

Louisburg Speaks KS

Inside:

- Snow Removal
- Mayor's Minute
- Getting to know....

Your Community Magazine • Volume 3, Issue 6 • www.louisburgkansas.gov

Happy Birthday, Louisburg

A birthday bash wrapped up a year of celebration in honor of Louisburg's Sesquicentennial on the date the city was founded, Nov. 10.

The events surrounding the City's 150th birthday were planned by members of the Louisburg Historical Society. The year's celebration kicked off with a Tales & Treasures event in the spring in which residents were invited to share their treasures and tell their stories.

The Society created a historical book about Louisburg's first 150 years and a keepsake ornament (both of which can be purchased at the Louisburg Library) partnered with Middle Creek Winery to create a special label wine and crafted a sesquicentennial sarsaparilla with the Louisburg Cider Mill. Both drinks featured special photos

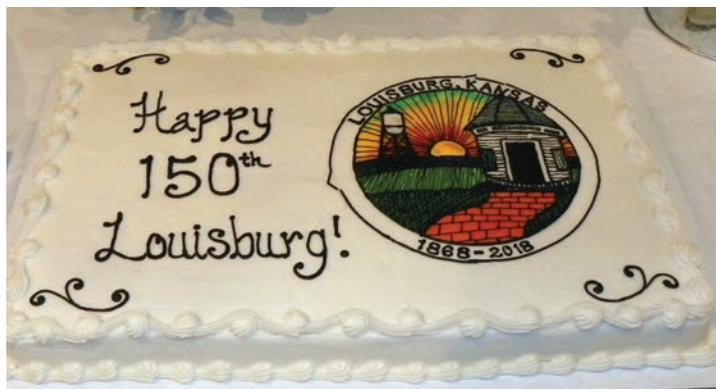
of Louisburg and the Society's 150th seal.

The biggest event of the year was the unearthing of the centennial time capsule that was buried in 1968. Even though the time capsule was full of water, there were many items that were saved and displayed during the town's Labor Day festivities.

The Society also collected items for the sesquicentennial time capsule, which was buried in late September.

The birthday bash and another Tales & Treasures wrapped up the year-long celebration.

In a note to the City, the Society said: "The community is rallying around our history and the importance of sharing stories - it's *exactly* the hope we had when we started the Historical Society."



Guests at the Louisburg Historical Society's last sesquicentennial event celebrated with birthday cake at the Tales & Treasures event Nov. 10. Left: Louisburg resident Jack York shares the treasures he finds while metal detecting in the area. Many of York's finds come from the town's park and old fairground locations.



Mayor

Marty Southard
msouthard@louisburgkansas.gov

Ward 1

Kalee Smith
ksmith@louisburgkansas.gov

Ward 2

Anthony Taylor
ataylor@louisburgkansas.gov

Ward 3

Dave Maddax
dmaddax@louisburgkansas.gov

Ward 4

Thorvald McKiernan
tmckiernan@louisburgkansas.gov

At-Large

Steve Town
stown@louisburgkansas.gov

City Hall

Nathan Law,
City Administrator
215 S. Broadway
Louisburg, KS 66053
913-837-5371
www.louisburgkansas.gov
Hours: 7 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.
Monday-Friday

Police Department

Chief Tim Bauer
209 S. Metcalf Rd.
Louisburg, KS 66053
913-837-3191

Fire Department

Chief Brad Seely
205 S. Metcalf Rd.
Louisburg, KS 66053
913-837-4700

The City of Louisburg requires building permits. Please call the Building & Zoning Department at 913-837-5811 before beginning any construction project.

Louisburg Speaks is published six times a year by the City of Louisburg for its residents. Please direct questions or comments to: jcarder@louisburgkansas.gov

Sesquicentennial year



Members of the Louisburg Historical Society and the community gather for the sesquicentennial time capsule burial Sept. 18 at the Louisburg Cemetery. Below left: The centennial time capsule was filled with water when it was dug up prior to Labor Day. Below right: Despite being waterlogged, this Louisburg High School athletic letter was one of the many items that were salvaged and were on display during the Labor Day celebration.



