

SUMMER 2023



OLATHE OPENS NEW DOWNTOWN LIBRARY

People of all ages discovered what the new Downtown Library offers during the grand opening on Sat., April 29. Located at 260 E. Santa Fe St., the four-story building continues library services in downtown offered for more than a century. Building on this rich history, customers experience modern library services in welcoming indoor and outdoor surroundings.

In addition to core library services, the new library features:

- Multiple public meeting spaces and study rooms
- The Copeland Rooftop Terrace
- A Flex Box Theatre for performances, meetings, community and private functions
- An Olathe history collection
- A café operated by Sweet Tee's

Exterior spaces provide more gathering spots, including the newly renamed Michael E. Copeland Civic Center Park. A welcoming patio with seating is a few steps from the café, the Learning Steps provides informal seating, and an amphitheater can host story times and informal groups.

Learn more about the new Downtown Library at OlatheLibrary.org/DTLibrary

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LIBRARY BEGINS NEW CHAPTER DOWNTOWN



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Chalk it up as another great day in Olathe! On April 29, we had the immense pleasure of officially opening the new Olathe Downtown Library. This new building at Chestnut and Santa Fe Street is something in which our community can take tremendous pride, a first-class addition to downtown that shines.

Each corner of this library puts at visitors' fingertips the technology around which our world currently revolves — but may not be available to all. Olathe's exceptional libraries provide access to knowledge and resources to anyone who walks through the doors, giving everyone the opportunity to improve their own quality of life.



A new bronze bust of long-time Olathe Mayor and library supporter Michael Copeland graces the front of the Downtown Library.

The Downtown Library is just the latest in what's been a steady stream of investment in the heart of our city in recent decades. Thanks to tens of millions of dollars in public and private projects, this area continues to evolve with more and more quality-of-life services and experiences for residents, businesses, and visitors.

This evolution brings to life a part of Michael Copeland's vision, who was Olathe's longest-serving mayor. Our friend Mayor Mike was one of the biggest champions for all things Olathe — particularly our public libraries and our downtown.

Mayor Mike dreamed of building a city of readers, where the power of books could help each resident take one step closer to their full potential. He brought the love of reading to thousands of Olathe first graders and their families through the nationally recognized "I Read with Mayor Mike" program, which continues today as Mayor Bacon's Book Club.

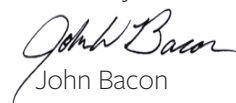
Mayor Mike was also instrumental in numerous downtown improvements throughout his two decades in office. He oversaw the raising of the rails, improved streetscapes, and a new City Hall. He envisioned beautiful green spaces greeting people from each side of Santa Fe as a gateway to downtown.

The City has renamed that gateway to the Michael E. Copeland Civic Center Park. And just outside the library's south doors, the park is also home to an incredible new bronze bust of Mayor Mike. We are grateful to Kansas sculptor Lori Norwood for capturing his essence, and to the private donor who made this piece possible. Also celebrating Mayor Mike's legacy is the Copeland Rooftop Terrace at the Downtown Library, already a popular outdoor gathering space for the public.

I invite you to visit these tributes as you explore our new library. I hope it serves as a reminder of what Mayor Mike did for all of us, but also reminds you that we're all capable of great things. It wasn't just Mayor Mike's vision and hard work that transformed our downtown. It was also his love of Olathe, and of Olatheans.

The new library is more than a new building, it's an investment in our people. And our people are what makes Olathe an exceptional place to call home.

Sincerely,


John Bacon
Mayor

SUMMER POOL DISCOUNT WITH OLATHE LIBRARY CARD

Show your library card at Mill Creek, Frontier, or Oregon Trail Pools to get \$5 admission per person with a library card.



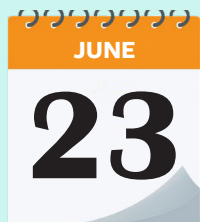


Thank You for Your Trust

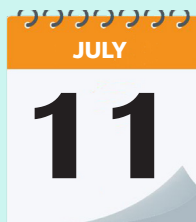


Olathe voters renewed on April 25 the Street Maintenance Sales Tax and the Parks Sales Tax for continued funding of these resident priorities. The City of Olathe looks forward to bringing you these street maintenance services and new parks and recreation opportunities.

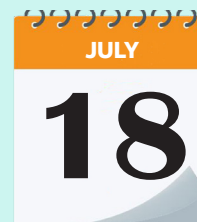
JOIN THE CITY OF OLATHE 2024 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT | KEY DATES



Public Engagement:
Downtown Olathe
Fourth Friday booth
Ask questions about the budget and the process. Games and prizes available for those who visit.



Budget Workshop 1
Downtown Library
260 E. Santa Fe



Budget Workshop 2
Vote on intent to exceed Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR).
Olathe City Hall
100 E. Santa Fe



Budget Workshop 3
Olathe City Hall
100 E. Santa Fe



Public Hearing to exceed RNR / Budget Public Hearing
Olathe City Hall
100 E. Santa Fe



Budget Adoption
Olathe City Hall
100 E. Santa Fe

Visit OlatheKS.gov/Budget for more information about the **2024 budget development** and the **Revenue Neutral Rate**.

