

First City Connection

Information from the City of Leavenworth

Fall 2020

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From the Desk of

Mayor Myron Griswold

Last January, the City Manager, his staff, and the City Commission were off to a busy and ambitious start. We were optimistic that 2020 was going to be a banner year, but as with all citizens, businesses and organizations, our plans changed quickly in early March with the onset of the COVID-19 health crisis. Regrettably, the first change occurred in mid-March with the cancellation of the annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade. Looking back at our communications at the time, it is interesting how little we knew, and how rapidly the country, state, county and our City Government learned and adapted to the pandemic.

Rather than list everything the community has accomplished, modified or changed since mid-March, I want to explain the City's mindset and approach to closures, modifications, re-openings, and other adjustments to City services and programs. As I have said at every one of my 15 Facebook Live Town Halls held since mid-March during the COVID-19 health crisis, the overriding priority of the City Commission, City Manager, and City staff is to do everything possible to assure the health, safety, and welfare of all Leavenworth citizens. With this priority at the forefront, City staff and officials listen to subject-matter experts like the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Secretary of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), and the Leavenworth County Health Officer. In listening, the City is able to learn of best practices to keep citizens, staff, and vendors healthy and safe while at City-owned facilities. Three things occurred simultaneously: wearing masks, maintaining social distancing and increasing the frequency and thoroughness of cleaning

procedures. This approach has allowed us to transition back to holding City Commission meetings in person, conducting two in-person Police Community Forums and reactivating the City's recycling operations at the Municipal Service Center.

While larger events were canceled, we asked O'Neill Events and Marketing, the company which supports Camp Leavenworth, to create an experience tailored to the realities of the COVID-19 situation. O'Neill "turned on a dime" and briefed the City Commission in July on a non-traditional festival campaign supporting togetherness and business activity in the community. The Lovingworth campaign will occur throughout September and should provide a number of meaningful and enjoyable events for individual citizens and family units to participate in. More information can be found about the events on www.lovingworth.com. Fortunately, although timelines had to be delayed, we were able to move forward on the largest road improvement program in City history, while continuing with major stormwater infrastructure projects and emergency repairs. In June the City participated in the announcement by the Bureau of Prisons (BOP) to build a new \$356 million federal prison in Leavenworth to replace the current United States Penitentiary. On August 20, we participated in a Stakeholder Round table here in Leavenworth to discuss high-level details associated with the project. Myself, Mayor Pro Tem Nancy Bauder and City Manager Paul Kramer, participated in this event, which was also attended by U.S. Senator Jerry Moran, and the BOP Director, Mr. Michael Carvajal.

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Fire Department
3600 S. 20th Street
913-682-3346 (admin calls)

For Burn Permits:
913-758-2980

Police (Admin calls only)
Justice Center, 601 S. Third
913-651-2260

Police- Anonymous Clue line
913-682-2583

(Partner agency)
Alliance Against Family Violence
913-675-7720

Sewer Emergencies (24 Hours)
913-682-1090

Service Center/Streets/Trash
790 Thornton St.
913-682-0650

Human Resources
100 N. Fifth St.
913-680-2637

Public Works/Engineering
100 N. Fifth
913-684-0375

City Clerk's Office
100 N. Fifth St.
913-682-9201

Planning/Community Development
100 N. Fifth St.
913-680-2626

Parks and Recreation
123 S. Esplanade
913-651-2203

Leavenworth Convention and Visitors Bureau
100 N. Fifth St.
913-758-2948

Leavenworth Public Library
417 Spruce Street
913-682-5666

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Have you wondered why a business is in a certain location? How convenient it is to have a trail connecting to the park in the next neighborhood? Or why houses are built differently in neighborhoods throughout the city? All of these things, and more, are the result of decisions relating to city planning.

City planning is most successful when it is guided by a long-term vision. The process of establishing this vision is called comprehensive planning, because it covers all aspects of the City, and reflects the diversity of opinions from people throughout the community. The "Leavenworth 2030, First City Future Forward" Comprehensive Plan is moving "full steam ahead," with input from individual citizens, virtual focus groups and Commissioners. One major deliverable of this study is building a unifying, achievable and forward-thinking vision for the future. It's a vision that improves the quality of life for all citizens and puts Leavenworth on the map as a high performing, vibrant, and modern city – a city in which our children and grandchildren will want to live and work when they become adults.

I hope everyone enjoys the rest of the summer here in Northeast Kansas, and stays safe when out in the public and driving on our roads.

ASK

the City Manager

Do you:

- **Have a question about a City project?**
- **Want to know how different city operations are funded?**
- **Want to share your ideas?**

If you have questions about the City, ask City Manager Paul Kramer, pkramer@firstcity.org or call 913-680-2600.

Major announcement: Construction for new Bureau of Prisons is funded



Bureau of Prisons staff (left of board) joined Sen. Jerry Moran, BOP Director Michael Carvajal, Mayor Mike Griswold, Mayor Pro Tem Nancy Bauder and City Manager Paul Kramer on a site visit Aug. 20.

In June, the U.S. Bureau of Prisons distributed a letter saying that it would resume a process to build a new facility adjacent to the current United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth. The current building was constructed in the early 1900s and is functionally obsolete. In 2006, the BOP transitioned from a high-security to a medium-security inmate population.

With this \$360 million project that is now fully-funded, the Bureau of Prisons is re-committing its efforts to keep jobs in Leavenworth. The federal construction process is lengthy, followed by a required Environmental Impact Study, or EIS, and public comment period. In 2014, a draft was published of the final EIS, with a public comment that ended in May 2015. At that time, funding was delayed for a new facility. The process resumed in 2020 with the new Congressional funding allocation.

The new facility will be constructed next to the current one, between the main entrance to Fort Leavenworth and the current prison along Metropolitan Avenue.

