

# 2025

## State of the City Address

Presented by Mayor Dick Drennon



# Petition Signing

**Speed Reduction**

**Petition**

Petition to lower the speed limit on US-24/US-40 (State Avenue) from 65 mph to 50 mph.

**Scan here to access the petition.**





# 2025 GOVERNING BODY



**Dick Drennon**  
Mayor



**Ben Sims**  
Council President



**Vernon J. Fields**  
Council Member



**Ty Garver**  
Council Member



**Shari D. Standiford**  
Council Member



**Vickie McEnroe**  
Council Member

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# DEPARTMENT HEADS & APPOINTED OFFICIALS

## Department Heads

**City Administrator**

**Deputy City Administrator**

**City Attorney**

**Municipal Services Director**

**Chief of Police**

**Planning & Zoning Director**

**Leslee Rivarola**

**Maddie Bouton**

**Todd Luckman**

**Gene Myracle**

**Kevin Self**

**Jim Sherman**

## Appointed Officials

**Municipal Judge**

**City Prosecutor**

**Public Defender**

**Special Counsel**


**William “Bill” Hutton**

**Nate Sutton**

**James Floyd**

**Pete Heaven**

# PLANNING COMMISSION



<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Jon Gallion</b>
<b>Vice Chair</b>	<b>Stacy Tatkenhorst</b>
<b>Member</b>	<b>Tom Lally</b>
<b>Member</b>	<b>Blake Waters</b>
<b>Member</b>	<b>James Owen</b>
<b>Member</b>	<b>Janice Spillman</b>
<b>Member</b>	<b>Michael Roe</b>





# Trivia Time:

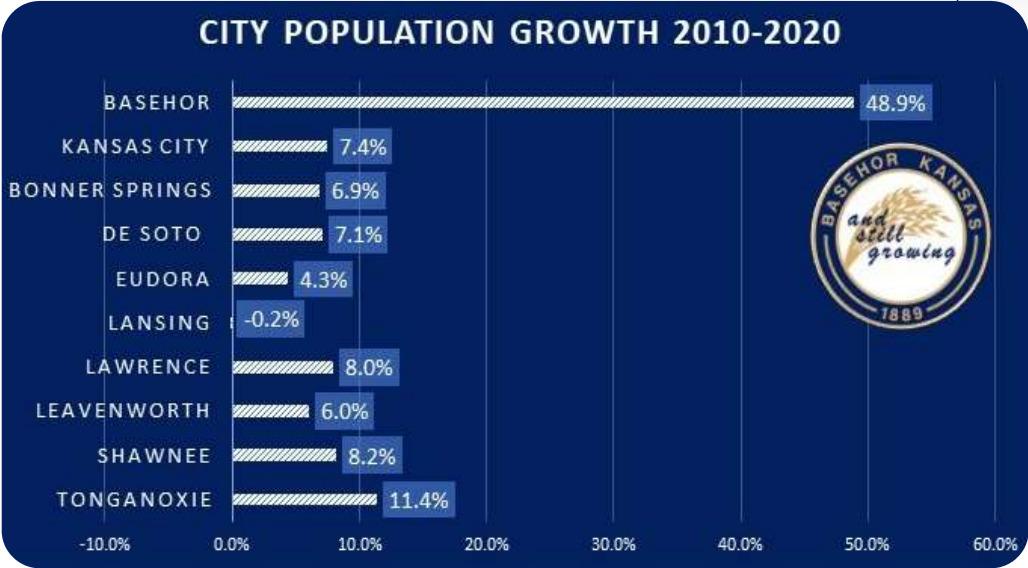
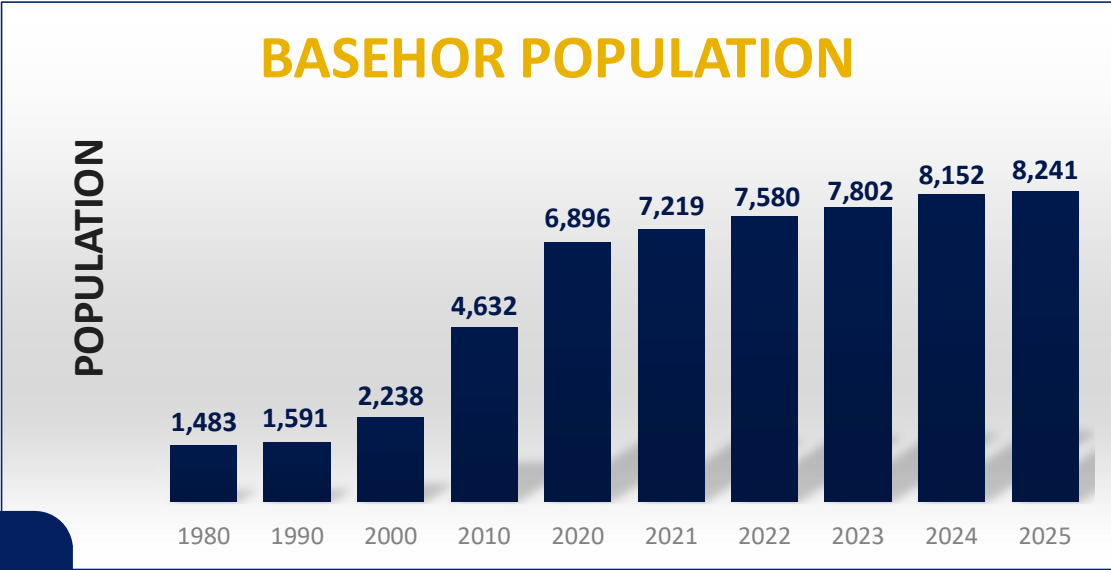
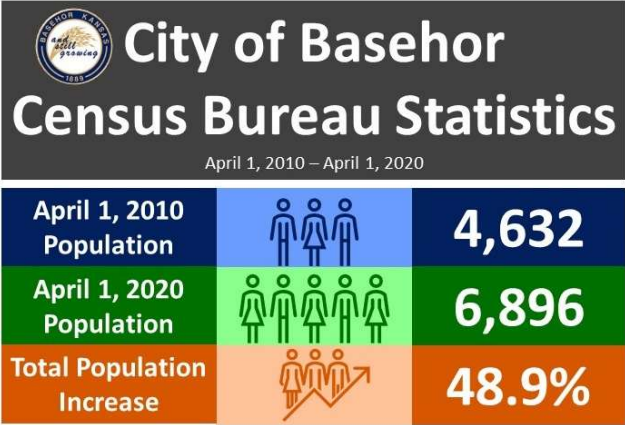
Raise your hand for a chance to win a prize!

