



THE SALINA CITIZEN

A REPORT FROM YOUR CITY GOVERNMENT

STREETS: PAVING IT FORWARD

\$150 PRIZE PACKAGE
CONTEST DETAILS ON BACK

In 2016, the citizens of Salina voted for a sales tax increase to help maintain and improve the city streets which added \$2 million to the annual budget for street repairs. These funds are in addition to the \$1.7 million in sales tax already dedicated to street surfacing. These sales tax dollars are combined with approximately \$1.4 million annually in fuel tax revenues for street improvements.

This annual funding, totaling more than \$5.1 million, has enabled the city to replace, repair and maintain more miles than ever before! The sales tax was approved for a 20 year period so citizens should notice a considerable, positive difference in the condition of our streets, and particularly neighborhood streets, over the next several years.

The City's street maintenance program emphasizes preventative maintenance first, to avoid reconstruction later. Increasing the life of the pavement lowers costs in the long-run. Smoother roads properly constructed with a good foundation are safer, more comfortable and help reduce vehicle maintenance costs.



The Public Works Department uses a number of different surfacing products to extend the life, smoothness and performance of the pavement. The department has developed a database of pavement conditions across the city to help select the locations that will be repaired, as well as select the type of repair to be made.

With your tax dollars, the number of streets that receive surface treatments is expanded. And, a good bidding climate allows the City to receive excellent prices for the street work awarded to contractors. This combination means more miles of work done for the money we have available.

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DIGGIN' ON DOWNTOWN

PARDON OUR DUST

The dirt is flying as exciting things are happening in downtown Salina. We appreciate your patience as we prepare for an exciting and completely new downtown streetscape.

In 2017, the City Commission authorized a development agreement between the City of Salina (public investment) and Salina 2020 (private investment) outlining the details into the Downtown Streetscape Project along Santa Fe Avenue from Mulberry Street north to Elm Street, including the waterline improvements along Santa Fe Avenue from South Street north to Elm Street.

The streetscape project scope includes new, wider sidewalks, brick inlays, reclaimed brick median, brick crosswalks, new concrete pavement, large landscape and brick areas at each intersection, irrigated planter beds and large flower pots, street trees, benches, bicycle racks, and trash receptacles. Additionally, the project will include major enhancements to the four downtown plaza's, additional brick crosswalks, colored lighting on the overhead structures, and lighting and sidewalk improvements to Mulberry Street.

Contracted work began in April and will continue through November 2019. A timeline of some contractual requirements is below.

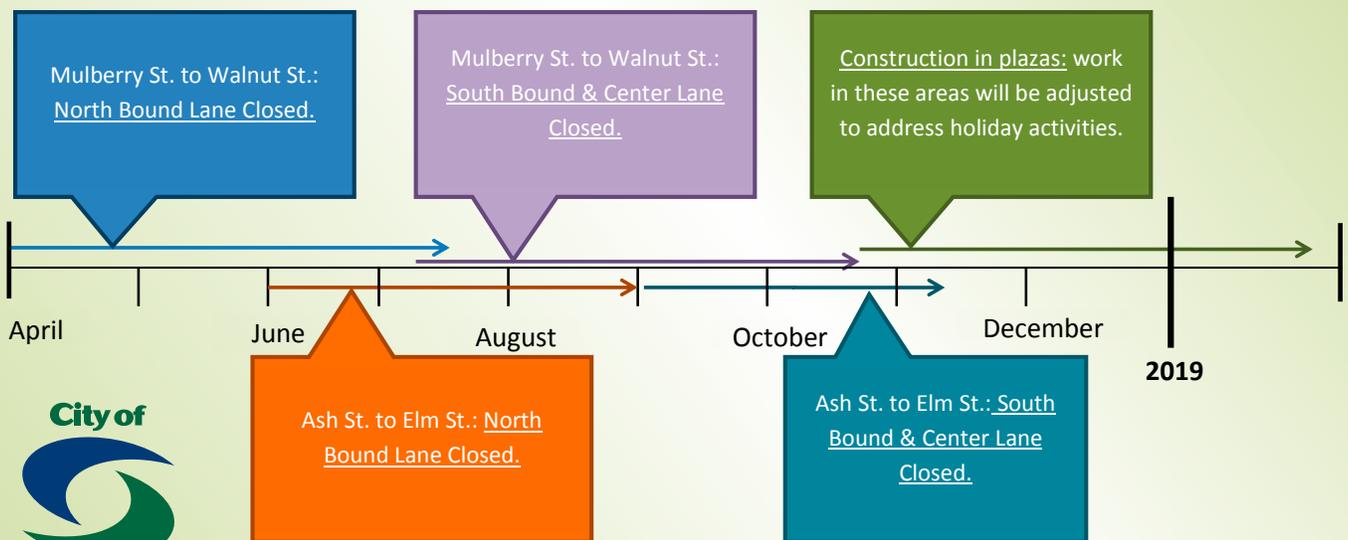
Downtown businesses are open and ready for you! A big part of this project is ensuring that downtown is accessi-

