The City is making every possible effort to communicate with our citizens using various means. If you would like to have updated news and events delivered straight to your inbox, please sign-up for our e-newsletter using the button below.

Sign Up for E News

If you are having trouble viewing the email, be sure to add us to your Safe Senders list. If you have any questions please contact Amber McCullough at (913) 422-1020 or email her at amccullough@bonnersprings.org

We’re Mobile Now!

The City of Bonner Springs is now offering an official smart phone app to conveniently connect with citizens, businesses, and visitors.

“We’re excited to launch this new app as another way for the city to be open and responsive to our citizens,” stated City Manager Sean Pederson. “The app allows citizens to be more engaged and provides the opportunity to report issues, find staff contact information, pay utility bills, and more.”

The app features sixteen modules which integrate seamlessly with the current City website. At the touch of a button, residents can submit requests, contact staff, browse the calendar, agendas, job openings, and much more. Those who have previously signed up for service requests or notifications on the City website can use the same login and password for the mobile app.

Find out more and download the FREE app today!

Market Data Now Available

The City of Bonner Springs has tailored demographic and
socioeconomic reports to help businesses. On the Economic Development page of our website, you will find a variety of information and data related to the City’s labor shed with specifics on existing businesses, workforce, demographics, buying power, and socioeconomics.

More Information

Bonner Springs Police Department Recognition

Officer Weissman and Sergeant Haas Honored

Mothers Against Drunk Driving honored Officer Weissman and Sergeant Haas at the recent Law Enforcement Recognition Banquet for their dedicated efforts to curb underage drinking at Providence Medical Center Amphitheater in 2017

Congratulations to Officer Bargerstock and K9 Scout!

They placed fourth out of approximately 30 dog teams in the Narcotics Competition, during the National Police Canine Association’s North Central Region’s 5th Annual Heartland Police Canine Competition. On October 21

Only Rain Down the Drain!

Protecting the environment is good for everyone. We must remember that the storm drains in your areas ultimately flow to the Kansas River and protecting our streams, rivers and lakes are vital to our quality of life. During the fall months it is important to protect our environment by using proper procedures when dealing with all of those fallen leaves. Please do not rake or blow your leaves from your yard into the street. Leaves become a slippery mess that can cause localized flooding and pedestrian, bicycle and motor vehicle accidents.

Rotting leaves diminish the life span of the asphalt that’s underneath them. For leaves that have fallen into the street, please keep them out of the channel right along the curb, where they will block the path of rainwater. Rake them at least one foot from the curb.

Raking leaves into the street or the stormwater system is illegal. All leaves should be bagged and disposed of properly. Burn permits may be obtained for leaves, please see the permit requirements on the City website.

The following guidelines for property owners are provided to help conduct proper yard maintenance and cleanup:

1. Leaf Disposal: Leaves may be raked, bagged and left at the curb on your normal trash day for disposal. Leaves and grass should not be blown, raked or burned in the public street or dumped into storm drains as this will cause storm drains to become dogged and interferes with proper storm water drainage.

The accumulation of wet, compacted leaves creates pockets in which rodents and insects harbor. In the spring, these pockets can become breading grounds for mosquitoes. Another option for yard waste disposal is to obtain a free burn permit at City Hall or online and follow the instructions for proper burning. Composting is an environmentally-friendly way to dispose of yard waste. We must remember that the storm drains in your...
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of Life. Please do not rake or blow leaves from your yard into the street. Leaves become a slippery mess that
can cause localized flooding and pedestrian, bicycle and motor vehicle accidents.
2. Grass, Trees & Shrub Trimming: Property owners are responsible for care and maintenance of grass,
trees and shrubs on their property as well as out to the centerline of streets and alleys adjacent to their
property. Overgrowth and tree limbs are to be trimmed to a minimum of 9 feet above any sidewalk, and 14
feet above and three feet back from any street or alley. Trim back all overgrowth along alleyways to allow safe
passage for vehicles. If the alley is not used by vehicles, it still must be properly maintained. Remove all
overgrowth, trash and debris in those areas to prevent nesting of rodents, animals and/or insects.
3. Sight Distance: Check all areas of your property along the street or at intersections and eliminate any
overgrowth including bushes, trees, limbs, ornamental grasses and yard decorations that pose a traffic hazard
by blocking the line of sight of oncoming traffic.
4. Sidewalks: It is the responsibility of property owners and/or occupants to remove leaves, snow or ice
from sidewalks adjacent to their property and to prevent obstructions for safe public passage. Other
responsibilities include removing grass or weeds that emerge from seams or cracks in the sidewalk.

