



The Basehor Quarterly

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

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Message from Mayor Dick Drennon

Hi, Basehor!

I hope everyone has been staying cool out there! It has been great getting to see so many families from our community enjoying the Civic Campus Splash Pad on these hot days.

It's hard to believe that the start to another school year is here. Many of you may not know this about me, but before retiring, I managed Buildings and Grounds for the Basehor-Linwood School District for 26 years. I am proud to have been able to work in a field that served my community and its youngest residents.

I never sought a political path for myself when I joined the Basehor City Council over 15 years ago. I was looking for another way to give back to my community and am proud to say that remains true today. When I was fortunate enough to be elected Mayor, I immediately began looking for new avenues to give back to the community I love and call home.

That led me to establish the Mayor's Charity Fund, which is dedicated to helping local families and charities in Basehor. This fund is financed solely through fundraising efforts and activities. We are gearing up to host our next Mayor's Golf Tournament on September 17th and this is our largest fundraising event of the year. The dollars raised have allowed us to support local veterans, nonprofits, as well as local families facing major crises. For the third holiday season in a row, my wife Debbie and I were also able to provide holiday gifts for deserving children in our community who were identified as in need.

We are so blessed and thankful we are able to give back to our community through this fund.

Listening to the needs and feedback of our community is a priority for myself and the City Council. To help us identify our residents' priorities, this past February we conducted a Community Survey. I'm excited to share that we exceeded our goal set for the number of responses and the vast majority of responses we received were incredibly positive. As we look to the future, the City Council and I have already begun to identify ways that we can assist the areas that our residents identified. You can read more about the survey results in the flyer included in this issue of the *Basehor Quarterly*.



I am so proud and honored to be the Mayor of Basehor. I look forward to working together to continue advancing our great City.

Veterans' Day Banners

The City of Basehor is proud to offer the *Basehor Salutes Banner Program*. This program was created to honor and pay tribute to veterans and active-duty military personnel by displaying a banner recognizing the service member along the newly installed light poles on 155th Street.

The banners will be displayed beginning in early October and will remain on display through Veterans' Day. Due to the limited number of light poles, banners will be assigned on a first-come first-served basis to eligible applicants. Visit the City's website or contact Basehor City Hall to learn more and to complete an application.



COMMUNITY SHRED DAY

August 23, 2025

9 A.M.
to
NOON



Basehor City Hall
Parking Lot
1600 N. 158th St.
Basehor, KS 66007

Only available for residents within
City limits of Basehor.

Must show proof of residency to participate.



Speed Reduction Pilot Planned for State Ave.

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) anticipates launching a pilot in late summer/early fall of this year, designed to enhance safety along US 24/40 (State Avenue). The pilot will include various safety interventions including timing adjustments, the implementation of speed feedback signs, and a reduction of the speed limit from 65 mph to 55 mph along certain sections of the corridor through Basehor.

KDOT would like to remind motorists to follow all traffic laws and speed limits and always buckle up and to always be aware of surroundings.

CITY OF BASEHOR BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT GRANT



www.CityofBasehor.org

Grants available for:

- Exterior building repairs
- Facade improvements
- Sign replacements
- Improve landscaping
- ADA compliance improvements

Contact Alex Van Dyke
P: 913-724-1616
E: avandyke@cityofbasehor.org

Business Improvement Grant Program

The City of Basehor is pleased to announce our Business Improvement Grant Program!

The grants are available to local Basehor businesses that meet the eligibility requirements and can be used for a variety of exterior improvements.

Additional information and applications can be received by visiting the City's website at: www.cityofbasehor.org. From the menu, you'll then select, "I want to... Apply for Business Improvement Grant."

Parks & Recreation BULLETIN BOARD

OCTOBER 11



PARK UPDATES

Tomahawk Park:

- New parking lot
 - Improved playground surfacing
- Estimated completion: End of August

\$350,000
grant awarded for project!

