

## Olathe Setting Standard for Excellence in Public Safety

### Olathe Crime Ranks Among Lowest in United States

Olathe's crime rate is among the lowest of U.S. metropolitan cities, according to the recently-released 2010-2011 City Crime Ranking from C.Q. Press. Olathe is ranked the 49th safest out of 400 cities with populations more than 75,000.

The crime rate rankings are calculated using murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary and motor vehicle theft statistics from the FBI Uniform Crime Reporting Program.

In Olathe, fewer crimes were committed in 2010 and more of those crimes were solved than in previous years. In 2010, major category crimes were down 13 percent and lesser crimes were down 5 percent compared to 2009. Total crimes solved increased 4 percent for major crimes and 8 percent for lesser crimes compared to 2009.

"I believe these facts and accomplishments are attributed to the Police Department's refocusing on our core services to the community," says Olathe Police Chief Steven Menke.

"Every officer and employee at the department contributes to our mission and therefore to our success. It is their dedication and desire to serve and protect the citizens and visitors to Olathe that is



*Olathe Police Officer  
Kyle Clausius and  
Police Dog Sysko*

making the difference," says Menke.

Olathe and Overland Park share the distinction of having the rank of the top two safest cities in Kansas in the City Crime Ranking in their population category.

### Ask the Chief

Visit [www.OlatheKs.org](http://www.OlatheKs.org) to watch brief videos featuring Fire Chief Jeff

DeGraffenreid and Police Chief Steven Menke as they answer residents' questions about public safety in Olathe.

If you have a public safety question, Ask the Chief. Submit it at [www.facebook.com/CityofOlatheKS](http://www.facebook.com/CityofOlatheKS) and click on the Discussions tab. Who knows, your answer may be featured in a video by the chief.

*The number one source for City of Olathe news and information. —Source: 2009 DirectionFinder Survey*



Find current top Olathe news on the City's website: [www.OlatheKs.org](http://www.OlatheKs.org).

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## Mayor's Message

# Ensuring Equal Opportunities for All Olatheans

One of the values at the heart of our community is including all residents in what Olathe

offers for living life to the very fullest. Through the years, Olathe has stepped forward to embrace and celebrate our diverse population, and we continue to work diligently together to ensure a high quality of life for all citizens.

This is evident in many areas, but especially in the rich and diverse history of our city. We are immensely proud to be home to the Kansas School for the Deaf, founded in 1861. Our **deaf and hard of hearing residents** and their unique language and culture are woven into the very fabric of our community, and the City of Olathe's bonds with this important segment of our population are very strong. The City of Olathe also recognizes the unique contributions and needs of our **senior population and persons with disabilities**. Participation in the Olathe Taxi Coupon program continues to increase, as more people with mobility and other challenges use this essential transportation service.

The **Olathe Persons with Disabilities Advisory Board** has made our city a **regional and national leader in assisting and advocating for persons with a broad range of disabilities**, and it is very



*From left: Roy Holliday, volunteer; Miki Holliday, Diversity Committee; Shakil Haider, Human Relations Commissioner; and Ray Ramirez, Human Relations Commissioner/liaison to Persons with Disabilities Advisory Board.*

rewarding to see other communities recognize and emulate our success.

Our city's unwavering commitment to **fair and equal housing** is evidenced by our efforts to uphold the mission and intent of the Fair Housing Act. In addition, more than 600 families receive assistance through the **Olathe Housing Authority**, which is consistently designated as a "high performer" by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

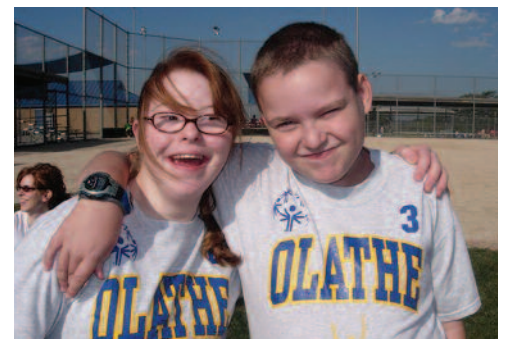


City of Olathe recreation programs offer many **opportunities for children and families with diverse needs**. Thanks to valuable partnerships with organizations like the Olathe National Education Association, scholarships are available for income-qualifying families to ensure that any child is able to participate in recreation activities. Our Recreation **Inclusion Companion Program** provides individual assistance for persons who

require adaptive devices, interpreters, or physical assistance – all at no additional cost.