IMPORTANT CITY PHONE NUMBERS

Regular Business Hours: Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

OlatheKS.gov/Government/Facilities-Directory

EMERGENCY911

Emergency TDD/TTY Calls911

GENERAL INFORMATION
(TDD/Voice) 971-8600

CUSTOMER SERVICE
(Billing, Trash, Water & Sewer)
1385 S. Robinson..... 971-9311

FIRE ADMINISTRATION
(Non-Emergency)
1225 S. Hamilton Circle.....971-7900

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

Downtown Now Open!
260 E. Santa Fe St. 971-6850

OLATHE PARKS & RECREATION /COMMUNITY CENTER (TDD/Voice)
1205 E. Kansas City Rd..... 971-8563

POLICE DEPARTMENT
501 E. 56 Highway 971-7500

HUMAN RESOURCES
100 E. Santa Fe St. 971-8735

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WHAT'S BEING BUILT IN OLATHE



7 Brew, based out of Arkansas, will open a new drive-through-only coffee shop at 2021 E. Santa Fe St. in late spring 2023. The 7 Brew's 500 square foot coffee stand, with two drive-through lanes, will be part of the Crossroads Shopping Center. The Brew Crew staff will greet, take orders, and deliver drinks directly to each customer in their car.



Andy's Frozen Custard, based out of Springfield, Missouri, is opening their newest location in front of Menards at 13981 W. 135th St. Andy's will open their 2,000 square foot shop in late summer of 2023 and start serving customers all year round through their drive-through and walk-up windows.



Pickleman's Gourmet Café has a new location at 135th Street and Black Bob Road, featuring the company's first drive-thru location in the Metro. Pickleman's is open seven days a week, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Olathe Lives!

JUNE 9
SURFIN' USA
A TRIBUTE TO THE BEACH BOYS
WITH THE INSTAMATICS

JUNE 16
MARIA THE MEXICAN
WITH UNFIT WIVES

JULY 7
LIVERPOOL
A TRIBUTE TO THE BEATLES
WITH MIKEY NEEDLEMAN

JULY 14
THE ORIGINAL SILVER BULLET
A TRIBUTE TO BOB SEGER
WITH GODDESSES OF ROCK

JULY 21
ALMOST KISS
WITH BRODY BUSTER

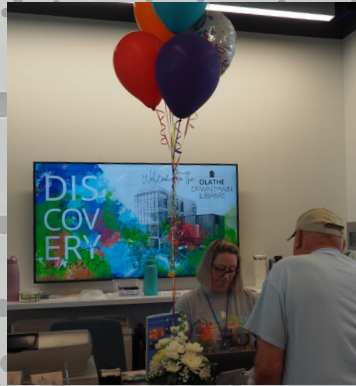
All shows FREE at Stagecoach Park at 7 PM

OLATHE COMMUNITY RECYCLING CENTER — NEW NAME BETTER REFLECTS SERVICES

The Compost Facility at 1100 N. Hedge Lane is now the **Olathe Community Recycling Center**. With the food waste program's addition, the new name more accurately describes the all-encompassing recycling opportunities at the location for food, yard waste, and other recyclables.

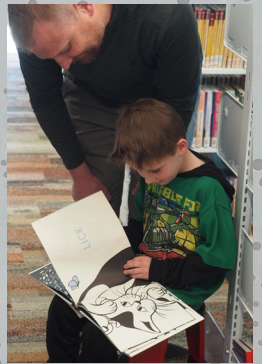
OLATHE FARMERS MARKET

SATURDAYS & WEDNESDAYS
OPEN 7:30 A.M.
STAGECOACH PARK & BLACK BOB PARK



OLATHE DOWNTOWN LIBRARY Grand Opening

OPENING DAY COLLECTION: 73,000 ITEMS
SIZE: 37,000 SQ. FT.
CONSTRUCTION COST: \$25.6 MILLION





OLATHE HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD SAVES LOCAL PLACES

Preserving and protecting historic structures, sites, and neighborhoods is the Olathe Historic Preservation Board's mission. The board considers eligible properties and districts for designation to historic registers: the National Register of Historic Places, Register of Historic Kansas Places, or the Olathe Register of Historic Places. Numerous local sites are already designated historic sites, including the Albert Ott House, the Francis Lanter House, the J.B. Mahaffie House, and more. We are always looking to add to the distinguished list. Visit OlatheKS.gov for a complete list of designated sites and an interactive map.

If you are interested or aware of properties that might be considered on the local list, contact the Planning Division, Olathe City Hall, 100 E. Santa Fe, or call 913-971-8750. Property owner benefits include state and federal tax credits and grants for rehabilitation and historic property maintenance.