Basehor City Park:

- Trail improvements to entire park
- Estimated completion: End of September

Civic Campus Fishing Pond:

- Completed trails
 - Stocked with fish
- Estimated completion: End of Summer

2026 BUDGET PRIORITIES

Basehor is....

advancing trails and parks projects.

continuing to promote fiscal transparency and stewardship.

a desirable place to live, work, and grow a business.



a place where we take pride in our community and its safety.

improving, modernizing and maintaining roads.

proposing no property tax rate increase.

Scan to view the 2026 Budget Presentations

2026 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 2026 budget that delivers quality services without increasing the City's mill rate (property tax rate).

The City of Basehor has presented on the City's budget in several public meetings over the last several months. In accordance with applicable state law, the City will hold two public hearings on the proposed 2026 budget.

These hearings are scheduled for **Aug. 27th at 6 p.m. and 6:15 p.m.** The topics of the hearings are the

- Proposed 2026 Budget
- The City's Intent to Exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate

You can view the 2026 Budget Presentations by visiting the City's website www.cityofbasehor.org and then selecting, "Departments... Administration: Budget... Budget Presentations."



Website: www.cityofbasehor.org

Facebook: @cityofbasehor

Instagram: @cityofbasehor

X (Twitter): @cityofbasehor

City of Basehor Staff Highlight: Stephanie Curl, Communications Specialist

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

I joined the City of Basehor team almost 2.5 years ago. My husband was retiring from the U.S. Army and after a decade of uprooting and moving our family every couple of years, we were looking for a place to settle down and call home. We fell in love with Basehor's charm, schools, and proximity to everything. After we found our "forever home" (no more military moves for us!) here in Basehor, I read the City's job opening and decided to apply. I feel so fortunate that I get to serve the community I call home and a commute that allows me to ride my bike to work is an added bonus!

What is your favorite part about the job?

It would be nearly impossible for me to narrow that list down. But if I have to choose, it would be getting to interact with our community members and the amazing team we have working for the City. I am 100% an extrovert (much to my husband's chagrin) and when I get to interact and talk with our residents and hear their stories that is my favorite part of my day.

We have had a lot of new projects completed or currently in the works for Basehor. What has been one of your favorite projects.

The development of the Basehor Civic Campus has been my favorite project to see. Almost daily, you can find me walking the trails with our 2 dogs or watching our sons on the playground.

While at work, an absolute favorite of the City Hall staff is hearing the squeals of joy coming each day from the Splash Pad. This campus has really brought the community together and given everyone a public space to enjoy.



Stephanie Curl with her husband, Matthew, and children William (left) and Hayden

As a resident and employee for the City, what is a recommendation you have for anyone who might have a difficult topic or concern?

It would be that every employee on the City's team is here to help and serve our residents. Sadly, sometimes the answer we have to provide isn't what the resident wants but there are regulations and ordinances that are established for the City that we must abide by. We absolutely understand that these are people's homes and families that we are serving and it's completely natural to be passionate. Please just remember, there is no need to use foul language or insults (sadly this happens) when dealing with City employees. We promise to assist you to the best of our abilities, please just remember to be courteous and polite.

As the Communications Specialist, what does your job entail?

The thing I love most about my job with the City is that there is no "ordinary" day. My responsibilities include updating the City's website, sharing information on social media, creating the newsletters and more. On any day, I could go from answering questions at the front desk, to driving out to take pictures of current projects, to drafting a letter, to serving popcorn at an event. I am happy to go wherever I'm needed!

CODES COMPONENT



Additional information and applications can be received by visiting the City's website at www.cityofbasehor.org. From the menu, you'll then select, "I want to... Apply for Assistance Programs." Or you can simply scan the QR code shown here.

The City has also established partnerships with volunteer organizations to provide assistance for residents who may not be able to complete maintenance projects themselves. If you have any questions or would like additional information contact Terry Gall at City Hall and he'll be happy to assist you however he can at 913-724-1370.

Chief's Corner

Hi Basehor!

Your Interim Chief of Police Clifton Oblinger reporting. In June we bid "farewell and congratulations" to Chief Kevin Self as he retired from 31 years of police service. It was such an honor to work and serve alongside him. Please join me in wishing him a wonderful and well-deserved retirement.

