



Harvesting the wheat crop at Mahaffie Historic Site with a recently acquired horse-drawn reaper c.1870

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—Source: 2008 DirectionFinder survey

2010 City Operating Budget

Leading Through Challenge

The City of Olathe's proposed Operating Budget approaches 2010 and the City's future financial stability in a responsible, sustainable manner as it addresses citizen priorities.

Today's economic conditions are significantly impacting City government, and those pressures are expected to continue even as a gradual recovery continues.

—City Manager Michael Wilkes

The proposed 2010 General Fund budget of \$82.2 million* is a 4.2 percent reduction from 2009. The proposed overall City budget, including all other funds is \$250.9 million,* a 3.8 percent reduction from 2009.

Balancing the budget during the economic downturn requires significant steps, with three of the City's four main sources that fund operations declining: sales tax, property tax and new construction revenues. All support Olathe's General Fund, which sustains the bulk of City services.

Living Within Our Means

The proposed budget strategically manages nearly a \$5.3 million shortfall anticipated next year, necessitating cuts even with reductions the City made the past two years. Next year, most of these reductions occur in the areas of growth and development, business practices and service level impacts. **See sidebar: Living Within Our Means.**

"We expect next year's budget will place us in a strong position to continue setting the standard of excellence in public service into the future," says Wilkes.

For more information on the City of Olathe Operating Budget visit www.olatheks.org/Finance/Budget/Operating.

** Does not include the 2010 consolidation of the Motor Fuel Fund into the General Fund or revenues and expenditures associated with the Johnson County Public Safety Sales Tax.*

Coming Soon

Citywide Curbside Recycling Collection

Beginning in January 2010, curbside recycling will be provided to Olathe residential solid waste customers as part of the base solid waste service. Currently, only subscribers have curbside recycling collection service.

Providing all customers the convenience of recycling is not only environmentally responsible, it is a positive solid waste management business decision. Recycling diverts more materials from the landfill to provide overall cost savings and can help stabilize solid waste rates. Solid waste



Blue Recycling

Green Yard Waste

Gray Trash

Actual cart size may vary.

Olathe SmartCarts

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Living Within Our Means Proposed 2010 Budget Reductions

Growth and Development Savings: \$1.4 million

Business Practices including Public/Private Partnerships

- Outsource Police Dispatch to Johnson County Sheriff's Department
Savings: \$1.1 million

- Contract select Information Technology Services
Savings: \$234,000

- Contract Municipal Court Probation Services
Savings: \$155,000

Service Level Impacts Savings: \$1.6 million

Reduction in Workforce 45 full-time and part-time positions

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Mayor's Message

2010 Operating Budget, Taking Responsible Steps

The City of Olathe is taking necessary steps to protect our community's future with the City's proposed 2010 Operating Budget. Some of these steps are similar to measures Olathe households are taking

to protect their financial future during this recession.

Again this year, the focus is on providing key, high-quality City services that support your priorities —without spending money we don't have.

Developing the City's 2010 Budget is especially challenging because of decreasing revenue sources, necessitating very difficult decisions. Most difficult is the proposed reduction of the City's workforce, with nearly 45 City positions affected.

Our dedicated City employees are asked to do more with less, which has been the case for several years. If you know a City employee, or if you have contact with one through City services, please let him or her know how much they are appreciated.

You can be certain that we are making necessary, strategic, and sustainable cuts, optimizing available resources and using dollars

as efficiently as possible. This includes identifying new business practices, through both public and private partnerships, and additional technological solutions for cost savings, such as the new e-billing option for City utility customers and online permitting services.

The City's recent recognition for excellence in performance management by the International City/County Management Association recognizes our performance-driven, accountable local government, of which you can be very proud. It's because of you that we are successful, and your input is always welcome. Your satisfaction with City services is what drives us to allocate dollars according to your priorities. With your involvement and support, we will continue to lead the way by addressing the challenges necessary to meet the future in a strong position.

Sincerely,

Michael Copeland, Mayor

Olathe Recognized for Performance Management Excellence

The City of Olathe is among only 14 jurisdictions selected this year for the highest recognition level for superior efforts and results in performance measurement and management. The recognition is a Certificate of Excellence from the International City/County Management Association's (ICMA) Center for Performance Measurement.