Winter Home Protection

- Bring in clay pots to keep them from breaking or cracking.
- Rake your leaves.
- Transplant shrubs and trees.
- Mulch flowerbeds and around trees.
- Check your pond and fountain equipment, drain and cover, if needed.
- Winterize sprinkler systems to avoid cracks and breaks in your irrigation equipment.
- Check seals on doors and windows and cover drafty windows with plastic if necessary.

Protect your Water Pipes

Any homeowner will tell you the importance of keeping your plumbing working through the winter, but sometimes the elements have their own way of doing things. Burst pipes, wet floors, and damaged walls are all possible in the winter months and are much more common in colder areas. Please keep in mind the few tips below to ensure your water pipes do not freeze and break to avoid costly damage to your home.

- Keep the Heat On - Turning down the thermostat to 50 degrees will reduce heating cost while still maintaining temperature to avoid frozen pipes.
- In Severe Cold Weather, Leave a Faucet Drip - While wasting water isn’t a positive notion for most people, keeping a steady - but very slight - stream running through your system will avoid a frozen pipe, moving water does not freeze.
- Leave Cabinets Open - Opening cabinets doors which have plumbing inside near exterior walls will avoid frozen pipe issues.
- Pipe Insulation - Inexpensive pipe insulation can avoid costly repairs and damage. Easy to install and should be used in problem areas such as crawl spaces or basements which may experience severe cold temperatures. Install heat tape or similar materials on all exposed water pipes where the temperature might drop below freezing.
- Purge the Irrigation System - Have a professional perform this work or possibly do-it-yourself - but be sure to purge water from your irrigation system.
- Drain Hot Water Tank - Winter preparation is always a good time to drain your hot water tank to remove sediments. Be sure to turn the unit off before draining. Disconnect and drain outdoor hoses.
- Know where the master shutoff valve is.
- Check your meter pit to insure the lid is on and the metal ring is buried.

Snow and Ice Removal

Property owners and residents are responsible for clearing snow and ice from sidewalks adjacent to residential or business properties. City regulations state that sidewalks are to be cleared within 48 hours after a snow or ice storm. It is an important safety concern to keep sidewalks free and clear to allow safe walking for pedestrians.

The Snow Angels Program was established to help people who cannot clear snow and ice from their primary sidewalks, driveways, or driveway entrances.
The program works by connecting people who are willing to volunteer their time to clear snow with individuals who do not have a family member or neighbor to assist and have physical and financial constraints.

If you or someone you know is unable to remove snow or if you are willing to become a volunteer Snow Angel, please fill out the Snow Angel Application or contact the city’s Property Maintenance Code Officer at (913) 667-1718 or City Hall at (913) 422-1020.

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**2018 Rate Changes**

At the November 13, 2017, Council Meeting, the City Council approved the following rate changes effective January 1, 2018:

- **Cemetery Fees**:
  - Full Size Grave Purchase - Resident Rate: Current - $520; 2018 - $550
  - Half Size Grave Purchase - Resident Rate: Current - $260; 2018 - $275
  - Open/Close Mon-Fri before 2pm: Current - $500; 2018 - $550
  - Open/Close Mon-Fri after 2pm/Saturday: Current - $750; 2018 - $825
  - Cremation Open/Close Mon-Fri before 2pm: Current - $165; 2018 - $200
  - Cremation Open/Close Mon-Fri after 2pm/Saturday: Current - $250; 2018 - $325
  - Half Size Open/Close Mon-Fri before 2pm: Current - $250; 2018 - $275
  - Half Size Open/Close Mon-Fri Mon-Fri after 2pm/Saturday: Current - $375; 2018 - $425
  - Monument Permit: Current - $15; 2018 - $25

