



The Basehor Quarterly

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Message from the Mayor

Hi Basehor!

Can you believe that we are already a month into 2024?

As we wrap up the holiday season, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank some very important individuals who were instrumental in helping me make the holidays special for children in our community. Thanks to the combined efforts from our Basehor Police Department and the local school counselors and principals, we were able to identify 33 students whose families needed assistance to help purchase their children presents for the holidays. Through the Mayor's Charity Fund, we were able to adopt the 33 children from Unified School District 458 and were able to purchase approximately \$250 in presents for each child.

I could not be more appreciative of the generosity shown by everyone who helped with this huge undertaking, and it was such a joy to get to spread Christmas cheer to those children.

The presents were able to be purchased through the Mayor's Charity Fund, which benefits local non-profit organizations and charities, and is solely generated by revenues created through fundraising. The Mayor's Annual Golf Tournament is the primary fundraising event for the Mayor's Charity Fund.

Thanks to the fundraising efforts of the Mayor's Charity Fund, I was also able to provide financial support to the family of a young child in our community who suffers from a rare disease and requires frequent medical care, including chemotherapy.

I look forward to once again hosting the Mayor's Annual Golf Tournament on September 18, 2024, to benefit the Mayor's Charity Fund and a number of worthy causes in our community.



Pictured is City of Basehor Mayor Dick Drennon and his wife, Debbie, with the presents that were purchased for the children. The presents were wrapped and then placed in dark bags to be delivered discreetly.

Our 2023 here in Basehor was definitely monumental with everything from opening our newest city park, Tomahawk Park, in March to seeing new businesses open and begin to break ground. I am excited to welcome even more businesses in 2024.

I would also like to personally invite you to join us for an exciting groundbreaking ceremony for the 155th Street improvements. Be on the lookout for more information to be shared for that ceremony soon. We are also excited for the upcoming opening of our New City Hall Building, along with public amenities planned on the Civic Campus that will include a splash pad and new playground! More information on the opening of those facilities is coming soon!

I wish you all a Happy and healthy New Year and thank you for letting me serve as your mayor for our wonderful city!



SAVE THE DATE: Monday, March 18, 2024

*Basehor
State of the City
Address*

Falcon Lakes Clubhouse
4605 Clubhouse Drive
Basehor, KS 66007



More information coming soon!

Paving for Progress

We are very excited to announce the start of “Paving for Progress!” This five-year program is designed to modernize and improve the City of Basehor’s streets that are in need of repair.

Basehor residents may have noticed curb repairs began in 2023 for certain areas, and additional roadway and curb improvements are scheduled to continue throughout 2024.

In the 2019 City of Basehor Citizen Satisfaction Survey, the condition of the City’s streets was identified as the third highest priority for improvement. In January of 2022, the City’s Governing Body authorized the Basehor Complete Street Inventory



Project. This initiative called for the inventory and assessment of all Basehor streets to create a long-term maintenance and improvement plan to support current infrastructure as well as accommodate future growth.

Following the assessments of each street, a 5-year pavement management plan was then created that would not only provide for the reconstruction of poor and failed roads, but would also include maintenance for good-rated streets to preserve them and prolong their life span.

The City of Basehor’s Governing Body has authorized funding for years 1 and 2, permitting \$2.4 million in road and curb improvements. These improvements began with curb repairs that were completed at the end of 2023 and will continue with street and curb repairs that will take place throughout 2024. Years 3-5 would have been funded if the 1% general citywide sales tax had been approved in June 2023. Since the vote for the 1% general citywide sales tax did not pass, the budget currently includes modest roadway improvements over a longer period of time than the proposed 5-Year Pavement Management Plan.

An online interactive map will be coming soon that will demonstrate each street’s rating and also identify which streets are scheduled for improvements. More information on the interactive map and where to view it will be shared in the coming weeks.

Better Connectivity Coming Soon

At the Jan. 24, 2024 City Council meeting, the Governing Body officially signed the awards from the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) to move forward with the 155th Street and MetroGreen Trail Projects.



These improvement projects will enhance overall safety for both motorists and non-motorists, adding turning lanes, sidewalks, and walking trails. Combined, the construction is estimated to cost \$13.2 million, with more than \$8 million of the costs being covered by grants that have been awarded to the City.

Construction is scheduled to begin in the upcoming months and is part of Basehor Connected, an ongoing community trans-

portation improvement initiative.

Additional information about Basehor Connected can be found by visiting www.basehorconnected.com.

We invite you to join us as we break ground to begin

155th Street Improvements & MetroGreen Trail



**155TH STREET & PARALLEL ROAD
BASEHOR, KS**

Parking will be at Basehor-Linwood High School.

DATE COMING SOON!