# QUESTION

**What is the  
City of Basehor's  
current bond rating?**

**AA+**

# AND STILL GROWING



2022-2025 POPULATION IS AN ESTIMATED COUNT FROM THE UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU AND OTHER SOURCES.

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# The City of Basehor's 2025 Budget Priorities

*Priorities working together to  
maintain Basehor as a  
community of choice.*



# QUESTION

For every \$1 of  
property taxes  
you pay, how  
much goes to the  
City of Basehor?

**\$0.23**

# MILL LEVY

For every \$1 of property taxes you pay,  
**\$0.23** goes to the City of Basehor.

	% of Total Levy
City	23%
Leavenworth County	26%
USD #458	41%
State	1%
Basehor Community Library	4%
Fairmount Township Fire	5%
Total	1.000







# The Basehor Quarterly

Bringing City of Basehor information to our community's mailboxes since 2022

[www.cityofbasehor.org](http://www.cityofbasehor.org)

• Mailed quarterly to all Basehor residents and businesses since 2022.



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2025 Quarter 1 Volume 13 [www.cityofbasehor.org](http://www.cityofbasehor.org)

**Message from Mayor Dick Drennon**  
Happy 2025 Basehor!  
I hope everyone has had a great winter. It has been great seeing all the hiders out enjoying the new sledding hill at Basehor City Campus when we have snow.  
As we gear up for all the amazing things planned for our great City in 2025, one particular project that is near and dear to my heart is to improve the safety for those traveling along and across US-24/US-40 Highway (State Avenue). When I made the decision to run for the mayor of Basehor, I did so with the intent to serve and better our community. I cannot think of a better way to serve my community than to campaign for its safety.  
The City is sponsoring an online petition requesting approval from KDOT to decrease the speed limit from 65 mph to 50 mph along State Ave. between 142nd and 171st Streets.  
I have been asked numerous times if the City selected 50mph for the new speed limit to generate more traffic income or funding, and I am here to tell you that safety was and is our only concern. Studies have shown that for every 10 miles per hour that a vehicle is driving over 50 mph, the chance of death or serious injury almost doubles. If decreasing the speed limit through our town can save just one life, it's worth it. I am asking for your help in signing this petition for the safety of your family and community. You will see a QR code in this newsletter that will take you directly to the petition for a virtual signature or if you would prefer, you can visit for Basehor City Hall to sign in person. I cannot thank you all enough for your support as we work to improve the safety along this highway.  
Speaking of State Ave., I am very excited to share that the ground-breaking for Basehor's brand new arena, Fareway Meat & Grocery, is just around the corner! Fareway plans to break ground in early March, and I am so excited for our residents and community that Fareway Stores, Inc. has chosen Basehor for the home of their next store. Hopefully by this time next year, they will have their doors open to our community!  
By now, you have hopefully received the new Community Survey in your mailbox. Please take the time to share your feedback on what you would like to see next!  
In addition to Fareway, so many great things are planned for Basehor this spring! We hope you can join us on May 1st for Basehor's Blooming when we will turn on the Splash Pad for the season and open all the wonderful Civic Campus amenities from the new trails to the fishing pond! I look forward to seeing you and your families at the great community events we have coming up!

