



# The Basehor Quarterly

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## Message from Mayor Dick Drennon

I hope everyone has had an amazing summer! It's hard to believe we just sent the kiddos back to school! I couldn't have thought of a better way to kick off the start of another school year than celebrating the opening of our new park amenities at Basehor Civic Campus!

This multiuse campus features various amenities for the community, including a splash pad, playground, event lawn, walking trails, a fishing pond, sledding hill, amphitheater, and other civic facilities. It was so great getting to see the children (and some adults!) splashing around on the night we opened the splash pad.

Additional facilities will continue to open as they are finished. I can't wait to see people enjoy this space for years to come. I frequently get asked if the pond will be stocked with fish. The answer is, "yes!" We will be stocking the pond at a future date for "catch and release" fishing.

I am also excited to share with you that the improvements on 155th Street continue to make progress, and I would like to thank our entire community for their cooperation and patience during this construction. I understand how inconvenient road construction and detours can be, but I am grateful to see this much of the project come to a finish for our community. We'll continue to share the most recent information about closures, detours, and re-openings on the City's website and social media channels.

Lastly, I want to take a moment to thank our community for their support of the upcoming 3rd Annual Mayor's Golf Tournament! We sold out of team spots in a record number of just 12 days! This tournament is the largest fundraising event for the Mayor's Charity Fund and the

past two tournaments have allowed us to raise more than \$40,000 for local Basehor charities and nonprofit organizations! This all would not be possible without the support from our community, sponsors, and the golfers. I am so thankful to each and every one of you!

What an amazing community we have, and I am so fortunate to be your Mayor! I hope you all get a chance to stop by the breathtaking Basehor Civic Campus soon and enjoy all the wonderful amenities the campus has available for our community!



## Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Civic Campus Park Amenities

We are so excited to share with our community the opening of several park amenities at Basehor Civic Campus! This community-centered facility encompasses 37.6 acres of land and features a splash pad, event lawn, playground, sledding hill, fishing pond, amphitheater, walking trails, and other civic facilities.

On August 8th we cut the ribbon and turned on the sprinklers to the new splash pad and more! The splash pad is now open through Sept. 30 from sunrise to sunset. When visiting it, be sure to push the button to turn on the sprinklers as they are on a timer to conserve water.

The new docks at the fishing pond are now open and fish will be stocked at a future date for "catch and release" fishing.

The playground opened on August 19 is also open from sunrise to sunset.



*Community members and guests enjoy the new Basehor Civic Campus Splash Pad during the ribbon cutting ceremony on Aug. 8, 2024.*

# 2025 BUDGET PRESENTATIONS



You can view the 2025 Budget Presentations by scanning the QR Code or visiting the City's website [www.cityofbasehor.org](http://www.cityofbasehor.org) and then selecting, "Departments... Administration: Budget... Budget Presentations."



We are nearing the end of budget season! City staff and elected officials have been working hard to craft the City of Basehor's 2025 budget that delivers quality services without increasing the City's mill rate.

The 2025 Budget Priorities focus on how Basehor is:

- Improving, modernizing, and maintaining roads.
- Proposing no property tax rate increase.
- A desirable place to live, work, and grow a business.
- Continuing to promote fiscal transparency and stewardship.
- Advancing trails and parks projects.
- A place where we take pride in our community and its safety.

The City of Basehor has presented on the City's budget in 7 public meetings over the last several months. In accordance with applicable state law, the City holds two public hearings on the proposed budget each year. Both hearings were announced in the local newspaper as required, and also on the City's website, social media channels, and eNews.

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## 2024 Mayor's Golf Tournament

Mayor Dick Drennon and the City of Basehor are very pleased to host the Third Annual Mayor's Golf Tournament on September 18, 2024 at Falcon Lakes Golf Course! This tournament was created as a fundraiser for local charities with ALL proceeds going towards charities in Basehor.

Through the generosity and support from our sponsors, golfers, and the community, we were able to raise more than \$40,000 for charitable organizations during the past two Mayor's Golf Tournaments.

With that support, the Mayor's Charity Fund has been able to make donations to local non-profit organizations as well as provide medical assistance to qualifying community members, and also purchase holiday presents for children in need in our local school district.

Please join us in thanking this year's sponsors for their support of our charity fundraising efforts!

**THE 2024 MAYOR'S GOLF TOURNAMENT**

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## CODES COMPONENT

With this upcoming election season, we would like to remind our community that Kansas state law permits the placement of temporary political signs within private property and any right-of-way during the 45-day period prior to an election and two days after. These temporary signs are allowed as long as they otherwise meet the City's regulations on temporary signs and do not impose safety concerns.

As a reminder, no other signs are authorized to be placed in the right-of-way and are subject to immediate removal. Thank you all for your assistance with keeping our city clean and safe



### CITY OF BASEHOR CODES FOR TEMPORARY SIGNS:

#### Height Restrictions:

##### Residential Properties

- Signs cannot exceed 8 square feet
- Maximum height of 4 feet

##### Commercial & Industrial Properties

- Signs cannot exceed 16 square feet
- Maximum height of 8 feet

#### Signs cannot have more than 2 sides and cannot be illuminated.

#### Only 3 signs shall be permitted per property.

#### Signs may only be displayed for up to 60 days.

*All signs placed within the Right-of-Way will be immediately removed*

## Trash Service Holiday Delays

Trash and recycling services will be delayed on the following holidays:

**Labor Day**  
**Thanksgiving Day**

**Christmas Day**  
**New Year's Day**

When a holiday occurs during the week, any service days regularly scheduled on or after the holiday will be delayed by one business day.