Olathe's outstanding **Special Olympics** program serves more than 300 individuals, and youth with special needs can participate in a variety of camps, such as **Camp Rolling Along**, which has been internationally recognized for its summer recreation opportunities for children who use wheelchairs.

Dedicated community leaders serving on the **Olathe Human Relations Commission, Diversity Committee and Sister Cities Committee** all seek to foster cooperation and exchange among people of different cultural backgrounds. The **Olathe Citizen's Police Advisory Council** also represents our diverse community, working to enhance understanding and appreciation between the Olathe Police Department and Olathe residents.



All of these programs and their participants are an incredible testament to Olathe's commitment to equality and to the great things we can accomplish by working together. I am extremely proud to serve a community that respects our differences and values the contributions of all citizens, allowing each of us to live an independent and rewarding life!

Sincerely,

Michael Copeland  
Mayor



## Adopt a Pet

It's easy to see pets available for adoption at the Olathe Animal Shelter. Click on [www.OlatheKs.org/Police/AnimalControl](http://www.OlatheKs.org/Police/AnimalControl) to search and view a pet that may become an addition to your household.

If you have lost or found a pet, go to [www.PetHarbor.com](http://www.PetHarbor.com) to register the pet. Sign up to receive e-mails when a certain breed enters the Olathe Animal Shelter.

For more information call the Olathe Animal Shelter, 913-971-6362.

## Olathe Services Guide

### 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.....	971-8612
Customer Services	
1385 S. Robinson.....	971-9311
Billing	
Trash	
Water & Sewer	
After-Hours Answering Service .....	971-5151
Missed Trash	
Water/Sewer Emergency	

### FIRE DEPARTMENT

Emergency .....	911
Emergency TDD/TTY Calls .....	911
Non-emergency TDD/TTY calls .....	971-7903
Administration and Life Safety Services	
1225 S. Hamilton Circle .....	971-6333
Building Codes	
100 E. Santa Fe* .....	971-8575
Effective March 21, changing to	971-9875
Building Inspections	
100 E. Santa Fe* .....	971-8574
Effective March 21, changing to	971-9874
Community Enhancement	
100 E. Santa Fe* .....	971-8580
Effective March 21, changing to	971-9880
Emergency Management .....	971-6333

### 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

\*Note: Effective March 21, Building Codes, Building Inspections and Community Enhancement will reside at 1225 S. Hamilton Circle.

### 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

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

### OLATHE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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
Cemetery Caretaker	
738 N. Chestnut .....	971-5226
Community Development Block Grant	
201 N. Cherry .....	971-6260
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
Office of Human Relations	
201 N. Cherry .....	971-6493
Fair Housing Hotline.....	971-6472
Parks and Public Grounds	
200 W. Santa Fe .....	971-6038
Public Housing Authority	
201 N. Cherry (TDD/Voice) .....	971-6260
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

501 E. 56 Highway .....	971-7500
Animal Control	
505 E. Sunvale .....	971-6362
Emergency .....	911
Emergency/Non-emergency TDD/TTY calls ...	911

### PUBLIC WORKS, PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Planning Services	
100 E. Santa Fe.....	971-8750
Solid Waste Transfer Station	
1681 S. Valley Rd. ....	971-5175
Street Maintenance	
Woodland & Harold .....	971-9511
Pot Hole Hotline .....	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
Water quality questions	
600 S. Curtis.....	971-5122
Zoning Information	
100 E. Santa Fe.....	971-8725

### RESOURCE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

Administration and Accounting	
201 N. Cherry .....	971-8000
City Clerk	
100 E. Santa Fe.....	971-8521
Alarm Coordinator .....	971-8530
Human Resources	
100 E. Santa Fe.....	971-8735
Jobline.....	971-8749
Purchasing	
100 E. Santa Fe.....	971-8714

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## What's Being Built in Olathe

**Johnson County Community College Health Center**  
50,000 sq. ft. - \$12.5 million, 21201 W. 152nd Street

**Johnson County Criminalistics Office/Lab**  
64,000 sq. ft. - \$21.5 million, 11880 Sunset Drive

**K-State Innovation Campus**  
79,000 sq. ft. - \$18.4 million, 22201 College Boulevard

**City of Olathe Wastewater Treatment Expansion**  
30,000 sq. ft. - \$42 million, 25915 W. 119th Street

**Church of the Resurrection**  
19,000 sq. ft. - \$3.2 million, 2400 W. Valley Parkway

**Grace United Methodist Church Addition**  
16,000 sq. ft. - \$2 million, 1485 S. Ridgeview Road

## Did You Know?

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## WORKS WELL

Another Johnson County city and a private company have implemented new employee health plans **patterned after the Olathe Works Well employee health plan**. In addition, the City of Olathe is getting inquiries from across the country on how to implement such an employee health plan.

