Can we count on you? We hope so

Your participation is important, essential, major, meaningful...OK, we will stop, but understand that we, and others, are counting on you.

The 2020 U.S. Census formally begins April 1. However, households will begin to receive an invitation from the U.S. Census Bureau in mid-March to complete the questionnaire online.

The census provides an update on the nation’s population, as well as for each state and city. Further, it provides statistics about the population makeup from age to race and more. It also collects data that is valuable to businesses, which rely on census results to make decisions on store locations, growth, products, and service.

Federal, state, and local government agencies use the data for planning and funding projects. School districts monitor population growth, including associated demographics, to determine the need for facilities.

In Overland Park, a transportation network is important to residents, according to numerous citywide and statistically accurate surveys. You may wonder, then, how completing the 2020 Census relates to capital investments like highways.

The U.S. government uses the population data to help determine how billions of dollars in federal funding flow into states and communities each year. Portions of federal dollars for Kansas highways are distributed through the Kansas Department of Transportation. The amount of money distributed is based on population counts.

One possible project that may receive federal funding is the widening of U.S. 69 Highway from 103rd Street south to 167th St. Overland Park officials have heard from the community that this should receive lots of attention. City officials, along with staff members from the Overland Park Chamber of Commerce, have an ongoing dialogue with KDOT officials, and state and federal lawmakers.

For more information and insight into the 2020 Census, visit census.gov.

2020 a year of celebration in OP

You said you wanted more opportunities to gather with your community, and what better reason than to celebrate an anniversary?

The City of Overland Park turns 60 years old in May. Throughout the spring, summer, and fall, we’ll be celebrating with dozens of fun things to do and ways to get involved in your community. These include:

▷ An Anniversary Kickoff Celebration on May 20 at the Overland Park Farmers’ Market, featuring birthday treats, live performances and more.
▷ Six Party in the Park events at different City parks and facilities, featuring concerts, movies, food trucks, yard games, and more.
▷ 20 in ‘20, telling some of the biggest stories in Overland Park’s history as a city.
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Motorists beware: Roadways slated for work

Drivers beware, some main streets in Overland Park will undergo construction beginning this spring and ending in the fall.

Projects are:
- Metcalf Avenue, 91st St. to 75th St.
- Nall Ave, 95th St. to 83rd St.
- College Boulevard, Pflumm Rd to Switzer Rd
- College Boulevard, Benson to Nall Avenue

Construction work includes repair and patching of major road deficiencies, mill and overlay of an entire roadway, and replacement of damaged curb, sidewalk and other infrastructure. Other work includes traffic signal improvements, guardrail modifications, and Nall Avenue bike path installation.

Other road maintenance work includes application of an ultra-thin oil base on 151st St., from Switzer to Antioch. Damaged curbs and sidewalks will be replaced. All the work is set to begin in March and be done in the fall, weather permitting.

August through mid-October, a contractor will also build two mini-roundabouts at the intersections of 132nd St. and Hemlock and 132nd St. and Foster.

Small cell towers coming to neighborhoods

Like it or not, small cell technology is going up in Overland Park.

Small cell tower technology boosts cell signal strength, covers gaps in networks, and provides 4G and 5G technology. By right, cell phone companies can build them in the public right-of-way.

Companies can install poles to 30 feet in height in residential areas, 40 feet high along collector streets, and 50 feet high near thoroughfares. These heights are, at a minimum, about 10 feet higher than a standard streetlight and 15 feet higher than a street lamp.

Companies must notify residents within 200 feet of a planned installation before work begins. Each company can install its own wireless equipment in a different manner.

Overland Park officials encourage companies to put their new technology on existing streetlights and private utility poles. However, Kansas law limits the City’s authority from requiring that cell companies use existing poles.

To learn more about small cell technology in your neighborhood or to make a claim for damage to your property, contact the provider installing the antenna or pole. Overland Park’s Public Works Department can provide contact information for permitted installers. Call 913-895-6040.

2020 a year of celebration in OP

Continued from front cover

Forward OP, the city’s community vision developed in 2018 from hundreds of pieces of public input, calls for more programs and events to bring community members together.

Take some time out of your busy spring, summer or fall to celebrate with us by attending an event, participating in a program, or planting a tree. Learn more about all events and programs celebrating Overland Park’s 60th anniversary at www.opkansas.org/OP60.