**Disposal of live Christmas trees will be accepted between Dec. 26, 2024 - Jan. 31, 2025**  
Trees - Free of all lights and decorations  
Cut to less than 6 feet tall  
No artificial items will be accepted  
During the week of Dec. 26 - Dec. 31, residents please place extra so trash bags on the curb next to their curbs at no additional fees.

**CITY ADMINISTRATION OFFICES**  
**CLOSING:**  
Monday, Nov. 11  
Thursday, Nov. 28  
Friday, Nov. 29  
**TRASH AND RECYCLING SERVICES**  
**DELETED:**  
Thursday, Nov. 28  
\*No trash delay will occur on Nov. 22, 2024, as incorrectly listed on the billing statements.

**VS...!**  
This brings our grant and external dollars total since 2021 to: **1,935,898**

**Speed Reduction Petition**  
SCAN THE QR CODE TO LEARN MORE:  
<https://form.jotform.com/243815285951137>

**Codes Component**  
requesting election season, we would like to remind our that Kansas state law permits the placement of temporary signs within private property and any right of way during the 60 days prior to an election and two days after. These temporary signs, as long as they otherwise meet the City's regulations for signs and do not impose safety concerns, are subject to immediate removal. Thank you all for your support in keeping our city clean and safe.

**CITY OF BASEHOR CODES FOR TEMPORARY SIGNS:**  
**Light Restrictions:**  
Commercial and Industrial Properties  
Signs cannot exceed 48 square feet  
Maximum height of 4 feet  
Signs cannot have more than 2 sides and must be illuminated.  
Signs may only be displayed for up to 60 days.  
Signs placed within the Right of Way will be immediately removed.

**Service Holiday Delays**  
Trash and recycling services will be delayed on the following holidays:  
Thanksgiving Day  
Christmas Day  
New Year's Day  
holidays occurs during the week, any service days regularly scheduled on or after the holiday will be delayed by one business day.

Can opt out of receiving the newsletter mailed to them by simply emailing their address and their request to opt out to the City of Basehor at [info@cityofbasehor.org](mailto:info@cityofbasehor.org).

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# WELCOME Fareway Meat & Grocery Store!



**Groundbreaking:  
April 1, 2025!**

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# **155<sup>th</sup> Street Improvements & MetroGreen Trail**

## **155<sup>th</sup> Street Officially Reopened on October 21, 2024**



- **1.5 miles of new & improved sidewalks**
- **Addition of turning lanes**
- **New roundabout with pedestrian crosswalks**

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# Opening of new Basehor City Hall!



**Located on Basehor  
Civic Campus**

**Equipped with solar  
panels**

**9,000 square feet**

***Began serving the public on May 2, 2024.***

**Designed for future expansion**

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# Basehor Civic Campus

## Opened to the public - Aug. 8, 2024



**Splash Pad  
Sledding Hill**



**Playground  
Walking Trails**

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# Basehor Civic Campus

## Fishing Pond

**Fishing coming  
in 2025!**



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# QUESTION

**How many  
departments were  
added to the City  
in 2024?**

**2**



# New Codes Enforcement Department

## Codes Enforcement Program Coordinator – Terry Gall

**430** number of code violations closed since May 2024



TERRY,  
Back at you, Thank you  
We felt that you treated us fairly.  
I apologize for allowing this to happen.  
Now that we have reclaimed this portion  
of our property. We do desire to  
keep it open and clear  
Best Regards

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# New Parks and Recreation Department



- 4 full time staff members
- Responsible for maintenance of City parks and trails
- Schedules and coordinates community events

# New Parks and Recreation Department

[HOME](#)[PARKS](#)[SPECIAL EVENTS](#)[ARTS & EXTENSIONS](#)[CALENDAR](#)[ACCOUNT/REGISTER](#)

## Basehor Parks & Recreation

Parks & Recreation Department



## Introducing the New Parks & Rec Logo and Website!

Community members are encouraged to visit [www.basehorparksandrec.org](http://www.basehorparksandrec.org) to create an account.

