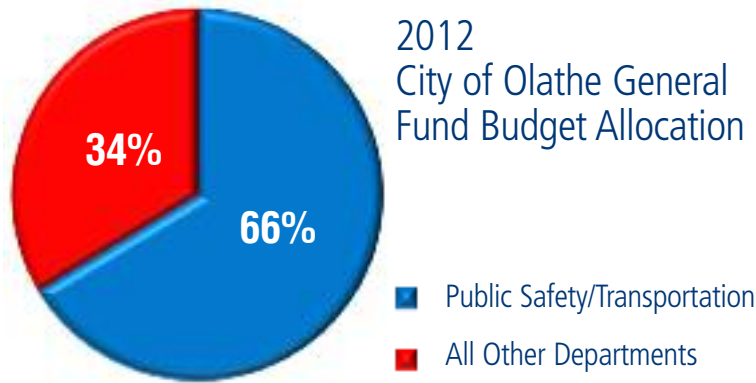




Public Safety and Street Preservation Among Priorities Supported in 2012 Budget



The Olathe City Council's strategic budgeting supports citizen priorities using available resources without a mill-levy increase, using the fund balance, or an increase in General Fund fees.

The approved 2012 City of Olathe Operating Budget continues allocating General Funds to residents' top-rated service areas: public safety and street maintenance.

Next year's budget includes a building rehabilitation at Fire Station No. 1, and a new Municipal Court clerk position.

Preserving streets is not only important for transportation; Olathe's street system is linked to the community's overall quality of life, public safety and economic health. Residents recognize the importance of streets, as they consistently identify street maintenance as one of the top areas of emphasis for the City of Olathe.

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Residents' Efforts Place Olathe Ahead of the Curve in County Trash Plan

Every pound of trash going to the landfill is not only bad for the environment, it costs money. Every pound diverted by recycling, not only saves costs, but generates a return, and Olathe customers are getting their money's worth. Since the City's new recycling program went into effect, nearly 35 percent of all Olathe's trash is diverted, well above the Johnson County average.

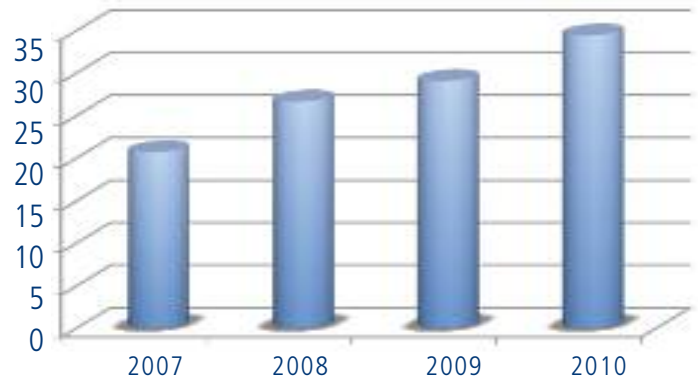
With that type of success in mind, Johnson County enacted a new trash plan with a goal of diverting 30 percent of trash. This plan will mean changes for most of Johnson County, but because of Olathe residents' exceptional efforts, the City of Olathe does not anticipate those changes impacting its customers.

For the latest updated information about any of the plan's impact for Olathe customers, please visit www.OlatheKS.org, or call 913-971-9311.

The City of Olathe has collected residential yard waste separately since 1990, significantly reducing the amount of waste going into

the landfill by over 12,000 tons. Since 1997, the City of Olathe has offered residential solid waste customers curbside collection, and began citywide curbside recycling collection in January 2010.

Percentage Increase of Waste Diverted by Olathe



Residents' diversion of waste from the landfill indicates Olathe is on track to divert 35 percent of materials in 2011.

City of Olathe — Rated number one by citizens for customer service and quality of city services. Source: 2010 DirectionFinder Survey



Find current top Olathe news on the City's website: www.OlatheKS.org.

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Mayor's Message

Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund Helps Children

Thanks to the generous people in our community, less fortunate children can benefit again this year through the Olathe Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund.

The Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund serves our children and families by supporting charities specifically helping those most in need. In some instances, Olathe children need a bed to sleep in, a good meal, or clothing. Essentials such as shoes, eye glasses, backpacks, and school supplies may be difficult to acquire. Other children benefit from professional support provided for those with mental and physical challenges. These needs and many others are met through donations to the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund.