As we look to the future, I will strive to lead this department and serve this community with the skills and knowledge I gained from Chief Self. As we all work together to keep Basehor a safe and welcoming community, I would like to take this opportunity to share a little about myself.

Anyone who knows me knows how much I love my bull terrier, Cowboy, and how I prefer to stay out of the spot-light. Please bear with me as I share these "Clif notes" (see what I did there?) of my police career:

- Served in the U.S. Army Military Police from 1984 to 1987
- Lawrence Police Department
- Attained the rank of Sergeant at the Mission Police Department
- Promoted to Lieutenant at the Edwardsville Police Department
- Joined the Basehor Police Department in 2021 as the Deputy Chief of Police

It has been the highlight of my career to serve this wonderful Basehor community, and I am honored to serve and lead this amazing police



Interim Chief of Police Clifton Oblinger and Cowboy department. Please know my door and phone line are always open and I am here to help. And remember, be kind, be nice, and be polite.

Interim Chief Clifton Oblinger



City of Basehor
1600 N. 158th Street
Basehor, KS 66007

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Events Calendar

Aug. 23, 2025: Community Shred Day

Sept. 1, 2025: City Administration Offices closed in observance of Labor Day

Sept. 17, 2025: Mayor's Golf Tournament

Oct. 11, 2025: Skelton Ruck Run/Walk

Nov. 22, 2025: Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting

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 and see the City Calendar.

Events

ADDRESSING AREA

STAY CONNECTED with the City of Basehor



Website: www.cityofbasehor.org
Facebook: @cityofbasehor
Instagram: @cityofbasehor
Twitter: @cityofbasehor

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."

Have questions? Please contact City Hall at 913-724-1370 or info@cityofbasehor.org

Survey feedback? Please use this QR code to take our Newsletter Survey



Survey Feedback

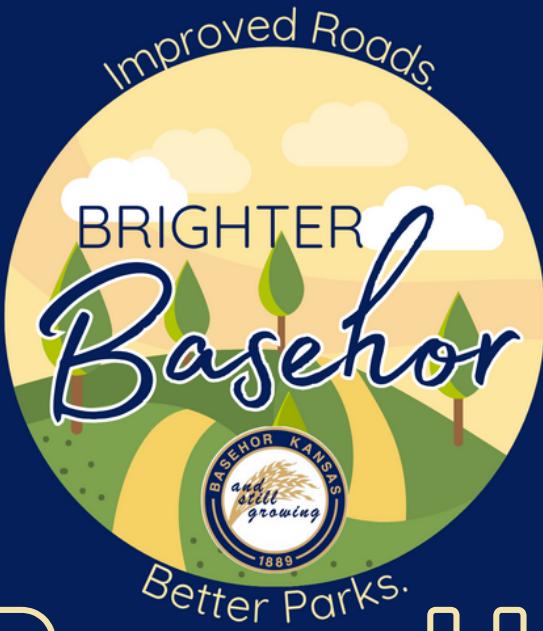
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Notices and Ordinances Published on the City's Website

Approved Resolutions and Ordinances since April 24, 2025:

