



The ROELAND PARKER

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Sunflower Medical Group will Build New Facility in Roeland Park in 2020

On October 27th, City Council approved the Final Development Plan and rezoning request for the northeast corner of Roe and Johnson, to make way for the construction of a new medical office building. Sunflower Medical Group, currently located at 58th and Nall in Mission, will be the anchor tenant in the two-story space. The 32,200 square foot



Rendering of new medical office building from Roe Boulevard Perspective

building will be situated in the southwest corner of the site closest to Roe and Johnson Drive with surface parking in the back. The City plans to close on the sale in December with construction to begin late winter/early spring 2020.



1st Place – Chelsea Johnston

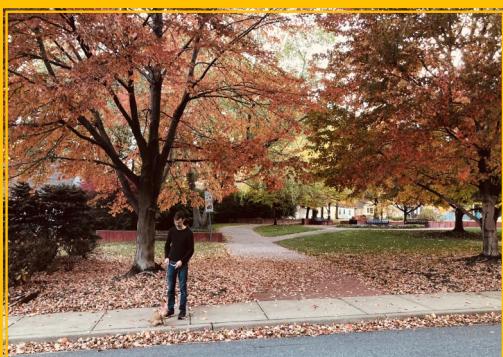
2019 Photo Contest

In the spring of 2019 Roeland Park held its first photo contest inviting residents to submit their favorite RP photos for a chance to display their work in the Roeland Park Art Gallery and to be recognized for their work. The City's Art Committee, along with representatives from staff and council reviewed the photos and selected the top four. The winners were recognized at a Council meeting and presented with a gift card from a Roeland Park business of their choice. All submissions will be featured in the George R. Schlegel Gallery in the month of December and an art reception will be held in their honor on Friday, December 13th at 6 p.m. in the City Hall Gallery. The public is invited and welcome to attend. All participants will receive a framed copy of their photo after the display is complete.

If you missed the first photo contest, stay tuned to the City's website for the next contest in 2020.



3rd Place - Heather Brantman



2nd Place - Jaime David



4th Place - Bernadette Lee

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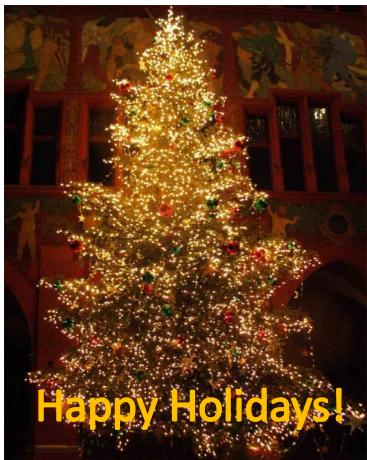
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Roeland Park Teams up with City of Mission to Adopt Local Families for the Holidays

For the second year, the City of Roeland Park will participate in the City of Mission's Holiday Family Adoption program. City staff, council and city volunteers team up to help provide holiday meals and Christmas gifts to families referred through Roesland Elementary School. Last year, Roeland Park adopted five families and the program was able to provide support to 64 families for Christmas. All of the support for this program comes from the generous donations of individuals who work for and volunteer for the City.

"This program is an excellent opportunity to give back to those in our community who might be having a hard time," said Mayor Mike Kelly. "Everyone deserves to have a happy holiday season and we enjoy coming together as a team to help alleviate some of the stress that comes with the season for some of our families."

Anyone interested in participating can email Jennifer at jjoneslacy@roelandpark.org or visit the Sylvester Powell Community Center in Mission to adopt a family of your own.



Thank you to our departing Council Members for serving these past four years! #RPPride



Tim Janssen, Ward 2



Erin Thompson, Ward 3



Michael Poppa, Ward 4

Mayor's Letter

My Fellow Roeland Parkers,

As we come to the end of another wonderful year, I first want to thank you all for continuing to make this community special. While I appreciate our strong fiscal position, our beautiful parks, and our growing business community, I am proudest of the relationships I see forming through families new and old. On my block alone, three newborn Roeland Park residents joined our community. My daughter is very excited to see these new friends at the monthly potluck hosted by our amazing neighbors, the Nolands. Additionally, we celebrated the wedding of two Roeland Parkers at a reception hosted by their neighbors with a number of other Roeland Park friends present. These events reflect bonds we see growing throughout our city. I fully believe our community is the envy of our metro area neighbors.



We are truly a community for everyone. This year, the Mid-America Regional Council presented Roeland Park with the Gold Award under the Community for All Ages program, signifying our commitment to residents both old and new. We are one of the first communities in the metro area to receive this award, and for it we should be proud.

This year of continued success has also been a year of change. In July, we ended our partnership with the Johnson County Parks and Recreation District for the ownership and operation of the Aquatic Center. The Governing Body and the Aquatics Committee has been working hard to design improvements for this facility, which will begin after the 2020 summer season. There is still an opportunity for community input on these improvements, and I invite you to contact us with your vision for the pool. Additionally, we continued to plan for improvements to our parks and our community art. We also worked hard and, through exceptional volunteer community engagement, created a Planning Sustainable Places project, providing vision and direction for continued commercial development. Personally, I want to thank staff and our community volunteers for implementing two new programs that I campaigned upon: Neighbors Helping Neighbors and the Property Tax Assistance Program. These programs echo our commitment to making sure that everyone, regardless of ability or socio-economic status, is welcome in our Roeland Park community.