Stay in touch with your City Council members and staff: opkansas.org/contact

Plan your spring with a variety of upcoming events on the City calendar: opkansas.org/events

See the latest news and sign up to receive e-newsletters each week: opkansas.org/news

Watch live or recorded videos of public meetings: www.opkansas.org/agendas
New year brings new look for many OP parks

2020 will bring an end to one major park project in Overland Park, and the beginning of construction on another.

Crews are finishing up work on Thompson Park in Downtown Overland Park. Updates include an outdoor workspace, backyard area with lawn chairs for relaxation, performance stage, playground and a small splash pad.

Unique to Thompson Park will be the newly-renovated Strang Carriage House. It will feature a reservable indoor/outdoor space, seating for a gathering, and a large-screen television to show slideshows, all in close proximity to other park amenities and the downtown shopping district.

Thompson Park will open in late spring, weather-dependent.

Meanwhile, improvements are just beginning at Strang Park. Construction will begin this summer on new pickleball and basketball courts, a picnic shelter, a family game area, a parking lot and a restroom at the park at 89th and Farley. The jewel of the park’s improvements will include a new, inclusive playground for all ages and abilities.

Sections of Strang Park will be closed throughout the year while construction is underway.

Neighbors and community members helped form park plans for both projects.

Parks crews will also be replacing playgrounds at Cross Creek Park, Roe Park, Rosehill East Park, and Young’s Park, tennis courts at Antioch Acres Park, and adding new outdoor fitness equipment at Hickory Hills Park and along the hike/bike trails this year.

Over the next five years, Overland Park will invest about $45 million improving City parks.

Arboretum improvements: What to expect

Future trips to the Overland Park Arboretum & Botanical Gardens will include beautiful backdrops, exploration of new gardens, and small venue gatherings.

New amenities will provide additional opportunities to experience nature and spend leisure time with family and friends.

A new 28,000 square-foot visitors center, located to the west of the current Environmental Education and Visitors Center will provide panoramic views of the gardens and lakes. The visitors center will have reservable multi-purpose rooms and classrooms, a gift shop, and a cafe with indoor and outdoor seating. The current visitors center, which has some educational purposes now, would then focus solely on education, providing programs and displays.

Other proposed Arboretum improvements include new gardens, a reflecting pool, a wedding lawn, great lawns, water features and an amphitheater. A second west entrance would provide access to more than 250 new parking spaces.

City Council approved a preliminary plan for the Arboretum in January. The next step is a presentation and action on the proposed final plan by the Planning Commission and City Council. No schedule has been determined, at this time.

Arboretum improvements have been primarily funded by private donations via the Arts & Recreation Foundation of Overland Park. To date, it has raised $8.4 million for the project. Make a donation at give.arfop.org. Talk to your tax consultant to see if your donation qualifies for a tax deduction.

Middle and high schoolers, get ready to challenge your favorite police officers. The All Nets. No Drugs. 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament moves indoors to Indian Woods Middle School at 9700 Woodson Drive this spring. Register for free at www.opkansas.org/allnets and join us, April 25.
New squad house a shared space for police officers, firefighters

A renovated fire and police center will cut down on emergency response times and make day-to-day operations more efficient.

In January, the Overland Park Police and Fire departments moved into the squad house at 119th and Westgate.

Squad House 49 provides work space for both departments and living space for paramedics and firefighters, featuring a kitchen, living room, locker room, bunk spaces and more.

Fire Department staff respond to medical calls in an SUV equipped with advanced medical gear. The Police Department’s traffic unit works out of this facility, investigating crashes and enforcing traffic laws. The squad house also holds the department’s fleet of six police motorcycles.

Emergency officials are always working to improve response times. Squad House 49 is located within a high medical call demand zone and provides closer access to residents and businesses.

Before renovation, Squad House 49 was home to the Police Department’s traffic unit and was known as the Westgate Police Station.

Potholes: From hole to filled

On average, it takes crews two to four days to repair a pothole after it’s been reported. Learn how to submit a pothole repair request, and find out how our staff sees it through to completion.

1. Go to opcares.opkansas.org
2. Click “Street Repairs”
3. Provide a specific street address or nearest street intersection.
4. Leave your contact info to track progress of the request.
5. Click submit to finish your request.
6. A maintenance crew adds the request to their list of repairs by priority.
7. Maintenance crew fills the pothole.

You can also report a pothole by phone. Call Public Works at 913-327-6600.