Criteria for this recognition include:

- reporting performance data to the public
- verifying efforts to ensure the data's reliability
- training staff in the principles of performance measurement
- using performance data in strategic planning and management decision-making
- surveying both residents and local government employees.

ICMA's mission is to create excellence in local governance by developing and advancing professional management of local government to nearly 9,000 city, town and county professionals worldwide. For more information and a list of local governments participating in this performance measurement, view www.icma.org/performance.



Railroad Quiet Zone Update

Work continues on the designated railroad Quiet Zone for the tracks through Downtown Olathe. Although progress is not visible to the public, BNSF is working on the project design and acquiring the materials for necessary construction this fall and winter.

Safety enhancements will occur at Woodland Road, Harold Street, Mulberry Street, Santa Fe Avenue, Park Street, Loula Street, Elm Street and Dennis Avenue. The three least traveled crossings will be closed: Prairie, Poplar and Cedar Streets. Following completion of BNSF's work, the City of Olathe will follow up with street work at the railway crossings.

Once construction is complete, the City and BNSF will petition for a Quiet Zone.

The Quiet Zone will silence the horns of 80 plus daily trains traveling through a total of 11 crossings, Woodland Road to Dennis Avenue.

E-Billing Available

All City of Olathe utility customers for water, wastewater and solid waste services can receive electronic billing services instead of receiving bills through traditional mail delivery.

E-billing customers receive an e-mail link to their online account log-in page when the bill is generated each month.

Nearly 35 percent of Olathe customers already pay their utility bills electronically and in a recent survey, 30 to 35 percent indicate they would sign up for e-billing for convenience and accounting.

Signing up is simple. Visit www.olatheks.org/OMS/ElectronicBilling and follow the prompts, or visit www.olatheks.org and click the "I want to section" and select "pay my bill." Once signed up, customers can track water and sewer usage as well as account balances.

For more information call 913-971-9311.

Olathe Services Guide

EMERGENCY

| | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Ambulance | 911 |
| Emergency TDD/TTY Calls | 971-5323 |
| Fire/Police | 911 |

GENERAL INFORMATION (TDD/Voice) ... 971-8600

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

100 E. Santa Fe. 971-8600

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

| | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Building Codes | 971-8575 |
| 100 E. Santa Fe. | 971-8574 |
| Building Inspections | 971-8574 |
| Community Development Block Grant | |
| 201 N. Cherry | 971-6260 |
| Community Enhancement | |
| 100 E. Santa Fe. | 971-8580 |
| Housing and Transportation | |
| 201 N. Cherry (TDD/Voice) | 971-6260 |
| Housing Rehabilitation | |
| 201 N. Cherry | 971-6268 |
| Neighborhood Services | |
| 100 E. Santa Fe. | 971-8750 |
| Planning Services | |
| 100 E. Santa Fe. | 971-8750 |
| Public Housing Authority | |
| 201 N. Cherry (TDD/Voice) | 971-6260 |
| Zoning Information | |
| 100 E. Santa Fe. | 971-8725 |

FIRE DEPARTMENT

| | |
|---|----------|
| Administration and Life Safety Services | |
| 1225 S. Hamilton Circle | 971-6333 |
| Emergency | 911 |
| Emergency TDD/TTY Calls | 971-5323 |
| Non emergency TDD/TTY calls | 971-7903 |
| Emergency Management | 971-7943 |

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

| | |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| City Attorney's Office | |
| 100 E. Santa Fe. | 971-8732 |
| Prosecutor's Office | |
| 1200 S. Harrison | 971-6742 |
| Community Mediation Program | 971-7736 |

MAHAFFIE STAGECOACH STOP

| | |
|---------------------------|----------|
| 1200 Kansas City Rd. | 971-5111 |
| Heritage Center | 971-5111 |
| Olathe Historical Society | 971-5110 |

MAYOR'S OFFICE

100 E. Santa Fe. 971-8500

MUNICIPAL COURT

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|------------------|----------|
| 1200 S. Harrison | 971-6393 |
| Court Services | |
| 1200 S. Harrison | 971-5213 |

MUNICIPAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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|-------------------------------|----------|
| 1385 S. Robinson | 971-9311 |
| Customer Service | 971-9311 |
| Billing | |
| Trash | |
| Water & Sewer | |
| After-Hours Answering Service | 971-5151 |
| Missed Trash | |
| Water/Sewer Emergency | |
| Water Quality Questions | |
| 600 S. Curtis. | 971-5122 |
| Solid Waste Transfer Station | |
| 1681 S. Valley Rd. | 971-5175 |

OLATHE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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|------------------------|----------|
| 201 E. Park St. | 971-6850 |
| Indian Creek Branch | |
| 12990 S. Black Bob Rd. | 971-5235 |

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

| | |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| Administration | |
| 200 W. Santa Fe (TDD/Voice) | 971-6263 |
| Parks and Public Grounds | |
| 200 W. Santa Fe | 971-6038 |
| Cemetery Caretaker | |
| 738 N. Chestnut | 971-5226 |
| Recreation Division | |
| 200 W. Santa Fe (TDD/Voice) | 971-6263 |
| Recreation Activity Registration | 971-6263 |
| Special Events | |
| 200 W. Santa Fe | 971-8004 |

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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|-------------------------|----------|
| 501 E. 56 Highway | 971-7500 |
| Alarm Coordinator | 971-6350 |
| Animal Control | |
| 505 E. Sunvale | 971-6362 |
| Emergency | 911 |
| Emergency TDD/TTY Calls | 971-5323 |

PUBLIC WORKS

| | |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| 100 E. Santa Fe. | 971-8505 |
| Street Maintenance | |
| Woodland & Harold | 971-9511 |
| Pot Hole Hotline | |
| Woodland & Harold | 971-6037 |
| Traffic Engineer | |
| 100 E. Santa Fe. | 971-8505 |
| Report streetlight outages | 971-8513 |
| Report traffic signal malfunctions | 971-5180 |
| Report traffic sign concerns | 971-5170 |

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Administration and Accounting | |
| 201 N. Cherry | 971-8000 |
| City Clerk | |
| 100 E. Santa Fe. | 971-8521 |
| Human Resources | |
| 100 E. Santa Fe. | 971-8735 |
| Jobline | 971-8749 |
| Office of Human Relations | |
| 100 E. Santa Fe. | 971-8790 |
| (TDD) | 971-8651 |
| Fair Housing Hotline | 971-6472 |
| Purchasing | |
| 100 E. Santa Fe. | 971-8714 |

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Wild West Show and Bullwhacker Days



Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop and Farm 1200 Kansas City Road

Saturday, Sept. 26, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 27, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Premier act – Jerry Diaz & Family of New Braunfels, Texas
performing on horseback

OLD WEST REENACTORS:

Santa Fe Desperadoes, Gunsmoke and Petticoats
Chris Camp, the Whip Guy
Annie Oakley and Frank Butler

Free Stagecoach Rides courtesy of the Olathe Chamber of
Commerce Convention and Visitors Bureau

Cavalry demonstrations by Commanding General's
Mounted Color Guard of Fort Riley on Sunday
Chuckwagon Cook-off on Saturday

Plus, panning for real gold and LOTS of Children's Activities!
Admission \$6 adults, \$4 children ages 5-11
Some activities, like gold panning, carry small additional fees.

Citizens Recognized with Community Pride Awards

Ed and Judy Colson's love of music and their passion for sharing it with youth in Olathe District Schools and throughout the community were recognized with a Community Pride Award.

The Colsons have a combined total of 67 years as teachers. They started the Olathe Northwest High School Band program with the school's opening, now the second largest 10-12 grade band program in Kansas. The Northwest Band has earned the respect of surrounding communities and across the nation. Among their many recognitions, the band was judged the best band in the Pacific Life Holiday Bowl in San Diego this year.

In addition, Ed has served as director of the Olathe Civic Band since 1999.



Ed and Judy Colson



Kavya Shivashankar
and
Mayor Copeland

Thirteen-year old **Kavya Shivashankar** won the 2009 Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. She is a ninth grader at California Trail Junior High School. She received an Olathe Community Pride Award, and she and her family were honored at a public reception at City Hall co-hosted by *The Olathe News* in June. Kavya was also honored with a Certificate of Recognition from Kansas Senator Karin Brownlee.

Olathe Memorial Cemetery Launches Online Information

Obtaining records about burials in the Olathe Memorial Cemetery has become much easier with a new online database.