Participants in the City of Olathe employee plan are showing "healthy" improvements with a 12 percent reduction in health risk factors during the first year. Plus, the City of Olathe is saving money with a \$5 return on investment for each \$1 spent for the plan.



*Olathe Mayor Michael Copeland received the Martin Luther King, Jr. Legacy Award, presented by the MLK Legacy and Scholarship Awards Committee and the Olathe Branch of the NAACP. Henry Lyons, Olathe NAACP president, made the presentations at the 2011 Martin Luther King, Jr. Legacy Awards and Scholarship Dinner on Jan. 17, 2011.*



*Olathe Police Department Sgt. Johnny Roland was recognized as the 2011 Diversity Advocate in Law Enforcement.*

## 2011 Severe Weather Awareness Week March 6-12



Preparing for severe weather that occurs in Kansas is the focus of Severe Weather Awareness Week, March 6-12.

The National Weather Service will issue a **simulated tornado watch and warning at 1:30 p.m., March 8.**

Residents and businesses are encouraged to practice severe weather plans and go to safe areas during the test on March 8. The NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) weather radio system will be activated and local emergency

management agencies will sound the Outdoor Warning System. The City of Olathe provides and maintains the 34 warning sirens within the city.

### Stay Prepared

**Weather alert radios** are one of the **most effective** means for early storm warning. For information on how to get a weather radio, see Project Community Alert information at: [www.marc.org/emergency/pca.htm](http://www.marc.org/emergency/pca.htm)

Olathe residents who follow [Twitter.com/OlatheFire](https://twitter.com/OlatheFire) or like [Facebook.com/OlatheFire](https://facebook.com/OlatheFire) can also receive National Weather Service alerts.

Additional preparedness information can be found in Olathe's Safe Neighborhood Workbook: [www.OlatheKs.org/Fire/Forms](http://www.OlatheKs.org/Fire/Forms). Click on SAFE Neighborhood under Preparedness. The workbook is available in English, large print English and Spanish. Or call 913-971-6333 for more information.

## Police K-9 Unit Plays Valuable Role

When a 7-year old Olathe child was missing last fall, it was police dog Draco who successfully tracked and located the child in a field of tall weeds, making for a happy ending.

The Olathe Police Department K-9 Unit's dogs not only help locate missing persons, they can track persons in felony situations and detect the presence of narcotics. Four shepherds —Draco, Igor, Mojo and Sysko — are used by the Police Department's Patrol Division for these operations. Through the years, K-9 dogs have



apprehended violent criminals and detected millions of dollars in illegal narcotics.

A Labrador retriever, Nela, is used exclusively in Olathe middle and senior high schools as part of the School Resource Officer program. Nela enhances the daily presence of officers in schools, positively reinforcing the learning environment and providing a familiar resource to address safety concerns.

“Whether tracking people, acting as police intermediaries, or detecting narcotics, all of these K-9 teams have proven their value

to our community,” says Police Chief Steven Menke.

When the dogs are not training or working, they reside at the homes of their police officer handlers.

Residents are reminded to never antagonize a police dog as they are trained to serve as aggressive intermediaries when it is necessary.

For more information about the Olathe K-9 Unit, contact Lt. Jack Fahrnow, 913-971-7803, or visit [www.OlatheKs.org/Police/Patrol/K9](http://www.OlatheKs.org/Police/Patrol/K9).



## New Crime Free Business Program Coming Soon

Olathe businesses can help make a significant dent in crime by becoming part of the new Crime Free Business Program that will kick off this spring. Service and retail businesses will be eligible for the free program that comes with proven strategies to reduce the likelihood of being robbed and becoming a victim of other crimes.

National statistics show that Crime Free Business participants have robberies reduced up to 45 percent, and other violent crimes, such as assaults and batteries to employees, are

decreased nearly 30 percent.

The program's certification program requires an on-site security evaluation, management training, an on-site business follow-up and confirmation of certification. Any business located within the Olathe city limits can be enrolled.

For more information or to sign up, contact Beth Wegner, Olathe Police Department Community Outreach Unit, 913-971-6323 or [bwegner@olatheks.org](mailto:bwegner@olatheks.org).