- Ord. 935: Amending Chapter 6, entitled "animals" of the City Code of the City of Basehor, KS by correcting an error that referenced an incorrect chapter location that was approved in Ord. 877
- Ord. 952: Establishing a fund for the Basehor Town Center (BTC) Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District
- Ord. 953: Amending Section 4-109 of the City of Basehor subdivision regulations regarding open spaces
- Ord. 954: Adding Sections 3-105 to 3-109 to the City of Basehor subdivision regulations regarding lot line adjustments
- Ord. 955: Amending Article 7 of the City of Basehor zoning ordinances to add a section on agricultural district zoning
- Ord. 956: Amending Article 7 of the City of Basehor zoning ordinances amending the provisions of the R-0 suburban residential district
- Ord. 957: Amending the City of Basehor zoning ordinances to add a section to Article 8 regarding dumpster and refuse enclosures
- Ord. 958: Approving the final plat of Highlands of Falcon Lakes
- Ord. 959: Adopting the Planning Commission's recommendation of disapproval of the rezoning property known as Section 14, Township 11, Range 22 in the City of Basehor, Leavenworth County, KS from zoning district R-0, suburban residential to zoning district PR, planned residential
- Ord. 960: Approving the final plat for the Grayhawk at Prairie Gardens – 6th Phase
- Resolution 2025-06: Authorizing assignment of certain documents in connection with its taxable industrial revenue bonds
- Resolution 2025-07: Approving the City of Basehor policy relating to the annexation of unincorporated land into the city limits
- Resolution 2025-08: Maintaining the limit of the purchasing card for the City of Basehor
- Resolution 2025-09: Regarding the governing body's intent to levy a property tax rate exceeding the revenue neutral rate and setting the public hearing regarding the same
- Resolution 2025-10: Authorizing and providing for the calling of separate special question elections in the city of Basehor, KS for the purpose of submitting to the electors of the city the question of imposing separate one-half percent citywide retailers' sales taxes and providing for the giving of notice of said elections.
- Resolution 2025-11: Accepting the 2024 audit of the financial statements of the City of Basehor, KS

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



The City of Basehor will hold an election on November 4, 2025, to determine the City's desire to impose two separate sales taxes:

- 0.5% special citywide sales tax with a 10-year sunset for the purpose of improving existing roadways within City limits
- 0.5% special citywide sales tax with a 10-year sunset for the purpose of bettering parks within City limits.

All eligible, registered voters within the City limits of Basehor will be able to vote. A sunset means the sales tax would expire after 10 years and could be renewed only upon approval by a vote of the people. Below is important information regarding the two separate ballot questions.

Proposed Improvements: Roads

If approved, the 0.5% citywide special sales tax will generate an estimated \$7.1 million over 10 years and will fund:

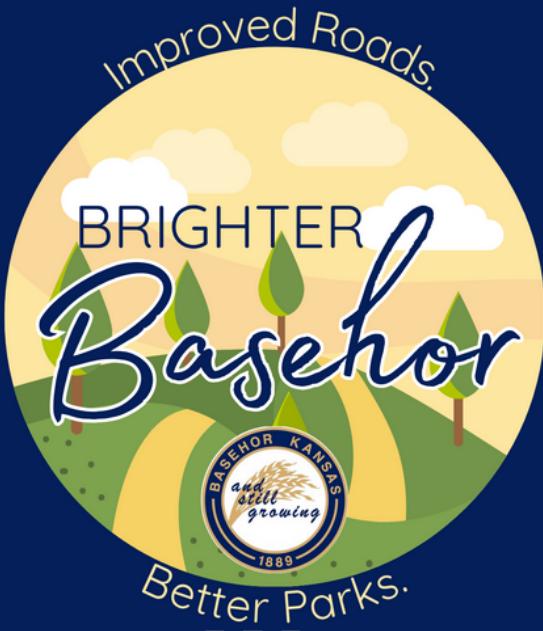
- Paving for Progress, which would provide maintenance to all City roadways within 8 years. To see an interactive map of the Paving for Progress plan, including when your roadway would be improved if the sales tax passes and if it does not, visit the link here: bit.ly/4mntNjG
- Design and construction of traffic improvements at 155th Street and Wolf Creek Parkway, including the construction of a single lane roundabout to help with traffic flow and improve safety.
- Design and construction of a flashing beacon crosswalk at 158th Street and Garden Parkway.
- Preliminary Design and engineering of proposed improvements to 155th Street from Basehor Blvd to Leavenworth Rd as outlined in the Downtown Corridor Master Plan, including roadway improvements and walkability improvements.