ble as possible. In addition to the staff of Salina Downtown Inc. and the City, Rick Brown of Smoky Hill Construction is assigned as a full time public relations contact for the downtown streetscape project. His office is located downtown at 147 S. 4th Street and can be reached by e-mail at PR@smokyhillconst.com or by phone at (785) 819-6313. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out.

ANCHORS AWAY

Salina's downtown revitalization efforts kicked off in 2017 with the completion of the Salina Fieldhouse, bringing thousands of new visitors to the community. 2018 is just as exciting, with the downtown Streetscape Project breaking ground and many of the new downtown anchor tenants starting construction. This once-in-a-generation surge in redevelopment includes about \$105 million in private funding; \$17.7 million in public funds; \$19.1 million in state-issued STAR bonds; \$9.2 million in Community Improvement District sales tax funds, and \$4.9 million in Tax Increment Financing property tax funds. None of this would be possible without the thoughtful planning and heartfelt commitment of the community. Not since the opening of Schilling Air Force Base has the community seen such a project of significant magnitude; building a stronger downtown creates new economic development opportunities, more employers, increased tax dollars, and a brighter future for generations to come.

STREETSCAPE TIMELINE: MAY 2018 – JANUARY 2019



- * This schedule is subject to change based on the dynamic nature of the project.
- * For the most up to date project information visit salina-ks.gov/downtown
- * Sidewalk corridors (of at least 5 ft) to remain open to all businesses.

SALINA FIELDHOUSE

Completed – 2017: The Salina Fieldhouse is a 68,500 square foot indoor sports facility located in downtown Salina and is capable of hosting a variety of athletic events including league play, tournaments, team practices, camps, and clinics in multiple sports. This dynamic and unique facility brings economic development and first rate sports facilities to the community. It was financed through a public and



private partnership that included Salina Regional Health Center, the City and New Market Tax Credits. Private donations totaled \$4.5 million of the \$11.8 million total facility cost. To date, the Fieldhouse has brought an additional \$924,000 in spending to our community.

OLD CHICAGO PIZZA



Anticipated Completion – Winter 2018: The Old Chicago franchise has been granted by Craftworks Restaurants & Breweries for the developer to build and operate an upscale casual dining restaurant with inside seating for 266 people and an outdoor dining area for 24 people along the sidewalk at 214 S. Santa Fe Avenue. The project will include the full renovation of the existing interior, including the upgraded electrical, mechanical and plumbing systems.

HOMWOOD SUITES HOTEL

Anticipated Completion – Summer 2019: To accommodate the anticipated increase in out-of-town visitation, a \$7.9 million, 114- room Homewood Suites by Hilton hotel will be at the intersection of Santa Fe Avenue and Mulberry Street. The all-suites hotel will also include meeting space and a full service restaurant. The hotel will be developed by Lighthouse Properties, LLC, which owns, operates and has developed numerous successful and award-winning hotel properties in Kansas and Missouri such as The Raphael Hotel on the Country Club Plaza in Kansas City, Missouri and The Homewood Suites by Hilton at The Waterfront in Wichita, Kansas.

