



The Basehor Quarterly

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Letter from Leslee, your City Administrator

Spring has finally sprung and in this issue of the *Basehor Quarterly* you will find important updates regarding several planned projects throughout the City. I wanted to take a quick minute and highlight our appreciation for the collaboration on several of our projects with the Basehor-Linwood School District. One of the many things I love about Basehor is the enthusiasm of other organizations to participate and help shape our community's progress. In the last issue of the *Basehor*



Quarterly, we talked about the Emerge program from the Innovation Academy and their work planning the new Sentinel Park on 155th Street. If you have not had an opportunity to watch the video they prepared, I encourage you to do so, it's fantastic! We are also excited to begin a summer high school internship program beginning in 2022. The City has many career paths available and we love to share our work and commitment to service with others. We have a number of public engagement opportunities throughout 2022 and we hope to see you in person or online.



Message from the Mayor



I am very proud to be the Mayor of Basehor. Thank you for the support I have received from the community, fellow elected officials, and staff. As your Mayor, I am dedicated to being accessible to all citizens. After being sworn in as Mayor on January 10, we changed the process in our City Council Work Sessions to allow for public comment. Public comment is the time where residents can have their voice heard in front of City Council regarding any items on that meeting's agenda.

On February 28, we held the 2022 State of the City that highlighted all the exciting things happening in our community. The presentation was recorded on Facebook and can be viewed at any time. I highly encourage all residents and businesses to view the presentation to keep informed about our City. Communication is not only very important to me as your Mayor but it is also incredibly important to our City Council President, City Council, and City Administrator. We have had a lot of snow lately and I would like to say a special thank you to the Municipal Services Department for their hard work in response to the snow. I would also like to say thank you to our staff for their communication efforts in keeping the community informed, especially about the weather.

Thank you to everyone for your support of our community. Basehor is a wonderful place and I look forward to working with everyone as your Mayor.

Spring Clean Up

Spring is here and the City would like to remind everyone of the protocol for disposing of yard waste. For more details, please visit the City's website at www.cityofbasehor.org, then select "Departments," then select "Utilities: Trash and Recycling Service." If you have any questions, please call City Hall at 913-724-1370 or email us at info@cityofbasehor.org.

The City has teamed up with Leavenworth County to host Hazardous Waste Cleanup Event on the 14th of May, 2022 at the Municipal Services Department located at 2300 N. 158th Street. The event will be from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm or until the trailer is full. There is a 20 item limit per resident allowing everyone equal opportunity to utilize this event. All items must have labeling on the containers to identify contents. They cannot leak, and must have lid or a container cap. All items must be in containers 5-gallon size or smaller.

For questions, please email us at info@cityofbasehor.org.



Events Calendar

City Council Work Sessions:
2nd Wednesday Monthly

City Council Regular Meetings:
4th Wednesday Monthly

Planning and Zoning Commission Meetings:
2nd Tuesday Monthly

For the most up to date calendar of events, including community events and special meetings, please visit our website at www.cityofbasehor.org and see the City Calendar.



Sanitary Sewer Utility Update

As our community grows, we are ensuring that critical infrastructure grows, too! One of those critical pieces of infrastructure is our sanitary sewer system. In January, the Governing Body approved an additional lift station installation to help alleviate the burden of flow at one of our current lift stations.

The City has also approved an audit of the sanitary sewer billing process, including a review of current fees, process of delinquencies, best practices for collections, and a proposed fee structure that supports the long-term strategic vision of a well-positioned infrastructure for sewer needs.

The audit is expected to be completed in Summer of 2022 and the additional lift station will be installed within the next 12 months.

Active Transportation Plan

In 2019, the City of Basehor conducted a community survey to help identify our resident's priorities. The results of that survey showed that two of the top priorities for Basehor residents are the sidewalks and trails – Basehor residents want to get moving! Wanting to be strategic about how public dollars are spent, the City applied for a grant from the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC)

that would allow us to hire professionals to create a plan for how to build a more robust trail network in Basehor.

The City was awarded \$20,000 through MARC's

Planning Sustainable Places program for that purpose. City staff have been working with Confluence, a planning firm based in Kansas City, to develop an active transportation plan that will guide the development of a trail system that will make Basehor residents proud. The City and Confluence are in the final stages of this effort and expect to adopt the Basehor Active Transportation Master Plan in this spring.