Burial data is available from a search engine along with an interactive printable map showing the locations of those buried within the cemetery. A search can be made by last name, year of burial or by owner of the burial space. Effective Sept. 1, 2009 the online search can be found at

www.olatheks.org/parksrec/cemetery.

The cemetery's new service is one of the first in the country, and will be especially helpful for those conducting genealogy and other historical research.

The City of Olathe has owned the cemetery at Woodland and Harold Streets since 1879. Through the years burial records were kept in log books recording more than 10,000 burials, including more than 300 Civil War veterans, most of Olathe's founders and others with significant roles in forming the State of Kansas.

For more information, call the cemetery office at 913-971-5226.

Annual Cemetery Tour

October 15, 16, 17 Tours Begin at 7, 7:30 & 8 each evening • Tour Theme:
Prominent Men in Olathe History • Order advance tickets from Mahaffie
Stagecoach Stop & Farm • 913-971-5111 • \$3/adult and \$2/child

What's Being Built in Olathe

These projects are under construction or have applications pending:



Kansas State University Olathe Innovations Campus KBA Venture Accelerator, the first building in the K-State Innovations Campus, near College Boulevard and Lone Elm Road, is moving forward. It will consist of an incubator for bioscience companies with office and laboratory space. The Kansas Bioscience Authority anticipates construction to begin by the end of 2009.

West Village Shopping Center

- A retail building in front of Walmart is under construction at the northwest corner of K-7 (Parker) and Santa Fe. It will include Jimmy Johns restaurant, Sports Clips haircuts, Game Stop and Panda Express with additional retail space available. The building is expected to be completed by the end of summer 2009.
- Plans were recently approved for a Burger King restaurant on another pad site at K-7 and Spruce Street, and plans have been submitted for Commerce Bank on the adjacent lot.

CVS Pharmacy

The City is currently reviewing building permit plans for the CVS Pharmacy at the southeast corner of K-7 (Parker) and Santa Fe Street. The development will include a prominent City monument feature and circular sitting wall at the corner of K-7 and Santa Fe, and pedestrian connections to adjacent Calamity Line Park.

Ridgeview Corporate Centre

Final plans have been submitted for the first building in the Ridgeview Corporate Centre Office Park, a five-story office building, at the northeast corner of College Boulevard and Ridgeview Road.

Subway

Plans have been submitted to convert the former Sonic restaurant at the southeast corner of Santa Fe and Keeler Street to a new Subway restaurant. The Subway restaurant is relocating from Santa Fe and Cooper Street.

Citywide Curbside Recycling Collection *continued from page 1*

customer rates include landfill disposal rates of \$30 per ton. In addition to easing landfill fees, recycled items can have market value to further stabilize costs.

Blue SmartCarts with Bi-Weekly Collection

The City Council had concerns that some residents may struggle with transporting bins to the curb for pick-up. Instead, **blue wheeled containers with attached lids**, similar to the trash and yard waste SmartCarts, will be provided for recycling items.

The distribution of Blue SmartCarts will offer all residents an opportunity to recycle at the curb. Collection will occur **every other week** on the same day of the week as residents' trash collection. The City is surveying residents to determine a customer preference for cart sizes: 95, 65, or 35-gallon carts.

Customers will receive the Blue SmartCarts and more information about the program, including a collection calendar, in December 2009.

The carts will have several advantages over bins including:

- provides capacity for customers to store a larger volume of recyclable materials generated by households over two weeks
- encourages more household recycling and less regular waste
- easier for residents to set out a container for collection
- increased efficiency of semi or fully automated collections.

Olathe customer surveys indicate approximately 60 percent of respondents think curbside recycling should be included in the base solid waste service.

The cost of providing curbside recycling to all residents will be part of the base residential solid waste rate starting in 2010. The extended services will have an overall solid waste cost reduction for current recycling subscribers and a small increase for other customers. Solid waste fees, including recycling, are cost-based fees, and are not tax supported.

The City of Olathe began curbside recycling services for customers in July 1997. Recycling, including curbside recycling and drop-off locations, is part of municipal solid waste services of trash collection, a household hazardous waste program and yard waste program.

The City operates the largest municipally-owned solid waste program in Kansas and contracts with Hamm Industries for solid waste disposal at its landfill in Jefferson County, Kansas.