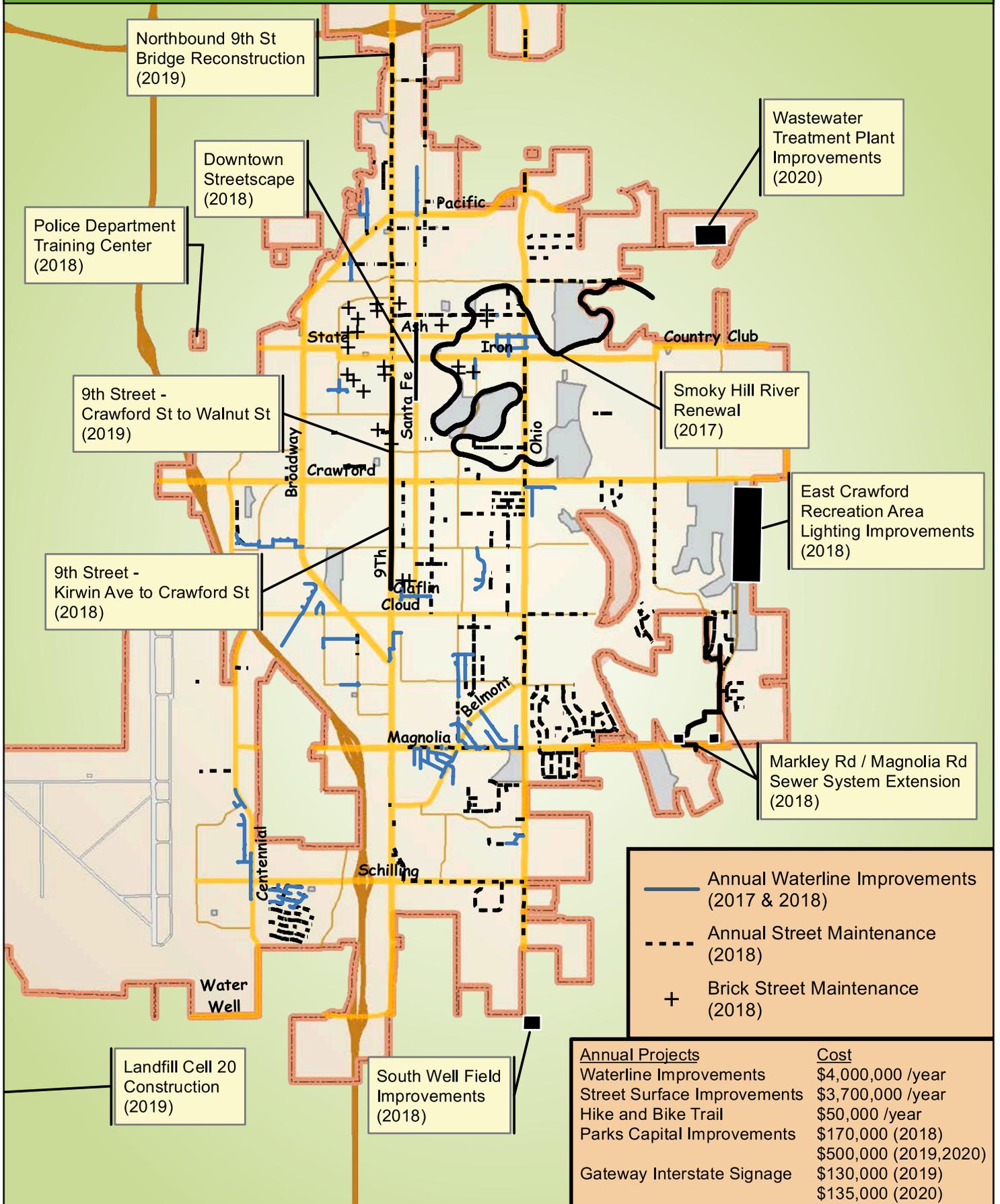


THE ALLEY – ENTERTAINMENT CENTER

Anticipated Completion – Summer 2019: Located at the intersection of 5th Street and Ash Street will be a 40,000 square foot family entertainment center that offers a diverse array of indoor entertainment including a bowling center with 20 standard bowling lanes and a 6-lane “boutique” specialty bowling facility, game room and video arcade, laser tag, concessions, a full-service bar and restaurant, and meeting space.



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS 2018 - 2020



PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN: SHAPING YOUR ACCESS TO NATURE, HEALTH & WELLNESS

The City of Salina Parks and Recreation Department is creating a Master Plan to set goals and benchmarks for the future of our parks and sports facilities. Input provided by our citizens will directly influence future attractions at Kenwood Cove, destination playgrounds and upgrades to our existing sports complexes. The Master Plan will be complete this spring with the overall vision to continue to improve the spaces where our community members go to make connections, enjoy the outdoors and participate in recreational activities. Improving our parks and facilities leads to improved physical, economic and community activity.

