

Louisburg Speaks KS

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The Census: coming to a mailbox near you

The year 2020 brings all kinds of firsts — a new decade, a leap year and the U.S. Census.

WHY IS THE CENSUS IMPORTANT?

The Census is required by the U.S. Constitution to be conducted every 10 years. The nation's founders thought the Census was important because they wanted the government to represent the people.

The results of the Census determines the number of seats allocated in the U.S. House of Representatives for every state. Officials estimate Kansas will continue to have four seats in the House after this year's Census.

Did you know that each household that ignores the Census can cost the City of Louisburg federal funding. For each household that is not counted, the City stands to lose out on \$52,050 over a 10-year period. If just 10 households fail to complete the Census, Louisburg misses out on \$520,500 over the 10-year period until the next Census.

Likewise if just 1 percent of the state's population is not counted, that equates to missing out on \$603,990,400 over 10 years.

This federal money goes to roads, schools, libraries, senior services, fire stations, health clinics, veterans' programs, community centers, literacy programs, housing, job training, and many other services and programs.

Census data matters to your community.

An under count in **Louisburg** means our community could miss out on approximately **\$52,050.00** in federal funding (over 10 years) for each household that is missed in the 2020 Census.

KANSAS COUNTS
CENSUS 2020

FACTS ABOUT LOUISBURG (based on data from the U.S. Census Bureau)

COMMUNITY:

Total Population (as of 2017): **4,347**
Population Change Since 2010: **+32**
Median Age: **36.1**



ECONOMY:

Median Household Income: **\$56,859**
Number of Residents (age 16+) Employed: **3,155**
Number Employed in Health Care, Social Assistance, and Educational Services: **446**
Population Working Outside of City: **73.3%**
Average Commute Time to Work: **30.1 minutes**



HEALTH:

Number of Population with Health Insurance: **4,008**
Number with Private Insurance (i.e. Employer, Direct-Purchase): **3,646**
Number with Public Health Insurance (i.e., Medicare, Medicaid, Tricare/military): **797**
Number with No Insurance: **253**



*Residents can have multiple forms of insurance

HOUSING & LIVING:

Median Household Size: **2.5**
Median Household Value: **\$162,300**
Total Number of Structures: **1,781**
Single Unit: **1,555**
Multi-Unit: **197**
Mobile Home: **29**
Boat, RV, van, etc.: **N/A**
Households with Broadband Internet Access: **1,162**



EDUCATION:

Number of School-age Children: **1,322**
Total Population Over 25 Years of Age: **2,769**
*Graduated High School (incl. GED): **752**
*Attained Some College, No Degree: **795**
*Attained Associates Degree: **350**
*Attained Bachelor's Degree: **456**
*Attained Graduate or Professional Degree: **262**



*Data points indicate highest education level achieved

Ensure that **you count, Louisburg counts, and Kansas counts** by completing your 2020 Census questionnaire online, by phone, or by mail.

All data derived from the ACS 2013-2017 estimates.

www.kansascounts.org

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This fact sheet provides specific information about Louisburg gathered from census estimates.



Fox Hall ready for reservations

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

The renovations to Fox Hall were expected to be completed in early February and the community building should be on target to rent in mid-February according to City officials.

"The updates to Fox Hall will help it to become another fantastic venue to showcase our community and provide a much-needed resource," Mayor Marty Southard said.

The building went through a total gut job and remodel thanks to a \$225,000 grant from the First Option Bank Trusteed Foundation. The total price tag was about \$300,000 after the City Council decided to add two public access bathrooms to the

outside of the building on the east.

The building will be outfitted with new tables and chairs, a complete new kitchen with appliances, central air and heat and relocated inside bathrooms.

Louisburg resident Teresa Vickrey will still accept and schedule rentals. She may be reached at 913-837-2585.

The building rents for \$25 per hour or \$75 per day. A refundable cleaning/security deposit of \$100 will be required for all rentals and will be returned if the space meets the cleaning standards that will be provided with the building rental.



Reservations will soon be accepted for the newly renovated Fox Hall.

Census

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Locally those federal dollars have provided grant funding for new sidewalks and trails, funding for the improvements at the Amity and Metcalf intersection and have provided loan forgiveness for the new wastewater treatment plant.

The actual Census Day is April 1 and this is the day everyone should complete the census based on where they are living that day.

All households will get a letter from the U.S. Census Bureau March 9 that will provide instructions on answering the census, which may be completed online, over the phone or using a paper form. There will be several locations in Louisburg where persons can complete the census including

City Hall and the Louisburg Library. Other locations will be announced in March.

The census will ask these questions: 1) name; 2) phone number; 3) age of all members in the household; 4) sex; 5) race; 6) Hispanic origin; 7) relationship to head of household; 8) household tenure (own/rent); 9) number of people in household; and 10) usual place of residence.

All responses are confidential and data is protected by U.S. Code and is confidential for 72 years.