## Olathe's Parks Get Greener

This spring the City of Olathe begins offering opportunities for park visitors to recycle **plastic bottles and cans** at several Olathe parks. Starting in March, recycling receptacles will be strategically placed in high traffic areas at **Black Bob Park, Prairie Center Park, Oregon Trail Park, Olathe Girls Softball Complex** and the **Lone Elm Park softball area**. Historically, these heavily-used parks with athletic facilities experience high volumes of trash, especially plastic bottles and cans.

To recycle, simply place plastic containers such as sports drinks and water bottles (#s1-7) and aluminum cans in the clearly marked silver containers.

**Together we can reduce the amount of waste going to the landfill.**

**Please do your part while visiting your parks.**



# Olathe Earth News

## 2010 Brings Great Increase in Recycling Volume

The citywide curbside recycling program has increased recycling volume in Olathe to more than 34 percent, following one year of the program's operation. As expected, the amount of residential trash collected decreased by approximately the same amount of recycling collected, significantly reducing the waste stream.

Citywide recycling services received an all-time high of 95 percent overall quality of service satisfaction rating in the 4th quarter 2010 customer survey.

## Drop Off Household Hazardous Waste

Take household hazardous waste items to the drop-off facility at 1420 S. Robinson (behind the Olathe Services Center) on the **Second Saturdays** of the month, **8 a.m.-noon**, or by appointment by calling 913-971-9311.

For a complete list of items accepted, see [www.OlatheKs.org](http://www.OlatheKs.org) - click on Municipal Services, then Household Hazardous Waste.

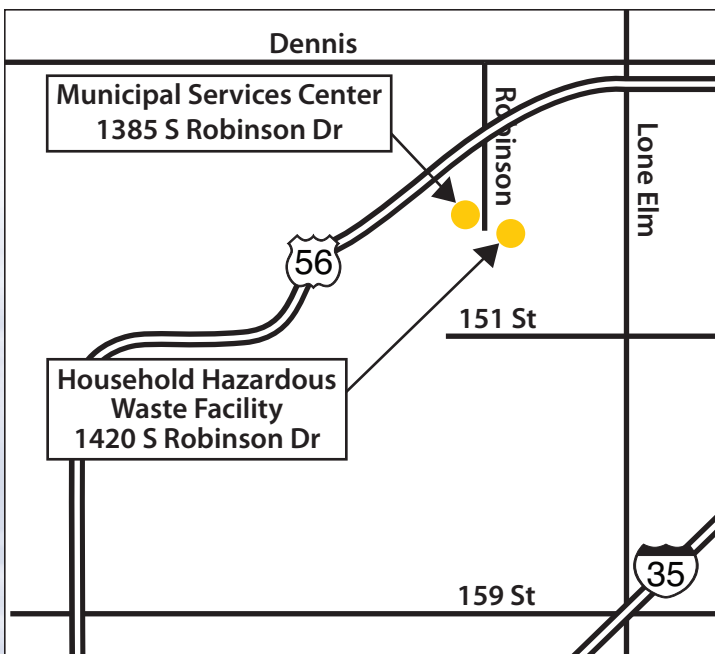


*The larger water tower near 151st and Black Bob Road will receive cleaning and maintenance this spring as the City of Olathe preserves your "liquid" assets.*

## Olathe Maintains Your Liquid Assets

Providing outstanding water quality for customers is important work in 2011. Maintenance activities will occur throughout the water distribution system to protect Olathe's valuable water assets. These activities already started in January with the cleaning, inspection and disinfection of the one million gallon finished water tank at the Olathe Water Plant, 27065 W. 83rd Street.

Maintenance work on the five million gallon water tower at Black Bob Park (the larger tower) begins in late February, weather permitting, and will be completed in late May in time for the higher water system demands. The tower will be inspected, cleaned, disinfected and painted. The City of Olathe will operate various valves in the distribution system to maintain pressure and water demands while the tank is getting a makeover.



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.

# Public Works, Planning and Environmental Services

Olathe utility customers now receive bills in a full-page format instead of on postcards, offering several benefits. Additional customer privacy is provided with the sealed envelopes, more space is available for customer account information and the printing and mailing are outsourced to provide savings for this bill service.