Progress continues on new fleet maintenance facility

This facility at 123rd and Antioch will provide a centralized hub for maintenance and repairs to the City’s more than 550 vehicles, including snow plows, police cars, and fire trucks.
Deanna Rose Children’s Farmstead

Hours of Operation
April 1 to Oct. 31: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Memorial Day to Labor Day: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday only

Early Admission
Want to avoid the long lines? You can purchase your membership anytime, year round at either facility:
Matt Ross Community Center,
8101 Marty St, Overland Park
Tomahawk Ridge Community Center,
11902 Lowell Ave, Overland Park

Attractions
- John’s Blacksmith Shop
- Helen’s Country School House
- Kansa Indian Encampment
- Vic’s General Store
- Ben’s Bank
- Dairy Barn
- Gayle’s Exploration Outpost

Admission Fees
13800 Switzer Rd.
913-897-2360

Daily Admission $3 per person, under age 2 free
Monday through Thursday, free admission after 2 p.m.
Friends of the Farmstead membership includes free admission
- $35 for Overland Park Resident
- $50 for Non-Overland Park
- $100 for Patron Members

Activities
- Pony rides - $3
- Horse drawn wagon ride - $3
- Bottle feed baby goats - $1
- Fishing - $3
- Mining - $5 and $8
- Playgrounds
- Pedal tractors
- Birthday party packages

Parties, Tours & More
- Children’s birthday parties, packages available
- Guided-tours are available. Call 913-895-6390 to schedule a tour. Tour fees apply.
- Volunteers needed, apply online.

Overland Park Arboretum & Botanical Gardens

Admission Fees:
$3 for visitors 13-years old and older
$1 for visitors 6-12 years old
Free for 5 years old and under, and members of Friends of the Arboretum
Free every Tuesday

Hours of Operation:
Open seven days a week.
Oct. 1-April 9, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
April 10-Sept. 30, 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
Guided tours are available.
Call 913-685-3604 to schedule a tour.

Botanical Gardens & Hiking Trails
Thirteen different gardens offer an array of shrubs, ornamental grasses, flowers, trees and water features. Nearly four miles of paved and wood chip hiking trails wind through a trove of trees. Trails range from easy to difficult.

Ecosystems
Homeowners, landscapers and arborists have an opportunity to view and evaluate a wide variety of trees and ecosystems, including rare plant species. Plants in the Arboretum are carefully selected for suitability to local soil and climate conditions, insect and disease resistance, and overall low maintenance requirements.

Volunteer
Consider spending part of your leisure time volunteering at this lush 300-acre garden. If you’re interested call 913-685-3604 or email volunteercoordinator@opkansas.org.

Art
Art is a part of our everyday life. Enjoy viewing sculptures, collections and exhibitions.
Outdoor Swimming Pools

Seven days a week noon to 8 p.m.

Daily Admission

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Membership – access to all 5 outdoor pools

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Swim Lessons

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Register for swim lessons at www.opkansas.org or call 913-895-6390
RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Matt Ross Community Center

**Hours of Operation**
Monday-Friday: 5:30 a.m.-10 p.m.
Saturday: 7 a.m.-8 p.m.
Sunday: 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

**Amenities**
- Fitness floor
- Fitness track
- 3-level playground
- Child watch
- Gymnasiums
- Indoor swimming pool
- Massage therapy
- Birthday party rooms
- Room rentals

**Discounts Available**
- Member Referral
- Veteran
- Disability
- HUD

MRCC - Resident Membership
(non-resident rates available online at opkansas.org)

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Tomahawk Ridge Community Center

**Hours of Operation**
Monday-Friday: 5:30 a.m.-10 p.m.
Saturday: 7 a.m.-8 p.m.
Sunday: 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

**Amenities**
- Fitness floor
- Child watch
- Ping Pong
- Gymnasiums
- Massage therapy
- Room rentals
- Art at the Center

**Discounts Available**
- Member Referral
- Veteran
- Disability
- HUD

TRCC - Resident Memberships
(non-resident rates available online at opkansas.org)

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**Group Exercise Classes**

**Cardio Classes**
- Cardio Classes
- Beach Body LIVE! Turbokick
- Bootcamp
- Cardio Dance Lite and Dancing Sneakers
- Cycle
- Low impact aerobics
- Step Aerobics
- Zumba and Zumba Lite
- H.I.I.T
- Strong by Zumba
- Cardio Kickboxing
- 20/20/20