Creating a free account provides participants with first-access announcements of new and upcoming events and programs. Participants will also be able to register for events through the site.

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# Parks & Recreation

## BULLETIN BOARD

  
**BASEHOR'S  
BLOOMING**  
*May 1, 2025*

FOOD TRUCKS  
LIVE MUSIC  
Children's  
Activities  
Splash Pad  
Opening

**3rd**  
**THURSDAYS**

*Basehor Civic Campus  
Amphitheater*

**Free live music,  
every third Thursday  
during the summer!**

May 15	July 17
June 19	Aug. 21

**SUMMER**  
*FUN!*

**COMING  
SOON**  
**Movies in the Park**

2nd & 4th Sundays  
(June-Aug.)

**ART IN THE  
PARK**  
JUNE & JULY  
MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

# MINUTE TO ♦♦ WIN IT ♦♦

**March 30**

**2 Sessions:**

**4-5:30 PM ♦ 5:45-7:15 PM**



Teams will participate in  
8-10 separate events.

Teams must consist of  
4-6 players

Minimum age to participate  
is 8 years old.

Each team must have  
at least one player over  
the age of 21.

**Advance registration  
is required.**

To register or more information:  
**BasehorParksandRec.org**  
or call 913-369-0531

# QUESTION

**How much was  
raised from the  
2024 Mayor's Golf  
Tournament?**

**\$25,000**



# City of Basehor Mayor's Third Annual Golf Tournament



In September, the City hosted the Third Annual Mayor's Golf Tournament at Falcon Lakes Golf Club. This was a fundraising event to benefit local charities and nonprofits in Basehor. Through the generosity of sponsorship and registration, we successfully raised over **\$25,000!**

Please mark your calendars for this year's tournament: September 17, 2025 at Falcon Lakes Golf Club.

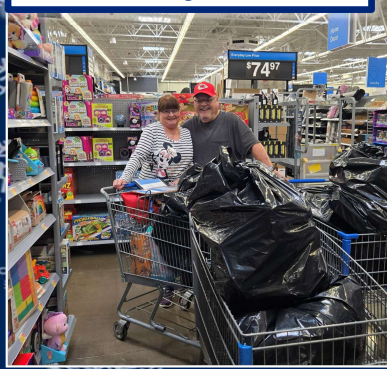
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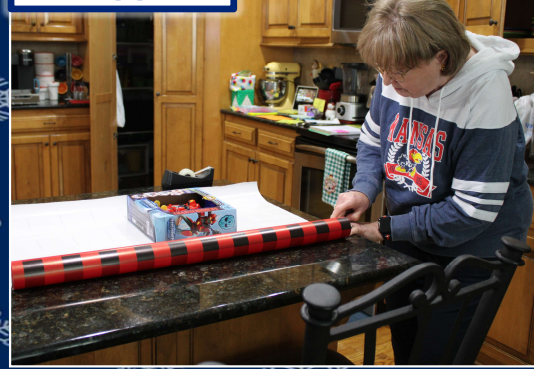
# Mayor's Charity Fund

Christmas  
presents for **29**  
children in need  
in our community.

Personally selected



Wrapped



Delivered discreetly



## Donations given to numerous community organizations

- Basehor-Linwood Kiwanis Club
- Integrated Behavioral Technologies
- Project Grad

- V.F.W.
- Basehor Linwood Assistance Services
- Happy Hearts Working



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# QUESTION

**How many sworn  
Police Officer  
positions does the  
Basehor Police  
Department have?**

**16**

# BASEHOR POLICE DEPARTMENT



The School Resource Officer (SRO) Police unit won first place in a statewide competition at the Kansas Juvenile Officer Association conference.



Lieutenant Peter Martin

## Promotions



Sergeant Kyle Threadgill

Officer Williams was awarded a LifeSaving Award for services provided during a medical call.



Animal Control Officer/ Community Service Officer Antonio Bustamante was added to the Police Department.



The Basehor Police Department continues to foster positive community relationships.