We're here to help: City administers several financial aid programs during the pandemic

Throughout the pandemic, the City of Leavenworth has been keeping up-to-date on the latest federal funding resources to help businesses and residents.

The City of Leavenworth received and distributed funding to assist the community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Small business grants of up to \$10,000 are available through the City. Applications are available on the website. Businesses must be able to demonstrate how their business was affected by COVID-19. Contact Assistant City Manager Taylour Tedder at ttedder@firstcity.org for more information.

Homeowners who have been affected through job loss or job reduction may apply for mortgage or utility assistance through Salvation Army, Catholic Charities of NE Kansas or Welcome Central. These agencies received funding for mortgage and utility assistance. Also, the City offers a home repair program is homeowners need assistance, an application is available online or by contacting Mary Dwyer, CDBG coordinator, at mdwyer@firstcity.org

Renters who have been affected through job loss or job reduction may apply for mortgage or utility assistance through Salvation Army, Catholic Charities of NE Kansas or Welcome Central. These

agencies received federal funding channeled through the City's CDBG program for rent and utility assistance. In addition, if tenants need assistance with negotiating with a landlord or utility company regarding payments or any other issue regarding housing, they may contact the City's Rental Coordinator, Lawrence Levine at llevine@firstcity.org. Landlords who need assistance with tenants may contact the City's Rental Coordinator, Lawrence Levine at llevine@firstcity.org.

Anyone who needs food assistance may go to the Leavenworth Mission, or Salvation Army. Catholic Charities also provides emergency food assistance.

Worldwide pandemic of COVID-19 virus affects Leavenworth area

In 2020, COVID-19 pandemic changed the way of life for many Americans. Leavenworth residents learned new technology to attend church, meetings or other social gatherings online.

In March 2020, the Leavenworth County Health Department began collecting data for COVID-19 in Leavenworth.

As of Sept. 2, Leavenworth County had 1,677 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 and nine deaths, which includes two major outbreaks of the disease at Lansing State Correctional Facility and the Grossman Center. There have been 377 cases in the City of Leavenworth so far that do not include these clusters.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, people with COVID-19 have had

a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

This list does not include all possible symptoms. CDC will continue to update this list as we learn more about COVID-19.

The Centers for Disease Control recommend the following to prevent the spread of disease:

- Stay home as much as possible.
- Wash hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water is not available, use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Distance yourself from others when in public, especially if you are a senior or have a medical condition that puts you in a high-risk category.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth mask when in public.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with an elbow or tissue. Throw the used tissue away and immediately wash your hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily -- including phones, keyboards, doorknobs, handles and light switches – with an EPA-registered disinfectant.

Be cautious about trusting information online about the pandemic. Here are accurate sources for information:

- Leavenworth County Health Department - www.leavenworthcounty.gov
- Kansas Department of Health and Environment - <https://www.kdheks.gov/>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - <https://www.cdc.gov/>

Leavenworth city government began re-opening services in June

From the beginning of the pandemic in March, the City took health officials' warnings seriously. Here's how your local government responded:

- Trash pickup never ceased.
- Fire and police operations never ceased.
- Major road and stormwater construction projects continued.
- Minor street repair and street striping continued.
- City Hall was closed from March to June. Portions of the building are still closed to the public. While employees worked continuously throughout the pandemic, many were able to work from home. Members of the public were able to access city services online and over the phone.
- Animal Control closed from March to June. The facility remains closed for the once-a-month pet adoptions. Throughout the closure, staff made accommodations to work with pet owners' whose animals had gone missing and were picked up.
- The Riverfront Community Center was closed from March to June. Many

- Parks and Recreation programs had to be cancelled. Parks staff attended several trainings and informational sessions about health, fitness and exercise during COVID-19. Using this information, staff were able to safely open the Riverfront Community Center with some limitations in June.
- Parks operations including mowing continued. Playgrounds were closed for a brief period in the spring. Staff have placed signs with the intent to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 at all Leavenworth playgrounds and shelters.
- Wollman Aquatic Center remained closed to the public in 2020. This was done to prevent large gatherings of people and also to protect city staff, lifeguards and hourly employees.
- The Recycling Center closed for a few weeks and was re-opened.
- Your Leavenworth Fire Department continued to train and obtained new protective equipment for responding to medical emergencies. They gave out more than 12,500 masks in late summer and fall to the general public.
- Public events such as the Saint



In 2020, the City had to close its meetings to public attendance, however, meetings continued to stream live online and on Channel 2. They are available on the City's YouTube channel. Meetings resumed with mandatory face masks in July. Members of the public who would like to provide public testimony should use instructions published on our agendas. Agendas are published before each Tuesday meeting on Friday afternoon. Those wishing to provide comment can contact our City Clerk's office, cwilliamson@firstcity.org.

Patrick's Day Parade, Leavenworth Main Street's summer concert series and many others were canceled out of safety requirements with the advice of the Leavenworth County Health Department.

The new face of Fire safety: wearing masks protects others



Firefighters and administrative staff use masks regularly while training with each other and among the general public when responding to emergencies. According to the CDC, masks not only protect the wearer, but also those around them. Guidance has changed about masks during the pandemic. In April, the CDC began putting out information that masks do have value in preventing the spread of disease. Fire Department and City staff have also been coordinating masks to give away to the general public.



