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.

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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

Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

For the first time and on its first attempt, the City of Bonner Springs has received the highly regarded Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.

In 2017, only 28 taxing districts (city, school, county, etc.) received this award.

This honor goes to City Manager Sean Pederson, Finance Director Tillie LaPlante, department directors, and several staff members. Staff worked diligently to achieve a highly professional budget presentation which better communicates information to citizens, the community and elected officials. It directly reflects the city’s desire to increase transparency, accountability, and quality.

GFOA established the Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program (Budget Awards Program) in 1984 to encourage and assist state and local governments to prepare budget documents of the very highest quality that reflect both the guidelines established by the National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting and the GFOA’s best practices on budgeting and then to recognize individual governments that succeed in achieving that goal.

2018 Budget Book

Bonner Springs Police Receives Custom Earpieces from Kaw Valley Hearing

In partnership with Kaw Valley Hearing of Bonner Springs and
Dr. Brown, Bonner Springs Police Officers are in the process of being outfitted with new custom-made earpieces for their radios. These earpieces will not only offer significantly improved comfort and fit to the officers, but come equipped with a vent which will allow officers to hear ambient noise and people around them better.

More Information

Spring Cleaning Disposal Tips

Looking to spring clean your home? The City of Bonner Springs has some spring cleaning disposal tips to make your cleaning efforts more productive.

Here are some things you need to know:

Household Trash & Leaves:
- Must be secured in a tied plastic bag.
- Yard waste may be placed in paper yard waste bags.
- Maximum weight: 50 lbs. per bag
- Must be placed curbside no later than 7 a.m. on scheduled day of collection and not before 7 p.m. the evening prior to the day of scheduled collection.

Tree limbs and Brush:
- Must be trimmed and bundled
- Max length - 4 feet
- Max Diameter - 18 inches
- Max weight 50 lbs. per bundle

Household Furniture and Appliances:
- Call Waste Management at 913-631-3300 to request a bulky item pickup.

All items must be set three feet or closer to the curb.

Do not set out any garbage or trash for collection before 4:00 pm of the day prior to the day of collection.

Building and Construction Materials will NOT be picked up at the curb.

Household Hazardous Waste items will NOT be picked up at the curb. These items should be taken to the Household Hazardous Collection Site: 2443 S 88th St, Kansas City, KS 66111. The site is open the third Saturday morning of each month April through October.
- paint, stains, grout, spackle
- motor oil, auto batteries, degreasers, gasoline & fuels
- flammables
- propane cylinders
- Fertilizer, herbicides, pesticides, insecticides
- Up to 10 tires with rims removed

More details available at 913-573-8318 or online

Recycling:
Residents may purchase a rectangular bin and place it at the curb with recycle items each week for pickup. Residents should mark the bin with a recycling symbol and put their address on the bin.

Recycling items that will be picked up:
- Paper: newspapers (include inserts and ads), office paper, junk mail, magazines and catalogs. You may place your paper recyclables into a paper sack for storage and place it in or next to the recycle bin each week.
- Paperboard: Paperboard is the material used to make cereal, cracker, beverage and shoe boxes. Breakdown your paperboard and place them in a paper grocery bag along with your paper.
- Plastic #1 through #7: Please rinse all bottles and containers, remove lids or caps and throw lids and caps into garbage, unless marked with the appropriate number.
- Aluminum & Steel Cans: Empty beverage aluminum cans are accepted for collection. Empty soup, fruit, vegetable, food and beverage steel cans are also accepted. Rinse out and crush prior to putting them into your bin.
- Corrugated Cardboard: Corrugated cardboard refers to shipping boxes that have the “wavy middle
Recycling items that will NOT be picked up:
- Glass, plastic bags - take to recycle bin at Public Works, 12401 Kaw Drive.
- Shredded paper, pizza boxes, books, Styrofoam, disposable diapers or egg cartons.
- Motor oil bottles, auto product bottles, lawn chemical bottles, pesticide or herbicide bottles or plastic sheet material.

NOTE: If the bin set out for pickup contains these prohibited items, it will not be picked up.

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**Fix a Leak Week**

**Leaks Can Run, but they Can't Hide**

EPA's tenth annual Fix a Leak Week
March 19 through 25, 2018

Are you ready to chase down leaks? Household leaks can waste more than 1 trillion gallons of water annually nationwide, so each year we hunt down the drips during Fix a Leak Week.

Learn how to find and fix leaks during Fix a Leak Week. It's as easy as 1-2-3.

**Checking for Leaks**

The average household’s leaks can account for more than 10,000 gallons of water wasted every year and ten percent of homes have leaks that waste 90 gallons or more per day. Common types of leaks found in the home are worn toilet flappers, dripping faucets, and other leaking valves. These types of leaks are often easy to fix, requiring only a few tools and hardware that can pay for themselves in water savings. Fixing easily corrected household water leaks can save homeowners about 10 percent on their water bills.

