

NORTH KANSAS CITY CONNECTION

A NOTE FROM THE MAYOR

WINTER 2024

WELCOME WINTER

2023 was a year of steady growth in North Kansas City. Construction of several new housing options continued, and we welcomed new retail and entertainment venues. When thousands of "Swifties" descended on the Kansas City region in July, we welcomed them to North Kansas City with our Honorary Taylor Swift Street and Cornelia Street signs.



Our local businesses are thriving, and I am proud of how our community rallies to support them. Your commitment to shopping locally, dining at our restaurants, and engaging with our vibrant entertainment scene has made a significant impact, helping sustain our City's heart.

Despite some challenges, we have accomplished remarkable feats as a community. Our city has continued to invest in essential infrastructure projects, ensuring the long-term sustainability and growth of North Kansas City. Our Public Works Department is hard at work on Stormwater, Sewer, and Water Master Plans. These

plans will position our community for successful future development and the ability to respond efficiently to natural disasters.

Our parks and recreational spaces provide solace and ample opportunities for recreation and leisure activities, reminding us of the importance of green spaces in our community. In 2024, we will break ground on the new River Forest Park, creating our first neighborhood park east of Interstate 35.

The North Kansas City Fire Department will celebrate its centennial in 2024. For 100 years, the Fire Department has served the North Kansas City community with integrity and pride. I hope you'll join me in thanking them for 100 years of dedicated service.

Looking ahead, I am optimistic about the future of North Kansas City. Together, we will continue to build a resilient, compassionate, and forward-thinking community. As we welcome a new year, let us carry the lessons learned from the past year with us, cherishing the strength of our community bonds and embracing the opportunities that lie ahead.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to North Kansas City. It is an honor to serve as your mayor, and I am excited about the possibilities that the coming year holds for our remarkable community.

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YARD WASTE PROGRAM

The regular yard waste program will resume on Wednesday, March 6, 2024.

Yard waste (leaves and grass clippings) must be placed in biodegradable paper bags.



2023

HIGHLIGHTING NKC

Over the past year, NKC has had the opportunity to welcome residents, visitors, and "Swifties" to our great community to highlight what makes NKC so unique.

NKC Citizens Academy

2023 was the second year of the Citizens Academy, a program that allows residents to learn how their local government works, and how to get involved as a board or commission member. This 9-week program aims to train and inspire future leaders in our community. Two current Councilmembers are graduates of Citizens Academy!

NKC School District Partnership

North Kansas City was excited to be part of the inaugural class of the school district's mentorship program. This fantastic opportunity allows business leaders to become mentors for High School Juniors. If you want to give back to our community, please consider signing up for the district's mentorship program!

Honorary Streets

In honor of Taylor Swift's Eras Tour Stop in Kansas City, the city honorarily renamed two streets on the southwest corner of



Armour Rd, one being "Swift Street (Taylor's Version)" and the other temporarily named "Cornelia Street." Thousands of "Swifties" came to NKC to take photos with the signs, and many visited some of our local downtown businesses.

A Reimagined Budget Workshop

Over the last few years, the City has reconfigured the budgeting process to involve more public participation earlier in the process. This year was the first Bounce and Balance event, where the budget process was taken outside City Hall's walls. This event was a success, and we look forward to making next year's even bigger!



PHOTO BY ANDY STAYER

YEAR IN REVIEW

2023 has been an interesting year for North Kansas City! Here are just a few of the highlights of City activity last year.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Community Development Department continues to promote growth and development across our community. This year, under the City’s economic development policy, significant investments in the rehabilitation and maintenance of the present housing stock have been observed, as well as new housing, commercial, and industrial projects. The Neighborhood Services division has seen an 88% increase in rental inspections this year, further ensuring that all homes in North Kansas City offer a safe living environment for NKC residents. Besides the increasing population, the City has continued to invest in capital improvements that promote a multi-modal transportation network for all.

HOWELL STREET SHARED USE PATH



Preliminary engineering and design is underway to develop a shared-use path along Howell Street, spanning from 18th Street to 32nd Street. Attractions to non-motorized users of this area include

several community assets and open spaces, such as the North Kansas City City Hall, North Kansas City Public Library, North Kansas City High School, and Macken Park. The ultimate vision for Howell Street between 32nd Avenue and Armour is a neighborhood connector that is safe, serves all users, incorporates sustainable measures, and is visually appealing.

RIVERFRONT LEVEE TRAIL



RIVERFRONT LEVEE TRAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY

North Kansas City is continuing to implement our 2020 Bicycle Master Plan with the launch of the North Kansas City Levee Trail Study. Trail connections along the Missouri River were the most strongly supported projects by public input during our Bicycle Master Planning Process.