The plan process includes independent analysis of our parks and facilities,

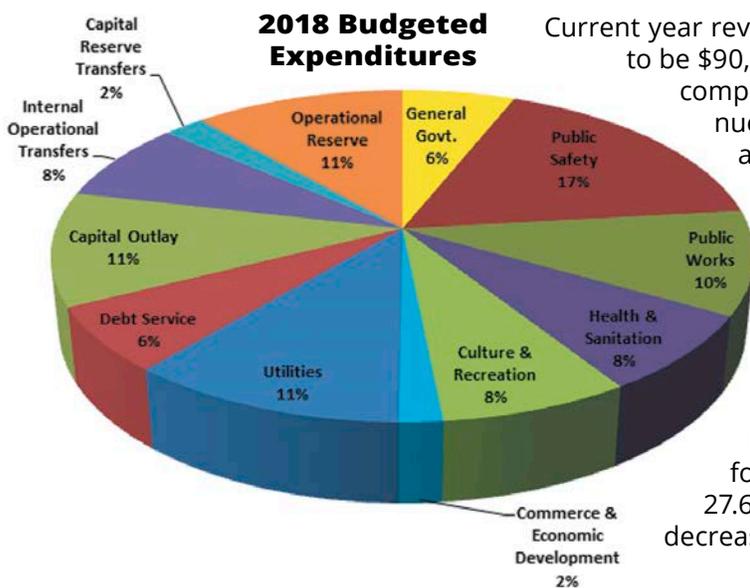
our programming, our agreements with outside agencies, staff interviews, public input meetings, and public surveys. The final plan will show our strengths and areas for improvement. It will evaluate our fees to make sure they are appropriate for our community, sufficient to cover maintenance to keep our parks looking great, and address future parks or facilities needs. Recommendations will then be made to the City Commission based on citizen preferences, park system needs, and citizen access to quality parks and facilities.

Visit salina-ks.gov/parksand-recreation-masterplan for more information.

2018 BUDGET-IN-BRIEF

The annual budget establishes the annual work plan for the City and matches resources available (revenues) to service priorities (approved expenditures). Adjusted for fund consolidations, the 2018 budget anticipates 2018 operating, capital, and debt service expenses of \$89,712,152, plus \$24,405,781 for internal transfers and reserves. Operating expense is planned for

\$68,056,112. The budget authorizes 476 staff positions, 1 more than 2017. The largest expenditures are for Public Safety (Police, Fire) services at 17% of available resources, followed by Utilities (Water, Wastewater) at 11%. Budgeted operating reserves are targeted at 13% of total resources (18% of operating expenses). The chart below provides a graphic view of resource allocation.



Current year revenues are projected to be \$90,529,554. The largest component of the revenue stream are fees and charges (36% of available resources), followed at some distance by sales taxes (20%) and property taxes (11%). The property tax mill levy rate is established at 26.139 mills for 2017 compared to 27.603 mills for 2016, a decrease of 5.6%.

FIELDHOUSE ACTIVITIES: BUILDING MOMENTUM

Just like the weather outside, the Salina Fieldhouse is heating up with activities. Since opening in July, the momentum has been building and exciting things are happening.

- We now have all of our fall and winter leagues under one roof! Adult volleyball and basketball, High School Futsal, Youth Recreational Basketball and 3-on-3 basketball all now call the Fieldhouse home.
- In January, over 55 youth teams came to town to participate in the Mid America Youth Basketball (MAYB) tournament. This is up significantly from the first tournament with eight teams coming to try out the new facility. The USSSA Midwest Regional Basketball tournament will be coming to town this summer as well as many more MAYB tournaments.
- Heart of America volleyball has booked two tournament dates.
- The very first Daddy-Daughter Date Night launched in February.
- The Fieldhouse currently hosts the Winter Farmer's Market on the first and third Tuesday of each month (Oct-Mar).

- Four brand new leagues will start later this year: adult indoor soccer and youth fall volleyball, competitive basketball, and 3v3 indoor soccer.

Salina Parks and Recreation has over 130 teams participating in leagues at the Fieldhouse. The future looks bright for tournament growth which will keep our downtown busy!

Stay up to date with news, events and information by visiting salinafieldhouse.com or texting FIELDHOUSE to 81680.

SMOKY HILL RIVER RENEWAL: CHANGING THE FACE OF SALINA

Significant progress has been made in advancing the Smoky Hill River Renewal from an idea to reality. Through extensive public outreach and multiple steering committee meetings, the City adopted 2010 Master Plan has been refined. Refinements include “right sizing” the project to fit with the current downtown improvements, as well as the current adjacent land uses.

The Smoky Hill River Renewal benefits the citizens and community in a variety of economic and social benefits such as:

- Transforms an eyesore to a city asset.
- Invigorates downtown and river neighborhoods.
- Spurs redevelopment and reinvestment in the city's historic core, including the river.
- Creates new recreational and community quality of life amenities.
- Bike and walking trails for recreation and commuting.
- Enhances community's appeal and living and working conditions for the next generation workforce.
- Creates a destination near downtown for citizens and visitors to enjoy shopping, dining and entertainment along the river.
- Improved health and water quality of the river and restoration of the natural ecosystem.
- Canoe and kayak access for recreational opportunities.
- Improved bridges for vehicular and pedestrian traffic.
- Safer pedestrian roadway crossing near river channel.