2023 Budget

The City has started its budget planning process for the 2023 budget! The budget schedule starts in March and ends with a final submission to the Leavenworth County Clerk in October of the approved 2023 budget. The City of Basehor continues to experience growth and staff is working hard to meet the demands of services for our community. The 2023 budget

will continue to emphasize the top three priorities for improvement identified by the community in the most recent citizen satisfaction survey. Those top three priorities are sidewalks/trails, streets, and park amenities.

The budget timeline includes several opportunities for the community to provide input to the Governing Body. Please see the "Stay Connected" section of the *Basehor Quarterly* for all the ways you can stay connected regarding the 2023 budget and all things happening in the City of Basehor!



Comprehensive Road Analysis Project

In the most recent citizen satisfaction survey, Basehor residents ranked roads as one of the top priorities for improvement. In January of this year, the City Council authorized city staff to perform a comprehensive analysis of the conditions of surface level infrastructure, including roads, sidewalks, and curbs. This analysis will inventory all conditions so City staff can schedule improvements for those areas that are most critical.

As part of this project, City staff will be publishing a tool on the City's website that will allow residents to type in their address and see the condition of their road compared to the rest of the city. Residents will also be allowed to see when their road is scheduled to be improved.

In a growing community, we know how important it is to take care of and maintain infrastructure. This project will give City staff and the public the most up to date information on the conditions of our roads so informed decisions can be made for improvements.

The study portion of the project is currently underway and is scheduled to complete in September of 2022.



In February and March, City staff collected donations from the community for Basehor-Linwood Assistance Services (BLAS). Donations were made at the Mayor's State of the City Address and at City Hall. We were overwhelmed with the support from the community and incredibly proud to delivered these donations to such a great cause.



Civic Campus Project Update

In 2014, the City of Basehor acquired approximately 37.6 acres of land starting at the southwest corner of 158th Street and Parallel Road, continuing along 158th Street south to the Basehor Community Library and Gray Hawk Elementary. The property then extends from 158th Street to Garden Parkway respectively. This property is the future home of the Civic Campus.

What is the Civic Campus? The City of Basehor Governing Body has set the vision for this property to be a multiuse campus featuring amenities for the community, including a splash pad, an event lawn, and other

civic facilities.

In January, the City Council authorized engineering for the trail and stormwater amenities at the Civic Campus. Later in 2022, the City will be organizing opportunities for the community to give input on this project.

We are very excited to start this incredibly exciting project for our community. This project ties in with the trail improvements underway along 158th and Parallel and promotes our effort to provide safe connectivity in Basehor.

Field of Dreams Special Committee

The City of Basehor owns the Field of Dreams, a recreational athletic facility. The City purchased the Field of Dreams in 2010 and has a contract with an operator to operate the facility and its sports programming.

In January of this year, Mayor Drennon along with City Council established a Special Committee to review the current facility's condition and amenities, programming activities, and participation levels. Following that review, The Special Committee will

provide prioritized recommendations to the City Council on the operations, financing, and capital improvements of the facility.

The Special Committee is comprised of elected officials, residents, and parents of children who have been recently or are currently participating in sports at the Field of Dreams. The Special Committee will meet monthly through October of this year.



Crime Statistics

The 2nd Safest City in Kansas



Chief's Corner

The Basehor Police Department is budgeted 15 full-time sworn officers for 2022. Chief Kevin Self is pleased to announce that for the first time in almost 3 years, the Basehor Police Department is fully staffed. A huge thank you to the City's management team for making Basehor competitive in the recruitment of law enforcement. Chief Self is proud to be able to attract qualified officers that want to be a part of the team.

The Chief and his team are moving forward with the implementation of the Mobile Data Terminals (MDT) made possible by a grant awarded by the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. The City would like to extend a big thank you to Captain Oblinger for all his hard work on the grant and keeping the project moving forward.



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Did you know you can sign up for email or text alerts from the City of Basehor about upcoming projects or events happening in the community? Please visit our website at www.cityofbasehor.org and select the option "I want to... Sign up for Notifications."

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