



Little “spooks” navigate Olathe’s Trick or Treat Trail at Stagecoach Park.

PARDON OUR DUST FOR CITY HALL RENOVATIONS

Olathe City Hall, 100 E. Santa Fe St., will receive interior renovations in the coming months to ensure public and employee needs are served in a well-maintained facility.

“We take seriously residents’ desire to see facilities kept in good shape as responsible stewards of City resources,” says City Manager Michael Wilkes.

Residents consistently say maintaining City streets, buildings, and facilities are top priorities in annual community satisfaction surveys.



City Hall’s HVAC system updates have not occurred since the City took ownership of the building in 1998.

Renovations are expected to begin in late October 2024 and last through summer 2025. During this time, City Hall visitors can expect to see directional signs indicating any temporary office locations.

Frequently visited services, such as the Planning office, Customer Services, and Human Resources will be available at City Hall, although different temporary spaces will be necessary at times.

Visit OlatheKS.gov/Construction for the latest updates, including where to access City Hall services.

Visit OlatheKS.gov/OGN for updates on City Council meeting locations.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Parks are such an important part of Olathe's exceptional quality of life. They're where we see people gather with new friends, families spend quality time together, and residents of all ages and abilities enjoy being active and outside. That's why I'm so excited to see the community park improvements getting underway this winter throughout Olathe. We have big plans for both Olathe's east and west sides to serve the growing numbers and needs of visitors.

Black Bob Park

Black Bob Park, 14500 W. 151st St., has more than 300,000 annual visitors and is our second most visited park after Lake Olathe. More fun times and childhood memories for our kids and grandkids are on the way with a new destination playground at Black Bob, which will be installed in the existing play area. Nearby, new restrooms and an additional shelter will serve park visitors. Drainage improvements are also planned for the playground area.

An additional 120-space parking area is planned to better accommodate the athletic facilities, Black Bob Bay, and the park's walking trail. Additional drainage improvements will occur in the north part of the park.

Prairie Center Park

Prairie Center Park, 555 N. Olathe View Rd., hosts more than 200,000 visitors each year. Pickleball fans can rejoice with plans



to install two new courts at Prairie Center. More pickleball courts are a resident priority identified in the 2023 Olathe Parks & Rec Master Plan.

State-of-the-art ball field backstops, including 17,000 square feet of safety netting, will be installed on fields one through four. The new backstops will not only increase spectator safety but will also provide an enhanced viewing experience. The concourse area outside the playing fields will also get a new surface.

An additional 186-spot parking area will help ease a parking shortage, especially on game days.

More Parks and Trails Work

- Construction begins in 2025 on the new Pioneer Park, located a quarter mile west of Woodland Road adjoining College Boulevard. This neighborhood park will feature a natural area, fishing pond, walking trail, and a shelter.
- Improvements at the Olathe Girls Softball Complex, 13901 W. 151st St., are underway. New paved parking, curb, and

gutter should be completed in November 2024. Plus, new digital scoreboards have been installed for all seven ball fields.

- Finishing touches are complete on Loula Park, 1300 W. Loula St., which connects to the Rolling Ridge Trail.
- The section of Cedar Creek Trail, connecting Lake Olathe and Cedar Lake, opened in the spring of 2024. Work is expected to begin in 2025 on the trail section connecting Lake Olathe's Beaver Shelter to Johnson County Park & Recreation District's Cedar Niles Park Trail.

The Olathe Parks & Rec system is evolving to meet current uses and emerging ones as our city continues to grow. You make this possible through your input about parks and recreation services and your support of the Parks Sales Tax. Thanks to you, we continue to keep Olathe active, connected, and beautiful.

Sincerely,

John H. Bacon
John Bacon
Mayor



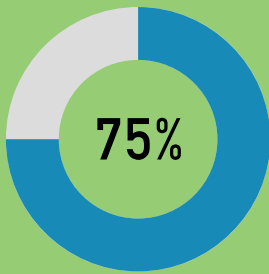
New backstops are coming for Prairie Center Park ball fields 1-4.



Older backstops at Prairie Center Park.

AT A GLANCE: The 2025 City of Olathe budget and 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan funds residents' highest priorities and exceptional services.

The general fund budget allocates 75% of funds for resident priorities **public safety and transportation.**



A record investment of \$1 billion in capital projects is planned over the next five years, including long-term projects:

- 119th Street extension, Northgate to Woodland Road
- Santa Fe and I-35 interchange area (leverages state grant funds)
- New Fire Station 9
- Fire Station 1 replacement
- New police firing range
- New Animal Shelter
- Water and sewer infrastructure

New public safety staff

15 new firefighters and two new police officers.

New in 2025 will be an expanded **City property tax rebate program with eligibility to veterans.**

Program information will be available at the end of 2024 with applications accepted in 2025.

Learn more at OlatheKS.gov/Budget



A reconfigured Santa Fe and I-35 interchange area is included in the 2025-2029 Capital Improvement Plan.