The two Tales & Treasures events proved to be popular with the community. Left: This old photo was shared by the descendants of S.S. Hind, the first marshal of Louisburg. Above: Josh Hebert of the Louisburg Cider Mill talks with Betty Reed, Louisburg, about historical items from the Cider Mill that were on display during the second Tales & Treasures.

The Louisburg Historical Society's 150th seal.



Sidewalks bring learning curve

The City needs your help and is asking for residents and businesses to lend a helping hand in keeping sidewalks, trails and crosswalks clear of snow and ice during the winter season.

The City is making great strides in connecting the community by filling in sidewalk and trails gaps. But with that comes the need for keeping those sidewalks and trails free from snow, ice and other debris.

It is the responsibility of the resident or business to keep adjacent sidewalks on their property free of debris.

The City Code states: (a) *It shall be unlawful for the owner and/or occupant of any lots abutting upon any sidewalk to fail to cause to be removed from such sidewalks all snow and ice within 5 hours from the time that the snow fall or ice storm ceases. If the snow falls or ice accumulates upon the sidewalks in the night time, removal of same must be made before 12 o'clock noon on the following day.*

(b) *It shall be unlawful for any person to place snow removed from private property upon any public street, alley or sidewalk.*

As we continue to make sidewalk connections inside the city, it will be a learning experience for all as we work to make sure the community is safe for those that walk or bike instead of using a vehicle.

The City purchased a blade and salt spreader this year to use with its all-terrain vehicle to clear the trail at The Lake, at its property at the aquatic center, around the water tower, the sidewalk located on the City property at the Metcalf/Amity intersection, the city property along Amity and the Farmers Market sidewalks.



Snowy and icy sidewalks make foot and bicycle travel difficult for those persons that get around town by walking or riding a bike.

USD 416 does an excellent job of clearing sidewalks on the school property to allow children to walk to the school.

If you have sidewalks along your property, it would be appreciated that during future snow events, that those sidewalks could be cleared.

Year's end provides time for reflection, gratitude

As the holidays come to a close it is a good time for reflection, a time to determine what has gone well this year and what needs improvement. It's also a good time to explore why we should be thankful or to whom we owe kind words and good thoughts.

The City has accomplished a great deal this year thanks to the hard-working, dedicated staff that work for our city. They do not get enough praise or realize how much they are appreciated.

The Louisburg Historical Society did a great job with the yearlong Sesquicentennial celebration. It was fun to celebrate our city's birthday in so many different ways throughout the year. The hard work of the organization did not go unnoticed and the members deserve a big thank you as well. Future generations should enjoy

opening the time capsule 50 years from now.

The City Council and all of the volunteer boards help to make the local city government run smoothly. Obviously, we do not always agree on every issue, but we are able to work together and develop solutions through open and honest communication. All of these individuals deserve a big thank you for all of their hard work.

I have said it before but what makes a city great is its people and Louisburg has many reasons to be thankful.



Marty Southard

Getting to know....

City Social Media, Website



If you are one of the more than 2,600 people that “like” or “follow” the City of Louisburg’s Facebook page, thank you!

If you don’t follow the City’s page, you are encouraged to do so. It can be found at [www.Facebook.com/LouisburgKS](https://www.facebook.com/LouisburgKS/).

The City’s Facebook page is regularly updated with information from the City. There can be urgent posts like water or gas issues or road closures or there might be fun posts like watching a video of kids sledding during a snowstorm or photos of Halloween on Broadway. In the summer the Facebook page is used to notify guests of the Louisburg Aquatic Center of any closures due to weather or water quality issues.

Information on the wastewater treatment plant construction, Metcalf 2.0 and the Amity Street sidewalk project will be updated on Facebook as we get closer to those project start dates in 2019 and 2020.

The City website, www.louisburgkansas.gov, also has lots of useful information on it. There’s a News & Announcements section with more detailed information than what can be found on Facebook. Residents can also find information on a variety of topics: Government, Services, Community and Business.

A list of the City’s parks and facilities can be found online as well as membership of various boards and com-

Follow the City’s Facebook page to get the latest scoop on city events.

missions. Contact information for City Council and City Staff may also be found on the website.