Here are some tips for finding leaks:

- Check your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter changes at all, you probably have a leak.
- Identify toilet leaks by placing a drop of food coloring in the toilet tank. If any color shows up in the bowl after 10 minutes, you have a leak. (Be sure to flush immediately after the experiment to avoid staining the tank.)
- Examine faucet gaskets and pipe fittings for any water on the outside of the pipe to check for surface leaks.

Find more Information on Fix a Leak Week and Checking for Water Leaks

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**Ride Along Info**

**Wonder What it's Like to be Paramedic or EMT?**

If you’re interested in seeing what it’s like to work in First Response as an EMS crew member or curious if this might be a career you would like to pursue, ride along with us.

If you are interested you can email us or call the station at 913-422-7744 during the business hours of 9 to 5 Monday through Friday, and leave a message with Bill or Kristyn.

You can also fill out a volunteer application through the city web page.
Holiday Office Closures

City Offices will be closed for the following upcoming holidays:

Memorial Day - Monday, May 28th (Trash and recycling pick up will be delayed one day.)

Events in the Community

Kegs 'n' Eggs Kansas City

Thousands of Easter Eggs will be hidden around the Kansas City Renaissance Festival grounds.

Each egg contains tickets to be redeemed for prizes and some eggs will even contain MONEY worth up to $100!

Kegs 'N' Eggs Kansas City includes:
- CASH & PRIZES Egg Hunt - Up to $5,000 in CASH Prizes!
- Craft Beer Tastings
- Live Band & Entertainment
- FREE T-Shirt
- 10 Food Trucks

www.kegsneggskc.com
This is a 21+ event only!

Agricultural Hall of Fame Barnyard Babies Family Festival

A celebration of youth and birth on the farm!

Saturday, April 21, 2018
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Admission: $5 adult, $2 child (age 3-12), under age 3 free

Come out to this fun family festival and experience life on a farm – from barnyard babies to a tractor petting zoo, and fresh produce to kidde pedal pull contests, giant balloon animals, games and much more!

Receive a colorful map, Farm Passport and kid’s Barnyard Buck when you arrive. Get a prize when you visit all the Discovery Zones and get your Passport stamped. Kids redeem the Barnyard Buck at the Kids Market for a piece of fresh produce. The Discovery Zones share fun and fresh adventures of a day on the farm.

The Barn Stage features live musical entertainment all day. Kiddie pedal pull contests are at 11:30 and 2:00 in the Pedal Power zone. Free pony rides and train rides. See a blacksmith work his trade. Watch an artist carve a wooden masterpiece with a chain saw. Learn how to milk a cow and goat. See baby farm animals up close in The Barnyard. Climb on tractors or in a combine cab and imagine being a farmer. So much to see and do!

Avoid the lines at the gate! Advance ticket sales will be available starting in March.

More Information
Family Timber Challenge

April 22
9:00 am - 1:00 pm
12829 Loring Road, Bonner Springs, KS 66012

Get your play on with the whole family! The Spring Family Timber Challenge is 2 miles long and packed with fun, challenging obstacles for the whole family (ages 5+).

Tickets and More Information

City Wide Yard Sale

April 28

Residents of Bonner Springs, list your yard sale items and address in our booklet for our bi-yearly city wide sale. Listings cost $5. The deadline to register your sale is Wednesday, April 26.

More Information

Marble Day

Saturday, May 5th
9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

The Annual Marble Day Celebration is a fun, family day celebrating spring, marble games and activities and other old-fashioned outdoor games and activities. Events include a tractor cruise, wacky parade, bike rodeo, marble tournament, marble art and invention contest, Running of the Pinkys, cake walk, straw tunnel and straw mountain, food vendors and much more.

For a complete schedule of events go to www.marbleday.com.

Bonner Springs Farmers’ Market Opening Day

Saturday, May 5th
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Kelly Murphy Park

Join us to kick off the Farmers’ Market season!
The season runs each Saturday May 5th through October 27th.
KC Timber Challenge

May 6
9:00 am - Noon
12829 Loring Road, Bonner Springs, KS 66012

Be prepared for a wild 5k obstacle course with 30+ unique obstacles including: Mud Pits, Bluff Climbs, a 7 story tower climb, the Vertigo Bus, hand held ZIP LINES, inverted monkey bars, rope climb, cargo nets and much more.

Tickets and More Information

Upcoming Music & Show Events

Find tickets for all Providence Medical Center Amphitheater upcoming shows.
Click here for the 2018 Event Calendar

PARKS & RECREATION NEWS

Visit our Parks and Recreation Page
Check out our Parks and Recreation Calendar
Parks and Recreation Online Program Guide

Registration Open for Swim Team

The Dolphins Swim Team is a recreational league that competes against 8 other city teams. This team is comprised of swimmers ages 6-18.
More Info

Kids Fishing Derby

May 12, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
North Park Lake

Youth participants under 15 years old are divided into three age groups for a chance to win prizes for the smallest, longest, and most fish. More Info
Breakfast With The Easter Bunny
March 30, 9:00 am - 10:00 am
Community Center
Family and friends are welcome to come visit with the Easter Bunny and enjoy a light breakfast. Children spend an hour with the Easter Bunny taking pictures and doing crafts. The fee is $5 per child for residents & $7 for non-residents. More Information

Easter Egg Hunt
March 31, 9:00 am - 10:00 am
North Park Soccer Fields (1200 South 134th St.)
Free Event! There are four age divisions and with varying start times for each age group. More Information

Teen Easter Egg Hunt
March 30, 8:00 pm
Lions Park
Join us for our first ever Teen Glow-In-The-Dark Egg Hunt. This is designed for ages 11-15 years old. Bring your flashlight and Easter Basket. More Information

UPCOMING PARKS & REC EVENTS

March 6 – 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.

