From:

Howard Uhl

Sent:

Monday, February 5, 2024 8:02 AM

To:

Lee Holmes; Mark Schreiner

Subject:

19th Street closed

This morning (02/05), 19<sup>th</sup> Street will be completely closed between SW Sims Ave and Prairie Rd. The water department is repairing a water line failure at this location. The anticipated time of the closure is about two weeks, depending on weather and circumstances of the failure.

If you have any questions please contact:

Pete Voback @ Water

785

368 3687

Howard Uhl or Lee Holmes With City

Engineering

785 368 3842

Howard A. UHL Engineering Technician II Topeka Engineering Section/Public Works

Office

785-368-2413

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785-969-7849

huhl@topeka.org

From:

Howard Uhl

Sent:

Tuesday, February 6, 2024 11:55 AM

To:

Lee Holmes; Mark Schreiner

Subject:

1600 block of Washburn Traffic Disruption

In the morning, Wednesday – 02/07, the water department will be closing the south bound traffic on Washburn Ave in the 1600 block. Friday, they hope to have one lane open for south bound traffic.

If you have questions, please call

Pete Vobach @ water 785 368 3687 Howard Uhl @ engineering

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From:

Howard Uhl

Sent:

Wednesday, February 7, 2024 9:24 AM

To:

Lee Holmes; Mark Schreiner; Braxton Copley

Subject:

Traffic disruption at NW Lyman and Tyler

Late yesterday, One Gas, had an emergency gas leak at NW Lyman and Tyler and had to close part of Lyman and closed Tyler at the intersection. I spoke with Dalyn Buchanan, with One Gas, and this morning their goal is to have the south bound traffic open on Tyler and at least one lane E and West open on Lyman.

# Please if you have any questions:

Dalyn Buchanan with One Gas

913 645 9626

Howard Uhl with City engineering

785 969 7849

Lee Holmes acting traffic engineer

With City engineering

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From:

Lee Holmes

Sent:

Wednesday, February 7, 2024 2:55 PM

Subject:

SE 2nd & SE Madison - Polk/Quincy Utility Relocation - 72" Concrete Pipe

A utility project, installing a 72" concrete pipe will necessitate the closure of SE 2<sup>nd</sup> & SE Madison. The closure will start on February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and last one (1) month, opening on March 18, 2024. It is full closure of the intersection.

Contractor – EmCon

Tony Emerson – 785-925-0829

City of Topeka – Howard Uhl – 785-368-2413

City of Topeka – Lee Holmes – 785-368-3842

Thanks.

Lee Holmes, P.E.

Project Engineer, Engineering Division City of Topeka Public Works Department

雪: 785.368.3842(Office)



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#### For Immediate Release

Contact for further information: Amanda Knowland, Infrastructure Communications Specialist, aknowland@topeka.org

February 6, 2024

# City of Topeka to survey water service lines for lead

TOPEKA, Kan. – The City of Topeka is joining national efforts to better protect communities from exposure to lead in drinking water.

The City of Topeka's Utilities Department will be conducting surveys to complete an inventory identifying the type of materials that make up all water service lines, including public and private lines. The city expects to roll out surveys in February of 2024.

Compiling data into a comprehensive service line inventory is a requirement created for all U.S. water utilities as part of the Lead and Copper Rule Revision (LCRR) and Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI) established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Utilities Director Sylvia Davis will present more information to the Governing Body at the February 6, 2024 Topeka City Council Meeting. Listen in person or watch live on Cox Local Channel 4, <u>Facebook</u> or the <u>City4 Livestream</u>. Community members are encouraged to tune in to learn more about the city's survey plans.

#### About the LCRI

The EPA first established the Lead and Copper Rule in 1991 to reduce exposure to lead and copper in water. These contaminants primarily enter drinking water through corrosion of service lines, fixtures, or plumbing. EPA published Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR) on January 15, 2021 and proposed Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI) in 2023 to strengthen key elements of the LCRR.

The proposed rule includes many new requirements for all water utilities, including expanding consumer awareness of lead, developing service line inventories, communicating about public health, and testing at schools and child-care facilities.

Under the proposed LCRI, water utilities must identify and make public whether they have lead service lines or not by October 16, 2024.

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#### Water safety

The city publishes its <u>Water Quality Report</u> each year, which includes details about where our water comes from, what it contains and how it compares to EPA and state standards. While the city's water mains do not contain lead, some connecting parts might. There are known lead service lines on both the city side and the private side. The City of Topeka's water treatment system complies with the EPA's drinking water regulations and the Safe Water Drinking Act.