This study is largely funded by another Planning Sustainable Places (PSP) grant from MARC and will assess the feasibility of multi-modal trail along the southern portion of our levee system taking into account potential barriers, restrictions, safety, and operations of the levee.

The potential trail would begin near the Heart of America Bridge at the Kansas City, Mo., border and extend eastward along the levee before heading north towards Armour Road at Walker Road, and branch eastward at Riverboat Drive toward the Chouteau Bridge.

2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

In 2023, North Kansas City Fire Department continued to move forward, amassing over 15,000 training hours and responding to over 2,500 emergency requests and transported over 1,600 patients. We had the pleasure of hiring Three new FF/EMTs, and two members successfully completed paramedic school and became licensed paramedics. We had one member retire this year after 30 years of service.

Safety is always a priority and NKCFD provides its various services and programs to support a safe community for the residents, businesses, and visitors to the city. Some of those services include "hands only CPR," certified CPR training, "Stop the Bleed", and fire extinguisher training. The Department has also established a close working relationship with the North Kansas City School District's CAPS Program and Career Development. We were also honored to host a session of the NKC Citizens Academy allowing persons from all walks of life to get some firsthand experience with the tools and equipment we use daily.



With constant new developments changing the landscape and skyline of North Kansas City, the Fire Department is also looking into the future to forecast additional personnel, training, and equipment needs required to provide the residents, businesses, and visitors with the most effective services available. We are also looking forward to celebrating our Departments 100-year anniversary in 2024. Your trust, support, and partnership have been the bedrock upon which we've built our legacy of service. We look forward to celebrating this milestone with you and continuing to forge an even stronger bond in the years to come.

We are proud to be your fire department and stand ready to serve you anytime.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

In 2023, there was an increase in reported cases of property damage by 11%, attempted auto theft by 20%, auto theft by 33%, and traffic crashes by 17%. However, the police department noted a decrease in stealing by 18%, assaults by 2%, and catalytic converter thefts by 88%. The officers are committed to deterring and apprehending criminals in North Kansas City through various patrol operations. If you want to learn about crime prevention tips or strategies, you can contact the COPPS unit.

The communications unit welcomed two new faces in 2023, who are currently in training and will soon be assigned to a shift. The animal shelter also has a new part-time employee who has completed their training and assists animal control officers with their daily duties.

Several employees were recognized for exceptional performance in the line of duty. Sergeant Hubbell, K-9 Officer Ward, and K-9 Officer Pickering were recognized by the Kansas City Missouri Police Department for assisting with the unfortunate passing of a KCMOPD K-9 Officer and his Police K-9. Major Smith, Sergeant Justus, Sergeant Holm, Officer Josephson, Officer Silver, Officer

Harmon, Officer Smith, Officer Ficken, Detective Kahler, Detective Friedel, and Civilian Adamek received a special unit citation for their actions during a domestic violence situation.

Several members of the department traveled to Jefferson City and Washington D.C. in May to honor Officer Daniel Vasquez when his name was placed on both the State memorial and the National memorial honoring Police Officers who have sacrificed their lives protecting their communities. A local memorial is in the design and pre-construction stage that will honor all Police, Fire, and Emergency Medical, that have died serving the community of North Kansas City.



The North Kansas City Police Department expresses its gratitude and pride to the community for their support and partnership in keeping North Kansas City safe.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



2023 was an eventful year for Public Works! Beyond the daily responsibilities of leaf pick up, snow removal, mowing, patching potholes, street sweeping, garbage pickup, tree limbs down, planting flower beds, decorating for the seasons, and overseeing many construction projects, we were able to make some big improvements in the city.

The tree planting and tree maintenance budgets were increased to provide residents with a more robust tree program. The city currently maintains nearly 3000 trees in its tree canopy. Due to the large number of trees requiring continual maintenance, Municipal Services staff and outside contractors work together to provide tree planting, pruning, and removal.

The multi-year renovation of the Water Treatment Plant facilities has been substantially completed. The project

set out to address legacy pollution issue in the Missouri River aquifer and also included the rehabilitation of the structural, mechanical, and electrical facilities and structures. Improvements were made to the building, and two new wells, a new electrical system, new control system/SCADA improvements, new instrumentation, new HVAC systems, new chemical/electrical building, new high service pumps and piping, new filter valves and actuators, and a new chlorine storage and feed building were added.



Considerable progress was made on the on-going project to improve roadway curbs, public sidewalks, and storm drainage structures. ADA curb ramp improvements are a large part of this project. Most of these improvements have been constructed by the current on-call concrete contractor.

WATER MASTER PLAN

Working with local engineering firm, McClure Engineering, the purpose of this project is to provide the City with an action-oriented Water Master Plan that allows for robust public input, detailed water system assessment and analysis, and sound recommendations for both capital projects and policy/procedure updates that fit with the City's vision for water distribution management. The design professional will develop a prioritized 10-year capital improvements plan for the water system.