**Conditioning/Strength**
- Barbell strength
- Body Shaper
- BOSU body
- Cardio Kickboxing (No gloves needed)
- Strengthen and Stretch
- Core & More
- Power 30

**Mind/Body/Core**
- Gentle yoga
- Pilates Mat
- Yoga and Chair Yoga
- Qi Gong
- Tai Chi
- Power Yoga

**Group Exercise Membership**

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<th>Length of Membership</th>
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**Drop-in**
- $5

**Senior drop-in**
- $4

**Water Classes**
(MRCC only)
- Aqua Aerobics
- Aqua Extreme
- Joints In Motion

**Did you know?**
- Group exercise memberships may be sold separately from community center memberships.
- If you have a group exercise membership, you’re able to participate in classes at both community centers.
- All group exercise memberships allow for unlimited class usage for that membership.

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**Personal Fitness**

**Personal Training:**
- One-on-one with a certified trainer to help you achieve your health goals.
- Free 20-minute consultation
- $50/one time session
- $160/four one-hour sessions
- $304/eight one-hour sessions

**TRX Training:**

A workout that uses your own body weight and gravity designed to build strength, balance, flexibility, endurance, coordination and core stability all at the same time. A system of straps suspended will be used during the session.

**Levels:**
- TRX Basic
- TRX Golf
- TRX Cardio

**Fee:**
- Individual:
  - $50 for a one time session or $160 for four 1-hour sessions
- Small Group:
  - $120/person, four one-hour sessions (two people small group)
  - $100/person, four one-hour sessions (three people small group)
  - $80/person, four one-hour sessions (four people small group)

*An additional $8/session will be added for non-members. Group exercise memberships do not apply.*
Recreation & Park Services

Hours of Operation
5 a.m. to 10 p.m., daily

Did you Know?
Overland Park has 83 large and neighborhood parks, and open spaces plus four small lakes

Amenities
- Bike/hike trails
- Park shelters
- Tennis courts
- Sand volleyball courts
- Basketball courts
- Baseball/softball fields
- Soccer Fields
- Roller hockey
- Playground equipment
- Fishing
- ADA Parking

Reservations
Call 913-895-6390

Overland Park Golf

We offer a wide variety of golf programs, designed to fit golfers of all ages and skills levels.

Adults
- 17 Golf Leagues - Par 3, 9-Hole and 18-Hole
- 11 Group Instructional Classes - find the class for you
- 9 Instructors/Golf Pros - Take private lessons

Juniors
- 7 Golf Leagues - Par 3, 9-Hole and 18-Hole
- 13 Golf Instructional Classes - designed to fit your juniors schedule!
- Junior Golf Tournament in August - 400 juniors participate every year.

Find details, schedules and registration info at GOLFOP.COM

Overland Park Golf is the place to host your tournament or group outing.
- 45 regulation holes
- Par 3 course
- Banquet facility accommodates up to 250 seated guests

Sykes/Lady Overland Park Golf Club
12501 Quivira Road, Overland Park, KS 66213
913-890-1600 • golfop@opkansas.org

St. Andrews Golf Club
11099 W. 135th St., Overland Park, KS 66221
913-890-1650 • golfop@opkansas.org
Employment & Volunteer Opportunities

Full-time, part-time, seasonal positions are available. Apply today at www.opkansas.org.

**Summertime Job Openings**
- Animal care attendant
- Community center attendant
- Concessions attendant
- Diving coach
- Educational programs attendant
- Farmers’ Market attendant
- Farmstead attendant
- Farmstead blacksmith
- Gardener
- General Store coordinator
- Guest services coordinator
- Group exercise instructor
- Laborer
- Lifeguard
- Pool cashier
- Pool manager
- Swim coach
- Volunteer

Event Spaces

**Matt Ross Community Center**
The spectacular room of more than 4,000 square feet is perfect to host any type of event for up to 200 people. For more information about reserving your room, please call 913-895-6390.

**Hearth Room (Matt Ross)**
A serene environment with spacious quarters and a dynamic fireplace is the perfect location for up to 72 people. For more information about reserving your room, please call 913-895-6390.

**Tomahawk Ridge Community Center**
The furnishings, rich hues and a built-in dance floor make the room inviting to all of your guests up to 200 people. For more information about room rentals, visit www.opkansas.org or call Leisure Services at 913-895-6390.