Proposed Improvements: Parks

If approved, the 0.5% citywide special sales tax will generate an estimated \$7.1 million over 10 years and will fund:

- Construction of Sentinel Park within City limits with a preferred location on the south side of State Avenue
- Parkland Acquisition, including the acreage needed for Sentinel Park.
- Improvements to City Park, including renovated gazebos/shelters, improved restrooms, construction of a splash pad, improvements to the playgrounds, and safety measures such as security cameras.
- Additional security measures for all parks, including additional security cameras.
- Shade structures at the Civic Campus Splash Pad.
- Construction of 10-foot-wide trail segment at 155th Street and Leavenworth Rd north to Meyer Dr.
- Completion of a Feasibility Study for a Community Center/Pool, including programmable court space such as pickleball courts.
- Trail maintenance, including improved trail signage.
- To see a map of the proposed improvements, please visit the link here: bit.ly/3IX9YBt

To learn more, please visit the City's website at www.cityofbasehor.org. From the menu, select, "I Want to... Learn About... City Projects... Brighter Basehor: Sales Tax Election 2025."



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Ways to Stay Informed

The City will make weekly updates to the City's website every Friday until election day on November 4, 2025. These updates will also appear on the City's social media accounts @cityofbasehor.

If you are a member of a community group (such as an HOA), you can schedule a presentation regarding the upcoming sales tax election with a representative of the City of Basehor by emailing your request to info@cityofbasehor.org.

The interactive maps that are linked below through QR Codes are also available at Basehor City Hall (1600 N 158th Street) during standard business hours. City staff would be happy to assist any member of the public with navigating the interactive maps.

If you'd like to ask questions about the upcoming sales tax election, please call 913-724-1370 and select option 9, or visit City Hall during standard business hours.

The City will host two Open Houses before election day. The dates and times will be updated soon. The City will also complete two mailings before election day. These mailings will include important information in advance of the vote.



QR Code to City's Website



QR Code to Map for Roads



QR Code to Map for Parks

To learn more, please visit the City's website at www.cityofbasehor.org. From the menu, select, "I Want to... Learn About... City Projects... Brighter Basehor: Sales Tax Election 2025."

2025 CITIZEN SATISFACTION SURVEY

Results are in!

This past February, the City of Basehor conducted a community survey for its residents. The last Citizen Satisfaction Survey was conducted in 2019 and was used to identify and prioritize City projects over the last five years.

We are proud to report that not only did we exceed our 2025 goal for responses returned, 87% of the responses received were identified as satisfied or very satisfied with the overall quality of life. The results of the newest Citizen Satisfaction Survey will now assist the Governing Body with prioritizing projects our residents would like to see in the future.



QUALITY OF POLICE SERVICES

The City of Basehor is **31% above the national average** in perception of neighborhood safety!



And the City of Basehor is **37% above the nation** in satisfaction with the quality of our police services!

PARKS & RECREATION



22% increase in satisfaction with the amount of City Park space

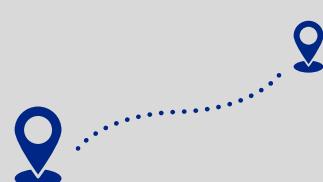
CITY PLANNING & NEW DEVELOPMENT

21% increase in satisfaction with how well the City is planning new development



TRAILS

Satisfaction with the City's walking and biking trails increased **33%** since 2019