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# MUNICIPAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

**Public Roadway  
Infrastructure**



**Wastewater  
Treatment Facility  
Operations**



**Sewer  
Collection  
System  
Maintenance**



**Solid Waste &  
Recycling  
Assistance**





# Curb Replacements Completed in 2024

- Prairie Gardens
- Fox Ridge
- Garden Parkway
- Christie Drive
- Hickory Point
- Falcon Lakes
- Wellington Point
- Klamm Street
- Pines of Pinehurst



- **7,469** lineal feet of concrete curb removed and replaced.
- **6** storm water structure boxes removed and replaced.



# Roadway Sub-base and 2" Mill & Overlay

- Prairie Gardens
- Fox Ridge
- Garden Parkway
- Christie Drive
- Hickory Point
- Falcon Lakes
- Wellington Point
- Klamm Street
- Pines of Pinehurst





# NEW SANITARY SEWER LIFT STATION



The City Council approved the design and construction of a new lift station to help alleviate the demand on other key lift stations and assist with future growth.



# QUESTION

How many miles  
have City  
snowplow  
operators driven  
this season?

**2,617 miles**

# Snow Removal

## SNOW RECAP

684

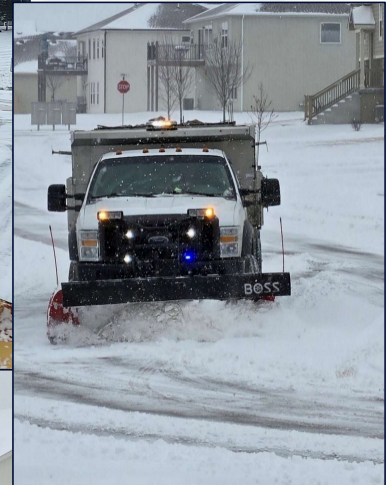
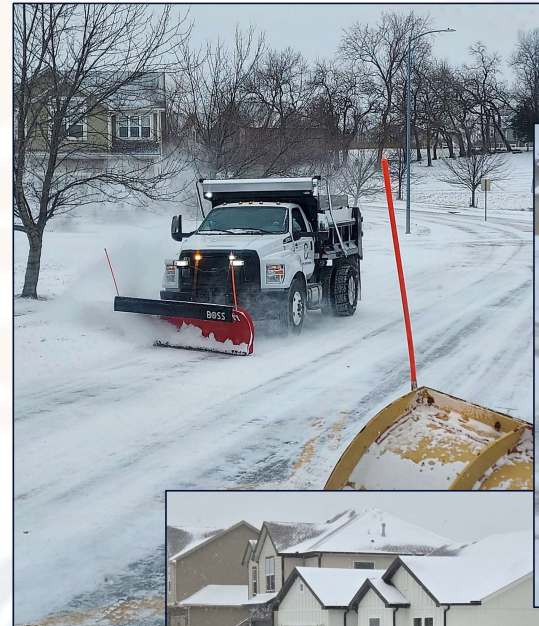
Man Hours

553

Tons of  
Treatment

2,617

Miles  
Driven



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# FIELD OF DREAMS – New Operators!



[www.DreamItPlayIt.com](http://www.DreamItPlayIt.com)

