

# THE ROELAND

July, 2010

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## 2011 Budget

The first draft of the 2011 City budget has been presented to the Roeland Park City Council for review. Your elected officials and City staff are urging all citizens to get involved and assist us in this process. Your input and feedback are crucial to the financial decisions and choices we must make for 2011.

Please make time to engage in this process and voice your point of view. Participate by attending the town hall meetings and budget hearing.

Draft 1 of the City Budget is available at City Hall or on the web at [www.roelandpark.net](http://www.roelandpark.net).

## Town Hall Meetings

**Location: Roeland Park Community Center**  
4850 Rosewood Drive

**Budget, Sales Tax Renewal, Short/Long Term Goals, Capital Improvements**  
Council will present preliminary budget for feedback and recommendations

Monday, July 12th at 7 pm  
Saturday, July 24th at 10 am

## Budget Hearing

**Roeland Park City Hall**  
**August 9, 2010 at 6 pm**  
Final version of Budget for public review and comments prior to council approval

### New to Roeland Park, Welcome!

Please call City Hall for a new resident packet. The packet contains valuable information on:

- Animal Registration
- Home Repair/Remodeling
- Voter Registration
- Recycling/Trash Information
- Community Events & Activities

### Rent Nall Park

Have a family reunion coming up? Nall Park is tucked away in a shady corner of NE Corner of Roeland Park. It has a covered shelter, restroom facilities, picnic tables, play equipment, walking trail and rain garden. Please allow 3 days notice if you would like use of restrooms. Reservations may be made by calling City Hall at 913-722-2600.

### School Building to be Demolished

In July, demolition should begin on the Former Roeland Park Elementary School Building. The building and some of the asphalt will be removed from the site. The construction zone will be with a orange construction fence during the demolition. Please help us make this a safe area, make sure to keep your animals on leash (as required by City Ordinance) and keep children away from the area.

You can learn more about the City of Roeland Park online at [www.roelandpark.net](http://www.roelandpark.net)

## Animal Information



### When do I need to register my pet?

Within 30 days of moving or bringing a dog/cat into the city.

### What is the license fee?

- \$10 for spayed/neutered animals
  - \$15 for male/female animals
- All dogs and cats six months of age or older must be licensed. (Penalties may apply)

### How long is my registration good for?

One year from date of registration.

### What do I need to register my pet?

Bring in a copy of a current rabies vaccination at the time of licensing. Residents are responsible for ensuring that vaccinations do not expire during the license year.

### What to do if you lost your Pet?

Contact the NEACC - 782-0720 as soon as possible.

**Your pet must be vaccinated for Rabies and licensed in the city annually.**

Numbers you can call if your pet is lost or missing:

- Animal Haven - 913-432-7548
- Lost Dog Registry - 816-333-0020

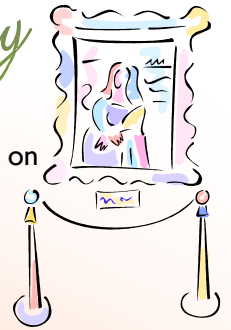
## City Hall Art Gallery

Each month, a different artist displays his/her work on the second floor of City Hall. Our volunteer arts commissioner, George Schlegel, arranges for an artist to display paintings, water colors, charcoals, acrylics, sculptures and other moldings for you to enjoy or purchase.

July—Mauricio Zuniga, paintings.

August—The Buena Vista Studio Work, pastel.

September—Denny Dowdy, watercolors.



## Construction News:

### RC12-014 Stormwater Project—

Construction has begun at the low end of the project (55th and Roe Blvd area).

Updated schedules are available on the City's website under "Public Works—Construction." This project is funded by the City of Roeland Park, Johnson County SMAC and the residents in the benefit district. Assessments for the project will be determined once final costs are in; however, the total cost to the residents in the benefit district will be no more than \$.25/area square foot.

**2010 CARS Project**—Buena Vista from Shawnee Mission Parkway to 53rd Street. 53rd Street from Buena Vista to Mission Road. This project begins this summer.

Please be assured that during construction of City projects, emergency vehicles will always have access to your property.

## Codes Reminders

In order to make our city look the best it can, there are two ordinances in place to help us.

1. Grass Clippings and Debris in streets— When you cut the grass, you cannot blow your clippings into the street. If you do, you must sweep them up and dispose of them.
2. Grass growing in the sidewalk—the grass that grows in the sidewalk is part of the property you maintain as part of your mowing and weed-eating. In order to help make our city look the best, removing the weeds is necessary. (Sustainability Tip: use vinegar on weeds rather than weed killer)

## Water Everywhere

Is it still raining? According to Chief Meteorologist Gary Lezak of NBC Action News, Overland Park, the closest measurement to Roeland Park, had 12 ¼" of rain during the first seventeen days of June. This is a lot of water! Gutters, downspouts, sump pumps and other drainage systems have really had a workout. Likewise, property owners have had a workout as well.

With this much rain coming down, everyone had a chance to see if their gutters and downspouts were working properly or if they were clogged; if their sump pumps were keeping up with the demand; and if their basements and foundations were able to stay dry. In many cases, there were issues with water getting into the basements of our houses due to the condition or failure of one or more of the above three items.