COMMUNICATIONS

2019

2025

Satisfaction with the City's efforts to keep our residents informed increased

24%



TOP AREAS ABOVE REGIONAL AVERAGE



38%

above region in satisfaction with Basehor as a place to live



36%

above region in satisfaction with the quality of recycling collection



34%

above region in perception of safety in neighborhood at night



34%

above region in satisfaction with the maintenance of City buildings

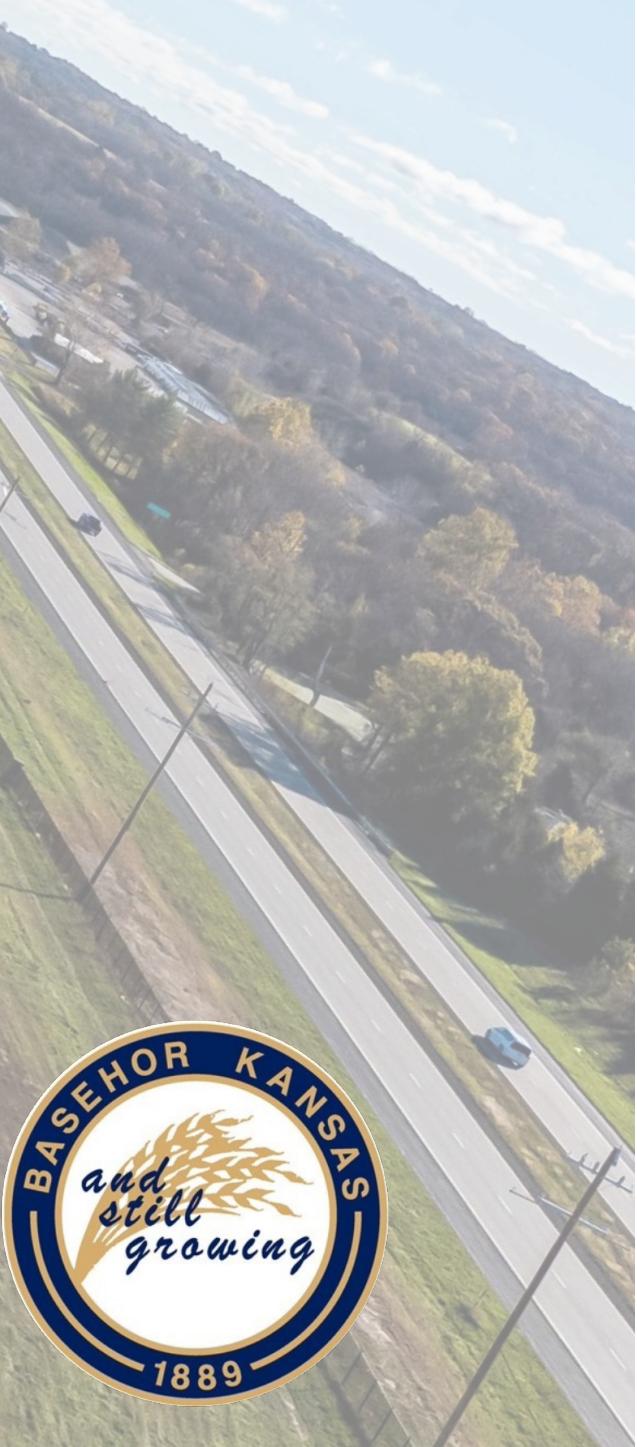


33%

above region in satisfaction with the overall quality of police services

The City has received several complaints regarding the intersection of 158th St and State Avenue.

This information is intended to provide the facts regarding this issue and also provide concerned citizens with information on how to properly report their concerns.



US 24/40 (State Avenue), the intersections and traffic signals at 158th St and State Avenue, are owned, operated, and maintained by the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT). That includes the lights, traffic signals, and turn lanes. The City of Basehor does not have any control over the highway, the intersection, its turn lanes, and its traffic signals.

Any time the City has been made aware of any alleged light malfunction, the Basehor Police Department has been on site within minutes to ensure proper traffic flow and to help maintain safety.

The City has relayed all complaints received to KDOT. The City has not just simply called or emailed with KDOT regarding safety concerns in the corridor. The City has met with KDOT in person, in virtual meetings, and City elected officials and staff met with the Secretary of Transportation in Topeka, along with other state elected officials. To say the City is not doing anything to advocate on behalf of the community for safety improvements in the corridor is categorically false.

KDOT's official response regarding allegations of the stoplight at 158th St and State Avenue is this: "At this time, there is no action that can be taken until we are provided credible proof that there is an issue." If you witness the alleged malfunction, please document the date/time and nature of the issue. Please call KDOT at 913-942-3040. If you have a passenger with you while driving, please take video and photos and send to KDOT. Please do not use your cell phone while driving.

If you want to help the City of Basehor bring awareness to any and all safety concerns to the US 24/40 (State Avenue) corridor, posting in private community groups of which KDOT is not a member is not effective. Call KDOT's local office at 913-942-3040.

Social media can be a very negative place sometimes. Let's all work together to try to bring awareness to the proper organization that is ultimately responsible for these concerns. Call KDOT's local office at 913-942-3040.