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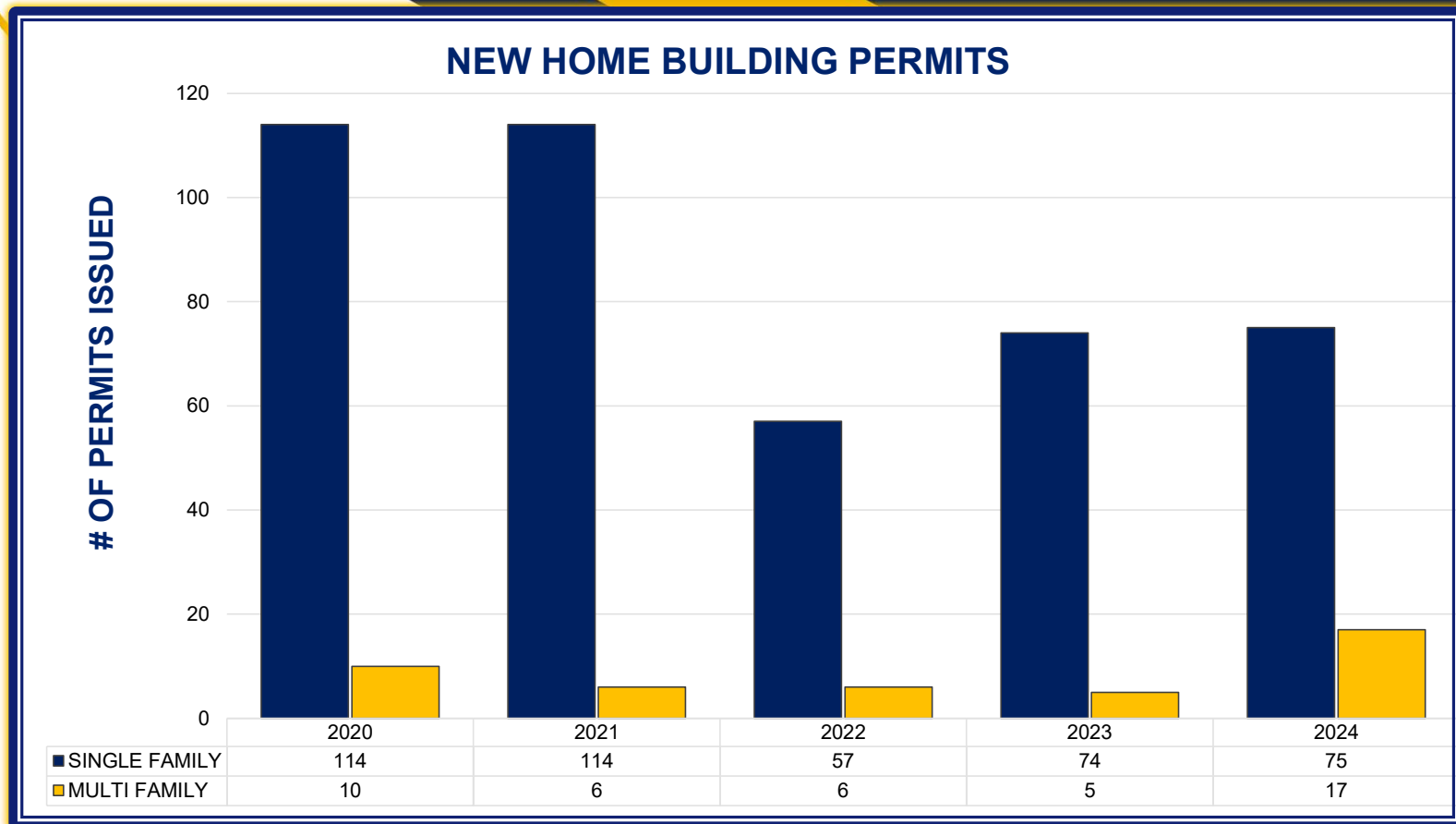
# QUESTION

How many single  
family building  
permits were  
issued in 2024?

**75**

**FIVE YEAR  
COMPARISON  
2020-2024**

# CONTINUED GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT



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# QUESTION

**How many  
students are  
enrolled in the  
Basehor-Linwood  
School District?**

**3,101**



# U.S.D. 458 UPDATE



## USD #458 DISTRICT ENROLLMENT

SCHOOL	STUDENTS ENROLLED
EARLY LEARNING CENTER	151
BASEHOR ELEMENTARY	210
BASEHOR INTERMEDIATE	230
GLENWOOD RIDGE ELEMENTARY	286
GRAY HAWK ELEMENTARY	260
LINWOOD ELEMENTARY	228
BASEHOR-LINWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL	680
BASEHOR-LINWOOD HIGH SCHOOL	900
BASEHOR-LINWOOD VIRTUAL SCHOOL	156
TOTAL DISTRICT ENROLLMENT	3,101



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## U.S.D. 458 UPDATE



- Congratulations to Alyssa Larson, 4th grade teacher at Gray Hawk Elementary, for being recognized as a KSDE Horizon Award Winner!



- BLHS Geometry in Construction designed and built a shade structure for Linwood Elementary
- The district thanks Linwood PTC, Pete St. Peter and PCDI Homes, and Howie Lucas for their partnerships with our schools!