Gutters and downspouts are the first line of defense in taking the water from the roof and getting it out and away from the foundation and basement walls. Keeping gutters and downspouts free of debris and clogs should be on everyone's regular maintenance schedule to prevent them from overflowing onto the ground around the house. Improperly hung or gutters in disrepair will also cause water issues up close to the house. Downspouts should have a splash block under them to help divert the water away from the house as well. Often an extender can be used on the downspout to get the water out far enough that the slope of the yard will continue to carry the water away.

The basement walls and

foundations are another line of defense to hold water out of our homes. The landscaping up against the house should be sloped away from the house to help drain water away. Routine maintenance of the basement windows, window wells and caulk are simple to check and correct if there is a problem. Cracks in the basement walls or floors may take more effort to fix or may require the help of a good contractor to correct.

The sump pump plays an important role as well. Their job is to take the excess water from around the foundation that the gutters did not get, the walls could not hold out and the landscaping did not drain away and pump it up and out of the basement to a point away from the house so that the water will flow away from the house.

Neighbors are another cause of water problems that property owners face – and remember, you are a neighbor too! It is not only un-neighborly, but it is a code violation to have downspouts or sump pump drains aimed at or positioned so that the water will flow onto the neighboring property. This is a huge issue here in Roeland Park. There are a couple of streets where all of the downspouts are aimed at the neighboring property. These drains need to be corrected.

Please also remember that it is unlawful to allow any water from downspouts, sump pumps or any other drain to run upon any sidewalk.

*(Sustainability Tip: Add a rain-barrel to your downspouts and use it on your gardens during dryer times. Check with the city for proper ways to implement a rain barrel so as to not add mosquito problems)*

## Shredding Event Results

At the shredding event in June the Roeland Park, Fairway, Mission Woods and Mission recycled 13,675 lbs and saved 117 mature trees from being destroyed. Despite the rain the event turned out to be well attended.

## Council Actions:

- **Approved Social Media Policy**  
Council passed a Social Media Policy. You can now find us on Facebook to discover more about Roeland Park and upcoming events.
- **Park Master Plan** Requested scope of service from Gould Evans and Clark Enersen
- **2010 CARS Street Program**  
Approved CARS Bid Specs for 53rd Street/Buena Vista Project
- **Police Radio System Upgrade**  
Approved the purchase of new Motorola Radios for the Police Department
- **Roeland Park School Demolition Bids** Approved Harvey Bros Trucking and Wrecking as the best bid for the Demolition of the Roeland Park School in an amount not to exceed \$110,725. Demolition is expected to begin in July.
- **RFP Development NW/NE Roe Johnson Site** City to enter into discussions with MAC Healthcare Corporation for the property at the NE Roe and Johnson Drive.
- **RC12-018 Intent to Fund**  
Accepted Intent to Fund from SMAC for the RC12-018 Stormwater basin. RC12-018 is a stormwater drainage area located along Nall and Roeland Drive.
- **RC12-012 Benefit District**  
Approved Ordinance 846 assessing a levy to those properties within the benefit district for a portion of the costs of the Stormwater Project.



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**CITY CALENDAR**

- City Council (7pm) ..... July 6, 19, Aug 2, 16
- Board of Zoning Appeals (7pm) ..... July 27
- Budget Hearing – Adoption of City Budget (6pm) ..... Aug 9
- Finance/Admin Committee (6pm) ..... July 26, Aug 23
- Parks Committee w/City Council Workshop (6pm) ..... July 14
- Parks Committee (6pm) ..... Aug 11
- Public Works & Public Safety (6pm) ..... July 12, Aug 9  
 (Public Work/Safety July 12 at RPCC, 4850 Rosewood Drive)
- Planning Commission (7pm) ..... July 20, Aug 17
- Sidewalk Ad-Hoc Committee (6pm) ..... July 6
- Sustainability Committee (6pm) ..... July 28, Aug 25
- Town Hall Meeting–(7pm at RPCC)..... July 12
- Town Hall Meeting–(10am at RPCC)..... July 24

Meetings held at Roeland Park City Hall unless otherwise noted.  
 RPCC = Roeland Park Community Center, 4850 Rosewood Drive

Sign up to get the City Calendar by Email at:  
[www.roelandpark.net/CityServices/signupemails.htm](http://www.roelandpark.net/CityServices/signupemails.htm)

**Roeland Park City Hall Directory**

4600 West 51st Street, Roeland Park, KS 66205  
 Phone (913) 722-2600

**City Hall Hours** • Monday-Thursday 7 am—6 pm • Friday 7 am—5 pm

**Important Phone Numbers:**

- Animal Control .....782-0720
- Aquatic Center.....432-1377
- AT&T .....800-288-2747
- Community Center .....826-3130
- Driver License Examiner (Mission Office) .....432-2266
- Easy Ride .....397-7300
- Fire Dept (non emergency) .....432-1105
- Hazardous Waste .....715-6900
- Johnson Co Auto Registration .....826-1800
- Johnson Co Library – Cedar Roe.....384-8590
- Johnson Co Wastewater .....432-3820
- Kansas City Power & Light .....816-471-5275
- Kansas Gas Service.....800-794-4780
- Municipal Court .....677-3389
- Poison Control Center.....800-222-1222
- Roesland Elementary .....993-4700
- Shawnee Mission Post Office.....831-5304
- Shawnee Mission School District.....993-6200
- Time Warner.....913-451-6464
- Town and Country.....816-380-5595
- Water District #1 of JoCo .....895-5500

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