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)
100 E. Santa Fe St. 971-9311

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

OLATHE PUBLIC LIBRARY
Indian Creek
16100 W. 135th St. 971-6850

Downtown
260 E. Santa Fe St. 971-6850

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

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100 E. Santa Fe St.971-8735

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MORE ELEVATE OLATHE PLAN INPUT OPPORTUNITIES

The update of the community's comprehensive plan, Elevate Olathe, is well underway. Thank you for sharing your feedback and dreams for Olathe at community events including Olathe Fourth Fridays, Johnson County Old Settlers, and the Olathe Arts Festival.

As of mid-September, more than 1,200 community members have provided input by visiting with our Engager Team at an event, completing an online survey, or contributing to the online map at OlatheKS.gov/ElevateOlathe

With your continued participation, the Elevate Olathe Comprehensive Plan will truly be a community-driven plan to guide future growth and development. A workshop is planned for later this year to share your vision for the city's future. Look for updates and additional ways to participate at OlatheKS.gov/ElevateOlathe

Are you interested in participating with your neighborhood or community group? Request a DIY workshop kit at 913-971-8750 or PlanningContact@OlatheKS.gov.



Visitors provided comments for the community's Elevate Olathe Comprehensive Plan at a Downtown Olathe Fourth Fridays event.

Live Stream Olathe City Council Meetings

See live streamed Olathe City Council meetings at 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays, at OlatheKS.gov. Or, watch at your convenience within 24 hours of their conclusion at OlatheKS.gov/OGN

HOST YOUR
HOLIDAY
PARTY
AT THE
HERITAGE
CENTER!

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VENUES at 061

This beautiful building at Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop & Farm features two fireplaces, a warm rustic interior, and will already be decorated for the holidays. Your chosen food service can launch the meal from the catering kitchen adjacent to the assembly hall. Tables and chairs are included, and we'll set them up according to your party plan. Contact Venues at 061 to book your event, 913-971-8753, or RentalServices@OlatheKS.gov.



OLATHE OLYMPICS GAMES MAKE KIDS CHAMPIONS AND SUPPORT COMMUNITY



The dream of competing in an "Olympics" became real for 500 kids in the **Olathe Parks & Rec Olympics Celebration** on Aug. 3, 2024. Held at Black Bob Park during the Paris Summer Olympics Games, kids kindergarten to age 13 competed in this historical event. Participants donated school supply items for the Olathe Public Schools Foundation.

INVESTING IN COMMUNITY SAFETY

FIRE STATION MODERNIZATIONS

The Olathe Fire Department continues to grow and evolve in service deployment as Olathe grows, responding to 15,000 annual service calls and increasing each year in volume.

Modernizing fire stations is critical for the department's present day deployment model as Olathe's facilities age. Fire Department initiatives help rehabilitate aging infrastructure to best suit today's emergency service delivery needs. The oldest fire station in service is Station 4 at 53 years old.

Through the years, fire facilities have been impacted by emergency response

vehicle changes and firefighter health and safety improvements. Now, advancements in station modernizations include diesel exhaust removal systems, better fire gear storage for cancer prevention, separate bunk rooms, and firefighter alerting systems using ramped tones and lighting.

Fire Station 2 ➔ Opened in 1989
1725 N. Renner Rd.

Modernization is underway at Station 2 with expected completion by January 2025. This station houses:

- Truck 52 with a captain, engineer, and two firefighters

- Engine 52 with a captain, engineer, and firefighter
- Battalion Chief 51 with a battalion chief and battalion support officer
- Johnson County Med-Act ambulance crew

Fire Station 4 ➔ Opened in 1971
(Originally as Station 2)
13301 S. Mur-Len Rd.

Modernization was completed in November 2023. This station houses:

- Engine 54 with a captain, engineer, and firefighter
- Squad 54 with two firefighters. The squad unit began 24-hour service following Station 4's modernization



Neighbors were invited to an Aug. 19, 2024 meeting about new Fire Station 9.

NEW FIRE STATION 9

The new station's design is underway. It will be located west of Woodland Road on College Boulevard, adjacent to the future Pioneer Park. Fire Station 9 will:

- Address increasing calls for service in north Olathe
- Be staffed 24/7 with at least three firefighters, who are also EMTs or paramedics
- Begin construction in early to mid-2025

GET MORE AT THE OLATHE COMMUNITY CENTER
Visit the website for a full list of membership rates.

OlatheKS.gov/CommunityCenter

Olathe Healthy Neighborhoods
PRESERVE | PROTECT | ENHANCE

Register Your Neighborhood Today!

All registered Olathe neighborhoods are eligible to apply for neighborhood grant funding. Grants can be used for a block party or event, starting a community garden, a neighborhood cleanup, and more!

Visit OlatheKS.gov/HealthyNeighborhoods or contact the Planning Division, 913-971-8750.