As part of the LCRI proposals, the city may have to replace lead service lines over the course of the next several years. But before that could happen, the city must identify those lines.

#### **Next steps**

The next step in this process is to notify homeowners whose service line material is unknown. The City of Topeka plans to mail surveys in February to those homeowners along with instructions on how to determine their type of service line and how to report that information to the city.

In addition to the mailed survey, the city will be in contact with schools and child care providers to assist in identifying their service lines and to conduct water testing.

The information will be compiled, provided to the EPA and made publicly available. The EPA has not yet indicated when this must occur.

#### Resources

The City of Topeka will continue to update topeka.org/utilities with information regarding these efforts.

Learn more about lead in drinking water and how to limit your exposure here and in this short video.

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#### For Immediate Release

Contact for further information: Rosie Nichols, Interim Co-Communications Director

February 6, 2024

# City of Topeka announces Police Chief's retirement

TOPEKA, Kan. – The City of Topeka announced today the retirement notice of Topeka Police Chief Bryan Wheeles. Chief Wheeles will be closing out a three-decade long law enforcement career of distinguished service on July 1, 2024. He has worked in many capacities within the Topeka Police Department (TPD) to include; a patrol officer, a narcotics investigator, a homicide detective, a supervisor and various levels of police command, culminating as the Chief of Police.

"We extend our deepest gratitude to Chief Wheeles for his unwavering dedication and years of service to not only his fellow officers, but the city as a whole," said Interim City Manager Richard Nienstedt. "Chief Wheeles leads by example. His calm, pragmatic, reliable presence in times of crisis is felt far beyond the police department. He is the first to offer help wherever he is needed and he will be deeply missed."

"Thirty years of dedicated police service, within one community, makes me very proud," said Chief Wheeles. "There are a lot of amazing people working at TPD and it has been an honor, beyond my ability to truly express, to serve beside them all these years. I loved my job and got to make a difference. When you come to the end of a career and look back, it's hard to ask for more than that. It has been a great ride, in a great community and I'm looking forward to spending more time with my family and seeing what life brings me out of the uniform."

The city wants to acknowledge Chief Wheeles' leadership, celebrate his career, and wish him a well-deserved and fulfilling retirement. In the coming weeks, the city will share details regarding the search process for the next Police Chief.





# **LIEAP Application Assistance Event with Evergy**

The Topeka Public Library will be partnering with Evergy to provide LIEAP application assistance. See below for event details.

February 15, 2024
Topeka Public Library
1515 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Ave,
Topeka, KS 66604
10:00 A.M.– 3:00 P.M.

# Please bring the following items:

- √ Copies of all proof of income for all permanent individuals in the home who are 18 years or older
- √ Copies of utility bills (gas, electric, propane, wood, etc.)

## 2024 Income Eligibility Guidelines

Number in the Household	Gross Monthly Income
1	\$1,823
2	\$2,465
3	\$3,108
4	\$3,750
5	\$4,393
6	\$5,035
7	\$5,678
Add \$643 for each additional	
person	

This application assistance outreach is to assist all Kansas customers who may be eligible for these federal funds. You do not need to be an Evergy customer to attend and receive assistance in completing your application.

For more information please call: 785 379-4432



# Receive up to \$9.25 off your phone or Internet service

Lifeline is a federal program that helps lower the monthly cost of your phone or Internet service.\*

## **INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY**

You qualify for a discount if:

- You participate in any ONE of these government benefit programs:
  - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
  - Medicaid
  - Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA)
  - Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit
  - Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
  - -OR-
- Your income is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines

#### **HOUSEHOLD ELIGIBILITY**

A household is a group of people that share income and expenses.

- You are only allowed to get one Lifeline discount per household.
- If you share housing, complete the Household Worksheet.
- The worksheet is available on our website,
   LifelineSupport.org. You can also ask your
   Lifeline service provider.

# **THREE WAYS TO APPLY**



**APPLY ONLINE** Find the online application at **lifelinesupport.org**.





MAIL YOUR APPLICATION Print an application from LifelineSupport.org.
Fill out and mail it with proof of eligibility to:

Lifeline Support Center PO Box 9100 Wilkes-Barre, PA 18773





#### **CONTACT A PHONE OR INTERNET COMPANY**

Find a company that provides Lifeline at **LifelineSupport.org**.

Click Companies Near Me.

If you live in CA (CaliforniaLifeline.com), OR (Lifeline. Oregon.gov), or TX (TexasLifeline.org), visit the website for your state to find out how to apply.