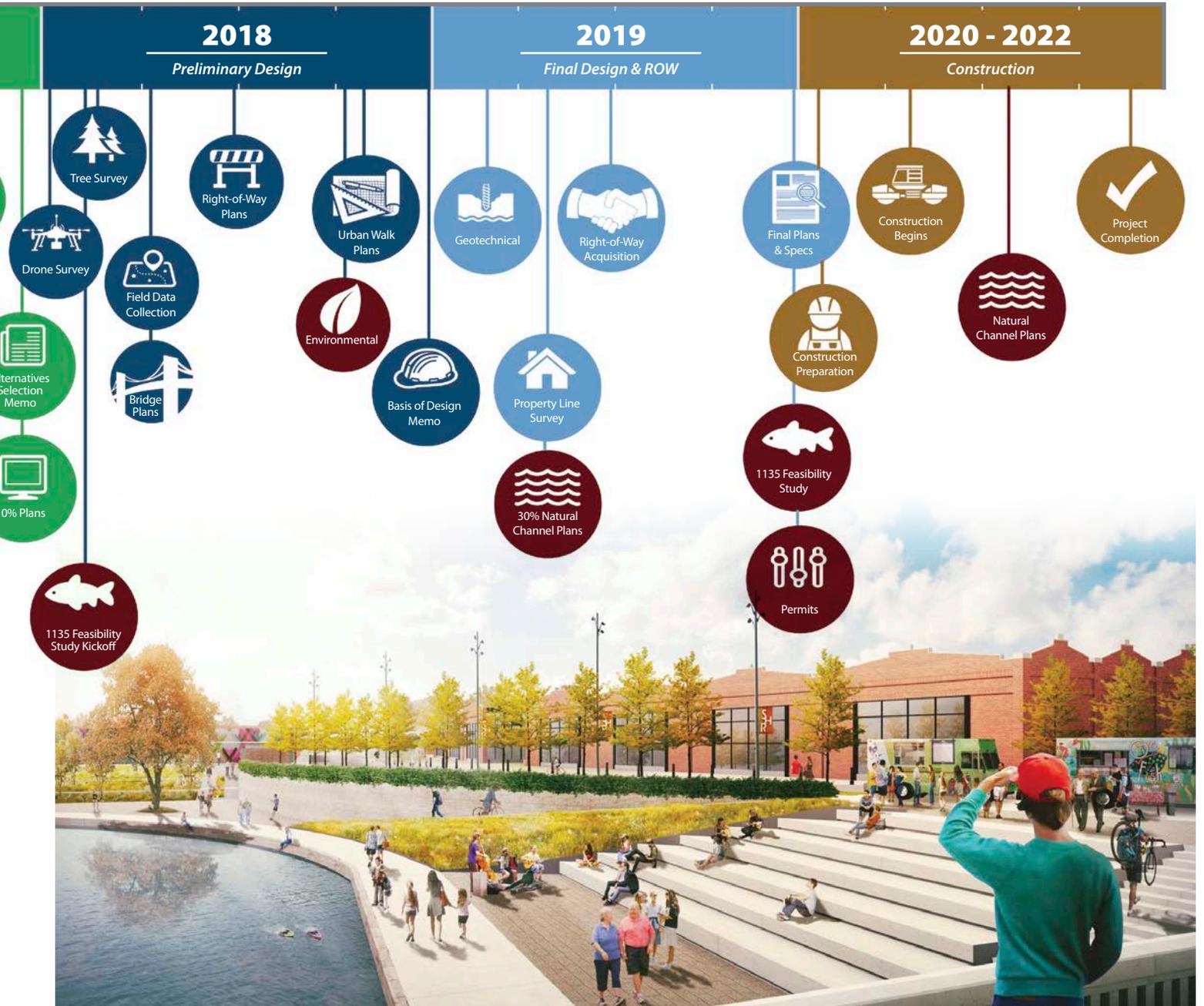
Visit salina-ks.gov/riverrenewal for more information.



2017 Conceptual Design

Analyses





EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT THE CITY OF SALINA

Are you or someone you know looking for an organization that offers competitive pay, excellent benefits, job stability, growth opportunities, and meaningful work? The City of Salina offers a wide variety of career opportunities. There are 12 different departments, and 198 different job classifications. The education and requirements vary for each opening, but range from entry level and no education up to advanced degrees and certifications with many years of technical experience.

In addition to the full and part-time openings, the City of Salina also hires approximately 350 additional seasonal employees. These individuals might lifeguard and maintain our water park, Kenwood Cove; officiate softball, baseball, basketball and soccer games at our sports venues; teach art or exercise classes; and plant flowers and mow grass in our amazing parks.

