



City of Basehor
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The Basehor Quarterly

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Survey Feedback



Mayor's Community Enrichment Donation Funds

Are you a non-profit organization in Basehor that could use a helpful financial resource? You can apply for Community Enrichment Donation Funds through the City of Basehor! This is a resource established to award budgeted funds to deserving and qualified local Basehor organizations.

To apply for your non-profit organization, please visit our city website www.cityofbasehor.org. You'll then select, "Community," and then "Community Enrichment Donation." Awards will be made on a first come, first served basis until the funding is exhausted. Funding requests cannot exceed \$2,500.00 per application. Please submit your applications as early as possible to: City of Basehor, Attn: Kathy Renn, Community Enrichment Request, P.O. Box 406, Basehor, KS 66007. Applications will be reviewed as they are received. If you have any questions please feel free to email City Clerk, Kathy Renn at krenn@cityofbasehor.org or call Basehor City Hall 913-724-1370.

Message from the Mayor

Happy New Year, Basehor! We hope everyone had a great holiday season and that everyone is having a great 2023 so far. If you haven't had the chance to, please watch the "Year in Review" video for 2022 that was posted on the City's Facebook page - [@cityofbasehor](https://www.facebook.com/cityofbasehor).

I am so proud of everything we accomplished together as a community in 2022. We are really looking forward to an even better 2023.

At the end of last year, the City Council authorized significant improvements to the Field of Dreams facility. There is a full article included in this issue of the *Basehor Quarterly* about the Field of Dreams Special Committee. I would like to thank all of the Special Committee members for their hard work. We are really looking forward to seeing these improvements happen in 2023 and 2024.

I am excited to announce the date of the Mayor's State of the City Address: Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 11:30 am at Falcon Lakes Clubhouse. Tickets for the event will be available for purchase starting February 15, 2023. To purchase tickets, please call City Hall at 913-724-1370 on or after that date. For anyone who is unable to attend, we will livestream the event on Facebook.

Please remember to take the survey linked in the "Stay Connected" section of the *Basehor Quarterly*. We appreciate everyone's feedback, and we look forward to a wonderful 2023 in the great City of Basehor.



Events Calendar

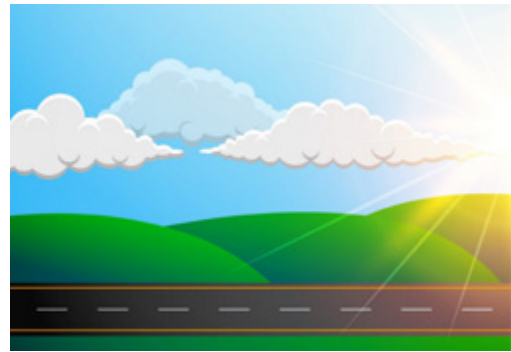
City Council Work Sessions:
2nd Wednesday Monthly

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.



Basehor Complete Street Inventory Project Update

In last quarter's Basehor Quarterly, an update was provided regarding the Basehor Complete Streets Inventory Project. In 2019, the City of Basehor conducted a Citizen Satisfaction Survey to identify top priorities for improvement. The improvement of City streets was listed as the 3rd highest priority for improvement.

In January of 2022, the Governing Body authorized a project to inventory all street conditions to create a long-term maintenance and improvement plan to support current infrastructure and accommodate future growth.

The City Council reviewed the information in the 5-year pavement management plan and authorized \$1.8 million of roadway improvements in 2023. Staff is working to provide details of these improvements on an interactive website during the second quarter of 2023.

City of Basehor Staff Highlight: Camryn Ewing, City Planner

My name is Camryn Ewing and I serve as the City Planner for the City of Basehor. My job entails assessing new development plans and ensuring that they abide by our City codes and regulations. I specialize in sustainable land planning and especially enjoy exploring how our land use decisions impact the community and environment around us.



How long have you worked for the City of Basehor?

I have been working for the City since April of 2022. Previously, I worked for the City of Olathe as a Graduate Intern for the Planning Department.

What is your favorite part about your job?

My favorite part of my job is that every day is unique. While I do spend a lot of time in my office researching, I also get the opportunity to go to our local schools and engage with the students or go out to project sites to track development progress.

Basehor has a lot of exciting projects happening. Which project are you most excited about and why?

This is a hard question, we have so many good projects going on! The project that I am probably most excited about is the new City Hall and Civic Campus. It is really exciting to see the whole process from start to finish and know that we will soon get to break ground on that project.

What do you like best about serving Basehor?

I really enjoy serving the City of Basehor because of the people! It is so fulfilling to be able to engage with the public and to interact face-to-face again. When I first started here, I was immediately involved in development of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan, and it was so amazing to be able to be involved in that process with the public and hear firsthand what community members are envisioning for the future of this community.

Chief's Corner

We would like to extend a very big "thank you" and "congratulations" to the Basehor Police Department, especially Chief Kevin Self, Captain Cliff Oblinger, and Sergeant Clint Hermann, for their successful grant application to the Federal Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG). The Basehor Police Department was awarded \$83,242 for virtual de-escalation training equipment. Way to go, Basehor Police Department!

The crime statistics displayed in the graphic are for the fourth quarter of 2022.



Field of Dreams Improvements and the 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 2022, Mayor Drennon along with the City Council established a Special Committee to review the current facility's condition and amenities, programming activities, and participation levels. Over the next eleven months, the members of the Special Committee met with experts in recreational athletic facilities, conducted site visits to surrounding facilities, and surveyed the families whose children participate in athletic programs at the Field of Dreams.

Following a lot of work, the Special Committee provided prioritized recommendations to the City Council on the operations, financing, and capital improvements of the facility. The recommen-

dations included \$500,000's worth of improvements to the facility over the next two years.

The recommendations to the City Council were unanimously approved in November of 2022 and the improvements include renovated center concourse restrooms and the lower level restrooms, new bleachers at each field, and upgraded backstop netting for the fields surrounding the center concourse.

Special thank you to the Field of Dreams Special Committee members Mayor Dick Drennon, City Council President Ben Sims, Councilmember Shari D. Standiferd, Terry Gall, Janice Spillman, Dustin Pierce, Rodney White, David Himpel, Cory Turner, and Chelsea Kelly.

Improvements are scheduled to start in the summer of 2023 and be completed by the end of 2024.



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