



# The Basehor Quarterly

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## Message from Mayor Dick Drennon

Happy Holidays, Basehor!

This time of year is always so special to my family, and we are feeling extra thankful this year after the recent vehicle accident my wife, Debbie, and I were involved in. Please allow me to take a moment to thank you all for the love and support we have received following the accident. We are so thankful to call such a compassionate community our home.

The caring nature and commitment to helping others this community shows never ceases to amaze me. In September, we hosted the 3rd Annual Mayor's Golf Tournament, and I was once again blown away by the tremendous support we received. Thanks to the generosity of our community, we were able to raise more than \$25,000 to support Basehor charities and non-profit organizations. I look forward to once again helping these great organizations as well as providing holiday presents to students in need. Each year, Debbie and I partner with the local school district to identify students in jeopardy of not receiving holiday gifts and we work hard to make their holidays special. Over the past two years, 50 children from across our community have benefited from this program and I am excited to make this holiday season brighter for even more this year.

Speaking of the holiday season, we hope you'll join us at the Annual Mayor's Tree Lighting ceremony, on Nov. 23, 2024, at Basehor City Hall. More information on this fun family event is included in this issue of the newsletter.

Lastly, I hope you've had the chance by now to drive down the

improved 155th Street! I am very grateful to our community for their co-operation and understanding as we completed these wonderful improvements. I especially want to take a moment to thank the contractors who were so dedicated and

hardworking and were able to re-open the road more than 2 and a half months earlier than planned! The safety and added amenities these improvements incorporated are so exciting and I cannot put into words the pride it gives me to see our community members out enjoying the new sidewalks, roundabout, and turning lanes.

As you will read more about in this newsletter, we will continue to bring more improvements to Basehor that our community members want. We hope you all have the chance to enjoy these wonderful new amenities and please take the time to share your feedback on what you would like to see next!

I would like to wish you all a very Happy Holidays from me, my family, and everyone at the City of Basehor!



## EXCITING NEWS...!

The City was recently awarded

**\$4,196,000**

in grants for the new Coralberry Trails and Basehor Town Center Trails!



This brings our grant and external dollars total since 2021 to:

**\$21,935,898**

WE WANT  
**YOUR**  
FEEDBACK



## Coming Soon: New Citizen's Satisfaction Survey

Resident feedback and input are very important as we plan and consider future projects for our community. The last Citizen Satisfaction Survey was completed in 2019 to determine the community's priorities and as we look to future projects, we want to hear from our residents to gain knowledge of the new priorities.

A new survey will be distributed soon to Basehor homes and businesses. We are asking for our community's participation to assist us in identifying current priorities and future projects.

We look forward to having the surveys sent out soon and look forward to gaining the valuable feedback. Please make sure to check out the City's Progress Report included in this newsletter to see how the City has used this valuable feedback to advance the City.

You are cordially invited to join us this spring as we celebrate our new trails and amenities!



Food trucks

Live music

Children's Activities

Splash Pad Opening

## Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

**Saturday, Nov. 23**

Basehor City Hall  
1600 N. 158th St.

Children's Activities

Refreshments

Musical Performances

Photos with Santa

**5 p.m.**  
Activities begin

**5:15 p.m.**  
Lighting Ceremony

We are once again partnering with Basehor-Linwood Assistance Services to help our community members in need.

Guests are invited to bring a donation:  
~ Hats ~ Gloves ~ Scarves  
~ Non-perishable Food Items



Please note the upcoming closures and trash delays scheduled for the City for the month of November. The dates listed here supersede the ones listed in billing statements that were recently distributed.

We apologize for any confusion this may cause. The City is proactively working with Brothers Disposal to ensure any residents possibly affected will still be serviced. Please give us a call or email at Basehor City Hall if you have any questions. Thank you.

**Disposal of live Christmas trees will be accepted between Dec. 26, 2024 – Jan. 31, 2025**

**Trees Must Be:**

- Free of all lights and decorations
- Cut to less than 6 feet tall
- No artificial trees will be accepted

During the week of Dec. 26 – Dec. 31, residents can place an extra 10 trash bags on the curb next to their carts at no additional fees.

**CITY ADMINISTRATION OFFICES**

**CLOSED:**

**Monday, Nov. 11  
Thursday, Nov. 28  
Friday, Nov. 29**

**TRASH AND RECYCLING SERVICES**

**DELAYED:**

**Thursday, Nov. 28**

\*No trash delay will occur on Nov. 21, 2024, as incorrectly listed on the billing statements.



We are excited to announce that construction for the next phase of trails is set to begin soon! The City was awarded \$1.5 million in grants for the Civic Campus Trails Project. The one mile of trail will connect the entire Basehor Civic Campus and allow community members to walk from City Hall to the fishing pond. Construction is expected to begin in 2025!



