Your 2019/2020 Budget at Work

Olathe’s Biennial Budget and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) reflect community priorities.

Olathe is Listening

The City continues to obtain citizen feedback on how tax dollars should be invested.

- 94% citizen satisfaction rate with the overall quality of City services
- 88% citizen satisfaction with Olathe as a place you would buy your next home
- #1 in the nation for cities of 100,000+ in value for tax dollars, quality of customer service and overall quality of City services

Olathe is Financially Sound

The City responsibly safeguards taxpayer investments.

- AA+ Bond rating
- Balanced budget
- Planned growth with controlled costs
- 30% Fund balance reserve

Budget Highlights

A new Fire Station #8, with additional firefighters, will provide emergency service coverage in western Olathe.

To ensure Olathe remains a national leader in preventing/solving crimes, the budget adds school resource officers, detectives, a sergeant, and an expansion of police headquarters.

A new community enhancement officer will ensure Olathe homes and businesses reflect the beauty of the city.

Olathe is Active

Park and trail enhancements align with a voter-approved park sales tax.

- The Cedar Creek Streamway Trail addition will connect Lone Elm Park to Cedar Lake, Lake Olathe and Oregon Trail Park.
- Additional park maintenance staff will maintain park areas and improve quality of medians and highway entries around the city.
- Lake Olathe construction is underway. The destination park will include a beach, marina, and amphitheater.

2018 at a Glance

- The Fire Department responded to 11,873 calls for service and processed 5,360 community enhancement cases. The Police Department responded to 44,803 calls for service and processed 18,979 items in the property unit.

Olathe is Safe

Public safety expansion will support the city’s growth.

- 242,002 member and day pass visits to the Olathe Community Center.
- 22,871 recreation program participants.
More than 25 transportation and street improvement projects will enhance traffic flow and reduce congestion. An additional planner will provide expertise on Downtown Olathe development and future land use projects. Funding for the Street Preservation Program maintains and preserves existing local, collector, and arterial streets throughout Olathe.

A new state-of-the-art library will open in Fall 2019 and feature a makerspace, marketplace, courtyard, children's reading garden, and programming for all ages. New city facility maintenance positions will support community assets and infrastructure. The Library will increase its staff to provide additional programming, maintenance and technology support.

Infrastructure projects address traffic flow and congestion and maintenance of City assets.

**Budget Highlights**

**CIP Highlights**

**2019/2020 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

$124,674,895 allocated in 2019

$126,867,041 allocated in 2020

**2018 at a glance**

Public Works operates 131 traffic signals and 11,467 street lights, and maintains 1,306 miles of street lanes, 4,022 intersections, and 18 roundabouts.

The Olathe Public Library circulated 1,510,007 materials to 72,486 cardholders. The City maintains 1 million sq. feet of buildings, shelters and storage.

The adopted budget and other financial information is available at OlatheKS.org. Learn more about Olathe’s budget: /CITYOFOLATHEKS