## **HOW TO SHOW YOU ARE ELIGIBLE**

You may need to show proof that you qualify for Lifeline, such as:

- A copy of your SNAP or program letter OR
- A copy of your pay stub or tax return to prove your income is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines.

\*If you live on Tribal Lands, you may receive an additional discount toward your service. If you have a disability and need assistance with your application, contact the Lifeline Support Center.



# LIFELINE SUPPORT CENTER

(800) 234-9473 | 9 AM-9 PM ET | 7 DAYS PER WEEK LifelineSupport@usac.org | www.LifelineSupport.org



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# **HOW TO KEEP YOUR BENEFIT**

## **USE IT OR LOSE IT**

If your mobile phone or Internet is free, use it at least **once every 30 days** to keep the benefit.

#### RECERTIFICATION

Each year, Lifeline will conduct a check to ensure you still qualify for the benefit. We will review databases that can verify your participation in qualifying programs.

We will send you a letter asking you to recertify your benefit ONLY if we are unable to confirm you are still eligible.

# What to do if asked to recertify:

- Call (855) 359-4299 OR
- Complete the form online at lifelinesupport.org OR
- Complete the recertification form and mail it to:

Lifeline Support Center PO Box 9100 Wilkes-Barre, PA 18773

You may check your Lifeline benefit status anytime by calling the Lifeline Support Center, (800) 234-9473.

If you live in **CA (CaliforniaLifeline.com)**, **OR (Lifeline.Oregon.gov)**, or **TX (TexasLifeline.org)**, visit the website for your state to find out how to recertify.



#### TRANSFER YOUR BENEFIT

You may change the phone or Internet company registered with Lifeline at any time.

#### To do so:

- Talk to your new company to make the switch some companies may have transfer costs.
- Reapply to Lifeline to confirm you are still eligible.
- Search for a phone or Internet company at LifelineSupport.org.
   Click Companies Near Me.
- \* If you live on Tribal Lands, you may receive an additional discount towards your service.

# **LIFELINE SUPPORT CENTER**

(800) 234-9473 9 AM-9 PM ET 7 DAYS PER WEEK

LifelineSupport@usac.org LifelineSupport.org

If you have a disability and need assistance with your application, contact the Lifeline Support Center.

Contact your phone or Internet company about your phone, Internet service, or bill.





# **Beginning Computer Classes**

2024 **January February** 

March

# **Beginning Computer Navigation**

In this 1-hour class you'll learn how to use a mouse, navigate a Windows 10 desktop, find and open apps and files. Location: Learning Center

**Tuesday** 

January 23

**Tuesday** 

February 20

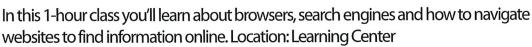
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**Tuesday** 

March 19

10-11am

# Internet Introduction





January 25

10-11am

Wednesday February 21

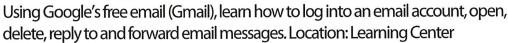
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**Thursday** 

March 21

10-11am

# **Email for Beginners**





February 12

10-11am

Monday

March 11

10-11am

# **Zoom for Beginners**

Learn how to find and use Zoom tools and features to attend and start online meetings.. Location: Learning Center.

Thursday

January 4

10-11am



# Online Safety Tips

Learn how to navigate online safely. We will talk about basic internet safety, passwords, and common online and email scams. Location: Learning Center.

**Tuesday** 

January 9

10-11am

No registration necessary. First come, first serve.



**Meg Porteous** Core Technologies Librarian 1515 SW 10th Avenue | Topeka, KS 66604 785-580-4664 | tscpl.org

more classes...



# **Word Basics**

Get started with the basics of Microsoft Word. Learn to use fonts, spell check and some basic editing techniques to help you navigate, create and edit documents. Location: Learning Center

Thursday

January 11

10-11am

# **Power Point Basics**

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Beginners create a dynamic presentation from start to finish. Learn to insert slides, add text, graphics, transitions and animations. Location: Learning Center

Thursday

February 1

10-11am

# **Excel: Intro to Spreadsheets**

Learn about cells, columns, rows, AutoSum, simple formulas and page setup features. Location: Learning Center

Tuesday

February 6

10-11am



# **Excel: Lists**

Familiarity with basic Excel is required for this class. Learn to create field names, sort lists and link worksheets. Location: Learning Center

Thursday

February 8

10-11am

# **Ebooks with Libby**



Learn about this free library app to access thousands of free eBooks on your computer or smart device. Bring your library card and tablet or smart phone. Location: Learning Center

Thursday

February 29

10-11am

# **Cutting the Cable Cord**

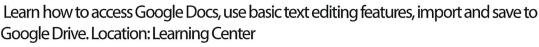
Learn about some of the alternatives to traditional cable or satellite TV, and the benefits and drawbacks of streaming TV and HDTV antennas. Location: Learning Center

**Tuesday** 

March 5

10-11am

# **Google Docs**



Thursday

March 7

10-11am

No registration necessary. First come, first serve.