# City of Basehor Staff Highlight: Lt. Peter Martin

## Can you please share with us where you grew up?

I grew up and am originally from Auckland, the biggest city in New Zealand. At 18, I was awarded the opportunity to go to high school in California for a year and play basketball. Then that just sort of lead from one thing to another. Even if it had just been for the one year like originally planned, it would've been the greatest experience. I'm so thankful and fortunate it led me to the path that included me moving to the U.S.A. permanently, becoming a citizen, getting married and having my boys, and everything that has happened since. I love it, this country has been so good to me and opened so many doors, I wouldn't be anywhere else.

## How long have you been a police officer?

Being a police officer is always what I wanted to do. After researching, I learned that I would first have to gain citizenship before becoming an officer. So I became a U.S. citizen in 2002 and started as a police officer in 2003 for the City of Olathe and here I now am in my 22nd year and I couldn't imagine doing anything else.

## How long have you worked for the City of Basehor and what do you look forward to with your recent promotion to lieutenant?

I have worked for the Basehor Police Department since July 2021. The promotion is something that has always been a goal of mine; a chance to progress in my career. I love being out there with my fellow officers. The promotion will change my role quite a bit and I'm looking forward to the challenges ahead.

## Basehor has a lot of exciting projects happening. What is your favorite project and why?

I just love Basehor as a town. It's exciting, the city is growing. Joining this police force is just the best thing that could've happened for me in my profession. I love this place and I love the people that I work for and work with. I love it, I have a massive loyalty to the City of Basehor and I look forward to growing our police department as our city continues to grow.

*On July 24, 2024 Peter Martin was promoted and pinned to the rank of Lieutenant at Basehor City Hall. His son was able to attend and pin the promoted rank to his father's uniform. Congratulations, Lt. Martin!*



## Chief's Corner

As some of our road improvement projects and walking paths are nearing completion, please remember to continue to be cautious in and around active construction areas. Please be mindful of your fellow motorists and pedestrians. School has just started back up and that not only adds additional vehicles on the roadways, but also added foot traffic.

We at the Basehor Police Department are happy to see our community's excitement for the new and improved roads and walking paths that are nearing completion, but it is still very important for our community members to obey the construction barriers as well as the roadway and sidewalks closed signs. These barriers are in place for our community's safety, and we thank everyone for their cooperation and patience as we complete these roadway improvements.



*The crime statistics displayed are for the second quarter in 2024!*

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## Events Calendar

**September 2, 2024:** City Administration Offices closed in recognition of Labor Day

**September 2, 2024:** No Trash and Recycling services. All services will be delayed by one day for the entire week.

**September 18, 2024:**  
Mayor's Golf Tournament. Breakfast at 7:30 a.m.  
Shotgun start at 9 a.m.

**City Council Regular Meetings and Work Sessions:**

2nd and 4th Wednesdays 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](http://www.cityofbasehor.org) and see the City Calendar.



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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](http://www.cityofbasehor.org) and select the option "I want to... Sign up for Notifications."

**Have questions?** Please contact City Hall at 913-724-1370 or [info@cityofbasehor.org](mailto:info@cityofbasehor.org)

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## Notices and Ordinances Published on the City's Website

### Approved Resolutions and Ordinances since May 22, 2024:

- Ordinance 918: Exercise of Eminent Domain; the Condemnation and Appropriation of Certain Interests in Real Property
- Ordinance 919: Amending Chapter 10, Article III, Pertaining to Soliciting and Peddling
- Ordinance 920: Approving Recommendation of the Planning Commission to Amend Certain Provisions in Zoning Appendix A
- Ordinance 921: Extending the Fireworks Discharge Times for the July 4, 2024 Holiday
- Ordinance 922: Amending Chapter 44, Article 1, Pertaining to the Adoption of 2024 Standard Traffic Ordinance
- Ordinance 923: Amending Chapter 28, Article 1: Pertaining to the Adoption of the #2024 Uniform Public Offense Code for Kansas Cities”
- Resolution 2024-05: Amending the 2024 Pay Plan and Pay Grades
- Resolution 2024-06: Approving the Waiver of Firework Stand Permit Fees for Basehor-Linwood USD 458 Band
- Resolution 2024-07: Declaring the Eligibility of City of Basehor, KS to Submit Application to Kansas Dept. of Transportation for Coralberry Trail and Authorizing Mayor to Sign Application
- Resolution 2024-08: Governing Body's Intent to Levy a Property Tax Rate Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate and Setting Public Hearing
- Resolution 2024-09: Confirming Expiration of the Interlocal Agreement among the City of Basehor, KS, Board of County Commissioners of Leavenworth County, KS, Basehor Community Library District, Basehor-Linwood School District #458 and Fairmount Township Fire District
- Resolution 2024-10: Supporting the City of Basehor's Grant Submittals to the Mid-America Regional Council for Coralberry Crossing Metro Green Trail Extension
- Resolution 2024-11: Supporting the City of Basehor's Grant Submittals to the Mid-America Regional Council for Basehor Town Center Trail
- Resolution 2024-12: Authorizing the City Administrator to Waive Certain Fees Associated with City Permits
- Resolution 2024-13: Governing Body Requesting the Leavenworth Board of County Commissioners to find the Annexation of Certain Land by the City will not Hinder or Prevent Proper Growth and Development
- Resolution 2024-14: Accepting the 2023 Audit of the Financial Statements of the City of Basehor
- Resolution 2024-15: Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Utility Relocation Agreements with Certain Utility Providers for the 158th St. and Parallel Rd. Roadway Improvements Project

To view the posted notices and ordinances, visit the City's website and from the menu, select "Government... Public Documents."