City Clerk's Office

- If you have an alarm system in your home or business you are required to purchase an alarm permit. The fee is \$15 per year. Should you have a false alarm and your system is not registered a false alarm fee will be assessed to you.
- Garage sale permits are required at a cost of \$5.
- All establishments serving food are required to have a Health Permit at a cost of \$100 per year.
- All Employees working at any Food Establishment must attend a Food Handler Class. Online classes are available at www.statefoodsafety.com. The fee is \$20.
- Massage Establishments - New Business \$300 and Renewals \$150.
- Distribution of flyers door to door requires a permit. Door to door solicitors are required to purchase a license with the City. If you encounter individuals soliciting at your home, ask to see a copy of the city license.
- Tree trimmers are required to obtain a yearly license. Before hiring someone to trim or cut your trees down, ask to see the tree trimmer's license. A list of licensed Tree Trimmers is available on our website or by contacting the City Clerk's Office.

Stubby park re-opens



Funded by the City's Capital Improvements Program budget, Stubby Park received new playground equipment, expanded parking lot, new concrete path and new fence. The sledding hill remains at Stubby Park.



Street paving project bids awarded for 2020

The City Commission approved an increase of funding in the 2020 budget to help Leavenworth's roads to \$1.8 million -- more than double in previous years. This decision was made after feedback from the public about road conditions and a contractor did imaging of the streets in 2016 and 2019 that showed deterioration. These streets were selected for mill and overlay, which means removing a portion of the road and overlaying with asphalt. These projects are less expensive than the Thornton Street repair (RIGHT) which required an entire road removal and rebuild. The mill and overlay projects are scheduled for September and October, weather permitting.

- Pawnee Street from 16th Street to the creek
- 19th Street from Ottawa Street to Osage Street
- Miami Street and Michael Street west of 17th Street
- Terry Street from 16th to 17th
- Cherokee Street from 20th to 15th
- 20th street from Choctaw to Spruce
- 20th Street from Metropolitan Avenue to Ottawa
- Cheyenne Street from 7th to Broadway
- Pawnee Lane cul-de-sac
- 10th Street from Pawnee to Shawnee street
- Kiowa Street from 10th Street to Broadway Street
- Ottawa Street from 10th Street to 7th Street
- Shawnee Street from 10th Street to bridge
- Ottawa Street from Fourth to Second Street
- Pottawatomie Street from Broadway to Esplanade Street
- Osage Street from Broadway to Esplanade Street
- Fifth Street from Osage to Shawnee Street
- Miami Street from 7th Street to Fifth Street
- Shawnee Street from Broadway to Fifth Street
- Estates Street from 21st Street to 20th Street
- Alternates:
- Tonganoxie Drive from Shenandoah Street to Candlewood Drive

Trash bag delivery is Saturday Sept. 19. One roll of trash bags will be delivered to residents. Bags are delivered twice a year in the spring and fall.

The City's new stormwater fee, which began in 2018, has provided for many projects throughout the community where stormwater pipes have corroded, causing sinkholes on private property and threatening to destroy homes with stormwater runoff. Independence Court homes benefitted this summer from a bank stabilization project. The tributary stream was cut deeper and wider and will help prevent further erosion to both private properties and a city sewer line. This \$362,000 project was funded with the fee.



Thornton Street: This \$5 million project continued throughout the pandemic. It is still on schedule to be completed by the end of 2020. Work in the summer and fall included a reinforced concrete box culvert near the Municipal Service Center, tearing out existing street and roadbed from 10th Avenue to Maple Street and placing aggregate base for the street. The final layer of asphalt will be placed over the entire project, from 10th Avenue to South Fifth Street.

Live plays continue at Performing Arts Center

Coming this fall from the River City Community Players, our local community theater group:

- **I Don't Have A Clue** written by Craig Sodaro (Youth Show) – Performances: 9/11, 9/12, 9/13
 - **Wrong Window!** written by Billy Van Zandt and Jane Milmore - Performances: 10/23, 10/24, 10/25; 10/30, 10/31, 11/1
 - **Annual Children's Christmas Show - A Christmas Carol** written by Charles Dickens and abridged by Nancy Mazzia – Auditions: 11/2, 11/3, 11/4; Performances: 12/11, 12/12, 12/13
- Curtain times are 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2:00 p.m. on Sundays at the Performing Arts Center, 500 Delaware St. Tickets are available online through the website at www.leavenworthks.org or reservations may be made by calling 913-651-0027.

Help Protect Yourself and Others from COVID-19

Practice Social Distancing

Stay 6 feet (2 arm's lengths) from other people.

And Wear a Cloth Face Covering

Be sure it covers your nose and mouth to help protect others. You could be infected and not have symptoms.

[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

George Floyd, Amaud Arbery deaths inspire nationwide questions about police work and racism

In the midst of a national pandemic, a movement to improve race relations swept the country following the death of George Floyd in Minnesota while in police custody on May 25, 2020. In Leavenworth, the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored Peoples and Unity in the Community organized a peaceful rally on June 6. The rally had no violent incidents or arrests, and police also participated. Other peaceful rallies were organized throughout the summer, in which city staff and elected officials attended to show support.

Following the desire for more communication about police activities, the Leavenworth Police Department organized two community talks in July and August.

The Leavenworth Police Department has a set of procedures in place prior to these incidents that are relevant to discussions about use of police force and race:

- All professional complaints are investigated by a member of the command staff at the Leavenworth Police Department. If citizens are not comfortable with this, they may initiate a complaint directly to the Kansas Attorney General's Office, ag.ks.gov.
- Use of deadly force by a Leavenworth Police Officer are automatically sent to be investigated by the Kansas Bureau of Investigation.



ABOVE: More than 300 community members and leaders marched in June. AT LEFT: Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson, Richard Allen Cultural Center director Edna Wagner, Leavenworth City Commissioner Jermaine Wilson, Leavenworth area NAACP Chapter president Joana Scholtz, Lansing Police Chief Steve Wayman and Leavenworth Police Chief Pat Kitchens marched together in June as part of a nationwide effort to improve race relations and treatment of African Americans by police.