# INVESTING IN THE FUTURE



**The City of Basehor works closely with U.S.D. 458 students including covering how elections work, hosting tours at City Hall, explaining how students can be good community members, learning about traffic safety, and so much more!**

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# 2024 at a glance

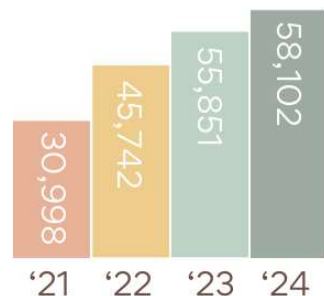
## Service Population

increased 228 to 12,859

## Library Card Holders

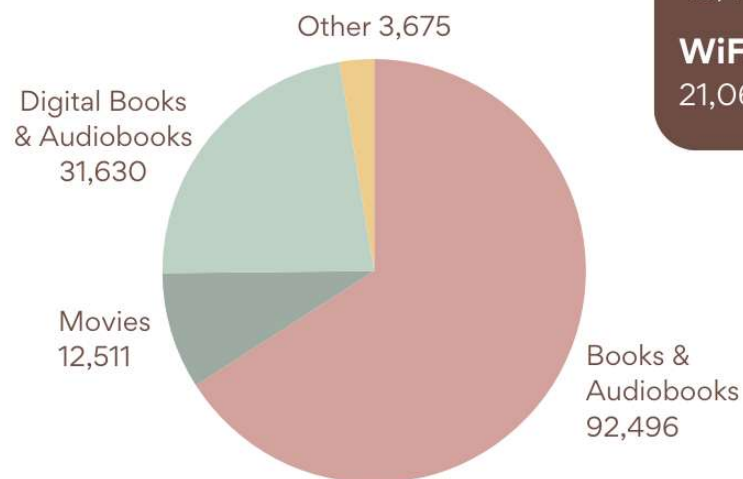
increased 274 to 7,164

## Library Visits



## Total Circulation

140,312 items checked out



## Website visits

48,463

## WiFi Sessions

21,064

## Programs



### Pre-Kindergarten

509 Programs

8,333 Attendance



### K-5th Grade

326 Programs

11,897 attendance



### Teens (6th-12th Grade)

527 Programs

8,236 Attendance



### Adults 18+

439 Programs

5,488 Attendance



### General/Family

8 programs

858 Attendance

## 27 passive programs with 5,746 participants

Including scavenger hunts, take home crafts, story walks, March Book Madness, LEGO challenges, and our book cart naming contest

Basehor  
Community  
Library

# 2024 signature events



National Library Week  
Trading Cards

End of  
Summer  
Reading  
Bash



Bluey  
Tea Party



Bus Trips



Gingerbread Houses





## Projects Planned for 2025:



**Tomahawk  
Park  
Phase II**



**Civic  
Campus  
Trails**



**158<sup>th</sup> St. &  
Parallel Rd.  
Improvements**



## Projects Planned for 2025:

### Tomahawk Park Phase II



- Parking Lot
- Restrooms
- Picnic Shelter
- Additional Trail Segments

## Projects Planned for 2025:

### Civic Campus Trails



- Encompasses 37.6 acres
- Shared use path designed for walkers and bikes

**More than 70% of funds from grants and external funding!**



## Projects Planned for 2025:

### 158<sup>th</sup> Street & Parallel Road Improvements



- Rehabilitation and reconstruction of roadway
- 5 foot sidewalk
- Added turning lane