*If customers don't want to receive paper bills, the City offers free electronic bill notification as an alternative.*

*To learn more about electronic billing and bill archive please visit [www.OlatheKs.org/OMS/ElectronicBilling](http://www.OlatheKs.org/OMS/ElectronicBilling)*

- 1** Telephone and website contact information for the City.
- 2** Billing information such as statement date, service address, account number
- 3** Statement billing address
- 4** This space will contain a message regarding important billing and/or City information.
- 5** Water & sewer usage based on meter reading information and bill cycle dates.
- 6** Detailed charges and amounts for the billing cycle
- 7** Total of charges added for the billing cycle
- 8** Summary of amount(s) owed for the billing cycle
- 9** Payment coupon to be returned with your payment



**City of Olathe**  
1385 S Robinson Dr.  
P. O. Box 2100  
Olathe, Kansas 66051-2100

For Billing Inquiries: **1**  
visit [OlatheKs.org](http://OlatheKs.org)  
Call 913-971-9311

**STATEMENT DATE MM/DD/YYYY**

Service Address (# & Street)

**Account Number 2**  
15-00012345

**SPECIAL MESSAGES**

**4**

**This space will contain messages regarding important billing and/or City information.**

**3**  
RECIPIENT NAME  
STREET ADDRESS  
CITY, ST 12345-1234



PRESENT DATE	PREVIOUS DATE	DAYS	READ TYPE
MM/DD/YYYY	MM/DD/YYYY	28	A
PRESENT READING	PREVIOUS READING	CUBIC FT USAGE	
8232	7986	WATER	SEWER
		246	246

Historical Usage available at [OlatheKs.org](http://OlatheKs.org)

**5** Historical Usage available at [OlatheKs.org](http://OlatheKs.org)

**6** Current Month Charges

Charge Description	Amount	Charge Description	MM/DD/YYYY	Amount
Charge Description	\$.\$.	Charge Description	MM/DD/YYYY	\$.\$.
Charge Description	\$.\$.	Charge Description	MM/DD/YYYY	\$.\$.
Charge Description	\$.\$.	Charge Description	MM/DD/YYYY	\$.\$.
Charge Description	\$.\$.	Charge Description	MM/DD/YYYY	\$.\$.

**8**

<b>PAST DUE BALANCE</b> -Due Immediately to avoid possible disconnection	\$.\$.
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<b>Current Charges</b>	\$.\$.
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<b>TOTAL AMOUNT DUE</b>	\$.\$.
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<b>*Total Due after MM/DD/YYYY</b>	\$.\$.
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\* Current Charges subject to 5% penalty if not received by **MM/DD/YYYY**.

**TOTAL CURRENT CHARGES \$.\$. 7**

**FOR PROPER CREDIT, PLEASE RETURN THIS PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT. THANK YOU.**

Failure to receive bill does not relieve customer of late payment amount.

<b>TOTAL AMOUNT DUE</b>	\$.\$.
Amount Due After mm/dd/yyyy	\$.\$.
Contribution Amount (Options on reverse)	

ROUND UP UTILITY PAYMENTS TO INCLUDE A CONTRIBUTION.

If mailing please allow 5 business days

**AMOUNT PAID**

15-00012345 4  
Account Holder Name  
Service Address  
Notice Date: MM/DD/YYYY



Make Checks payable to:

**9** CITY OF OLATHE  
P. O. BOX 2100  
OLATHE, KANSAS 66051-2100



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

**Postal Customer**

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### CITIZEN REQUEST SYSTEM

Make an inquiry or request for City service 24/7,  
[www.OlatheKs.org](http://www.OlatheKs.org)—Click on Citizen Request System.



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# Be a Lifesaver

## with Continuous Chest Compression CPR

### It's safe. It's easy.

It requires no mouth-to-mouth contact.

If you witness a sudden unexpected collapse in an adult, follow these simple steps:

**1** Direct someone to call 911 or make the call yourself.

**2** Push hard and fast in the center of the chest.

Position the patient on the floor. Place the heel of one hand on the center of the chest with the other hand on top of the first. Lock your elbows and perform fast, forceful chest compressions, lifting your hands slightly after each push to allow the chest to rise up. Take turns with a bystander until fire department paramedics arrive.

If an automated defibrillator (AED) is available, attach it to the patient and follow the machine's voice instructions. Otherwise, keep pumping.

REMEMBER: If you just call 911 and do not perform chest compressions, the patient most likely WILL NOT SURVIVE!

NOTE: Gaspings is not an indication of normal breathing or recovery. Initiate and continue compressions even if the patient gasps.

For cases of suspected drowning, drug overdose or collapse in children follow standard CPR.



To learn more you can visit <http://handsonlycpr.org/>, call (913) 971-6333 or visit your local Olathe Fire Station.