All employment opportunities are posted on the City of Salina's website and include position descriptions and pay rates. Job openings are also advertised in the newspaper and may appear on a variety of other websites. If individuals want to apply for City jobs, these can be accessed by going to the website (salina-ks.gov) and clicking on the Human Resources Department link found in the City Departments menu, or by clicking on the "Job Openings" icon on the front page of the website.

Applications are only accepted for positions that are open. If citizens or job seekers prefer to have the openings texted to them, they can text CITYJOBS to 81680. (Message or data rates may apply.) Consider the City of Salina for meaningful career opportunities! salina-ks.gov/employment-opportunities

PROTECTING YOUR PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

GROUNDWATER CONTAMINATION CLEAN-UP AT THE FORMER SCHILLING AIR FORCE BASE

The Former Schilling Air Force Base (SAFB) was originally built in 1942 and remained in service until 1966 when the base closed. After closure, the United States transferred ownership of the land and buildings at the former SAFB to the Salina Airport Authority, U.S.D. 305, the City of Salina, and K-State Polytechnic (Public Entities). The Public Entities have used their respective properties for the Salina Regional Airport and for governmental, commercial, and educational activities.

Since 2013, the Dragoon Corporation has:

- Completed field investigations and developed a clean-up plan to prevent the contamination from reaching the City's public water supply wellfield.
- Completed field testing at residential, industrial and commercial facilities. It was determined the TCE vapors, migrating through the soil and cracks in structure floors

X TARGET COMPLETION DATE ■ COMPLETED TASK	2018				2019				2020			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
TASK ITEM SUMMARY												
REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION REPORT - FIELD INVESTIGATIONS	■											
GROUNDWATER MODELING	■											
FEASIBILITY STUDY - CLEAN-UP ALTERNATIVES	X											
RECOMMENDED CLEAN-UP PLAN		X										
CORRECTIVE ACTION DECISION			X									
NEGOTIATION/MEDIATION WITH US GOVERNMENT						X						
DESIGN OF CLEAN-UP PLAN								X				
AWARD CONTRACT FOR CLEAN-UP PLAN									X			
IMPLEMENTATION OF CLEAN-UP PLAN												

CLEAN-UP DURATION - MULTIPLE YEARS

The military activities caused impacts to the environment and potentially to public health. The former SAFB site is known to contain areas of extensive soil and groundwater contamination, which is the result of the use and disposal of chlorinated solvents (trichloroethylene or TCE) during military operations. The TCE was used as a degreaser to wash aircraft and weapons.

For over a decade, the Public Entities have worked together to ensure the TCE contamination of soil and groundwater is properly characterized and removed. In 2013, the Dragoon Corporation was hired by the City to provide technical services to determine the locations, depths, and concentrations of the contaminants, to develop alternatives to clean-up the contamination, and recommend a feasible and effective clean-up plan.

where people reside, work, and go to school, are at levels that human health and the environment are not at immediate risk.

- Completed field investigations and developed a clean-up plan to prevent exposure to anyone entering the ditch, creek, or river where this surface water may flow.

The results of the field investigations, clean-up alternatives, and recommended clean-up plan will be submitted to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). The KDHE will prepare a Corrective Action Decision stating the clean-up alternative to be implemented. Implementation of the clean-up plan will follow receiving funding from the U.S. Government.