For more information, including frequently asked questions/answers, go to www.olatheks.org/oms/recycling or call 913-971-9311.

Olathe Earth News



Take the KSU Lawn Watering Survey

We NEED your help. The City of Olathe is participating in a lawn watering survey currently conducted by the K-State Research and Extension office.

The survey is about homeowners' opinions and methods of watering their lawns.

Please go to the KSU turfgrass information page: www.ksuturf.com to learn about taking the brief and easy lawn watering survey. Participants in the survey have a chance to win a \$100 Lowes gift card.

Composting Produces Great Benefits

Making compost allows residents to recycle garden and yard waste into a valuable, usable product while reducing the amount of solid waste going to the landfill.

The composting process is the microbial breakdown of organic materials into a beneficial soil amendment. Compost makes plants grow stronger and healthier.

Use a fresh mix of fresh green and dried brown materials in a pre-made container or in a build your own compost container, approximately 4' X 4' X 4.'

Green materials can include

Grass clippings
Garden debris
Egg shells
Coffee grounds

Brown materials can include

Leaves
Shredded paper

Avoid

Meat scraps
Food with oils
Pet waste

Chop or shred materials when possible into smaller pieces. Turn the pile regularly and water when dry. The compost is ready to use when it no longer resembles yard waste and looks like rich soil.

For more information visit www.johnson.ksu.edu or 913-715-7000.

Source: Chelsey Wasem, Johnson County Extension Horticulture Agent



The City of Olathe offers free compost and mulch at the City's Composting Facility, located at 127th & Hedge Lane, Monday-Saturday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Call 913-971-9311 to confirm the availability of materials, and remember to bring a shovel and a container to load it yourself. This service is only available to Olathe residential sanitation customers.

For information on water, sewer and solid waste services, please call 913-971-9311.

Para mas informacion sobre el servicio de agua, alcantarillas, y basura, favor de llamar a 913-971-9311.

Olathe Municipal Services

Water/Sewer Services • Solid Waste Collection • Curbside Recycling
Yard Waste Collection • Household Hazardous Waste Program

You Can Help Water Samples Important

Collecting and testing drinking water samples from throughout the City of Olathe's water distribution system contributes to ensuring the community's safe, high quality drinking water.

The City of Olathe regularly contacts customers requesting cooperation in the effort to test water from 128 locations every month. An inside or outside 8-ounce sample may be collected for testing, depending upon the location.

If your household or business is contacted, and you wish to serve as a sample location, arrangements will be made for a City laboratory employee to collect a monthly water sample. If you are interested in participating in the testing program call 913-971-5233, or contact DMcAllister@olatheks.org.

Laboratory Technician Melissa Krayca tests water samples.



AQUAFEST 2009

Olathe's 7th annual
community water festival

Saturday, September 19*
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Cedar Lake Park, 15500 S. Lone Elm Road
*rain date September 26

Bring the family and celebrate water as an important resource and never ending source of fun with FREE activities for all ages.

AquaFest is sponsored by the City of Olathe Municipal Services, Parks & Recreation, and Public Works Departments.

For more information, call 913-971-9311 or visit www.olatheks.org.



Reader Feedback

Please send your comments to:
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CITIZEN REQUEST SYSTEM

Make an inquiry or request for City service 24/7, www.olatheks.org—Click on Contact Us.

Fire Department's Helmet Head Bike Rodeo



Sunday, October 11, Noon – 4 p.m.
Doctor's Building
Olathe Medical Center campus
20333 W. 151st Street

Bring your bike and practice safe riding skills during this fourth annual event.

Free bike helmets to participating youth age 15 and younger – WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

All parents must be accompanied by a child.

Sponsors: Olathe Fire Department, Olathe Police Department, Atmos Energy, Bike America, Safe Kids Johnson County, Olathe Medical Center, Med-Act, and Pilot Club of Shawnee Mission

For more information call 913-971-6333.

Olathe Farmers' Market

Saturdays through October 10
7 a.m. until sold

Olathe Heritage Center, 1200 E. Kansas City Road
* Market Closed September 26 due to Wild West Show

Wednesdays through September 30
3 p.m. until sold

200 W. Santa Fe, Poplar and Kansas,
in Downtown Olathe

For more information, call 913-971-6263.