Is historical preservation important to you? The seven-member advisory board has a vacancy. Contact the Mayor's Office, 913-971-8500, if you are interested in serving.

—Tom Kearney
Historic Preservation Board Chair

WATER USAGE IN WARM MONTHS CAN CLIMB. TRACK YOUR USAGE ONLINE.

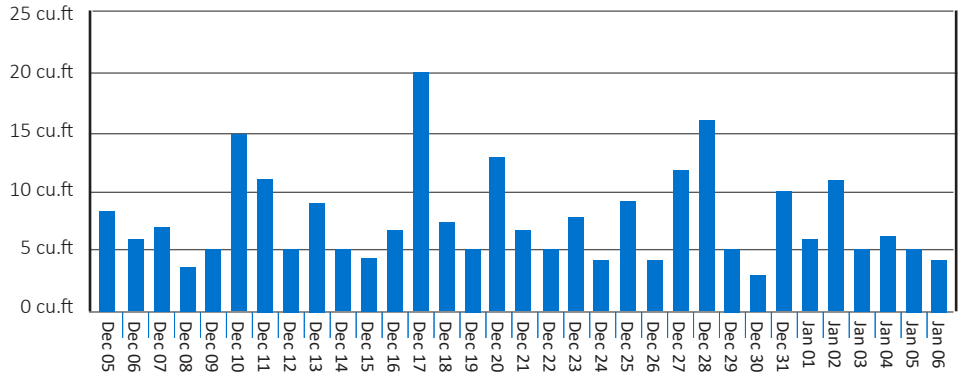
It's easy to know how much water your household is using if you have a City of Olathe online utilities account. If you don't have an online account, go to billpay.olatheks.org to sign up. Your account page can show water usage monthly, daily, and hourly.

24 HR Billing Cycle

YEAR Dec. 05, 2022 - Jan. 06, 2023

Water Usage by Billing Cycle (in cubic feet)

1 cubic ft. = 7.48052 gallons



Total Usage: 252.00 cu.ft
252.00 cu.ft

Previous 33 days

Total Usage: 263.46 cu.ft
263.46 cu.ft

Top Recommendation: It's smart for customers with sprinkler systems to check their lines before starting the watering season. Leaks in these systems can cause spikes in water usage.

FOURTH FRIDAYS IN DOWNTOWN OLATHE

FOOD TRUCKS. BEER GARDEN. LIVE MUSIC. YARD GAMES. KIDS ACTIVITIES.

6 – 9 P.M. fourthfridays.olathe.org

JUNE 23
KC ⚡ DC

JULY 28
THE STOLEN WINNEBAGOS

AUGUST 25
BOB JOVI

SEPTEMBER 22
MISLED

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OLATHE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
ONE VISION. ONE VOICE

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BE WATER WISE

BY ADOPTING A FEW SIMPLE WATERING TIPS, YOU CAN EASILY **REDUCE YOUR OUTDOOR WATER!**



RAISE YOUR MOWER BLADE

Set your motor blade higher and allow grass clippings to decompose on the lawn, returning additional water and valuable nutrients to the soil.



MULCH & CONDITION SOIL

Mulch conserves moisture and maintains cool soil, while compost can add in helpful nutrients at the same time. Interested in free compost or mulch? Visit our Olathe Community Recycling Center!



WATER EFFICIENTLY

Avoid watering on windy days and water in the morning to avoid excess evaporation.



GET AN IRRIGATION SYSTEM WATER CONTROLLER

A properly programmed water controller helps to minimize water usage.



SELECT NATIVE TREES, SHRUBS, & GRASSES

Plant drought-tolerant plants native to Olathe, as they will grow well with the amount of rain Olathe receives.



WATCH WHAT YOU WATER

Ensure sprinkler heads aren't wasting water by spraying paved or unwanted areas.



CHECK FOR PIPE BREAKS & LEAKS

Do a periodic check of your waterline pipes and your sprinkler system pipes to ensure they are in good condition.



UTILIZE RAINWATER

Water collected in rain barrels can be used later to water plants.*



*Scan our QR code to check out Cost Share Program that can help in purchasing a rain barrel.

CITY OF OLATHE

WATER

QUALITY REPORT

2023

Olathe drinking water consistently meets or exceeds all state and federal standards. See the recently released 2023 Water Quality Report by scanning the QR code or visit OlatheKS.gov/WaterQuality

COMPOSTING

DO'S & DON'TS

YES			NO	
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plastic Bags	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oil or Grease
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Food Packaging	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Liquids
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coffee Cups	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pet Waste

Food is the single largest category of waste that we send to landfills. Instead of wasting your food scraps... compost them!

OLATHE FOOD WASTE PROGRAM | **OLATHE KANSAS**

City of Olathe Food Waste Program | OlatheKS.gov/FoodWaste
Olathe Community Recycling Center, 1100 N. Hedge Lane



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for Olathe news and updates by
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