- **Planning Application Fees**:
  - Amendments: Current - $150; 2018 - $200
  - BZA Appeals/Variance: Current - $100; 2018 - $200
  - Preliminary Development Plan: Current - $150; 2018 - $300
  - Final Development Plan: Current - $100; 2018 - $300
  - Preliminary Plat: Current - $100; 2018 - $300
  - Final Plat: Current - $100; 2018 - $300
  - Lot Splits: Current - $50; 2018 - $150
  - Rezoning: Current - $150; 2018 - $300
  - Special Use Permit: Current - $200; 2018 - $300
  - Site/Landscape Plan: Current - $100; 2018 - $400
  - Landscape Plan: Current - $50; 2018 - $100
  - Easement/Street/Alley Vacation: Current - $100; 2018 - $200
  - Earth Change Permit: Current - $50; 2018 - $100
  - New Fee - Floodplain Development Permit: $100
  - New Fee - Zoning Verification Letter: $25

- **Trash/Recycling**:
  - Current Fee: $14.75 per month; 2018 Fee: $14.95 per month

- **Open Records Requests**:
  - New Fee - Files on CD: $5 per CD plus staff time and shipping, if applicable

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**Holiday Office Closures**

City Offices will be closed for the following upcoming holidays:

Christmas Day - Monday, December 25th (Trash and recycling pick up will be delayed one day.)
New Year’s Day - Monday, January 1st (Trash and recycling pick up will be delayed one day.)

Martin Luther King Day - Monday, January 15th (Trash and recycling pick up will be delayed one day.)

President’s Day - Monday, February 19th (Trash and recycling pick up will be delayed one day.)

Resident Judy Shelton Named as Kansas Recreation and Parks Association Volunteer of the Year

Bonner Springs resident Judy Shelton has been named the Kansas Recreation and Parks Association Volunteer of the Year. She is on the Park Board and the Tourism Committee, plus plants roughly 90% of all the City’s flowers in the planters and beds.

Judy plants and maintains approximately 914 flowers/shrubs per year throughout the City and Parks. Her and her Garden Girls, when she has help, put in about 448 hours per year, saving the City approximately $7,616 yearly. Considering all she has done the entire City for 5 years...that’s $38,080 saved due to her hard work!

Another of Judy’s contributions was starting our Pickleball open play. Pickleball started with her and a friend on Tuesdays and grew to Tuesday/Thursday afternoons, eventually adding Wednesday/Sunday evenings. There are up to thirteen players per day on our two courts.

Judy is self-sacrificing and dedicated to the betterment of Bonner Springs. She is truly an icon for volunteerism. She will be honored Thursday, January 25, in Wichita at a luncheon with the other KRPA award winners.

A big THANK YOU to Judy Shelton.

Winter Break Camp

December 20-22 & December 27-29
Ages 6-12
7:30 am - 5:30 pm
Camp Great Adventure returns for some winter fun! Children will play games, make crafts, and much more. Register at the Community Center or online. The first week's fee is due at the time of registration. There is a $10 additional fee for before/after care options (7:00am-7:30am or 5:30pm-6:00pm) per week.

Deadline for registration is the Wednesday before each session. Financial assistance is available those who live in the Bonner Springs City limits. Max number of campers is based on staff available during this winter break.

Find out more!