As we grow, it's important that we stay in touch. This year, we tried a few new things, such as Donuts with the Mayor and a citizen photo contest, to reach people who we might miss through traditional channels. We also revamped our Events Committee into the Community Engagement Committee. We can tell you are engaged, as once again Roeland Park voter turnout exceeded that of our contemporaries. (Continued on pg. 5)

The Roeland Park Recreation Campus



Roeland Park Community Center

(913) 826-3160

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 8 am-8 pm

Friday: 8 am-5 pm

Saturday: 8 am-2 pm

Fitness Room

Monday-Thursday: 7 am-8 pm

Friday: 7 am-6 pm

Saturday: 8 am-2 pm

Sunday: Closed

Roeland Park Aquatic Center

(913) 826-3120

Roeland Park Sports Dome

(913) 362-8700

Please call for open gym and court rental availability.

www.jcprd.com



Fun For All

Graham Cracker House Workshop - Friday, Dec. 20th, 12:30 pm-5:30 pm, \$10

Stop in anytime during the event hours to create a sweet holiday treat with your family! Pre-registration guarantees a supply kit.

Youth

Winter Wonderland LEGO® Challenge (Ages 6-12) - Monday, Dec. 23rd., 8 am-5 pm, \$67

Get ready for the deep freeze! Apply concepts in engineering and architecture to brave the challenges of winter weather. Design and build motorized contraptions such as snowplows, gondolas, and a snowball launcher. Bring a water bottle and lunch.

Junkyard LEGO® Challenge (Ages 7-12) - Friday Dec. 27th, 8 am-5 pm, \$67

Build within constraints, and compete in this advanced course for our strongest builders. Design innovative answers for challenges such as Follow the Hose, Thread the Needle, and the Tunnel Challenge. Bring a water bottle and lunch.

Stem + Minecraft Using LEGO® (Ages 6-12) - Friday, Jan. 3rd, 8 am-5 pm, \$67

Get hooked on the endless creative possibilities as you bring Minecraft gaming to life. Bring water bottle and lunch.

Magic of Wizards Using LEGO® (Ages 6-12) - Monday, Jan. 6th, 8 am-5 pm, \$67

Master the magic of wizardry by visiting the school of witchcraft, participating in broomstick games, and dueling the evil wizard. Bring a water bottle and lunch.

Cake Decorating 101 (Ages 8-13) - Saturday, Jan. 11th, 10:30 am-12:30 pm, \$40

Learn decorating techniques needed to create great looking cakes for birthdays or any occasion. Topics include the basics of coloring icing, decorating techniques and using appropriate tools. All supplies included in the price.

50 Plus

Noon Year's Eve - Tuesday, Dec. 31st, 11 am-1:30 pm, \$15 in advance/\$18 week of event

Celebrate the New Year at noon! Enjoy a catered lunch and musical performance by Michelle Hawkins who covers songs by Elvis, Patsy Cline, Reba, Sinatra, and more! Please register one week in advance.

Cheese Please Bingo - Thursday, Jan. 23rd, 1:30 pm-3:30 pm, \$5 in advance/\$6 day of event

Delight in food, prizes, fun and 12 games of bingo. Variety of prizes awarded including gift certificates. For the enjoyment of all participants, children are not permitted to attend 50 Plus Bingos.

*Cost of admission covers snacks and staff time to administer the bingo program. No additional charge for bingo.



Meet Your New Councilmembers

On November 5th, Roeland Park residents elected three new council members and one returning council member in each ward. The new Council will be sworn in on December 9th. To get to know them better, we asked the new council four questions:

- 1) *How long have you been a Roeland Park resident?*
- 2) *What inspired you to run for office?*
- 3) *What is one thing you want Roeland Parkers to know about you?*
- 4) *Describe yourself in one word.*



Jan Faidley - Ward 1, jfaidley@roelandpark.org

1. I have lived in Roeland Park for 20+ years. My grandparents were Roeland Parkers as was my mother.
2. I was inspired to run for office by the many women leaders I have known.
3. I appreciate and respect diverse opinions. I

believe that democracy works best when everyone is engaged - especially at the local level! Because of that belief, I have been working to register new voters in Roeland Park and increase participation in the governing process.

4. Tenacious

Benjamin Dickens - Ward 2, bdickens@roelandpark.org

1. Six years
2. I have had a strong pull toward public service for most of my adult life and have been politically active as a volunteer since my early 20s. After meeting members of local leadership and seeing first hand the great ideas they have for progress in Roeland Park, I decided it was time to take my passion for volunteering and transition it into running for office myself. I want to help our current council and mayor take our great city to the next level.
3. My goal is to be an advocate for everyone in RP as a mem-

ber of our shared community. It doesn't matter if you serve a constituency of 100 or 100,000, we are all in this together and every choice needs to be made with everyone in mind. The decisions we will make in city hall have to be treated with respect because we can guarantee that they are the most important thing in someone's life at that moment. We are neighbors and we have to be there to lift each other up.



