

Louisburg Speaks ^{KS}

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UTVs allowed on city streets with a tag

Work-site Utility Vehicles, Utility Task Vehicles and golf carts will be allowed on city streets after action taken by the City Council at its May meetings.

The Council approved amending the City Code to allow for these off-highway vehicles to be operated inside the city limits with several provisions.

The regulations only apply to utility vehicles that have bench or bucket-style seats that allow for the driver and a passenger to sit side-by-side. Vehicles in which the driver straddles the seat are still prohibited under the new regulations.

The approved vehicles must be no less than 48 inches in width; an overall length, including the bumper, of not more than 160 inches; four or more wheels; low-pressure tires; side-by-side seating; a steering wheel; manufacturer provided foot controls for throttle and braking, excluding any modifications for use by handicapped persons; occupant restraints; and, rollover protective structures.

Such vehicles may operate on any highway, street or road that has a posted speed limit up to 45 mph.

A golf cart is defined as having not less than three (3) wheels in contact with the ground, an unladen weight of not more than one thousand eight hundred (1,800) pounds, is designed to be operated at not more than twenty-five (25) miles per hour and is designed to carry not more than six persons, including the driver.

Additionally golf carts should also be equipped with a slow-moving vehicle sign and may only be operated on those streets with a posted 25 mph speed limit. A tag will not be required for golf carts.

Drivers must have a current, unrestricted driver's license.

All vehicles must have a rear-view and side mirror.

It will be illegal to operate a vehicle with more occupants than the vehicle is designed to seat and all riders must wear seat belts if the vehicle comes equipped



Utility Task Vehicles, like this one operated by a City employee, will be allowed on city streets following action by the City Council.

with seat belts.

Vehicles must be registered with the Louisburg Police Department and display a city-issued tag. The registration fee is \$100 annually and renewable for \$50 each year after that. Owners must also provide proof of insurance when tagging their vehicle.

Tags may be purchased after July 1. Contact the police department or City Hall for more information.



Trail completed at LYP, other improvements on tap

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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.

A new one and a half-mile trail has been completed at Lewis-Young Park thanks to a grant from the National Park Service Land and Water Conservation Fund administered through the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism.

The asphalt trail wraps around the soccer fields and stretches to the concession stand, to the A baseball field and then runs along W. 263rd Street and back to the soccer fields.

The trail was backfilled and grass seed will be planted in the fall.

The \$260,250 grant is a matching 50 percent grant and projects will be completed

over the course of three years. The City pays for the projects upfront and then is reimbursed for 50 percent of the project cost after completion. Projects must be staged to allow for adequate funding in the City budget to pay all the costs.

In addition to the trail, fencing and dugouts were replaced on B field earlier this spring. The gravel area surrounding the concession stand was replaced with asphalt with the construction of the trail.

Other projects scheduled for completion this year include replacement lights and poles on A field and construction of a disc golf course. The grant will cover nine

holes of the course and a private donation will build the other nine holes. The course will be constructed on the west side of the street across from the main parking lot near the concession stand.

During the next two years other projects that will be completed with the grant dollars includes replacement fencing on A field, a pavilion constructed at the soccer fields near the east parking lot and converting the concession stand parking lot from gravel to asphalt.



An asphalt company works on a new trail at Lewis-Young Park in late May. The trail gives park users another reason to enjoy the 220-acre facility. Dog waste stations will be located along the trail so owners can pick up after their dogs.

Farmers Market opens in June

Longtime Farmers Market organizers are gearing up for another season of the market, located in the block between S. First and S. Second streets on Mulberry, just west of downtown.

Opening day will be June 20, says Andy Nowachek, one of the market leaders.

The group is planning for new safety measures for the public and the vendors too. Mr. Nowachek said many of the vendors are in the at-risk category due to age for the coronavirus and safety is a priority for them.

Shoppers will be asked to enter the market on the southwest or southeast corners and will be routed one-way through the market.

Vendors will be spaced far enough apart to allow for social distancing and will have



Vegetables like these will, plus other locally produced items, will be for sale at the Louisburg Farmers Market Saturday mornings throughout the summer.

large signs displaying what vendors have for sale and prices of items.

Market organizers hope that as the summer progresses some of the safety concerns can be relaxed and the market will return to previous years' set-up.

MAYOR'S MINUTE

Heroes are all around us. Where's yours

What is a hero? What actions make someone heroic?