New Rental Property Coordinator program provides support for renters and landlords

Leavenworth has the second highest percentage of renters in Kansas, behind only Manhattan. Although the City had a partnership with Catholic Charities and Welcome Central for many years, in 2020 a new Rental Property Coordinator program began.

Lawrence Levine, Army veteran, began working with agencies to provide information and meeting with renters. He's there for renters who might be facing an unfair eviction, to make sure that any needed code inspections can take place, and also to support property owners who might be struggling with difficult renters. Levine has also been researching

various grants and programs to support low-income renters during the pandemic. Although Levine cannot provide legal advice, he can connect residents and property owners to the appropriate resources to resolve their issues. At right, Levine is handing out brochures for his program as well as programs the city already offers to low-income families at a food pantry distribution. Contact Levine for questions about the program at llevine@firstcity.org.



Riverfront Community Center Leisure and Fitness

As we all adjust to the new “normal” and attempt to resume living in a safe and healthy manner, the Parks & Recreation department is adjusting with you. We continue to monitor temperatures for guests at the Riverfront Community Center. We maintain daily cleaning of all of our facilities. We encourage wearing masks and practicing social distancing. We are hoping to offer more opportunities to the City as the curve flattens, but in the meantime, we continue to assess each class, each event, and each service on a regular basis and make changes as needed. All events and sports listed in this brochure may be changed or canceled, if the need arises.

123 S. Esplanade St. | 913-651-2132

Resident* Non-Resident

		Resident*	Non-Resident
Daily Admission	Adult	\$2.50	\$3
	Youth (4-18), Senior (60+)	\$2	\$2.50
20 Punch Pass	Adult	\$40	\$50
	Youth (4-18), Senior (60+)	\$30	\$40
Monthly Pass	Adult	\$35	\$40
	Youth (4-18), Senior (60+)	\$25	\$30
6-Month Pass	Adult	\$80	\$90
	Youth (4-18), Senior (60+)	\$60	\$70
Yearly Pass	Adult	\$145	\$155
	Youth (4-18), Senior (60+)	\$105	\$125

Admission fee includes use of the weight room, cardio room, indoor track, gym, pool during lap swim times, and racquetball courts. For general information, call (913) 651-2132 or email parksandrec@firstcity.org.

Closed on major holidays: Veterans Day Nov. 11, Thanksgiving Day Nov. 26 and Nov. 27 Christmas Day December 25 and New Year's Day. The City does not observe Columbus Day.

Track and Fitness Rooms
Monday – Friday
6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m..

Closes early on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, and New Year's Eve, Dec. 31.

*Leavenworth city limits and Fort Leavenworth

CARDIO and WEIGHT ROOMS: Stair steppers, stationary bikes, treadmills, and weight equipment are available.

INDOOR TRACK: The center has a 1/10 mile indoor track that is open year-round during regular community center hours. Daily admission fee or pass required.

FITNESS AND LEISURE

Basic Ballroom Dance

Learn to Merengue, waltz, country two step, Arizona two step, salsa, and cha-cha dance steps and turns that you can do to almost any type of music. For dates and class information, contact Tom Ritchie at urdancrmn@gmail.com, or call 758-6629. Couples only.

Tuesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Fees: \$60/couple

All classes are held at the Riverfront Community Center. Register at the front desk. Check our website for more information at www.leavenworthks.org.

PiYo Live

Join certified instructor Rachel Smith as she combines the muscle-sculpting, core-firming benefits of Pilates with the strength and flexibility of flowing yoga movements. Use your body weight to perform a series of continuous, targeted moves to define every single muscle – big and small. This class is suitable for all fitness levels, teens and adults. Bring your own mat and plenty of water for this fun class.

Schedule:

- **Wednesdays – 5:45-6:45 p.m.**
- **Saturdays – 9-10 a.m.**
- Fees: 5 per class**
- **\$50 per 12-punch pass**

FITNESS FACILITY POLICIES

- **General Use** – It is the responsibility of the patrons to ensure they have been properly trained before using the fitness equipment. Improper use may cause serious injuries. The City of Leavenworth is not responsible for injuries or gross negligence. All visitors age 16 and older must present ID at check-in at the front desk.
- **Age Restrictions** – 10 and under must be accompanied by a parent/guardian age 18 or older; 11 and under are not allowed on any fitness equipment or in the weight or cardio room; ages 12–14 must be supervised by an adult at all times in the fitness rooms; ages 15-17 must have a signed permission form from the parent; ages 60 and over

are advised to consult their physician before beginning any type of fitness regimen.

- **Conduct** – No foul language, vulgar music, aggressive or disrespectful behavior will be tolerated. Absolutely no tobacco or vaping products of any sort are allowed in the center. No food or soft drinks are allowed in the fitness rooms or the gym.
- **Equipment** - Wipe down equipment after use. Do not drop or slam weights. Place items back where you found them. Return rented equipment.
- **Attire** - No cleats or spike shoes of any type; athletic shoes covering the entire foot must be worn at all times (except in the pool); proper swim-wear or workout attire is required.

Yoga

Instructor Carol Turner will teach students to release stress and fatigue, increase strength, balance and flexibility and restore energy.

Schedule: Tuesdays & Thursdays - 9-10 a.m.

Fees: \$5 per class

Women's Fitness Kickboxing

Fitness Kickboxing with Chantel Coates –This class offers a high energy workout that keeps you moving from start to finish. This class has combined the best aspects of striking and self-defense with high energy cardiovascular workouts. No prior experience is required. Quickly build lean muscle, speed, power and agility,

sustainable fat burn and total body tuning.

M/W – 6:15 – 7:15 pm

Fee: \$50/month

Tae Kwon Do

This popular martial art combines combat techniques, self-defense, sport and exercise. Masks are required during class.

Contact Master Frank Hannon at 913-682-3677 for information.