More details to follow. www.BasehorConnected.com

Notices and Ordinances Published on the City's Website



Exciting news! In December, the governing body approved a resolution to start publishing notices and ordinances on the City's official website. Community members will now be able to access the information immediately on the City's website without needing access to a local printed option.

Each quarter we will also share the approved ordinances and resolutions in the current issue of the *Basehor Quarterly*.

Approved Resolutions and Ordinances since December 13, 2023:

- Ordinance 904
- Ordinance 905
- Ordinance 906
- Ordinance 907
- Resolution 2023-33
- Resolution 2023-37

To view the posted notices and ordinances, visit the City's website and from the menu, select "Government... Public Documents."

City of Basehor Staff Highlight: Shauna Hernandez, Accounting Clerk

How long have you worked for the City of Basehor and what made you select this city to work at?

I had taken a break from working for two years to stay home with my son. I chose Basehor because I was looking for something close to home. I have worked for the City of Basehor for 10 years as of February 3rd.

What is your favorite part about your job?

My favorite part of my job is interacting with the public. During the time I have worked for the city, I have met and made connections with so many wonderful people and reconnected with many whom I had not seen in such a long time!

Basehor has a lot of exciting projects happening. What is your favorite project and why?

We have so many amazing projects to look forward to, but I am most excited about additional sidewalks and trails. Several of our projects include the addition of sidewalks and trails that are crucially needed as alternative transportation for nonmotorized travel in our community. The additional sidewalks and trails are a great benefit to our community, and I believe they will have a big impact!

What is your favorite part about working for the City of Basehor?

My favorite part about working for the City of Basehor is looking toward the future. It is exciting to witness the amazing opportunities presented to this small community. I can't wait to see what is next for this great community!



Chief's Corner

Happy January, Basehor!

With the recent winter storms we received, I wanted to take this opportunity to share some winter driving safety tips to help keep everyone safe while driving during inclement weather.

- Roads, especially overpasses, can still be slick even if there is no snow on the ground.
- It is recommended to have an emergency kit in your vehicle that includes a warm blanket, extra socks, a protein bar or energy snack, a working flashlight and drinking water.
- Snow accumulation on your vehicle should be completely brushed off before you drive the vehicle. You should not drive your vehicle if any of the front windshield or side windows have blocked visibility due to snow accumulation. It is recommended to use a broom to sweep the snow off the entire vehicle before it is operated.
- Drive for everyone else. Even though you have taken the steps to ensure a safe arrival in this frigid weather it doesn't mean everyone else has. Be attentive and aware of your surroundings as there are other drivers sharing the roadways.

Remember, be nice, be kind, and be polite.



The crime statistics displayed in the graphic are for the fourth quarter in 2023.



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Basehor, KS 66007

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Events Calendar

March 18, 2024:

Basehor State of the City Address
at Falcon Lakes Clubhouse

**City Council Regular Meetings
and Work Sessions:**

2nd and 4th Wednesdays Monthly

Planning and Zoning Commission Meetings:

2nd Tuesday Monthly

Events

For the most up to date calendar of events, including community events and special meetings, please visit our website at www.cityofbasehor.org and see the City Calendar.

Exciting News!

Be on the lookout for a postcard in your mailbox soon. The City has been working with the YMCA to determine if Basehor is a community the YMCA could add to their locations. Postcards will be arriving soon to get feedback from our residents and businesses. We encourage everyone to participate. For more information visit the City's website www.cityofbasehor.org.



Website: www.cityofbasehor.org
Facebook: @cityofbasehor
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Twitter: @cityofbasehor

Did you know you can sign up for email or text alerts from the City of Basehor about upcoming projects or events happening in the community? Please visit our website at www.cityofbasehor.org and select the option "I want to... Sign up for Notifications."

Have questions? Please contact City Hall at 913-724-1370 or info@cityofbasehor.org

Survey feedback? Please use this QR code to take our Newsletter Survey



Survey Feedback

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CODES COMPONENT

Sidewalk Snow Removal

Welcome to our second installment of our section, Codes Component. We would like to take this opportunity to share with you some helpful information regarding snow and ice removal.

Did you know that in most cases in the City of Basehor, it is the adjoining property owner's responsibility to clear the sidewalks after a snow or ice event? This is outlined in Basehor's Municipal Code. All trails and multi-use paths will be plowed by the City.

The code states that sidewalks should be treated by either/and/or removing the snow; sprinkling the sidewalk with sand, ashes, or other noncorrosive chemicals within 12 hours from the time that the snow or ice storm has stopped.

If the sidewalk is not cleared so that it is deemed reasonably safe for a pedestrian to travel, the sidewalk could possibly be treated by the city and charged to the individuals.

We hope everyone stays safe as we experience this winter weather, and as always please contact City Hall if you have any questions.