Dictionary.com provides these as the top two definitions: 1) a person noted for courageous acts or nobility of character; and 2) a person who, in the opinion of others, has special achievements, abilities, or personal qualities and is regarded as a role model or ideal.

Anyone who has ever served in the military would fit this definition. Both my grandfathers served during World War II, and I have a son-in law who is currently in the Air Force. I am a member of that great organization called the Sons of The American Legion, an organization that supports these heroes and our community by giving back and recognizing sacrifice of our veterans.

Louisburg police officers and fire fighters all show courage and self-sacrifice with each and every call. They would naturally be called heroes, by making our community a safer place to live.

How many people have a role model of some type that encouraged, coached, or directed us on a path that has changed our lives? This might be a teacher, coach or parent who noticed that we were struggling and needed guidance in one form or another. These mentors could be called a hero.

My oldest granddaughter has learned to tie her shoes. We all know that she will conquer larger and much more difficult tasks, but for right now it is a huge accomplishment to her. If she attacks all of her goals with the same laser focus and tenacity then she very well may become a hero in the future.

Perhaps I did not ask the right question. Instead of what is a hero maybe I should ask who is your hero? Heroes are all around us if we can just look for them.



MARTY SOUTHARD

This & that

Freedom Fest

The annual Freedom Fest at Lewis-Young Park is still on the calendar for this summer but will only feature fireworks, according to the Freedom Fest committee. Other festivities, including the band and booths hosted by local organizations, will not happen this year.

Fireworks will start about dusk July 4 at the park.

City facilities open

All city parks and facilities are open after being closed due to the coronavirus this spring.

Persons using the playgrounds should know these are not sanitized or disinfected.

Several parks facilities are available to rent with rental information available on the City's website. Persons using these facilities should know that cleaning is limited.

Fox Hall has also reopened and is available to rent by calling 913-837-2585. This building is cleaned and sanitized after each use.

Pool opens in mid-June with changes

The LAC opened for a shortened season June 12 and will close for the season at 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16.

Pool passes are required for entry and must be purchased in advance at City Hall during regular business hours. Each pass will cost \$25 per person and may be paid with cash, check or credit card (a handling fee will be charged.) There will be no cash/check entries accepted at the pool.

Passes for children under 2 or adults over 65 will be issued at no cost.

Pool passes are only available for Miami County residents. Please bring a current utility bill or driver's license to purchase your pass. Residency will be verified. All individuals must be present at the time of purchase to receive a pass and have a photo taken for pass ID.

WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE LAC

- Concession stand will be closed. Bring your own food and drinks. (A free bottle of water will be provided per patron).
- No passes issued at the pool.
- Deck chairs will not be provided. Bring your own chair.
- Maintain 6-foot distance where identified.
- Shower required before entering water (either home or at Aquatic Center).
- No entry if guest has COVID-19 or respiratory symptoms.



The slides at the Aquatic Center were repainted and were re-gel coated this spring.

- Masks are encouraged but not required.
 - Lockers will not be available.
 - Minimum age to enter without an adult is 12 years old.
- The pool will be open from noon-8 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 7:30 Saturday & Sunday. Lap swim is available from 8-9 p.m. Monday-Friday. Lap swim is canceled on any Thursday or Friday in which a pool party is scheduled.

POOL PARTIES

Private parties must be scheduled one week in advance and may be booked Thursday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday after the pool closes to the public. Call City Hall to schedule a pool party at 913-837-5371.

SWIM LESSONS

The Louisburg Barracuda swim team will not offer swim lessons this season.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Louisburg Planning Commission
6:30 pm Wednesday, June 24
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

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

Louisburg Planning Commission
6:30 pm Wednesday, July 29,
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

Louisburg City Council
6:30 pm, Monday, Aug. 17,
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

Louisburg Aquatic Center closes
at 5 pm Saturday, July 4

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

Louisburg City Council
6:30 pm Monday, Aug. 3,
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

Louisburg Recreation
Commission
6 pm, Tuesday, Aug. 18,
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

Freedom Fest fireworks only - no
festivities
dusk Saturday, July 4, Lewis-Young
Park

Louisburg Recreation
Commission
6 pm Tuesday, July 21,
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

Louisburg Park & Tree Board
6:30 pm Monday, Aug. 10,
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

Louisburg Planning Commission
6:30 pm Wednesday, Aug. 26,
City Hall, 215 S. Broadway

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

Louisburg Aquatic Center closes
5 pm Sunday, Aug. 16

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