Schedule: Tuesdays & Thursdays

• 5:45-6:30 pm Ages 8-14

• 6:45-7:45 pm Adults

Fees: \$55/month; \$35 for additional family member

First Grader Santa Claus Drawing Contest

Due Nov. 6. - Leavenworth and Fort Leavenworth first-graders are invited to participate in our annual contest. All drawings should be free-hand and submitted by their teacher or parent by 5 p.m. on November 6, 2020. Be sure to write your name and your teacher's or parent's contact information on the back of your drawing. Drawings will be judged and displayed at the Riverfront Community Center. The winner will be notified by Monday, November 9, and will receive special surprises and recognition. The winning drawing will also be proudly displayed on the City's Santa web page for a full year.

KEY TIMES to Wash Your Hands



- ✓ **Before**
 - Eating or preparing food
 - Touching your face
- ✓ **After**
 - Using the restroom
 - Coughing or sneezing
 - Leaving a public place
 - Handling mask
 - Changing a diaper
 - Caring for someone sick
 - Touching animals or pets

cdc.gov/coronavirus

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Cleanup Completed: Riverfront Park and Campground



Extensive damage to Leavenworth's Riverfront Park and Campground from the 2019 flood left several layers of river bottom silt and debris behind. It covered not only the road and RV camp sites, but also the grass. Staff worked very hard prior to a worldwide pandemic to clear the site and make it available to campers. Although there were some restrictions with camping in 2020, it remains a popular way for social-distancing travel during the pandemic. Staff removed the silt, which in some places had drifted to several feet deep. The entire park had to be re-seeded and engineered wood fiber was added back underneath the swingset and slides.



Aquatics Programs

Lap Swim Schedule

(9/8 – 12/31)

Closed Nov. 11, Nov. 26 and 27 and December 25. Closes early Dec. 24.

Monday	6 a.m. - 8 a.m.
	11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
	5 - 5:45 p.m.
Tuesday	6 a.m. - 8 a.m.
	11 a.m.-2 p.m.
	5-5:45 p.m. (moves to 5-7:30 p.m. Nov. 5- Dec. 29)
Wednesday	6 a.m. - 8 a.m.
	11 a.m. 12:30 p.m.
	5-5:45 p.m.
Thursday	6 a.m. - 8 a.m.
	11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
	5-5:45 p.m. (moves to 5-7:30 p.m. Nov. 5- Dec. 29)
Friday	6 a.m. - 8 a.m.
	11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
	5 - 5:45 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Sunday	1 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Lap Swim Regulations

One swimmer per lane. Six lanes.

- No one under age 14 will be admitted into the pool during Lap Swim unless authorized by the Aquatic Supervisor.
- All Lap Swimmers must be able to swim one length of the pool unassisted, using front crawl.

Water Walking

Join Lori Mathews as you discover the benefits of water walking over taking your typical stroll over land. The water provides resistance, making your muscles work harder to move forward. At the same time, it provides buoyancy, helping reduce strain to your joints. Changing your water

walking routine keeps it interesting while allowing you to work different muscles as part of the exercise. Participants are spread out to allow for social distancing through the shallow end.

- **Mon/Wed/ Fri – 10:00-10:45 a.m.**
- Fees: \$4 per class or \$40 for 10-punch pass**



American Red Cross Lifeguard Training

Online registration available. Students will be certified in Lifeguarding, CPR, AED and First Aid. Prerequisite: Must swim 300 yards non-stop using front crawl and breast stroke and retrieve a 10 pound brick from 9 feet of water. Must be 15 years old or older, complete the online portion of the class, and attend class on both dates listed below. Minimum class size – 3, maximum class size - 10.

Dates: December 29 & 30

Times: 9 am – 4 pm

Fees: \$180 for residents, \$200 for non-residents

Join our Lifeguard Team

The City is hiring for early morning, after school, evening, and weekend guard shifts. Must pass the Lifeguard Training course to be eligible to apply. Contact nbaker@firstcity.org or 913-758-6629 for information and an application.

Aquacise

This class will tone and sculpt your body with no impact to your joints. The workout is a swimming blend of cardio and resistance training and may incorporate resistance tools such as buoyant water weights and noodles. One Aquacise pass is valid for all classes. Passes may be purchased at the Riverfront Community Center front desk and do not expire. Maximum capacity in the shallow end is 28 to allow for social distancing. All equipment is disinfected after each class and put away, ready for the next class.

• **Mon/Wed/ Fri - 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.**

• **Mon/Wed/Fri - 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.**

• **Mon & Wed - 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

No classes Dec. 21-25.

Fees:

• **Drop-ins on day of class - \$5/class**

• **20-Punch Pass - \$40 for adult residents/\$45 for adult non-residents. Senior Citizens (ages 60+) receive a \$5 discount on passes.**

Aquatic Physical Therapy

Preferred Physical Therapy, LLC is offering aquatic therapy at our Riverfront Community Center pool. For more information call 913-727-2022 or visit them at 712 First Terrace, Suite 101, Lansing, KS.

Youth Futsal - Youth Futsal league (similar to indoor soccer) for boys and girls in grades 1 through 6. Instructional program. Not eligible for scholarship use.

- Fees: \$40/player; \$65/player for late registration; discount for 3 or more children in the same household registering for the same sport. Discount does not apply to late registration fee.

- **Registration: October 15 – November 15, online registration available (convenience fees apply), late registration is ANY registration after November 15.**

- **Season: Sundays, January 10 - February 28. Times to be announced.**
- **Purpose: Skill-development sessions focusing on eye-foot development. 30 minutes of drills, 30 minutes of competition.**

Youth Basketball - A league for boys and girls in Grades 1 - 6. Register online (convenience fees apply) or in person at the Riverfront Community Center.