Kansas-related census information can be found at www.kansascounts.org





In a few years these kids playing soccer and their fans will be able to enjoy a pavilion to be built near the Lewis-Young Park soccer fields.

Grant to benefit Lewis-Young Park

Users of Lewis-Young Park should look for improvements to be made to the city's largest park after the City of Louisburg learned it had received a National Park Service grant totaling \$260,250.

Public Works Supervisor Craig Hufferd made the announcement to the City Council at a January meeting. The grant is part of the National Park Services' Land and Water Conservation Fund program and is administered through the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism.

"The City of Louisburg is very excited to receive this 50 percent matching grant. This will help make a number of improvements to the park at a quicker pace than can be budgeted in the same time frame," Mayor Marty Southard said. "These improvements should add to the enjoyment and activities that Lewis-Young Park provides to park users."

The improvements include new fencing on A and B fields, lighting and new pole installation on A field, a 9-hole disc golf course construction, paving the current graveled parking lots next to B & C field and the area around the concession stand, a pavilion located near the east parking lot at the soccer fields and a 1.5 mile asphalt trail from the east parking lot running along the street to the concession stand and then looping back to the soccer fields.

"We are super excited and the improvements are well overdue and needed," Hufferd said. Hufferd and Communications Coordinator Jean Carder were instrumental in applying for the grant. He said the city has until March 2023 to complete the projects. Some projects will begin this budget year with others planned for the following budget years.

The city's Park and Tree Board gave its recommendation to Council to allow city staff to pursue the grant and the City Council authorized the application early last year. The grant was submitted to the KDWP in March.

It's pool season!

Swim season is around the corner and we're gearing up for the Louisburg Aquatic Center's opening May 23.

Pool passes will be available at City Hall for a 10% discount from April 1 to April 30.

Information will soon be available for swimming lesson sign-ups. The Louisburg Barracuda swim team manages the lessons.

Watch the City's website or Facebook page for more information about the pool.

MAYOR'S MINUTE

Census is civic duty

Last week I got a call from someone who was questioning the census and why we should take it. They felt like it was an invasion of their privacy. After lengthy discussion, we had to agree to disagree,



MARTY SOUTHARD

The first census took place Aug. 2, 1790. Census population information is used to determine each states' appropriate representation on the federal level.

It also helps locally when we apply for federal grants loans or matching funds. Population is used to determine several benefits for not only the state but for our community as well.

Over the last several years Louisburg has been the recipient of many grants to help us improve our community in many ways. The City has received federal dollars to complete the downtown revitalization plan, to build the trail from Broadway to Crestview Circle and the recent grant for Lewis-Young Park.

I admit the phone call and questions got me to thinking, but the benefits of the census greatly outweigh the intrusion.

FLIP flourishes in Louisburg



This home on Doyle Street was spruced up with a paint job, new windows and landscaping with grant money from FLIP.

The Facades of Louisburg Improvement Program that assists residences and businesses with facade improvements is back for another year.

The City Council approved extending FLIP into 2020. Homeowners, or renters with the landlord's permission, may receive up to \$500 for improvements to a home's facade. This could include items like new paint or siding, windows or front door, foundation or concrete work, shutters, roof or landscaping.

Businesses can receive up to \$2,500 for improvements

to a building's facade including brick tucking, exterior paint, decorative awnings and window and door replacement.

For a complete list of eligible improvements, complete guidelines and an application, go to the City's website and search for FLIP or look for the FLIP logo in the News & Announcements section.

Last year FLIP distributed just over \$14,000 to three commercial and 19 residential applications for total project improvements at just over \$75,000.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Louisburg City Council
6:30 pm Monday, March 2,
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

Louisburg Park & Tree Board
6:30 pm Monday, March 9,
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

Louisburg City Council
6:30 pm Monday, March 16,
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

Louisburg Recreation Commission
6 pm Tuesday, March 17,
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

Louisburg Planning Commission
6:30 pm Wednesday, March 25,
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

Census Day
Wednesday, April 1

Pool passes go on sale April 1

Louisburg City Council
6:30 pm Monday, April 6,
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

Louisburg Park & Tree Board
6:30 pm Monday, April 13,
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

Louisburg City Council
6:30 pm, Monday, April 20,
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

Citywide Garage Sales
April 15-18
Garage sale sign moratorium:
April 10-24

Swim Lesson Sign-ups
6-8 pm Wednesday, April 15 &
April 22
9 am - 1 pm Saturday, April 25
at City Hall

Louisburg Recreation Commission
6 pm, Tuesday, April 21,
LRC office at Broadmoor School

Citywide Clean-up
7 - 11 am Saturday, April 25
Louisburg Planning Commission
6:30 pm Wednesday, April 29,
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

Last day to purchase pool pass for 10% discount
Thursday, April 30

Agendas and minutes can be found on the City website under the Agenda & Minutes icon: www.louisburgkansas.gov