"Enhancing homeless services to ensure all people receive rent/mortgage assistance with a single point of access."

# DO YOU NEED HOUSING ASSISTANCE?

You no longer need to contact multiple agencies to receive rent/mortgage assistance. The E.A.S. program can help you access help quickly with a single point of contact.

E.A.S. staff will work with you to assess your level of need and connect you with the right resources for your situation.

# **HOW CAN I REQUEST HELP THROUGH E.A.S.?**

**CALL:** 785-368-9533

**EMAIL:** EAS@topeka.org

WALK-INS WELCOME: Cyrus K. Holliday Building, 620

SE Madison Ave, Topeka, KS 66607























"Mejorar los servicios para las personas sin hogar y asegurar que todas las personas reciban asistencia de alquiler/hipoteca con un solo punto de acceso."

¿Necesita asistencia de vivienda?

Ya no necesita comunicarse con múltiples agencias para recibir asistencia de alquiler/hipoteca. El programa E.A.S. puede asistirle rápidamente con un solo punto de contacto.

El personal de E.A.S. trabajará con usted para evaluar su situación de necesidad y conectarlo con los recursos adecuados.

Cómo puedo solicitar ayuda a través de E.A.S.?

Llame al: 785-368-9533

Correo electrónico: EAS@topeka.org

Puede presentarse en persona en: Cyrus K. Holliday Building, 620 SE Madison Ave., Topeka, KS 66603

























# DIVISION OF HOUSING SERVICES

# **ACCESSIBILITY PROGRAM**

The Accessibility Program provides modifications to residential homes for individuals with physical disabilities who are either homeowners are renters. The assistance is provided to gain:

- One access to the home
- Exterior ramp
- Bathroom modifications (homeowner only)
- Access to one bathroom and/or bedroom

To be eligible for this program the applicant must:

- Fill out an application
- Provide documentation of disability
- Own and/or occupy the property
- Provide proof of income

#### 2021 INCOME LIMITS BY HOUSEHOLD SIZE:

- 1 PERSON \$46,350
- 2 PERSONS \$52,950
- 3 PERSONS \$59,550
- 4 PERSONS \$66,150
- 5 PERSONS \$71,450
- 6 PERSONS \$76,750

The assistance is provided as a one-time grant and not repaid. Individuals with verified physical disabilities whose primary residence is within the city limits of Topeka, KS and the residence may be either homeowner-occupied or renter-occupied. Bathroom modifications only to homeowners.

# **EMERGENCY REPAIR PROGRAM**

The Emergency Repair Program is intended to help homeowners make repairs to immediate health or safety problems such as the following:

- Furnace replacement
- Sewer line collapse
- Water heater replacement
- Significant water line, waste line, or gas line leakage
- Medically required and documented mechanical systems
- Roof replacement (not repair)

To be eligible for this program the applicant must:

- Fill out an application
- Own and occupy the property for 1 year in City
- Provide proof of income less than 60% median income
- Provide government photo identification

#### 60% INCOME LIMITS BY HOUSEHOLD SIZE:

- 1 PERSON \$34,740
- 2 PERSONS \$39,720
- 3 PERSONS \$44,700
- 4 PERSONS \$49,620
- 5 PERSONS \$53,640
- 6 PERSONS \$57,600

The Deferred Loan Program requires no monthly payments or interest on the loan. The loan does not have to be paid back unless the home is sold of transfer of ownership occures within 5 years. After 5 years 100% of the loan will be forgiven.

# **WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM**

The Weatherization Program is intended to help eligible homeowners make upgrades to their homes such as the following:

- 90% or higher Furnace Replacement
- Roof Replacement
- Insulation in the attic and walls
- Close crawl spaces
- Exterior door and broken windows
- Sealant and caulking to seal leakage

To be eligible for this program the applicant must:

- Fill out an Application
- Own and Occupy the property within the City limits
- Primary resident for a year
- Provide proof of income less than 60% median income

60% INCOME LIMITS BY HOUSEHOLD SIZE:

- 1 PERSON \$34,740
- 2 PERSONS \$39,720
- 3 PERSONS \$44,700
- 4 PERSONS \$49,620
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- 6 PERSONS \$57,600

The Weatherization Program will provide a grant to homeowners, an opportunity to obtain assistance with insulation, HVAC systems, sealing. The minimum assistance provided per qualifying activity shall be \$1,500.00 and maximum lifetime assistance per house and per homeowner is \$10,000 dollars. Weatherization improves energy efficiency and lowers utility bills.