Get connected
Sign up for neighborhood newsletters at OlatheKS.gov/OlatheUpdate

WHAT'S BEING BUILT IN OLATHE



Johnson County MED-ACT Station

A new Johnson County MED-ACT station will be located at 301 N. Monroe St. Johnson County MED-ACT provides EMS services to more than 600,000 residents over a 479 square mile area. This additional facility will improve response times and help distribute the workload of surrounding MED-ACT facilities. The 9,047-square-foot building will serve as a 24/7/365 facility for an ambulance response crew.

Asbury Centre

Central Bank is currently constructing a 3,325 square foot bank in the Asbury Centre development, located at the northwest corner of 159th Street and Ridgeview Road. Additionally, Asbury Centre will be the future home for Olathe's second Primrose School, a childcare center that will serve around 200 children.



See the new video on the City's Facebook or Instagram at @CityofOlatheKS

FREE E-WASTE DISPOSAL

Get rid of old electronic waste you may have around the house. This event is for Olathe residents only, and an ID is required upon arrival.

E-Waste Disposal Event: Oct. 26, 8 a.m.–2 p.m.

Olathe's HHW facility, 1420 S. Robinson St.

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTIONS AND SERVICES

Thanksgiving

Collections will be delayed by one day for only Thursday and Friday pick-ups.

Christmas Day and New Year's Day

Both holidays fall on a Wednesday. Collections will be delayed one day for only Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday pick-ups.

Household Hazardous Waste

HHW Store closed: Nov. 28-29. Will close beginning at 12 p.m. Dec. 24. Closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.
No HHW drop-offs: Nov. 28-30, Dec. 25, and Jan. 1.

Olathe Transfer Station and Community Recycling Center

These facilities will be closed Nov. 28. Will close beginning at 12 p.m. Dec. 24. Closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

Need reminders? Visit OlatheKS.gov/TrashDay, or download the **TrashDay** app.



NEW! RECYCLE PLASTIC BAGS AND ENHANCE YOUR COMMUNITY

Recycle household plastic bags and help earn a free park bench for a City of Olathe park. Each 1,000 pounds of plastic bags collected will earn a bench, one bench per year. Look for plastic bag receptacles in the lobbies of both Olathe Public Library locations, the Olathe Community Center, and City Hall.

The infographic is set against a wood-grain background. It features three green horizontal bars with white text. The top bar is labeled 'FROM THE STORE' and includes icons of produce bags, store bags, and ice bags. The middle bar is labeled 'FROM YOUR PANTRY' and includes icons of Ziploc bags, cereal box liners, case overwrap, and bread bags. The bottom bar is labeled 'FROM YOUR FRONT DOOR' and includes icons of newspaper sleeves, dry cleaning bags, bubble wrap, and plastic e-commerce mailers. Each icon is accompanied by a checkmark and a label.

FROM THE STORE

- ✓ Produce bags
- ✓ Store bags
- ✓ Ice bags

FROM YOUR PANTRY

- ✓ Ziploc® & other reclosable bags
- ✓ Cereal box liners
- ✓ Case overwrap
- ✓ Bread bags

FROM YOUR FRONT DOOR

- ✓ Newspaper sleeves
- ✓ Dry cleaning bags
- ✓ Bubble wrap
- ✓ Plastic e-commerce mailers

FOOD WASTE DROP-OFF SITE Coming to EAST OLATHE

The City of Olathe is launching another food waste drop-off site for residents' added convenience. Look for the new kiosk at **Black Bob Park**, 14500 W. 151st St., in the first parking lot on the left after entering the park. The kiosk is expected to open in November 2024.

The food waste drop-off at the Olathe Community Recycling Center, 1100 N. Hedge Lane, has proven popular with residents. This year more than 4,327 residents have dropped off 54,974 pounds of food waste for composting. Besides saving valuable landfill space, food scraps diverted from the landfill are repurposed into nutrient-rich compost.

ACCEPTED FOOD SCRAPS

- Meat, fish, and poultry
- Bones and shellfish
- Eggs and dairy products
- Fruits and vegetables
- Bread, dough, pasta, and grains
- Coffee grounds, filters, and tea bags

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Plastic bags. Take them to an Olathe plastic bag recycling location.
- Oil and grease
- Food packaging
- Liquids
- Coffee cups
- Pet waste

Tip: Bring your photo ID, since the Food Waste Program is currently open only to Olathe residents.

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

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OlatheKS.gov/OlatheConnect

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OCTOBER 18 | 6:30-8PM
MONSTER MASH
6TH-12TH GRADE
OLATHE PUBLIC LIBRARY - INDIAN CREEK

OCTOBER 25 | 5:30-7:30PM
TRICK OR TREAT TRAIL
STAGECOACH PARK

OCTOBER 26 | 3-6PM
TRICK OR TREAT OFF THE STREET
MAHAFFIE STAGECOACH STOP & FARM

OCTOBER 31
TRICK OR TREAT AT THE LIBRARY
OLATHE PUBLIC LIBRARY - INDIAN CREEK & DOWNTOWN

OCTOBER 26 | 6:30-8PM
HAUNTED SWAMP
OLATHE COMMUNITY CENTER



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