Anchored to the bottom of the web page are quick links that will take a visitor to the City calendar, online bill pay, building permits, and agendas and minutes section.

If you haven’t been on the City’s website, you are invited to check it out. And if you are on Facebook and haven’t “liked” the City’s page, we hope you start “following” the City.

CALENDAR & REMINDERS

- City offices will be closed for the upcoming holidays: Christmas — Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 24 and 25; New Year’s — Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, 2019; and Martin Luther King Jr. Day — Monday, Jan. 21.
- As a reminder the City requires an annual backflow inspection for businesses or residences that have a lawn irrigation and/or fire suppression system. City staff will be mailing reminder letters in March.
- Annual dog tags are required for all dogs living inside the city limits. Tags are \$3 for a dog that is spayed or neutered or \$5 otherwise. A copy of the dog’s rabies vaccine is required. Tags may be purchased at City Hall during regular business hours.

Louisburg

CLOSE-KNIT • CLOSE TO EVERYTHING KS

LOUISBURG  TRANSPARENT

2019 BUDGET OVERVIEW | LOUISBURG, KS

LOUISBURG AT A GLANCE

- Incorporated in 1868 — The community celebrated the city's Sesquicentennial in 2018
- Population 4,487
- 52 full- & part-time employees
 - Police Department with 14 full- & part-time officers
 - Fire Department with 20 paid & volunteer firefighters
- Approximately 27.5 miles of paved roads
- City owned water, wastewater and gas utility systems

- City Hall — 215 S. Broadway
- Fire Station — 205 S. Metcalf
- Police Station — 209 S. Metcalf
- Community Storm Shelter — 205 S. Metcalf
- Public Works Building — 29146 Rogers Rd.
- Aquatic Center — 2 Aquatic Dr.
- Louisburg Cemetery — Amity & Rogers Rd.
- City, Ron Weers and Lewis-Young Parks

MAJOR PROJECTS FOR 2019

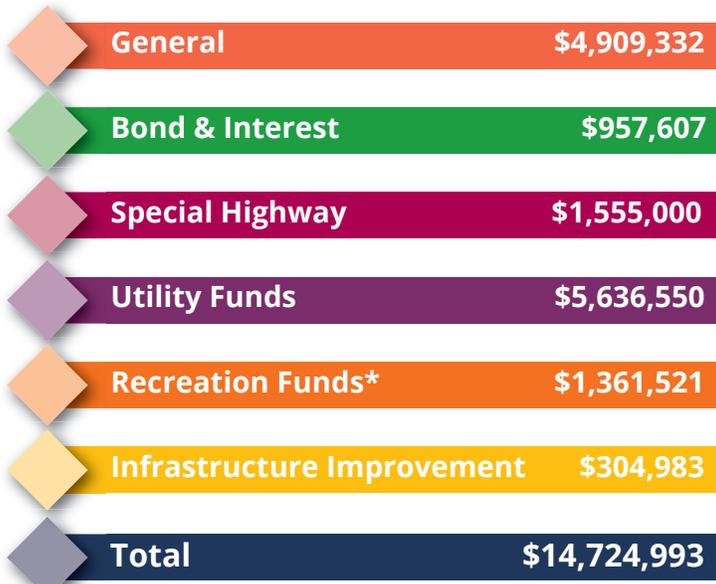
- Stormwater Improvements
- Continued Sidewalk Enhancement/Replacement
- Utility Meter Replacement Program
- Comprehensive Plan Implementation
- Mobile & Body Video Recording System for Police
- Pumper Truck Replacement for Fire
- Upgrade Radios for Emergency Services
- Aquatic Center Projects & Planning
- Lewis-Young Park Ballfield Fence Replacement