This year's beneficiaries of your tax-deductible donations include:

- CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocates for Children)
- Catholic Charities
- Children's Shoe Fund
- Cypress Recovery
- Health Partnership Clinic of Johnson County
- Interfaith Hospitality Network of Johnson County
- Kansas Children's Service League
- Kansas Foster & Adoptive Children
- KidsTLC
- KVC Behavioral HealthCare
- SAFEHOME
- Salvation Army
- Olathe Special Olympics
- Sunflower House

An enthusiastic and dedicated volunteer Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund Board leads the annual campaign. They have set a 2011 campaign goal of \$80,000. In 2010, our community exceeded the \$65,000 goal, with \$73,584.65 in donations!

Your amazing support is shown by your individual donations and through exceptional community partners. On October 27, Olathe's First Watch restaurant hosted the second annual **Eggstravaganza**, with 100 percent of the proceeds going to the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund. In August, the **Great Midwest Balloon Fest** made the single largest donation ever, with a \$15,000 contribution. We are so grateful to these and other partners for providing an outstanding start for this year's campaign.

Olathe Public Schools continue their tremendous partnership through the "Pennies for Shoes" campaign, allowing students to drop coins in containers supporting the Children's Shoe Fund, one of the 14 charities the Fund supports. Our goal is to continue growing this intergenerational spirit of giving.

Consider "Dining Out for Kids" on Wednesday evening, November 16, when many Olathe restaurants will contribute 10 percent or more of their dinner proceeds to the Fund. Or, you may want to support children by purchasing an **Olathe Heritage Series Christmas ornament**. This second in a series of ornaments features the Kansas School for the Deaf and their 150th anniversary. The 2010 ornament, featuring the Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop and Farm, sold out last year, but is available again this year.

For more information about restaurants participating in "Dining Out for Kids," and where you can purchase ornaments, visit www.OlatheKS.org/News/MayorsChristmasTree.

To learn more about any aspect of the Fund, call 913-971-8500. You can also visit us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/OlatheMCTF.

If you would like to make a contribution online, visit www.OlatheKS.org/News/MayorsChristmasTree.

Checks payable to the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund can be sent to:
City of Olathe
Office of the Mayor
P.O. Box 768
Olathe, KS 66051-0768

Time and again, the Olathe community demonstrates its great compassion for others, and I hope that this year, your love will continue to grow for children in need. Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund donations strengthen the work of our wonderful charities as they serve our children and make a lasting difference in the lives of those who need our help the most.

Sincerely,


Michael Copeland
Mayor

DID YOU KNOW?

There were 707,406 user sessions on www.OlatheKS.org in 2010.

Take a Downtown Stroll to See Sculpture Exhibit

The 2011 Downtown Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit can be viewed with a walk in downtown Olathe. This year's exhibit displays five sculptures on loan from artists throughout the Midwest. The pieces were selected by a panel including Kreshaun McKinney, Studio Programs Teacher

for the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Kansas City, Mo.

Visit OlatheKS.org/GIS/SculptureMap for a map of the walking tour, or contact the Parks & Recreation office, 913-971-8563.



The sculpture Avoidance, by E.S. Schubert, is part of the artist's series featuring studies of figures that are avoiding the gaze of the view. The piece is located in downtown Olathe at the corner of Santa Fe and Water Streets.

Olathe Services Guide

Regular Business Hours: Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. • Except for Emergency 911, and unless otherwise noted

EMERGENCY

Ambulance 911

Emergency TDD/TTY Calls 911

Fire/Police 911

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

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

100 E. Santa Fe 971-8600

COMMUNICATION AND CUSTOMER SERVICES

Communication
100 E. Santa Fe 971-8600

Customer Services
1385 S. Robinson 971-9311

Billing

Trash

Water & Sewer

After-Hours Answering Service 971-5151

Missed Trash

Water/Sewer Emergency

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Emergency 911

Emergency TDD/TTY Calls 911

Administration and Life Safety Services
1225 S. Hamilton Circle 971-6333

Building Codes
1225 S. Hamilton Circle 971-9875

Building Inspections
1225 S. Hamilton Circle 971-9874

Community Enhancement
1225 S. Hamilton Circle 971-9880

Emergency Management 971-6333

Non-emergency TDD/TTY calls 971-7903

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Street Maintenance

Woodland & Harold 971-9511

Pot Hole Hotline 971-6037

Traffic Engineer
1385 S. Robinson 971-9045

Report streetlight outages 971-8513

Report traffic signal malfunctions 971-5180

Report traffic sign concerns 971-5170

Water quality questions
600 S. Curtis 971-5122

Zoning Information
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Olathe WinterFest and Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., • Friday, December 2
Olathe City Hall, 100 E. Santa Fe