**The Highlands Room at St. Andrews**
A full-service wedding and banquet facility for groups of 25-250, featuring beautiful views of the golf course and a large outdoor terrace. For more information please visit golfop.com/banquets, call 913-890-1654 or email standrewsbanquets@opkansas.org

**Lakeside Amphitheater (Overland Park Arboretum & Botanical Gardens)**
Ponds, willow trees and seasonal flowers surround the garden. The Lakeside Amphitheater can accommodate up to 125 people. For more information about rental space, please call 913-385-3604.
RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Special Events & Programs

**Club 27 Restaurant**
New restaurant open to the public in Overland Park. Enjoy a scenic view of the golf course from the restaurant’s covered deck.
When: Monday-Sunday year-round
Where: Sykes/Lady Overland Park Golf Club
Reservations: golfop.com/club27
Call: 913-890-1614

**Kite Fest on the Prairie**
Kite Fest is back and better than ever! Join us on the prairie and bring your kite.
When: Each Sunday in April
Time: Noon-4 p.m.
Where: Overland Park Arboretum & Botanical Gardens, 8909 W 179th St.
Fee: $5 per car to park, includes admission to the gardens
Contact: opabg.org or 913-685-3604

**Egg Hunt at the Market**
Hunt for eggs throughout the market and savor the season.
When: Saturday, April 11
Time: 7 a.m. until supplies last
Where: Overland Park Farmers’ Market, 7950 Marty St.
Fee: None

**Wine Tasting on the Terrace**
Save water and drink wine all in our beautiful gardens.
When: April 23, 6-8 p.m., May 28, 6-8 p.m.
Where: Overland Park Arboretum & Botanical Gardens, 8909 W 179th St.
Fee: $25 for FOTA members $35 for Nonmembers
Contact: opabg.org or 913-685-3604

**Kentucky Derby Baby Race**
And they’re off...... watch your baby race to the finish the line.
When: Saturday, May 2
Time: 9 a.m., race starts
Where: Overland Park Farmers’ Market, 7950 Marty St.
Fee: $5 per car to park, includes admission to the gardens
Contact: opabg.org or 913-685-3604

**Spring Plant Sale**
Find your unique healthy plants here, ask our experts about your garden.
When: Members Only | April 30, 3-7 p.m.,
Public | May 1, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.,
May 2, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., May 3, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Where: Overland Park Arboretum & Botanical Gardens, 8909 W 179th St.
Fee: Free to shop
Contact: opabg.org or 913-685-3604

**Wednesday Farmers’ Market Opening & Happy Birthday OP**
Overland Park turns 60 years young on the Wednesday’s opening day.
When: Wednesday, May 20
Time: 7:30 a.m-1 p.m.
Where: Overland Park Farmers’ Market, 7950 Marty St.
Fee: None

**OP Dive Team**
The dive team is open to beginner and advanced divers. This should not be thought of as diving lessons.
When: Practice begins May 26 and is held on weekday mornings
Time: 8:45-9:30 a.m. or 9:30-10:30 a.m.
(based on age group)
Where: Young’s Pool, 7701 Antioch
Fee: $105 Residents; $115 Non-Residents

**OP Waves Swim Team**
The swim team offers both a pre-competitive and competitive swim team. Pre-competitive is for 6-11 year olds who can swim 25 yards but less than 50 meters without stopping. Competitive is for those who can swim 50 meters without stopping. The swimmers should have an average proficiency.
When: Practice begins May 26 and is held on weekday mornings
Time: 7-8:50 a.m. Competitive; Pre-Competitive 7:45-8:50 a.m.
Where: Young’s Pool, 7701 Antioch
Fee: $105 Residents; $115 Non-Residents

**Ruby’s Pancake Breakfast**
Who needs a restaurant, when you can eat at the Farmstead.
When: Saturday, May 2
Time: 8-11 a.m.
Where: Deanna Rose Children’s Farmstead, 13800 Switzer Rd.
Fee: Receive 2 plates with active membership, additional plates and all other guests $5 per person.

**Goat Yoga at the Farmstead**
You’ve heard about Goat Yoga and seen it in the news. Now is your chance to experience it for yourself. It’s as much about the goats as it is about the yoga!
Where: Deanna Rose Children’s Farmstead, 13800 Switzer Rd.
When: June 4, 11, 16, 25, 30; July 2, 7, 16, 21, 28, 30;
Aug. 6, 11, 13, 18, 20.
Time: 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Fee: $25, ages 14 and older, register and payment online at opkansas.org or call (913) 895-6390
For more information, please visit www.opkansas.org or call 913-895-6390.