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

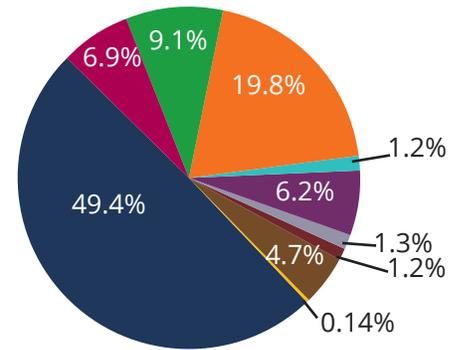
- No mill increase
- Assessed value growth of 7.78% largest increase since 2009 economic downturn, compared to last year's 4.6%
- Proposed reserves at a level to maintain Moody's A1 bond rating
- Maintain service levels
- Continued focus on equipment / vehicle replacement schedule and capital improvement goals
- Maintain moderate levels of debt with 74 percent of total statutory debt capacity remaining

2019 BUDGET OVERVIEW | LOUISBURG, KS

BUDGET BY FUND

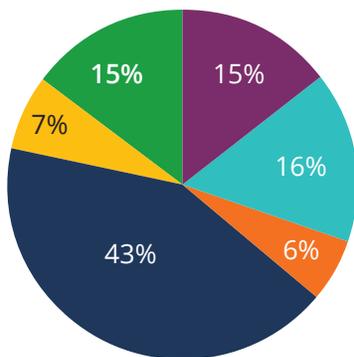


GENERAL FUND BUDGET BY DEPARTMENT



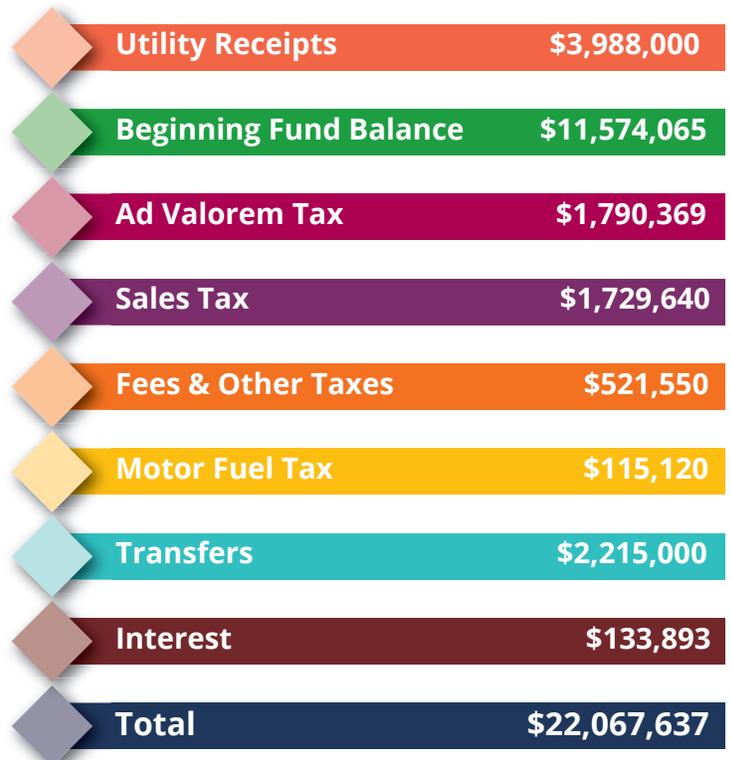
Administration	\$336,944	6.9%
Fire	\$448,670	9.1%
Police	\$972,183	19.8%
Court	\$60,338	1.2%
Streets	\$305,908	6.2%
Building & Zoning	\$65,316	1.3%
Building Inspections	\$58,907	1.2%
Parks	\$229,566	4.7%
Special Events	\$6,500	0.14%
Capital Outlay/Transfers	\$2,425,400	49.4%
Total	\$4,909,332	

BUDGET BY TYPE



Salaries	\$2,145,725	15%
Contractual	\$2,287,843	16%
Commodities	\$825,705	6%
Capital Outlay	\$6,293,112	43%
Debt Service	\$957,607	7%
Transfers	\$2,215,000	15%
Total	\$14,724,992	

REVENUES BY TYPE



	2017 Mill Levy for 2018 Budget	2018 Proposed Mill Levy for 2019 Budget
General Fund	27.179	23.944
Debt Service Fund	7.275	10.510
Total	34.454	34.454

*City-funded projects only. Does not include any funding for Recreation Commission programs/projects.