**55% of funds** from grants and external funding!



# 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**

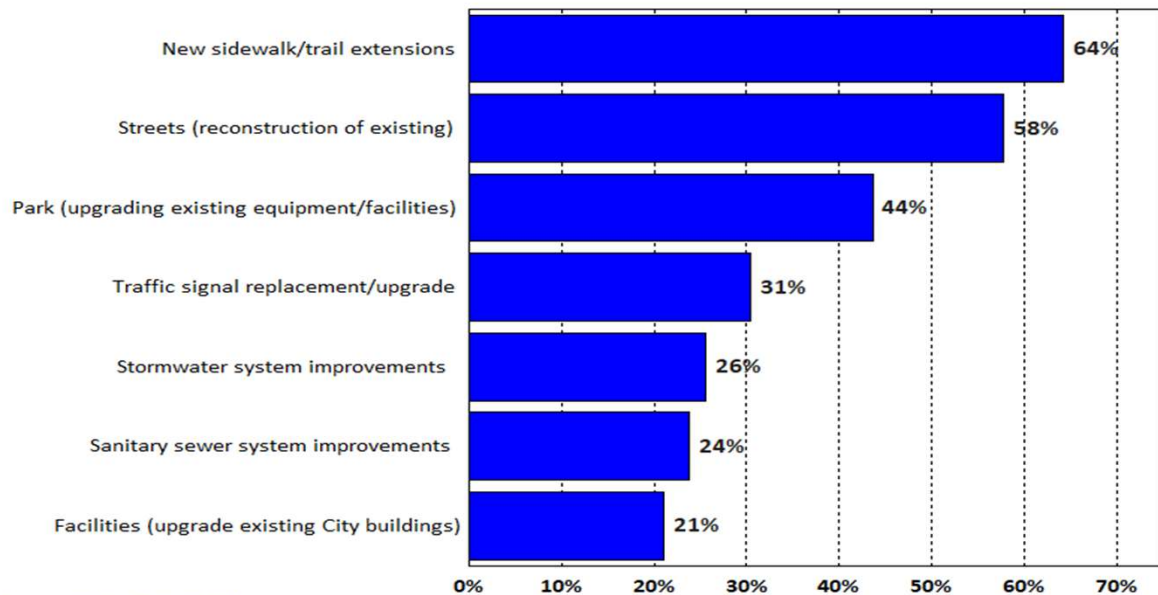
# COMMUNITY INPUT

The City's 2019 Direction Finder Citizen Satisfaction Survey identified trails, parks, and recreational opportunities as the highest priority item for Basehor residents.

- Parks
- Trails
- Roads

## Q19. Capital Improvement Projects Respondents Think Are Most Important for the Continued Success of the City of Basehor

by percentage of respondents (multiple selections could be made)



Source: ETC Institute (2019)

# COMMUNITY INPUT

## ***City of Basehor Progress Report***



### ***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***

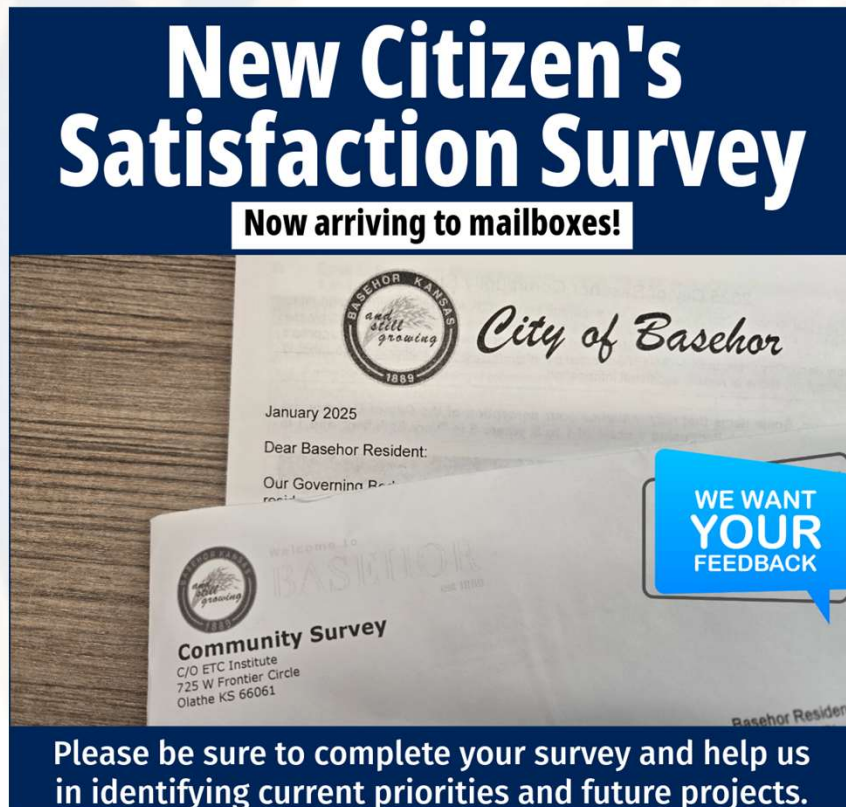


The City's new Codes Enforcement Program Coordinator has resolved more than 400 code enforcement cases since Spring of 2024.



# COMMUNITY INPUT

## 2025 Citizens Satisfaction Survey



- Survey completed in February 2025.
- Results coming soon!



The city continues to work diligently with the community and surrounding agencies in order to provide a safe, stable, and inviting place for our residents and those who visit.

Continued growth and improvements to our community would not be possible without the dedication of the individuals from the city departments, council, commissions, and all others who help serve our community.

**THANK YOU!**

# KEEPING INFORMED

For additional information regarding the topics discussed during this presentation, please visit [www.cityofbasehor.org](http://www.cityofbasehor.org), or contact Basehor City Hall at 913-724-1370.

To keep informed of current events and projects within the city, please subscribe to the [Basehor e-News](#) using our city website above. Information regarding meetings and events within the city are available through the calendar on the city website as well.

The City of Basehor works hard to keep citizens informed through social media.



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