FOR MORE INFO ON ANY OF THE ABOVE PROGRAMS, PLEASE CALL 785-368-3711

# PROGRAMA PARA LA RESTAURACIÓN Y EL MANTENIMIENTO DE LA PROPIEDAD



Los propietarios pueden recibir hasta \$20,000 para restaurar sus viviendas si han violado alguna regla de mantenimiento a la propiedad. Este es un programa gratuito que está disponible para los propietarios de viviendas.

Las solicitudes serán autorizadas de acuerdo con el orden en que fueron entregadas:

- Proporcionar identificaciones de todos los miembros que viven en la vivienda.
- Proporcionar comprobante de ingresos de los últimos 60 días de todos los miembros que viven en la vivienda.
- Todas las personas que aparecen en el título de la propiedad deben vivir en la vivienda y ser propietarios al menos por un año.
- El trabajo a ser completado debe hacerse en la vivienda y no en otros edificios alrededor de la propiedad.
- El hogar debe encontrarse en el 50% o menor del ingreso promedio para el área para calificar. Ver los lineamientos de ingresos a continuación.



Ingreso promedio para calificar para una vivienda de 1–4 miembros es de \$38,850 Ingreso promedio para calificar para una vivienda de 5–8 miembros es de \$51,300

Llame al 785-368-3711 para una aplicación.

# PROPERTY MAINTENANCE REHABILITATION PROGRAM



Homeowners can receive up to \$20,000 to rehab their homes if they have a property maintenance violation. This is a free program available to homeowners.

Applications will be approved on a first come, first served basis.

To qualify you must:

- Provide ID for all household members
- Provide proof of income for the past 60 days for all household members
- All people on the deed of the property must reside in the home and have owned the house for at least one year
- All work being completed must be on the actual home itself and no other buildings around the property
- Household must be 50% of the AMI or below to qualify. See income guidelines below.



Qualifying AMI for all household sizes is \$42,033.50

Call 785-368-3711 for an application.

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Department are partnering to distribute free gun The City of Topeka and the Topeka Police locks to community members.

Central Park Community Center, 1534 SW Clay St. January 30, 2024 - 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

February 19, 2024 - 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. CRC Stout, 2303 SW College Ave.

Hillcrest Community Center, 1800 SE 21st St. March 18, 2024 - 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Crestview Community Center, 4801 SW Shunga Dr. April 10, 2024 - 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Garfield Community Center, 1600 NE Quincy St. May 15, 2024 - 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

CRC CARE Center, 455 SE Golf Park Blvd. June 10, 2024 - 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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Questions? Contact Monique Glaudé at mglaude@topeka.org or 785-368-4470.











Learn how to install your child's car seat or booster seat. Find out if it's time for a change.









Date	Time	Location	Address
1/13/24	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Topeka Fire Dept. #5	720 SW 21 <sup>st</sup> St, Topeka
2/10/24	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Cable Dahmer of Topeka	3731 SW Topeka Blvd, Topeka
3/9/24	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Silver Lake High School	200 East Lake St, Silver Lake
4/13/24	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	. Health Dept.	2600 SW East Circle Drive, Topeka
5/11/24	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Kansas Children's Discovery Center	4400 SW 10 <sup>th</sup> Ave, Topeka
6/8/24	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Health Dept.	2600 SW East Circle Drive, Topeka
7/13/24	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	YMCA	3635 SW Chelsea Drive, Topeka
8/10/24	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	SENT Prep Academy	206 SE Lakewood Ct, Topeka
9/14/24	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Health Dept.	2600 SW East Circle Drive, Topeka
10/12/24	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Pine Ridge Prep School	1100 SE Highland Ave, Topeka
11/9/24	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Shawnee Heights Fire #23	5301 SE California Ave, Topeka
12/14/24	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Mission Township Fire	3101 SW Urish Rd, Topeka

Contact for questions: <a href="mailto:carseat@stormontvail.org">carseat@stormontvail.org</a>
Watch our Safe Kids Shawnee County Facebook page for future events!