- Fees: \$40/player; Late fee is an additional \$25/player. ****Scholarship does not cover late fee.****
- **Registration: October 1 - 31. Late**

registration is ANY registration after October 31. Online registration available (convenience fees apply).
****Scholarship recipients must register in person.****

- **Season: Saturdays in January, January 9 – February 27**

Bitty Basketball - A skill development program for boys and girls, Ages 3 - 6 (up to Kindergarten - if they are in first grade, they should sign up for Youth Basketball). Sessions are conducted by Leavenworth High School's Girls Basketball Team and Coaches.

- Fees: \$35/player; Late fee is an additional \$25/player. ****Scholarship does not cover late fee.****
- **Registration: November 1 - 30. Late registration is ANY registration after November 30. Online registration available (convenience fees apply).**
****Scholarship recipients must register in person.****

- **Season: Saturdays in January, January 9 - January 30**
- **Age 3 plays at 9:00 a.m.**
- **Age 4 plays at 10:00 a.m.**
- **Ages 5 and 6 play at 11:00 a.m.**

Adult Basketball - Participants must be 19 years of age or older and out of high school. Active college players are not eligible to play. Games will be on Wednesday nights beginning January 6, 2020. If we have 10 or more teams, Thursday nights will be added. Coaches meeting to be announced. Roster form is available online at leavenworthks.org/parksrec/page/adult-basketball. Turn completed roster in with payment to the cashier at the Riverfront Community Center.

- Fees: \$345/team.
- **Registration: November 15 - December 15. Register as a team with a roster including a minimum of 5 names. Roster must contain names, signatures, addresses, emails, and phone numbers. Absolutely no late registrations will be accepted. Minimum of 4 teams, maximum of 8 teams.**
- **Season: Begins January 6, 2021**
- **Coaches Meeting: TBA**

American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim Group Classes offered to parent/child and preschool levels

****COVID-19 Update**** Swim Lessons are available at a reduced capacity. Fall sessions are limited to Parent/Child and Preschool levels only. Each swimmer must have a family handler in the water. Instructors will teach from the deck.

- Fees: \$40 Residents/\$45 Non-Residents - If enrolling more than two children in the same household, the other children receive a discounted rate.
- Class size: Maximum - 3 - to allow for proper social distancing for the safety of our swimmers, parents, and our instructors.

- Registration: Online registration available (convenience fees apply). Students must be registered by Noon the Friday before the session starts (for Saturday classes - Noon on Wednesday before the session starts). These classes require a family "helper" to attend and participate in the water with the child (no additional charge).*

- Levels available:
- Parent/Child - Ages 1-3
- Preschool - Ages 4-5

Tuesday/Thursday Evening Swim Lessons – 4 weeks

Session	Class Level	Age	Dates	Times
1	Parent/Child	1-3 yrs	9/8 – 10/1	6-6:40 p.m.
1	Preschool 1,2,3	4-5 yrs	9/8 – 10/1	6-6:40 p.m.
2	Parent/Child	1-3 yrs	9/8 – 10/1	7-7:40 p.m.
2	Preschool 1,2,3	4-5 yrs	9/8 – 10/1	7-7:40 p.m.
3	Parent/Child	1-3 yrs	10/6 – 10/29	6-6:40 p.m.
3	Preschool 1,2,3	4-5 yrs	10/6 – 10/29	6-6:40 p.m.
4	Parent/Child	1-3 yrs	10/6 – 10/29	7-7:40 p.m.
4	Preschool 1,2,3	4-5 yrs	10/6 – 10/29	7-7:40 p.m.

Saturday Swim Lessons – 8 weeks

Session	Class Level	Age	Dates	Times
5	Parent/Child	1-3 yrs	10/31 – 12/19	11:30 a.m. - 12:10 a.m.
5	Preschool 1,2,3	4-5 yrs	10/31 – 12/19	11:30 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.
6	Parent/Child	1-3 yrs	10/31 – 12/19	12:30 – 1:10 p.m.
6	Preschool 1,2,3	4-5 yrs	10/31 – 12/19	12:30 – 1:10 p.m.

Parks

Leavenworth Parks & Recreation Department

123 S. Esplanade Street
Leavenworth, Kansas 66048
(913) 651-2203

Administrative Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Parks hours are 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., daily.

Leavenworth is home to over 424-acres of dedicated park land. There are over 20 parks, 15 shelters, multiple playgrounds, tennis courts, ball fields, 9-hole disc golf course, batting cages, a skate park, a dog park, and several miles of walking trails

Riverfront Park Campground – Open through October 31

This cozy park beside the Missouri River is the perfect place to relax. For the 2020 season, the campground has seven active sites with electricity, a bath house with four private units, a boat ramp, a picnic shelter, and a dump station. Please note that this park is adjacent to active train tracks. For more information, email parksandrec@firstcity.org or call 913-290-0034.

Adopt-A-Park Program

If your group is looking for a way to make a difference in our community, why not consider adopting a Leavenworth city park or other landscaped public area? Participants can choose from a variety of tasks to include establishing a presence in the parks and reporting vandalism and maintenance problems, picking up litter, painting, weeding, or gardening. Donations also may be made for park improvements. City staff will provide guidance and some materials for projects.

Choose a park and decide which activities you will be able to do and how often. Once this is established, a sign will be erected in the park with your group's name and logo. Check City website to see a list of available parks.

Legacy Tree Program

Through this program, old trees are replaced and new areas rejuvenated. All contributions to this program are placed in a Park Special Gift Fund and are only used for the planting of Legacy trees. Supporters will be able to see their contributions live on in each tree that is planted—a gift that keeps giving! The Legacy Tree Program makes it possible to help preserve the rich history of trees in our parks while commemorating either a person or event. This program is available for online registration and payment through our website at www.leavenworthks.org.

