what does the taxpayer notification form mean for Olathe residents?

As a Johnson County resident, your property tax is included in a number of property taxing jurisdictions which may include cities, county, state, school districts, libraries, the community college, among others. If any of the taxing jurisdictions elect to use some or all the new revenue, you will receive a taxpayer notification form from Johnson County. It is important to note that taxing jurisdictions, including the City of Olathe, cannot exceed the revenue-neutral rate without first approving a resolution or ordinance. Notification requirements do not apply to the State of Kansas.

For additional information, visit jocogov.org/department/appraiser/publications/truth-taxation-explanation

In what ways does the City of Olathe capture new revenue growth?

New growth is traditionally received from newly built homes, businesses and/or increased property valuations.

What is a revenue-neutral rate?

If a taxing jurisdiction plans to use more property tax revenue in the next budget year compared to the current year, they would be exceeding the revenue-neutral rate. Additional revenue traditionally is received from newly built homes and businesses and/or increased property valuations. This impacts the Fire Levy, General Fund, Library, and Debt Service funds. This practice is commonplace and has been occurring for the past several decades in the City of Olathe.

What information will be provided to Olathe residents on the taxpayer notification form?

Kansas law requires taxing jurisdictions proposing to exceed their revenue-neutral rate to notify residents in a letter from the county. The law requires the taxpayer notification form to contain:

- The revenue-neutral rate for each relevant taxing jurisdiction;
- The proposed tax rate and amount of tax revenue to be levied by each taxing jurisdiction seeking to exceed its revenue-neutral rate;
- The appraised value and assessed value for the taxpayer's property for the current year (which Olathe residents can find at: jocogov.org/department/appraiser/property-data);

- The estimated amount of tax for the current year for each jurisdiction based on the revenue-neutral rate and any tax rate in excess of the revenue-neutral rate and the difference between such amounts for any taxing jurisdiction seeking to exceed its revenue-neutral rate;
- The date, time, and location of the public hearing for each taxing jurisdiction seeking to exceed its revenue-neutral rate; and
- Information concerning statutory mill levies imposed by the State of Kansas.

Why am I receiving a taxpayer notification form?

Recent changes in Kansas law require residents to be mailed a taxpayer notification form. Additionally, the information provided to residents is designed to help Olathe residents better understand the budget process and to be aware of procedures that are common for cities and municipalities to capture new growth.

What happens next?

In early August, Johnson County Government will mail all Johnson County residents a single estimated tax notice on behalf of any of your taxing jurisdictions that plan to exceed the revenue-neutral rate. The form will include data on specific property values and taxes as well as dates, times, and locations of upcoming public hearings.

Where can I find more information regarding budget and property valuations?

The City of Olathe provides all City-related budget presentations, resources and a schedule of upcoming budget meetings, workshops and hearings at OlatheKS.org/Budget. For more information on County-related budgets, visit jocogov.org

To help understand your taxes and other resources information includes:

- Additional information about the form can be found at jocogov.org/estimatedtaxnotice
- Olathe residents can find their appraised value and assessed value at: jocogov.org/department/appraiser/property-data



BOTTLED WATER VS. OLATHE WATER

A 24-pack of bottled water can cost **\$4.99-\$12.99** at a grocery store, while the same amount of tap water from Olathe costs just over **a penny**. While you may feel you are paying for quality, tap water is held to a higher standard, subject to more testing, and keeps your money in the community compared to bottled water.