**Saturday Morning Swim**
This is available to families with disabilities. Staff will be in the water to assist with swimmers' needs and provide support.
When: June 6, 13, 20, 27; July 11, 18
Time: 9-11 a.m.
Where: Tomahawk Ridge Aquatic Center, 11950 Lowell
Fee: Members are free. Non-members: $6/person residents, $7/person non-residents. One caretaker is free of charge.

**Baby Pool**
Let your little one have a little extra pool time.
When: Monday-Friday June 3-June 28; July 10-19 at all pools.
   Monday-Friday July 1-5 at Bluejacket, Marty and TRAC
Time: 10 a.m.
Fee: Daily pool admission

**Corporate Golf Leagues; Golf Lessons**
Our after work corporate leagues allow you to reserve a standing tee time all season for a minimum of four players;
Golf lessons for adults and juniors.
Where: St. Andrews Golf Club and Sykes/Lady Overland Park Golf Club.
Call 913-890-1600 or visit www.golfop.com

**Spring Softball Leagues**
Men's DH and COED Softball - Get your team together and get ready to "hit the ball out of the park."
Registration is open
Games begin the week of April 13
Where: Roe Park
Register: opkansas.org/leagues

**Pickleball Leagues**
Doubles and Mixed Doubles
If you "relish" pickleball grab your partner and hit the court
Registration is open
Games begin the week of April 13
Where: Tomahawk Ridge Community Center and Switzer Park
Register: opkansas.org/leagues

**Field Sports Leagues**
COED Kickball, Flag Football and Soccer
Enjoy the great outdoors. Get your team together for fun in the sun
Registration is open
Games begin the week of April 13
Where: Varies on sport
Register: opkansas.org/leagues

**Art at the Center**
This is a unique, not-for-profit gallery space that offers local, regional and national artists, both professional and amateur, a showcase for their work in the heart of Overland Park.
When: April 3-May 31
Where: Tomahawk Ridge Community Center, 11902 Lowell
Fee: Free

**R.E.C. Book Club**
Meet new friends while discussing books of fiction.
When: First Thursday of the month
Time: 7 p.m.
Where: Matt Ross Community Center, 8101 Marty
Fee: Free

**Special Swim Experience**
Meet and join other families and swimmers with disabilities in a free session in a quiet and semi-private environment.
When: First Sunday of each month, 3/1, 4/5, 5/3
Time: 9 to 10 a.m.
Where: Matt Ross Community Center, 8101 Marty
Fee: Members are free. Non-members: $7/person. One caretaker is free of charge.

**Toddle Time**
This open-play time has an array of toys that will entertain your toddler.
When: Every Tuesday and Wednesday
Time: 9-11 a.m.
Where: Matt Ross Community Center, 8101 Marty
Fee: $1 per child for members; $2 per child for non-members. There is no admission fee for parents.

**Picnic on the Promenade**
Celebrate Seward Johnson’s sculptures inspired by Impressionist masterworks by having your own Victorian picnic.
Play garden games on the lawn in your best straw hat and parasol with the family.
When: May 31, 1-4 p.m.
Where: Overland Park Arboretum & Botanical Gardens, 8909 W 179th St.
Fee: Included with admission
Contact opabg.org or 913-685-3604

**One caretaker is free of charge.
Stream Clean
The City of Overland Park and the Environmental Advisory Council will sponsor the 2020 Stream Clean Day on Saturday, April 4. This event helps restore the natural beauty of Overland Park streams by removing trash and debris. We are looking for individuals and groups to help.

Doing What?
Wind and the storm drainage system carry trash and debris to our streams. This litter ends up on the banks and in brush along the waterway. Volunteers will pick up the debris, bag it and pile the bags so City staff can pick up and properly dispose of the collected trash.

Who Can Help?
Scouts, neighborhood groups, outdoor clubs and individuals can donate several hours to help keep Overland Park beautiful.

How Can I Sign Up?
If you or your group would like to donate two or more hours on Saturday, April 4, call Jim Twigg, environmental programs coordinator, at 913-895-6273 or email jim.twigg@opkansas.org.