Memorial Bench Program

Another way to honor a person or recognize an organization is through the purchase of a memorial bench with an attached plaque in Ray Miller Park, Leavenworth Landing Park and Waggin' Tails Dog Park. Placement in another park must be approved by the Park Superintendent. The Parks & Recreation Department will install the bench. Cost



Sand volleyball courts at David Brewer Park, 18th and Ottawa streets.

varies. Email parksandrec@firstcity.org for more information, or find the application form online at www.leavenworthks.org.

Leavenworth Landing Park

This scenic park on the Missouri River (Esplanade & Cherokee Streets) is available to rent for special occasions. Permit fees are by the hour and require a refundable damage deposit. Fees are due when a permit is requested. Choose the Paddlewheel Plaza or the Railroad Roundhouse. This park is adjacent to the Riverfront Community Center and historic downtown Leavenworth. (Note: This park has active train tracks.)

Recreation Activity Scholarship Program for City Residents

Qualifying individuals or families who live in the city limits of Leavenworth and are currently receiving public financial assistance may be awarded a \$100 credit per approved person per year to be used toward certain Leavenworth Parks & Recreation Department activities, such as fitness facility passes, swim programs, and youth sports. For information email Tabor Medill at tmedill@firstcity.org or call him at (913) 758-6648. You must set an appointment with Tabor Medill before dropping off your application. Application forms are available online at www.leavenworthks.org/parksrec. Applications must be renewed each year by completing a new form and scheduling another appointment for verification and approval.



NEW - A 9-basket disc golf course opened in the spring of 2020 at Ray Miller Park in front of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Veterans Affairs Medical Center. Begin the course at the park shelter next to the parking lot. There are par sheets available on site and on the City's website.

Leavenworth City Parks



Amenities

Shelter Rental Fees

Features

Bob Dougherty Park 800 N. 2nd St.		\$10 Resident/ \$15 Non-Resident	1 table at Restroom Overhang 24' X 20'
Buffalo Bill Cody Park 3003 Shrine Park Road	.25 MILE	Small: \$10 Res./\$15 NR Large: \$35 Res./\$40 NR	1 table at RR overhang 10 tables; 20' x 44'
Leavenworth Landing Park 301 S. Esplanade St.	.5 MILE	Call Parks Administrative Office to inquire about options for renting Landing Park.	
David Brewer Park 1801 Ottawa St.		Small: \$10 Res./\$15 NR Medium: \$25 Res./\$30 NR	1 table at RR Overhang 7 tables; 25' x 25'
Hawthorn Park 1100 Ohio St.		\$25 Resident/ \$30 Non-Resident	7 tables 40' x 24'
N. Esplanade Park 500 N. Esplanade St.	.25 MILE	\$25 Resident/ \$30 Non-Resident	7 tables 25' x 25'
Ray Miller Park 4103 S. Fourth St.	.5 MILE New! Disc Golf course.	\$10 Resident/ \$15 Non-Resident	1 table 16' x 16'
Riverfront Park and Campground 1201 Riverfront Park Road		\$25 Resident/ \$30 Non-Resident	7 tables 25' x 25'
Stubby Park 1501 S. Fourth St.		\$10 Resident/ \$15 Non-Resident	1 table, no grill 17' X 17'
V.A. Park 2901 VA Park Road	Off-leash Waggin' Tails Dog Park across the street.	\$10 Resident/ \$15 Non-Resident	1 table 16' x 16'
Wollman Park 1300 Shawnee St.		\$25 Res./ \$30 NR East or West Main: \$50 Res./\$55 NR	East or West - 7 tables; 36' x 20' Main - 12 tables; 40'X60'
Eagles Field 20th Street Trafficway	New! Batting cages.		
Kane Park 725 Julia Street			
10th Avenue Park 3500 Tenth Ave.	1.14 MILE		
20th Street Trailway 20th and Spruce streets	3.2 MILES		
Three-Mile Creek Trail Esplanade and Choctaw	.6 MILE		
Southside Park 2600 S. First St.			
Havens Park 2201 Ottawa St.	1 MILE paved trails		
Jefferson Park 1100 Kickapoo St.			
Sportsfield Park 2100 Ottawa St.	.7 MILE		

RESERVE A SHELTER ONLINE
 visit leavenworthks.org/parksrec

Portable toilets at restroom locations from November through March.

Permanent restroom facilities open April-October.

Riverfront Community Center

The Riverfront Community Center is a charming 1880s former Union Depot train station on the banks of the Missouri River. Originally constructed in 1888, this historic depot was restored and remodeled 100 years later. Several multipurpose rooms are available for rent through the City of Leavenworth. (Note: all these photos were prior to the pandemic. New restrictions for social distancing are now in place)

