



# THE OUTLOOK

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## City leaders work with state officials to accelerate improvements for U.S. 169/199th Street

### *State transportation officials agree to move forward with new warning lights*

Infrastructure improvements play a vital role in the success of our city, and local and state officials are working together to ensure safety and convenience at one of our busiest intersections – U.S. Highway 169 and 199th Street. City officials organized a meeting with representatives from the Kansas Department of Transportation in early

June to request that state officials move forward with safety enhancements at the U.S. 169/199th Street intersection. Mayor Steven Ellis, State Senator Molly Baumgardner, City Administrator Jonathan Roberts, and Community Development Director Jim Hendershot met with Kansas Department of Transportation Secretary Mike King and other KDOT officials in Topeka to discuss potential solutions for this vital community need.

KDOT recently delayed more than 20  
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## *Changes coming to weekly trash service*

### **All customers switching to Friday trash and recycling pick-up**

All Spring Hill customers will have their trash and recycling picked up on Fridays beginning July 15. Customers should have recently received a postcard from Waste Management notifying them of the change. (Your trash service provider, L&K Services, is owned by Deffenbaugh Industries, a subsidiary of Waste Management.)

### **You must schedule pick-up for bulky items**

The schedule for large item pick-up will not change at this time (first Wednesday of the month for Miami County, fourth Wednesday for Johnson County). However, residents will need to notify L&K Services of any bulky items they wish to have picked up. To schedule a pick-up, call (888) 837-4640 or email [customerservice@deffenbaughinc.com](mailto:customerservice@deffenbaughinc.com).

# JULY 2016 CITY CALENDAR



## 04 Independence Day

City offices will be closed in observance of the holiday, but the Aquatic Center will be open until 6 p.m. with patriotic games and deals. Current and active military get in free!

## 07

large item trash day:  
Miami County

## 07

Planning Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

## 07 Neighborhood Walk & Talk

Central city west of Webster, 5:30 p.m. at City Park gazebo | Central city east of Webster, 6:15 p.m. at Police Station

## 08

Holiday trash day:  
Miami County

## 09

Holiday trash day:  
Johnson County

## 11 Neighborhood Walk & Talk

Village at Spring Hill, Victory Woods, and Village on Victory, 5:30 p.m. at the Spring Hill Community Center

## 14

City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

## 15 Teen Night

7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The Recreation Commission is hosting an evening of music, giveaways, games and fun for kids ages 13 to 17 at the Aquatic Center. Learn more at [www.springhillrec.org](http://www.springhillrec.org).

## 25 Neighborhood Walk & Talk

Neighborhoods south of 223rd Street, 5:30 p.m. at Blackhawk Park

## 25

Green Board meeting, 7 p.m.

## 27

large item trash day:  
Johnson County

## 28

City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

## 31 Family Luau

6:30 p.m.

It's time for the biggest party of the year at the Spring Hill Aquatic Center! Join us for food, games, giveaways, and more fun. Admission is \$5.

ALL EVENTS TAKE PLACE AT THE SPRING HILL CIVIC CENTER UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

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major infrastructure projects due to state revenue shortfalls. One of the deferred projects was a major phase of improvements to Kansas Highway 68— a road frequently traveled by Spring Hill residents and others visiting the city from the south, Mayor Ellis noted. Elected officials expressed concern that the improvements to U.S. 169 would be further delayed due to the deferrals of these other key state projects.

Local officials reported that residents frequently cite the U.S. 169/199th Street intersection as a top safety issue. With heavy increases in traffic from the intermodal facility arriving from the west

and an anticipated surge in commuters from planned residential development to the east, local officials stressed that they are concerned about the safety of travelers and the intersection's ability to handle future growth.

KDOT officials agreed to review and evaluate traffic count information for the area. While the 2007 K-7 Corridor Management Plan called for an interchange to be constructed at U.S. 169 and 199th Street, KDOT officials confirmed this improvement, estimated to cost \$15-30 million\*, is unplanned and unfunded. However, state and City officials agreed that measures could be taken to make this intersection safer while waiting for funding to become available.

KDOT officials committed to working

with their regional officials to install "signal ahead" warning lights near the intersection. These new signs would replace the existing warning signs at the intersection, which do not indicate the status of the upcoming signal. The new lights would give drivers approaching the intersection advanced warning that the light ahead is red so that they can begin to slow down and use caution well before they spot the traffic signal.

City officials anticipate the installation of the warning lights in the near future and look forward to viewing more concrete plans for long-term improvements along this corridor.

*\*Project costs for an interchange can vary greatly depending on the cost of materials, engineering, and right-of-way acquisition.*