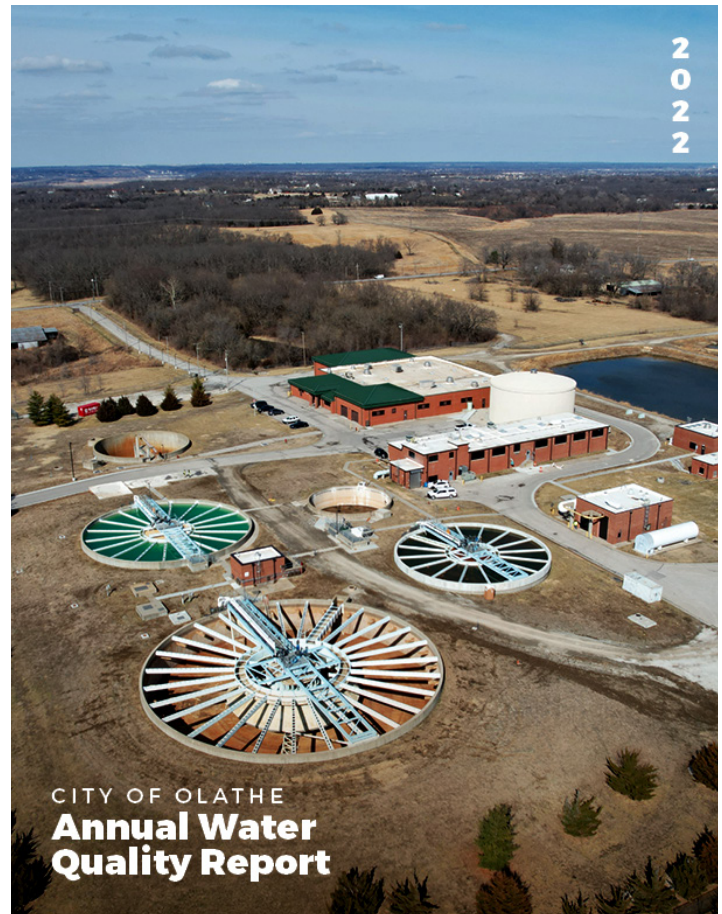


SUMMER READING CONTINUES AT THE OLATHE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Participants who have logged at least one book in the Olathe Public Library's Summer Reading Program will be able to select their free book beginning July 1. Look for an email from the library with information on how to select and pick up your book. But don't stop there – teens and adults are eligible for weekly and monthly prize drawings through Aug. 6. Each book read earns you another chance to win.

Haven't started yet? There is still time! You can register and log your reading through Aug. 6. Visit OlatheLibrary.org/SRP for more information.

WATER QUALITY IN OLATHE



Olathe provides safe drinking water, consistently meeting or exceeding all state and federal safety standards. Watch for the 2022 Olathe Water Quality Report in your mailbox. The report is also available at OlatheKS.org/WaterQuality

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

We all have a role to play to keep Olathe a beautiful city.



EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE

- All building structures must be completed and maintained in good condition, including roofs, exterior surfaces, gutters, doors, and windows.
- Driveways and public sidewalks must be safe and clear of debris, snow, etc.

Olathe Municipal Code Chapter 15.38



TREE MAINTENANCE

- Severely damaged, dead or diseased trees must be removed.
- Limbs hanging lower than 13.5 feet over a street or 10 feet over a sidewalk must be trimmed.

Olathe Municipal Code Chapter 12.16.020

KEEPING GOOD STREETS IN GOOD CONDITION

It's that time of year. Work is underway to preserve streets throughout Olathe with resurfacing, and while not as visible, annual street inspections, pavement inventory, budgeting, and scheduling are also occurring.

Residents consistently identify street maintenance as the second highest City service priority, preceded in priority only by traffic flow and congestion management.

During the 2021 construction season, 118 lane miles were resurfaced along with curb and gutter replacements and sidewalk improvements to keep Olathe streets in good condition.

The Street Maintenance Sales Tax provides 76 percent of the authorized street preservation funding in 2022.



Crews placed new pavement on Iowa Street in May 2022.

PFLUMM ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Pflumm Road improvements, 143rd to 151st Street, are underway. Pflumm Road will be widened to a four-lane, divided arterial in this section. Improvements include curb and gutter, right and left turn lanes, new storm sewer, a raised median, streetlights, bicycle lanes in each direction, and sidewalks on either side of the roadway. Additional improvements will include traffic signal modifications at the intersections of 143rd Street and Pflumm Road and 151st Street and Pflumm Road.

The construction is planned in three phases to ease disruptions to surrounding neighborhoods. Black Bob Road is the designated detour route.

Please visit OlatheKS.org/ConstructionProjects for the latest Pflumm Road updates. Questions can be directed to Project Manager Scott Ward, scward@olatheks.org.



Existing Pflumm Road



Proposed Pflumm Road



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913-971-8700

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OlatheKS.org/OlatheConnect

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Apps available on the App Store and Google Play



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**RED
WHITE
& BLUE**



July 4



**FIREWORKS
SHOW**

Display starts at 9:45 PM
College Blvd. Activity Complex
11031 S Valley Pkwy

July 2

**INDEPENDENCE
DAY: 1860s STYLE**

10 AM - 4 PM
Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop & Farm
\$9 Per Adult, \$7 Per Child (Ages 5-11)
\$2 Off For Olathe Resident

July 7

**INDEPENDENCE
CELEBRATION**

& Fireworks 1860s Style
6-10 PM **Free Event!**
Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop & Farm



July 4



**BEACH
FEST**

NOON - 2:30 PM
Beach at Lake Olathe
\$30/25 for Splash Pass Members

OlatheKS.org/REDWHITEBLUE