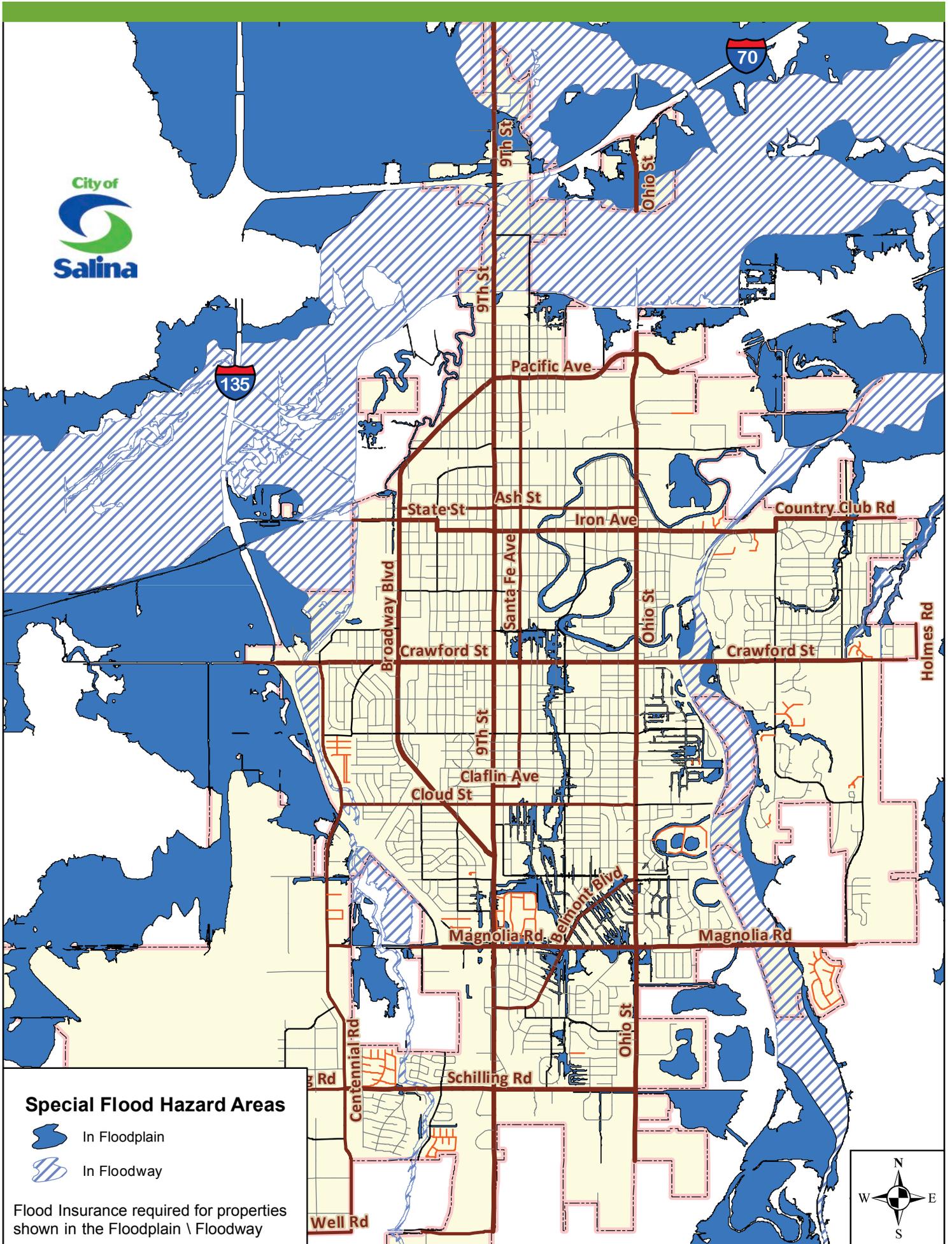


THE RIGHT-OF-WAY: THE WRONG PLACE FOR SIGNS

Signs that are improperly placed can create safety hazards, distract drivers, and become litter when abandoned.

Do your part to help maintain a safe and attractive community for residents, businesses, and visitors by placing signs in proper locations.

City of Salina Community & Development Services Department
300 W. Ash Street, Room 201, Salina, KS
(785) 309-5715 salina-ks.gov/signfaq



Special Flood Hazard Areas

-  In Floodplain
-  In Floodway

Flood Insurance required for properties shown in the Floodplain \ Floodway



FLOODPLAIN: MAPS UPDATED

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) administers the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) to encourage communities to adopt floodplain management ordinances. The owners of property located in the floodplain are required to purchase flood insurance if they have a federally insured mortgage. According to FEMA, property in a floodplain has at least a one percent chance of being flooded in any given year, or a 26 percent chance of being flooded during the term of a 30-year mortgage.

Rates for flood insurance are set by FEMA and are based on a property's hazard zone designation found on the floodplain map. Dwellings built

above the flood level are generally not required to carry flood insurance, while buildings built below the flood level pay more for flood insurance.

The federal program for replacing old and outdated paper maps with digital versions began in 2006. Replacing decades-old data with information generated by aerial laser surveys and new computer models is intended to allow FEMA to more precisely identify and map flood-prone areas. The digital maps will be easier to access by the public, easier to read and easier to update in the future.

Current Salina floodplain maps were adopted in 1986 and were outdat-

ed. The process of updating flood maps for Salina and Saline County is now complete with the boundaries of many flood-prone areas within the city of Salina being revised. More accurate mapping means potential decreased insurance premiums for many citizens, increased property values and allowing our community to better prepare for and respond to future flooding.

