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March 4, 2024

Shed Fire

518 SE Leland St.

TOPEKA, Kan. – On March 2, 2024, just after 10:30 p.m., crews from the Topeka Fire Department (TFD) responded to a reported shed fire behind 518 SE Leland St.

Upon arrival, crews found the fire had spread to a detached garage and a nearby vehicle. Firefighters requested additional assistance and began to suppress the fire. No injuries were reported from the incident.

A TFD Investigation Unit responded to determine the cause and origin of the fire. The following is a brief summary of their findings:

- The cause of the fire is undetermined; having originated in or near the shed.
- The total estimated loss from the fire is approximately $13,500, with $1,000 associated with structural damage to the shed, $500 associated with content loss in the shed, $10,000 associated with structural damage to the detached garage, and approximately $2,000 associated with vehicle damage.
- TFD response included 3 Engine Companies, 2 Truck Companies and 2 Battalion Chiefs.
- Assisting agencies included Evergy and the Topeka Police Department.
- Smoke detectors were not located in the structure where the fire originated.
Monique Glaude

From: Lee Holmes <llholmes@topeka.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 11:22 AM
Subject: SW Topeka Blvd. & SW 45th Street - Lane Closures

The southbound left turn lane will be closed, but left turns still allowed in the inside thru and now left turn lane. Also, the northbound inside (east lane) will also be closed. This work is to modify the median.

The closures will occur today March 4, 2024 at 1:00 pm and last until Thursday March 14, 2024. Then work will shift to other locations at the intersection. Another traffic disruption will be issued at that time.

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TO: Board of Zoning Appeals, City Council, City4, Security, Landmarks Commission, MTPO Policy Board and TAC, Planning Commission, Planning & Development, Braxton Copley, Renaldo Davis, Sylvia Davis, Keya Downing, Matthew Mullen, Monique Glade, Cherese Holly, Rachelle Matthews, Jane Murray, Mike Padilla, Mark Schrainer, Gretchen Spiker, Liz Toyne, Jason Tryon, Brenda Younger

March 2024 Planning & Development Department Meetings Calendar

Planning Division

Board of Zoning Appeals – March 11, 2024
Meetings are held at 620 SE Madison (Holliday Building), 1st Floor Holliday Conference Room

Topeka Landmarks Commission – No Meeting

Design Review Committee is scheduled to meet Tuesdays at 4:00PM
If there are no cases to consider, the meeting is cancelled.

Topeka Planning Commission – No Meeting
City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor Municipal Building (TELEVISIONED)
Final agenda items available at www.topekaspeaks.org 10 days prior to meetings.

Metropolitan Topeka Planning Organization (MTPO) - Policy Board – March 21, 2024- Hybrid
Attend on Zoom or in person at 620 SE Madison, 1st floor Holliday Conference Room.
Final agenda items available at www.topekaspeaks.org 7 days prior to meetings.

MTPO - Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) – March 14, 2024- Hybrid
Attend on Zoom or in person at 620 SE Madison, 1st floor Holliday Conference Room.
Final agenda items available at www.topekaspeaks.org 7 days prior to meetings.

MTPO – Complete Streets Advisory Committee (CSAC) – March 21, 2024- Zoom
Attend on Zoom.

Development Services Division

Board of Building and Fire Appeals (BBFA) – March 21, 2024
BBFA meetings are regularly scheduled to meet at 11:00am on the third Thursday of each month that an appeal request is submitted. Request deadline is 10 calendar days prior to the scheduled meeting.
Meetings are regularly scheduled online unless specifically scheduled to meet in person.
If there are no cases or business to consider, the meeting is cancelled.

Trade Boards of Appeals
Meetings are held at 5:00PM at the Holliday Building, 620 SE Madison, 1st Floor Holliday Conference Room. If there are no cases to consider, Trade Board meetings are cancelled.

Mechanical – March 13
1st Wednesday of each month

Electrical – March 12
2nd Tuesday of each month

Plumbing – March 20
3rd Wednesday of each month
Hello all,

United Way of Kaw Valley and the American Red Cross are hosting an upcoming blood drive. Please consider making a donation or share with friends! Help us fill our schedule.

Please join our lifesaving mission and schedule an appointment today!

**Drive Details:**
- **Site:** United Way of Kaw Valley
- **Address:** 1527 SW Fairlawn Road, Topeka, KS, 66604
- **Room Name:** Conference Room
- **Date:** Fri Mar 8, 2024
- **Time:** 09:00 AM - 03:00 PM
- **Blood Program Leader Name:** Jessica Barraclough
- **Blood Program Leader Phone Number:**
  - [Click here to make an appointment](#)

Please help United Way of Kaw Valley and the American Red Cross with the gift of your time, with a Blood Donation.