- Family fun
- Santa Claus
- Holiday music
- Refreshments

For information, call the Mayor's Office, 913-971-8500, or visit www.OlatheKS.org/News/MayorsChristmasTree

Special Thanks to the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund Board Members

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Honorary Chairman
Mayor, City of Olathe

Frank Carter

Chairman, Systems Material
Handling Company

Denise Bailey

GARMIN

Scott Case

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Dr. Erin Dugan

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Olathe Medical Center

Harlan Parker

Harlan C. Parker Insurance Agency

Denise Phillippi

Peoples Bank

Bill Shafer

First Watch

Matt Vaupell

RED Brokerage, LLC

Higher Education Centers Open in Olathe

Earlier this year, the K-State Olathe Innovation Campus hosted a grand opening of the campus located just east of Highway 7 on College Boulevard. The campus' first building, the International Animal Health and Food Safety Institute, will house research, education and outreach programs in its laboratories and classrooms. The building was made possible with the City of Olathe's donation of land for the campus.



Animal Health and
Food Safety Institute



Olathe Health Education Center

Photo courtesy of JCCC

This fall, students began attending classes at the JCCC Health Education Center on the Olathe Medical Center Campus. Officials dedicated the facility on October 6. The Health Education Center offers nursing classes and other medical related education.



A new, fully handicap accessible fishing dock is in place on the east side of Lake Olathe. A \$39,000 grant award through the Kansas Department of Wildlife—Parks and Tourism Community Fisheries Assistance Program—provided the primary funds for the dock. Access to the dock can be gained from a paved parking area leading to the dock ramp. Although anyone may fish from the dock, the City of Olathe asks that individuals with disabilities have priority access.



Police Crime Analysis Unit Receives Second International Award

Brian Mansfield, Olathe Police Department crime analyst, received the 2011 International Association of Crime Analysts Membership Award for his outstanding contributions to the crime analysis profession. Mansfield was presented the award at the Association's annual conference in Hyannis, Mass. This is the second international recognition for the Police Department's Crime Analysis Unit; Police Intelligence Analyst Dawn Clausius received the Membership Award in 2008.

**New Non-Emergency Number
for Police Department: 782-0720**

Olathe Recreation Programs More Popular Than Ever

A new record for pool attendance was set for the 2011 season.

2011 = 156,330 • 2010 = 149,952

More than 18,000 people attended the Olathe Free Summer Concert Series during 2011. In addition to providing entertainment, the series raised almost \$17,000 for local charities including:

Olathe Noon Optimist Club Youth Programs - \$8,500

Salvation Army - \$500

Olathe Special Olympics - \$4,300 plus \$1,000 from
KC Kona Ice sales at the concerts - \$5,300

TLC - \$2,500

To date, more than \$120,000 has gone back into the community.



Olathe Earth News

Tips to Manage and Use Autumn Leaves in the Yard

Many Olathe residents have the annual task of managing fallen leaves on their property, and that may mean raking, but maybe not.

One alternative is applying the same method for mowing grass – mow it high, let it lie – to manage leaves in the yard. Periodic mowing to chop up modest amounts of leaves provides a source of organic fertilizer for the lawn, as long as leaves aren't matted and an ample amount of grass shows through them.

Yards with many leaves will probably need to be raked. Raked leaves, however, can be used in the yard. Ground-up leaves can be applied to the vegetable garden, flowerbeds and around trees and shrubs for extra protection during cold temperatures. Or, add leaves to the backyard compost pile for a much needed “brown” material to balance the “green” material. To learn more about backyard composting, contact Johnson County K-State Research Extension in Olathe, 913-715-7000.

When possible, just mow leaves. If not, compost them. And if necessary, place leaves in compostable brown bags for yard waste collection, or bring them to the Olathe Composting site, 127th and Hedge Lane, open Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. (Customers must show a copy of the City services bill with current sanitation changes and have a matching picture ID.)



Yard Waste Collection Guidelines

Yard waste is considered any leaves, grass clippings and plant trimmings. Please adhere to these yard waste collection guidelines:

- Place materials in compostable paper bags (or in a City of Olathe yard cart) at the curb by 8 a.m. on your collection day.
- Cut branches and limbs (less than 4 inches in diameter) to 5 feet or shorter and securely tie in bundles no larger than 24 inches in diameter.
- Make sure each bag or bundle weighs less than 50 pounds.
- Call 913-971-9311 at least 24 hours in advance of your scheduled trash day to arrange a bulk collection for tree limbs larger than 4 inches in diameter or not bundled according to the guidelines. Or, take yard waste to the Olathe Composting Facility, 127th and Hedge Lane.