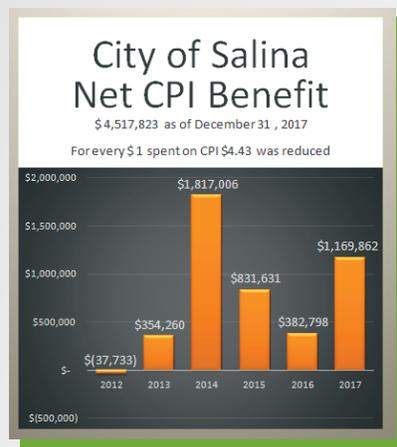
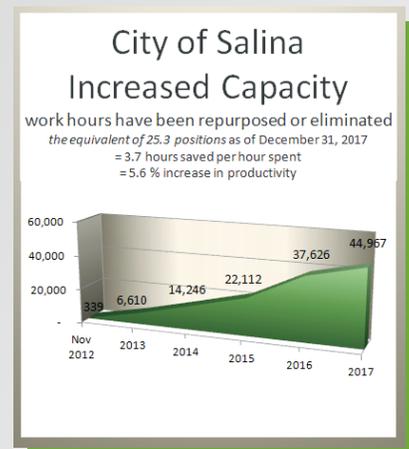
The new floodplain maps went into effect on April 18, 2018. The public may view the final maps in our offices at the City-County Building, 300 W. Ash, Room 205, or you can view a map on the Maps Page of the City's website at salina-ks.gov/map.

CONTINUOUS PROCESS IMPROVEMENT: CREATING A LEGACY

The purpose of the City's Continuous Process Improvement (CPI) initiative is to reduce costs, eliminate waste, and free up resources that improve services to you! Applying LEAN Principles often used by the most efficient private sector businesses, Salina is creating a legacy of excellence that benefits every one of us.

Some of the more notable improvements made this past year include:

- Streamlined processes related to the Smoky Hill River Festival
- Reduced employee health care costs without increasing financial risks



- Simplified the chemical injections process that maintains water quality at Kenwood Cove
- Increased capacity by eliminating the need to physically adjust gates on six individual flow boxes for two final clarifiers at the Waste Water Treatment Plant
- Reduced costs of APCO training for 911 dispatchers
- Increased capacity by reducing the amount of time police officers spend responding to false alarms
- Converted the Prosecution and Probation office from processing by paper to all electronic
- Repurposed an existing ambulance chassis to accommodate two new air fill stations, cascades, and control panel



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CONTEST: WIN \$150 WORTH OF PRIZES

Text DOWNTOWN to 81680 for a chance to win two tickets to the HAIRBALL concert, where you'll hear the spot-on sounds of Journey, Queen, Mötley Crüe, Van Halen and many more all in one night and live on stage at Tony's Pizza Events Center! (For concert information visit tonypizzaeventscenter.com. Tickets are available through the Tony's Pizza Events Center Box Office, online, and by calling 888-826-7469.)

Other prizes in the package include: Fieldhouse drop-in passes, Kenwood Cove Aquatic Park passes, Smoky Hill Museum Store gifts, a Friends of the Museum membership and more!

Double your chances of winning by liking our contest post that is pinned to the top of our Facebook page!

One entry will be randomly selected and announced through the text list and on Facebook by 5 p.m. on 6/6/18. Individuals may unsubscribe at any time from the text list, which is used to communicate Downtown Streetscape Project updates (events, contests, construction, project progress).

Message and data rates may apply. The contest is in no way sponsored, endorsed or administered by, or associated with Facebook.

CITY COMMISSIONERS WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

Members of the Salina City Commission are always interested in your comments and suggestions on city services and policies.

Each Commissioner welcomes letters, telephone calls or emails. Write them at P.O. Box 736, Salina, KS 67402-0736 or email at citycommission@salina.org. Commissioner's phone numbers are listed below:

Karl Ryan	825-4242
Trent Davis	823-0287
Mike Hoppock	493-5350
Melissa Hodges	825-6218
Joe Hay, Jr.	452-8358

CURRENT VOLUNTEER BOARD OPENINGS

- **Accessibility Advisory Board**
 - Youth Member*
- **Board of Zoning Appeals**
 - Citizen-at-Large within City Limits
 - Youth Member*
- **Building Advisory Board**
 - Licensed Mechanical Contractor
 - Youth Member*
- **Business Improvement District Design Review**
 - Property Owner within the Business Improvement District
- **Human Relations Commission**
 - Youth Member*
- **Planning Commission**
 - Youth Member*
- **Solid Waste Management Committee**
 - 3rd Class City Representative
 - Citizen-at-Large within City Limits
 - Youth Member*

JUNIORS & SENIORS WELCOME!

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

Call the City Manager's Office
at 309-5700



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