## City of Basehor Staff Highlight: Terry Gall, Codes Enforcement Program Coordinator

### *How long have you worked for the City of Basehor and what made you select Basehor?*

I have worked for the City for 9 months. My family moved to Basehor 15 years ago, from Omaha, NE. when I accepted a position in DeSoto. When we started looking at homes in the surrounding area we stumbled upon Basehor, and are so happy to have found this great city in which to live and raise our children.

### *What is your favorite part about your job?*

I am very thankful for the opportunity to work in a position that allows me to have such a positive impact on the city that my family calls home.

My role as the Code Enforcement Program Coordinator is new for Basehor and I enjoy meeting with residents and neighbors; learning about their backgrounds as well as making new connections that allow us to better our community.

For example, I am working to build partnerships with local organizations that can help provide assistance to residents who might not be able to physically complete the work needed to bring their property up to code standards. At the end of the day, I am here to help and will do my best to work with anyone.

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

I would have to say that I have been the most excited to see the new parks added to our community. It is great getting to see the parks serve as a gathering and meeting place, for not only the children, but for adults also.

### *What recommendation/s would you give to someone who might be experiencing a concern with their property or a property in their neighborhood?*

The best advice I have for everyone is to be kind. If you see something out of the ordinary, call me and let's discuss it. I am here to help resolve issues and complaints by gaining cooperation voluntarily. We never know what personal situations our neighbors are going through, so please be kind and give me a call. I am more than happy to help.



## CODES COMPONENT

### Fall Cleanup. Winter Preparation.

The weather is changing quickly and as a friendly reminder, a clean yard makes for a happy yard.

As we conduct our fall yard clean up, the City of Basehor provides

a great free service for all residents at Basehor's Brush Dump. The facility is available for residents to dispose of their tree and yard waste and is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at 2300 N. 158th Street. The free facility is also open the second Saturday of the month from 8 a.m. to noon.

It's time to start preparing for winter weather and the city codes regarding snow and ice removal. Here are a few reminders:

- Snow and ice needs to be removed from sidewalks within 12 hours of the accumulation ending by the adjoining property owner
- Snow cannot be pushed onto any public street, alley, or sidewalk
- Use sand, ash, or ice melt on compacted snow and ice

Lets all do our part to keep our City clean and safe.

## Chief's Corner

One of the things that makes Basehor so special is the willingness for neighbors to help neighbors. I am so thankful to serve such caring residents that value their neighbors and community.

As we approach the upcoming holiday season, it's such a joyous time of year to celebrate with friends and family. Those opportunities to celebrate naturally bring a larger-than-usual number of packages and vehicles to neighborhoods.

This time of year, it's especially important to remember we are one big community. Let's all do our part to make the holidays as joyous as possible for everyone. Please be mindful of leaving your vehicle running while unattended and also try to have your packages delivered when someone is home or ask a neighbor to sign for the delivery. Remember, if you see something, say something.

We at the Basehor Police Department, wish you all a very happy and healthy holiday season! Remember to please be kind, be nice, and be polite.



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

# City of Basehor Progress Report



In 2019, the City conducted a Citizen Satisfaction Survey to receive community feedback of City services and to gain knowledge of the community's priorities for future projects.

The top 5 areas residents identified for improvement are listed below along with the City's progress. A new survey will be distributed soon to help identify future priorities.

## **New Sidewalks and Trail Connections**



The City has since added more than 3 miles of sidewalks, walking trails, and multi-use paths to offer community members safe mobility options.

## **Walking and Bike Trails**



The City's new MetroGreen Trail recently opened that includes one mile of trail that is ten feet wide to accommodate the community.

## **Streets**



The City completed \$2.4 million in road improvements to 5 neighborhoods in addition to 155th St improvements, totaling over \$17 million in improvements.

## **Park Amenities**



The City opened Tomahawk Park in March 2023 and then the Basehor Civic Campus amenities in August 2024, including a Splash Pad and Playground.

## **Cleanup of Litter and Debris**



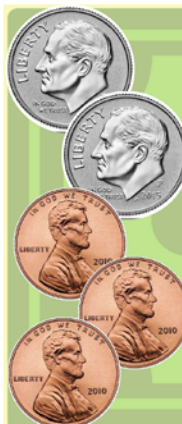
The City's new Codes Enforcement Program Coordinator has resolved more than 200 code enforcement cases since Spring of 2024.

## Know?



## Did You

Property taxes in Basehor primarily fund the General Fund. The biggest expense of the General Fund is the Police Department.



For every \$1 of property tax a resident or business pays, \$0.23 goes to the City of Basehor. The remaining \$.77 is sent to other taxing authorities, such as the County and School District.



# Introducing the new Field of Dreams Sports Complex operators!

Darren and Kelli Fayard, owners of Field and Property Management, LLC

## *What made you interested in managing the Field of Dreams Sports complex?*

As parents to three active children, we personally know the positive impact that a recreational sporting program can provide a community. We have been coaching our children's teams for the past 7 years, and during the sports season we can be found at least 4 nights a week at the Field of Dreams complex. Through our participation in the facility's programs, we have received a lot of feedback from fellow parents and patrons and when we learned the previous contract was set to expire, we were excited for the opportunity to make a difference for this wonderful complex and the community.