The need for blood is constant and only volunteer donors can fulfill that need for patients in our community. Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime.

Thank you for supporting the American Red Cross blood program!

Download the Red Cross Blood Donor App on the [App Store](#), [Google Play](#) or text BLOODAPP to 90999. Schedule appointments, view your blood type and results of your mini-physical, and track your donations.

American Red Cross Blood Services - 431 18th St. NW, Washington, DC, 20006
- [Click here](#) to unsubscribe from further mailings from American Red Cross Blood Services.
Please help us share this opportunity! The Fellowship Hi-Crest College & Career Scholarship fund will help students pursue education and career paths that lead to higher-paying jobs. It can be used for things like tuition, application fees, books, tools, or other items required for their program of choice.

Two scholarships will be awarded for 2024 for an estimated $400 each. Students entering their Sophomore year of high school through their Freshman year of college or first year of trade school in the Fall of 2024 will be eligible.

Priority will be given to students currently attending Fellowship Hi-Crest Student Ministries. We will also receive applications from students who attended or recently graduated from a Topeka 501 school.

The application deadline is April 29, 2024. Winners will be announced during service on May 19, 2024.

Link to application: https://fellowshiphicrest.com/events/youth-college-career-scholarship-986/

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Fellowship Hi-Crest
BEVERLY BERNARDI POST CONSERVATORY OF DANCE & POM
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***Community Groups can have a Dance Day at the Conservatory, 5000 sq. ft.!!! I can teach a short class where proceeds can benefit a charity, an event, a community event, a military proceed!!!! Just call Beverly to discuss!

***Entertainment provided by the Beverly Bernardi Post Conservatory dancers providing ballet, tap, jazz, baton, pom, and cheer!!! Great variety from ages of 2 through adult!!!!!

We would put on entertainment for you which also brings more people to your particular event.

I have taught over 38,000 students in over 50 years. I CARE ABOUT TOPEKA!!!!!!!

We also have over 14,000 Theatrical costumes, Mascot costumes, so many costumes that could be rented very inexpensively to help your event!!!!

Beverly Bernardi Post Conservatory on Facebook
MARCH SCHEDULE
Tuesday & Thursday

MOBILE ACCESS PARTNERSHIP
Topoka Rescue Mission's homeles hotline:
785-230-8237

TRM
Clothing, Hot breakfast and lunch, Hygiene items

VALEO
Showers, COVID testing, Mental Health Screenings, City ID applications,

STORMONT
Child visits, Annual physicals, Chronic care follow-up, Routine lab work, Blood pressure & Diabetes checks, Immunizations Please call 785-270-4440 to set an Appointment. Bi-lingual staff available.

FREE LIFELINE PHONES
Government phone program (EBT award letter and ID required to qualify)

STREET DOG COALITION
Vaccines for pets, Parasite control, Spay/Neuter

SCHD
Hepatitis A vaccines, Tetanus shots and Flu shots

KDHE
Voluntary blood draws for Hepatitis A, Hepatitis C, STI Panels, and HIV as well as rapid Syphilis tests. Added Pneumovax, Tetanus, Shingles and Flu shots.

Mar. 5th • 9:00-2:00
Salvation Army
1320 SE 6th
Valeo, TRM, Free LifeLine Phones, Stormont-Vail

Mar. 7th • 9:00-2:00
Salvation Army
1320 SE 6th
Valeo, TRM, Free LifeLine Phones, Stormont-Vail, KSU/SDC

Mar. 12th • 9:00-2:00
Salvation Army
1320 SE 6th
Valeo, TRM, Free LifeLine Phones, Stormont-Vail

Mar. 14th • 9:00-2:00
Salvation Army
1320 SE 6th
Valeo, TRM, Free LifeLine Phones, Stormont-Vail, SCD

Mar. 19th • 9:00-2:00
Salvation Army
1320 SE 6th
Valeo, TRM, Free LifeLine Phones Stormont-Vail

Mar. 21st • 9:00-2:00
Salvation Army
1320 SE 6th
Valeo, TRM, Free LifeLine Phones, Stormont-Vail, KSU/SDC

Mar. 26th • 9:00-2:00
Salvation Army
1320 SE 6th
Valeo, TRM, Free LifeLine Phones Stormont-Vail, KDHE

Mar. 28th • 9:00-2:00
Salvation Army
1320 SE 6th
Valeo, TRM, Free LifeLine Phones, Stormont-Vail, SCHD

Questions about MAP?
Please contact Jenny Falk, Director of MAP Operations, at jfalk@trmonline.org.