March 19-23 – Spring Break Camp – Camp Great Adventure returns for some spring fun! Open to ages 6-12 from 7:30 am-5:30 pm. Children will play games, make crafts, and much more.

March 23 – Youth Summer Ball Deadline - The Youth Summer Ball League is offered to boys ages 4-14 and girls ages 4-15 years old. Age divisions are divided according to participant’s age as of June 1, 2017.

March 31 – Easter Dog Bone Hunt - The annual Easter Dog Bone Hunt will be held at our K9 & Me Dog Park, 221 Pratt Ave. At this FREE event, participants will get the chance to take a picture with the Easter Bunny and hunt for fun treats in the park! Dogs under 30 lbs: 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm. Dogs over 30 lbs: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm.

April 16 – Tumbling Session 3 Deadline - 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.

April 18 – Adult Softball Registration Deadline – There is a Men’s and Co-Rec league. Teams play doubleheaders with 10 games guaranteed per season. Players must be 16 years of age or older to be eligible to play.

May 26 – Aquatic Park Opens! – Join us for some Summer Time Fun! Daily admission is just $5.00! Want to save time by not standing in line? Get your Family Pool Pass TODAY at the Community Center located at 200 East 3rd Street.

May 29 – Camp Great Adventure Begins – This 11 week camp is sure to be the highlight of your kiddo’s summer! Open to ages 6-12, children will play games, make crafts, have weekly swim time at the Bonner Springs Aquatic Park, attend field trips, learn about gardening, and much more!

May 31 – Adult Sand Volleyball Registration Deadline – With the addition of the 2 sand volleyball courts at North Park, we are happy to announce the start of this new program.

Zumba – Tuesdays & Thursdays at 6 pm & Saturdays at 9:30 am
Pickle-Ball – Tuesdays & Thursdays at 1 pm-3 pm, Wednesdays at 6 pm-8 pm, Sundays at 4 pm-6 pm
Toddle Time – Monday & Thursday at 10 am - 12 pm Until April
Morning Walking – Mondays-Fridays at 7 am - 11 am
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

Paper Shredding and Electronics Recycling Event

March 8th – March 14th; Electronics Recycling on Saturday, March 10th from 9-12pm

The Bonner Springs City Library will be sponsoring a Paper SHRED and Electronics Recycle Event! March 8-14, ProShred will have several secure carts set up at the library. Bring in your old bills, files, statements, and envelopes and place them in the secure carts during library hours. On March 14th ProShred will bring a truck and shred the contents of the carts on site.

Saturday, March 10th from 9-12 pm Surplus Exchange will be in our back parking lot to collect your old, broken electronics. **See flyer at Library for a list of acceptable electronics.

Legislative Coffee

Saturday, March 24th 10:00 am

Wyandotte County Legislators will have the opportunity to discuss committee assignments and provide updates about their work in Topeka. A question-and-answer session will follow. This is a great opportunity for residents to discuss current legislation and developments with Legislators. Coffee and donuts provided.

2018 Summer Reading Program

May 29th – July 28th

It’s time to Rock-n-Read at the Library! Sign up for the 2018 Summer Reading Program starting Tuesday, May 29th! Read books to earn prizes such as t-shirts, coffee mugs, books and more! We will also have lots of events throughout the summer including an exotic animal program, Brandon Draper Drum Safari, coding, the Kansas City Symphony Instrument petting zoo and many, many, more! Check our website starting in May for more information.

8th Annual Books, Blocks, Bubbles & Bones Young Child Fair

Saturday, April 28
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Families with young children are invited to come explore activities throughout the library! This year’s event features: Science City Dinosaur Exhibit, Museum at Prairiefire Dinosaur Exhibit, KU Department of Paleontology, dinosaur storytime, digging for dinosaur bones, building with blocks, and more! You also receive a FREE book for attending. Co-sponsored with USD 204 Parents as Teachers
Upcoming Events:

March 27: Hosting Wyandotte Area Agency on Aging Annual Public Hearing - This is an opportunity for the public to learn about programs and give feedback regarding senior services in Wyandotte and Leavenworth County. Refreshments will be served.

March 30: Seniors are being honored at the Annual Retired Senior Volunteer Program Luncheon - In recognition for their volunteer work performed in the community

Seniors are assisting the Parks and Recreation Department to stuff approximately 10,000 Easter eggs.

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 Lunches, 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.