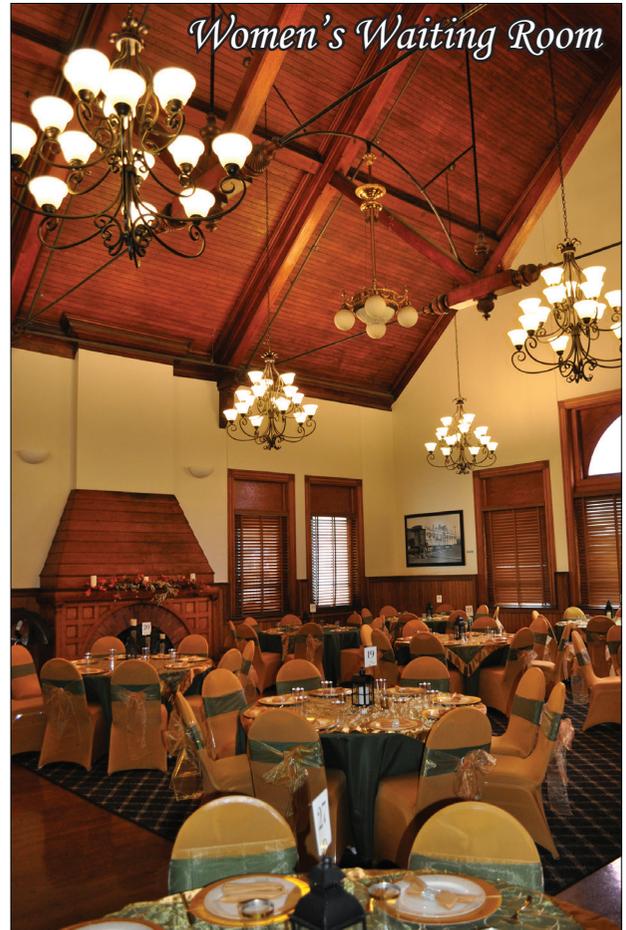


Men's Waiting Room

Riverview Room



Women's Waiting Room



South Wing

Worried about social distancing? Talk to Riverfront Community Center Manager Tammy Metzgar about Leavenworth Landing Park for your special event.



Event Space Fee Schedule
 A 4-hour minimum rental and security deposit are required to reserve a room, along with a \$25 service charge. Fees include set-up and take-down of tables and chairs and trash removal. See our fee schedule or contact us for more information at parksandrec@firstcity.org.

Room	Resident	Non-Resident	Capacity
(Capacity numbers based on set-up type)			
Riverview Room	\$55/hr.	\$60/hr.	106
Men's Waiting Room	\$40/hr.	\$45/hr.	43
Women's Waiting Room	\$40/hr.	\$45/hr.	38
South Wing	\$40/hr.	\$45/hr.	32
Activity Room	\$15/hr.	\$20/hr.	19
Gymnasium	\$50/hr.	\$55/hr.	249
North Kitchen	\$25/hr.	\$30/hr.	NA
South Kitchen	\$20/hr.	\$25/hr.	NA



AT RIGHT: For catering information, contact our In-House Caterer, Terry Booker, at (913) 702-5499 during business hours or theabcafe@gmail.com. Patrons also may hire outside caterers for a 20% fee.

Let us help make your special day joyous and stress free. For reservation information, contact Tammy Metzgar, Riverfront Community Center Manager, at (913) 680-2709, or tmetzgar@firstcity.org. For more information, visit www.riverfrontcommunitycenter.com.



Parks staff work continuously through the pandemic to maintain facilities

The City of Leavenworth is proud to have an exceptional team of park technicians and seasonal labors. They have not missed one single day since the pandemic began. These staff members arrive to work each day, get their assignments and set out to keep our city beautiful.

In our last "First City Connection" issue in March, we knew very little about what the current pandemic was going to mean to our community. Businesses closed, City buildings closed to the public and annual events were canceled in an effort to flatten the curve and keep Leavenworth citizens safe. Many people who were listed as 'essential' continued to go to work every day and serve the community because it was their job to do so. In Leavenworth, a small group of people who maintain the few 'safe' places people could go outside of their home during lock-down are sometimes overlooked. As stated in one article "The Invisible Essential Park Maintenance Hero," by Michael Kirschman, "You will likely never see them, but they are there. At the park early every morning, cleaning



bathrooms, pulling trash, removing storm debris, making minor repairs, mowing, trimming, and installing a fence or signage."

With a full-time crew of 9 and the help of 5 seasonal employees, they maintain 424 acres of park land – that is just over 321 football fields of grass, trees, playgrounds, trails and ballfields. That's almost 23 football fields for each employee to maintain. Add to that 77 flower beds, 8 tennis courts, 7 restroom buildings, a basketball court and a skate park. That's the other part that makes our employees so incredible – the work is never done. The grass needs mowing, the shrubs

Thank you
Parks maintenance staff:
 Brian Bailey
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 Bob Covey
 Wyatt Forshee
 Nick Holmes
 Joe Jacobson
 Cody Koch
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 Nick McComas
 Chris Parr
 Bob Pennington
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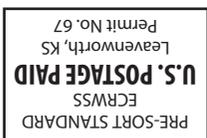
need trimming, the flowers need water, the trash needs to be emptied, shelters need to be maintained, and so on and so on. In light of all of this, please join us in thanking our team for providing the service that gives each and every one of us a place to go to breathe fresh air, soak up some sunshine, and have some peace and hope in these very difficult times.

Outdoor TRUNK OR TREAT planned for Sportsfield Park October 24

Trunk-or-Treat! - Saturday, October 24
 Bring the family to Sportsfield and join us for some Halloween fun and lots of candy. Children can dress up in their favorite costume and bring a Halloween bag or Jack-o-Lantern to carry the candy.
 Hours - 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
 Enter the Sportsfield parking lot from Ottawa Street. (More details to come.)
****COVID-19 - Due to the virus, the City opted for a safer, outdoor activity to allow the kids a chance to celebrate. All volunteers and staff will be wearing**

masks. We encourage all participants to practice social distancing during the event.**
Volunteers Needed!
 In these unprecedented times, we want to make this the event of the year for families! You can help by volunteering to hand out candy to trick-or-treaters. Join in the festivity and come dressed up yourself. Decorate your trunk, table, or pop-up tent, whichever you prefer. The children will love to see all the creative and spooky decorations. A 6' table and chairs will be provided

to each group. Staff and volunteers will be required to wear a mask. Extra masks will be available if needed. Safety protocol and social distancing will be maintained while all enjoy the fun. Contact nbaker@firstcity.org for more information about being a volunteer, event safety measures, and to confirm your attendance as a volunteer. Show your community support for our Leavenworth children and join us for this amazing event.



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