## *What programs will be offered at the complex?*

We plan to operate all the same sports that were previously available at the complex:

- Youth Football
- Flag Football (Expanding to offer in the Spring)
- Youth Baseball
- Youth Softball
- T-Ball
- Youth Soccer (Expanding to offer in the Spring)
- Youth Cheerleading

We are also currently researching the options of offering flag football to all ages and a machine-pitch option in addition to our T-ball and coach-pitch leagues.

## *What are some of the differences that you are considering for the sport programs?*

In addition to offering flag football for all ages, we are also exploring the possibility of creating different divisions based on the individual player's skill level. Our goal would be to offer separate divisions amongst each league level (8U, 10U, 12U, 14U), one for beginner players/teams and one for advanced.

This would allow us to welcome the children at the recreational level, while still offering competitive programs to the advanced players/teams.

## *What are some of the new ideas or events you would like to incorporate into the facility?*

This complex is such an amazing asset to our entire community, and we look forward to building successful partnerships to better our community and the complex.

Partnering with our local community organizations and businesses is very important to us. We are researching the various ways we can partner with organizations such as the high school to provide fundraisers through the concessions and other avenues.

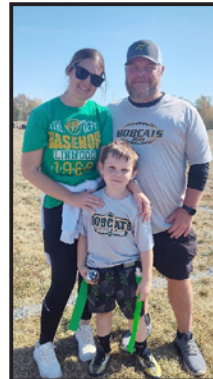
Additionally, we are working with various organizations to offer youth and coaches camps throughout the year.

We are also seeking out opportunities to be able to offer a daytime league for Home Schooled families.

## *What assistance programs are you considering for families?*

As parents, we completely understand the financial commitments of enrolling your children into sports. To try and ease some of the financial burden for our families, we are looking at various options that we can hopefully make available. Some of the options we are researching include offering a credit to those who assist with coaching or a payment program for registration fees.

We are also looking to host an athletic-gear swap meet in the spring where parents can sell the items their children have out-grown.



## *When will you start accepting registrations for spring sports?*

We are very excited to officially begin the management and operations of the Field of Dreams complex on Jan. 1, 2025.

Participants should expect to see registration open February 1st for the spring sports.

## *Where can people go for more information?*

We are currently partnering with a national sports technology company to help bring Field of Dreams into 2025. We are working on a few social media accounts, and we look forward to having them operational in the near future.

## Trash Service Holiday Delays

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

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.

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## Events Calendar

**November 23, 2024:** Mayor's Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony

### Trash Delays:

Thanksgiving Day: Thursday, Nov. 28, 2024

Christmas Day: Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2024

New Year's Day: Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2025

### City Council Regular Meetings and Work Sessions:

2nd and 4th Wednesdays Monthly

### \*Canceled Meetings:

November 27, 2024

December 25, 2024

### 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.

Events

**ADDRESSING AREA**



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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 August 28, 2024:

- Ordinance No. 924: Annexing Certain Land into the City of Basehor
- Ordinance No. 925: Cancellation of October 9, 2024, City Council Meeting
- Ordinance No. 926: Cancellation of November 27 and December 25, 2024 City Council Meetings
- Ordinance No. 927: City of Basehor, Kansas Municipal Code Pertaining to Illegal Camping
- Ordinance No. 929: Midco Franchise Fee Agreement
- Ordinance No. 930: Suburban Water Inc. Franchise Fee Agreement
- Ordinance No. 931: City of Basehor, Kansas Municipal Code Pertaining to Trail Regulations
- Ordinance No. 932: City of Basehor, Kansas Municipal Code Pertaining to Fishing Ponds
- Ordinance No. 933: City of Basehor, Kansas Municipal Code Pertaining to City Playgrounds
- Ordinance No. 934: City of Basehor, Kansas Municipal Code Pertaining to Municipal Court Costs
- Ordinance No. 936: Amending Previous Ordinances No. 846 and 905 by increasing the maximum allowable Community Improvement District (CID) sales tax
- Ordinance No. 938: Repealing Ordinance No. 826 – Short Form Plat
- Ordinance No. 939: Annexing Certain Land into Basehor City Limits
- Ordinance No. 938: Repealing Ordinance No. 826 – Short Form Plat
- Resolution 2024-16: Approval to Levy a Property Tax Rate Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate
- Resolution 2024-17: Approval of the City of Basehor 2025 Operating Budget
- Resolution 2024-18: Approval of the 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan for City of Basehor
- Resolution 2024-19: Amendment of the City of Basehor 2024 Pay Plan and Approval Establishing the 2025 Pay Plan
- Resolution 2024-20: Approval of the Changes to Personnel Manual for City of Basehor
- Resolution 2024-21: Approval Certain Changes to the Purchasing Policy for City of Basehor
- Resolution 2024-22: Approving Changes to the Fee Schedule for City of Basehor, KS

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