Trisha Brauer - Ward 3, tbrauer@roelandpark.org

1. Almost 15 years.
2. I love our city and want to continue to see it develop. I have seen many positive changes in recent years and want to contribute to keeping our city moving forward.

3. I am a very outgoing, passionate, and positive person. I believe each of us can relate to one another, even if we have different beliefs.

4. Positive

Michael Rebne - Ward 4, mrebne@roelandpark.org

1. 10 years
2. Just in the time we have lived here, Roeland Park has begun investing, in a measured way, in our parks and green-space, sought to improve neglected maintenance on infrastructure, and increasingly looked at diversity as a strength.

3. I believe that local government has an essential role to play in our quality of life in Roeland Park, and I want to make sure my Ward 4 neighbors feel that connection.

4. Open



Mayor's Letter (cont. from pg. 2)

However, we want to hear from you more than once a year at the ballot box. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your Mayor or Governing Body with questions, concerns, congratulations, or requests. We are here to serve you, and it is an honor.

Until next year, Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and thank you.

Mayor Mike Kelly

Update - Roe 2020

Utility Status:

Work to relocate utilities in preparation for next year's reconstruction of Roe Boulevard is well underway. Google intends to start relocating lines yet this year followed by Charter Communications. WaterOne has completed installation of the new waterline and some restoration work remains. Kansas Gas plans to have gas line relocation completed by mid-December. Evergy has completed electric line relocation and will remove old utility poles after communications companies remove their facilities from those poles. Johnson County Wastewater will start their work Dec. 3rd which is anticipated to take a month, depending on weather. During this time northbound traffic will be impacted resulting in lane closures.

Kansas Dept. of Transportation (KDOT) Submittal Process:

The City is completing final paperwork to be submitted by early December to KDOT, which is administering the project. KDOT staff will perform a fourth review of design plans to complete the final plans by February 16th, 2020.

KDOT will advertise the project in February and open sealed bids on March 21st, 2020. KDOT staff will then work with the winning bidder on gathering the appropriate contract documents in preparation for construction. The contractor will likely begin construction in May 2020.

Stay tuned to the City website and social media for regular project updates throughout 2020.



Proposed gateway feature for Roe Blvd Redesign Project

Significant Parks & Recreation Improvements Slated for 2020

2020 will be a big year for Roeland Park. In addition to Roe Boulevard improvements, the City also intends to begin major improvements to the Aquatic Center (RPAC) and R Park. RPAC improvements total \$1.64 million and plans include in-pool float features, additional lighting, new tube slide, shade structures, new toddler slide, ADA features, spray ground and demolition of some older features. Construction is anticipated to begin after the 2020 summer season and be complete prior to the 2021 summer season.



Layout of possible improvements provided by Water's Edge

R Park improvements will follow a development plan that breaks improvements into three phases. Construction on the first phase of the plan begins in 2020 and includes installation of a new 36-48 person shelter

a new restroom facility, replacing some of the concrete with green space. The budget for Phase 1 is just over \$1 million



Proposed R Park Pavilion

and includes \$50,000 fundraised by the Citizen's Initiative for R Park.

Thank you to R Park Pavilion Donors!

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Trisha Brauer
Laura Savage



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Property Tax Rebate Program

In 2019, the Governing Body approved a new Property Tax Rebate program for qualifying homeowners that would rebate 100% of the City portion of their property taxes. In its inaugural year, this program helped relieve the tax burden for five Roeland Park homeowners. In 2020, this program is funded up to \$15,000 to help those who meet income guidelines, which will follow the Dept. of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) guidelines for those at 50% or less of the median family income. The application is available on our website and will be updated once the 2020 guidelines are released.

The first round of applications will be reviewed after May 31, 2020. If program funds remain available, the application deadline will be extended. Visit roelandpark.net/361/Property-Tax-Rebate-Program to apply and for additional information.



Trash Amnesty Week is December 26th - December 31st



Between Christmas and New Year's Day, residents can place unlimited trash bags at the curb for collection by WCA on their scheduled trash day. Bags must weigh 40 pounds or less. Please note—there is no trash service on December 25th so everyone with a trash day of Wednesday and after will have their scheduled collection one day later. There is also no trash service on January 1st and the same rules apply.

Event Calendar

- Mayor's Tree Lighting Ceremony:** Dec 5th, 6 p.m. @ the Community Center
- Comprehensive Plan Meeting:** Dec 17th, 6 p.m. @ City Hall
- City Photo Contest Art Reception:** Dec 13th, 6 p.m. @ City Hall
- Christmas Day:** Dec 25th, City Hall Closed, no trash service. All trash service after the holiday will be pushed one day later.
- Trash Amnesty Week:** Dec 26th-31st
- New Year's Day:** Jan 1st, City Hall Closed, no trash service. All trash service after the holiday will be pushed one day later.
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day:** Jan 20th, City Hall Closed