UPCOMING PARKS & REC EVENTS

Jan. 1 – Swim Team Registration Opens – The Bonner Springs Dolphins Swim Team is a recreational program that will help develop athletes skills and technique while providing a fun, safe and team-oriented atmosphere. In this five week program you will see the swimmers’ development in their strokes, confidence in the water and camaraderie with other teammates. More Info

Jan. 17 – Girls Youth Volleyball Registration Deadline – Focus on fundamental skills, fun, participation, and social interaction throughout practice and organized games. Practice begins the week of February 5th and games beginning on February 17th. Teams will not be formed till after the deadline. Parents will hear from a coach after the coaches meeting. More Info

Jan. 22 – Tumbling Session 1 – Join a co-recreational class designed for children who are interested in learning about the world of tumbling. There are three separate tumbling classes: Preschool (3 - 5 years old), Beginner, and Intermediate / Advanced on Monday nights. Each session is five weeks with a parent watch night during week five. More Info

Jan. 23 – Little Chefs – This class meet once a week for four weeks and will allow your little chef to explore the kitchen by making fun and yummy treats. Children will receive their own cookbook of all the meals they made at the end of the session. More Info

Jan. 27 – Safe Sitter Class – This course gives youth ages 11-14 the knowledge, skills and confidence to care for infants through school-ages children. More Info

Feb. 7 – Adult Volleyball Registration Deadline – Games are played on Tuesday’s beginning at 6:30 p.m. Single elimination tournament following the regular season. Season begins Tuesday, February 20th. More Info

Feb. 21 – Youth Soccer Registration Deadline - The goal of the youth sports soccer program focuses on fundamental skills, fun, participation, and social interaction throughout practice and organized games. Practice begins the week of March 5th and games beginning on March 31st. Teams will not be formed till after the deadline. Parents will hear from a coach after the coaches meeting. More Info

Feb. 26 – Tumbling Session 2 – Join a co-recreational class designed for children who are interested in learning about the world of tumbling. There are three separate tumbling classes: Preschool (3 - 5 years old),}

DADDY daughter DANCE

Friday, February 9
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Community Center

Treat your special little girl(s) to a night out! Come enjoy a night created just for you. This year’s theme is Mardi Gras! More Info

Mother Son DANCE

Saturday, February 10
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Community Center

Mom, bring out your best dress, have your son(s) put on his best clothes, and come enjoy a night created just for you. Enjoy desserts, pictures, games, and music. This year’s theme is Mardi Gras! More Info
Beginner, and Intermediate / Advanced on Monday nights. Each session is five weeks with a parent watch night during week five. [More Info]

**Zumba** – Mondays & Wednesdays 6 pm, Saturdays 9:30 am

**Pickle-Ball** – Tuesdays & Thursdays 1 pm - 3 pm, Sundays 4 pm - 6 pm

**Toddle Time** – Monday & Thursday 10 am - 12 pm

**Morning Walking** – Mondays-Fridays from 7 am - 11 am

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**BONNER SPRINGS LIBRARY NEWS**

**Your Library...**

In addition to books, movies and periodicals, the Library has several programs for all ages including Story Time, Read to a Dog, computer classes, adult coloring, book discussions, and much more.

[Check out the Library Events Calendar]

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**Christmas @ the Library**

The Library is having lots of fun this holiday season! Join us to make gingerbread houses, visit with Santa, take part in A Christmas Carol Mini-Marathon Read, a Grinch Party and more!

[Visit the Library Website]

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**SENIOR CENTER NEWS**

The Senior Center is open to seniors 55+ years of age. We offer programs in recreation, health, education, and crafts. We are open Monday thru Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Transportation is available thru the Tiblow Transit service in Bonner Springs (913-422-5355).

We offer a wide variety of activities for all interests and abilities including Mystery Lunchees, Bingo, Museums, Dinner Theatre Trips, Board Games and Cards, Food Demonstrations, Free Legal Services, Free Blood Pressure Checks, Wii Video Games, Basic Computer Training, Pool Tables, Movies and Cable TV with the Coffee Pot on Daily.

Stop by the Senior Center or call 913-441-0169.

[Visit our Senior Center Page]
Check out our Senior Center Calendar

View the Monthly Senior Center Newsletter

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