Items not collected

- Sod
- Landscape timbers
- Dirt, gravel or rocks

A Friendly Reminder about Carts

Remember, City of Olathe ordinance requires carts should not be placed at the curb prior to 5 p.m. the day before collection. They should be removed from the curb after collection as soon as possible, no later than 5 p.m. the day after the collection day. When not at the curb for collection, the carts must be stored inside the garage or beside the residence.

Need Another Trash Cart?

Should your household trash exceed the volume for a 95-gallon cart, an additional cart is available for \$5 per month. Call 913-971-9311.

Olathe Increases Erosion and Sediment Control Awareness

The City of Olathe is enhancing the erosion and sediment control program by increasing the amount of inspection and providing a consistent level of enforcement. The goal of this federally-mandated program is to keep sediment (mud) and construction debris out of our lakes, streams, streets and stormwater infrastructure.

All City inspectors will be trained to identify erosion and sediment control violations and work with the development community to resolve the issue. Inspection staff agree that the most effective enforcement method is holding additional building inspections until all outstanding erosion and sediment

control issues are addressed. Additional levels of enforcement may be required, based on the severity of the violation.

The development community will receive a notification letter about existing erosion and sediment control requirements (and the potential for having inspections held). Training material will be provided to the development community so they are better prepared to install and maintain controls. A “roll out” period of 60 days will be established to give the development community some time to adjust to the new level of inspection and enforcement.

Cedar Creek Treatment Plant Expansion Work Progresses



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One of the City of Olathe’s largest projects to date is the Cedar Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion, located west of 7 Highway at the end of 119th Street. The construction, which began in June 2010, is ahead of schedule and continues to take shape.

The project is driven by new federal and Kansas Department of Health and Environment regulations requiring reduced emissions of total nitrogen and total phosphorous into the receiving stream, Big Cedar Creek. The regulations impact all new wastewater plant construction and renovation across the country.

The new facility will have a five-stage biological reduction system specifically designed to reduce nitrogen and phosphorous, while treating wastewater moving through the system. The flow will also be treated in two, 120-foot clarifiers,

returned through the biological system, and finally exposed to Ultra Violet disinfection treatment before its release into Big Cedar Creek.

The plant’s expansion increases dry weather flow capacity from 3 to 7.75 million gallons per day, and increases the wet weather peak flow to 23.25 million gallons per day. A 6 million gallon holding basin for heavy rain events will hold flow exceeding 23.25 million gallons per day until the plant flow decreases enough for treatment. The expansion will relieve the loading problem at the existing plant and open up the Cedar Creek watershed area for future development. The project is scheduled for completion by December 2012, but if the weather cooperates it may be finished earlier.



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Reader Feedback
Please send your comments to:
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P.O. Box 768
Olathe, KS 66051-0768
linkcomments@OlatheKS.org
913-971-8700

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Street maintenance costs continue to escalate for Olathe's street inventory — an inventory that has doubled since 1990. In recent years, cost increases for asphalt and other commodities have also impacted the street preservation program.

Although the budget includes a \$2.2 million increase for street preservation in 2012, about an additional \$4 million is needed each year, for the next five years, to effectively maintain streets. Street maintenance is primarily paid for with sales and property taxes, making funding for preserving the current street infrastructure challenging in future years.

City Offers Utility Discount for Eligible Lower Income Seniors

A utilities discount will be available to eligible City of Olathe senior customers and can be applied to the monthly water and sewer service charges. The program is effective January 1, 2012 as part of the City Council's approved City Budget. Each credit will be \$2.50 a month, up to a maximum of \$5.00, if both utility services are provided by the City.

To qualify for this monthly credit the resident must submit an application annually in person to Customer Services in the Public Works facility at 1385 S. Robinson and satisfy the following criteria:

- Named as the primary account holder
- Live at the address of service
- Be 65* years of age or older
- Total household income not to exceed 1/2 the Olathe median income or \$34,844** annually

* Proof of identity, age, and income will be required at the time of application.

**Based on the annual U.S. Census Bureau, who conducts an official census every ten years, but the median income is completed each year. For cities the size of Olathe, the Census Bureau conducts an annual sample called the American Community Survey (ACS).

For more information see the City website: www.OlatheKS.org/FactsHistDemo/FastFacts, or call 913-971-9311.



**Parks & Recreation
Customer Service,
Administration,
and Park Services**
have relocated to City Hall
at 100 E. Santa Fe.
New phone number: 913-971-8563