Recycling Extravaganza: A sequel that keeps getting better.

In 2011, the Overland Park Recycling Extravaganza was the first of its kind in the region. Since then, the Recycling Extravaganza has grown and now features opportunities to recycle even more materials. On Saturday, April 18, drop off and recycle many items not collected by routine recycling, such as:

- **Electronics** - computers, TVs, printers, stereos, cables, keyboards, etc.
- **Confidential documents** - onsite shredding to protect your security
- **Medications** - collected by the Overland Park Police Department, no questions asked
- **Cell phones** - answer the call to recycle your old phone
- **Usable building materials** - usable project leftovers or remodel removals
- **Durable medical equipment** - walkers, scooters, crutches, etc.
- **Musical instruments** - help school bands and orchestras strike the right note
- **Shoes** - someone else can walk a mile in your lightly used shoes
- **Mattresses and box springs** - for reuse or recycling ($15/piece)
- **Furniture** - usable furnishings in good condition
- **Books** - Gently loved children’s books (K-6th grade)
- **Eyeglasses** - readers, sunglasses and prescription wear to help others see clearly
- **Fabric** - unused yardage, remnants, yarn, thread, notions, & supplies
- **Clothing** - recycle your old clothes ‘cause those new outfits look great on you
- **Toys** - let them bring smiles to another child
- **Bicycles** - rusted chains & flat tires welcome
- **Pet supplies** - keep dogs and cats going until they find a forever home

The event will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 18 at the Black & Veatch World Headquarters, 11401 Lamar Ave. Learn more at www.opkansas.org.
Everyone wants a healthy yard. Homeowners can make important environmental decisions in their own yards that result in positive benefits for Overland Park’s rivers and streams. Here are some tips to keep the grass green and the streams clean!

**Timing is everything**

Timing of fertilization is very important; you want to make sure you apply when your lawn will benefit the most. It’s best to apply fertilizer when your grass is actively growing. Cool season grasses (bluegrass, rye, and fescue) will be best served by fertilizing in September, while warm season grasses such as zoysia are best served by fertilizing in June. Fertilizing at the wrong time, such as early in the spring or too late in the fall when the grass is not actively growing can decrease the health of your lawn. Using quick release high nitrogen fertilizers early in the spring will force the lawn to green up, but at the expense of the root structure which you’ll need once the heat starts to build. Applying fertilizer too late can increase the chances of disease or winter kill. Also, don’t apply when heavy rain is expected, or you’ll wash your fertilizer and your money down the storm drain.

**Don’t guess, soil test**

Your best bet for a healthy green lawn is to have your soil tested to determine if additional nutrients are needed to support plant growth. Just like with medicine, it is all about the proper dosage, and more isn’t necessarily better. Using too much fertilizer doesn’t give your lawn ‘extra’ benefits, and may cause serious damage to the environment. Nutrients from excess fertilizer are transported through stormwater runoff and ends up in our lakes and streams, which contribute to harmful algal blooms and can kill off aquatic vegetation and life. Finding the right balance of fertilizer for your yard can save you time, money, and is good for the environment. Find out the right ‘prescription’ for your lawn by getting a soil test.

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**Healthy Yard Expo**

The 10th annual Johnson County Healthy Yards Expo on Saturday, April 4, is the place to find out how to make greener choices for your yard and home. The Expo will highlight simple and easy practices that help you keep your lawn beautiful and environmentally-friendly at the same time.

**When:** Saturday, April 4, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
**Where:** Shawnee Civic Center, 13817 Johnson Drive, Shawnee, KS 66216  
**What:** Win door prizes, get free tree seedlings, visit with Master Gardeners and K-State Extension experts. Find out about cost-sharing programs for rain gardens and tree planting, get your soil tested, shop for native plants, and top it all off with a performance by the Stone Lion Puppet Theatre.
EARTH NOTES

- Overland Park maintains more than 3.1 million feet of storm drain pipe. That’s enough pipe to reach from Overland Park to Denver!

- Maintain your air conditioner and furnace. Air conditioning and heating account for almost half of electricity use in the average American home.

- Overland Park covers 75.33 square miles. Just over 10 percent of that area is parks and nearly 40 percent is residential. Less than 3 percent is offices.

- Bring your scrap metals to Overland Park’s Recycling Center at 11921 Hardy. Recycling seven steel cans saves enough energy to power a 60 watt lightbulb for 26 hours.