STORMWATER MASTER PLAN

Working with local engineering firm Olsson, the goal of this plan is to provide a comprehensive review and analysis of the existing stormwater system, recommend improvements to ensure current and future demands are met, provide a sustainable best management practice for operations and maintenance, and provide a framework for integrating new development into the system. The plan will provide detailed information about where the critical repairs in the City's infrastructure.

SANITARY MASTER PLAN

The city has hired consulting firm Veenstra & Kimm to develop a comprehensive evaluation and management plan for the NKC sanitary sewer system. The goals of this plan will include analysis of the performance capability of the existing infrastructure, recommendations for improvements/maintenance, recommendations for policy revisions and implementation, and identifying and developing recommended improvement projects.



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PARKS & RECREATION

This past year has been very exciting and busy. Probably our greatest triumph was the passing of Proposition P, the Parks Sales Tax, approved by over 80% of the voters to increase the sales tax by a ¼ of a cent to be used for parks, recreational programming, and community events.

Our second biggest accomplishment was setting a Guinness World Record for the longest baseball game – 100 hours and 1 minute. The Endless Game happened over Labor Day weekend and was played by 60 players who had to stay in the park the entire time. The game started at 8 a.m. on Thursday and finished at 12:01 p.m. on Monday.

Our 7th annual Arts in the Park Festival expanded its footprint by adding more artists, a kid's zone, a second stage to facilitate alternating musical acts, and a robust Youth Art & Entrepreneurship program.

Music at Macken was bountiful this summer with Friday Night Concerts that featured local talent as openers, Ken Remmert's Friday in the Park celebrated its 45th year of free live entertainment over the lunch hour on Fridays, and the KC Symphony did a free concert out of their Mobile Music Box. And if that wasn't enough, we also held a two-day music festival partnering with the BBPA on Briar Fest 8. The festival featured 2 stages, 26 bands, a hot air balloon glow, vendors, food trucks, an art and wine oasis, a beer forest, and fun.

Waggin' Trail Dog Park hosted its annual Boneanza and Howl-O-Ween events, and in October our Trunk or Treat got moved inside due to rainy weather, but it was still a huge success with almost 1000 people attending.

Our Enrichment offerings continue to grow. We have a robust homeschool program, cooking classes for kids and adults, art classes, camps, youth soccer, bitty soccer, bitty basketball, as well as Men and Coed softball leagues. Our Encore programs offer socials, luncheons, games, fitness classes, and day trips for active older adults.

The 3rd weekend of November at the Park Center was our Mistletoe Market, a small, curated artisan holiday market. After Thanksgiving, we placed donated hats, scarves, and gloves on the fence lines for anyone needing a little extra warmth moving into the winter season.

Our Mayor's Tree Lighting Ceremony moved to a new location on the southwest corner of Armour Road and Swift, to include Santa and his elves, reindeer pony rides, music, crafts, cocoa, and cookies.





ARMOUR ROAD COMPLETE STREET

The Armour Road Complete Street Project was conceived with a vision to create a safer, more accessible, and aesthetically pleasing environment for all residents and visitors. By adopting a "complete streets" approach, the project strives to accommodate the diverse needs of the community, promoting not only vehicular traffic but also walking, cycling, and public transit.

The City was proud to cut the ribbon on the final phase of the Armour Road Complete Street project in April. Improvements included intersection and crosswalk improvements, beautification, and increased safety for pedestrians and cyclists along Armour Road. Armour Road is now a safe corridor that serves all users, incorporates sustainable measures, is visually appealing, and is economically vibrant.

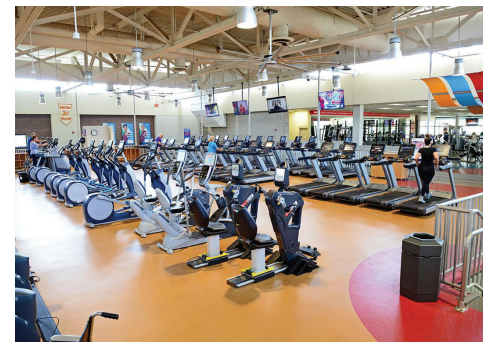


MINOR HOME REPAIR AND HOME MODIFICATION PROGRAM

North Kansas City recently partnered with Northland Neighborhoods, Inc. and Rebuilding Together Kansas City to develop a new NKC Minor Home Repair and Home Modification Program support low- to moderate-income homeowners with needed home repairs. This new program assists homeowners who do not have the financial means to respond to code violations and/or modify their homes to accommodate their mobility and access needs. Safety repairs and modifications can include:

- Modifications to bathrooms and showers
- Replacing or repairing steps, stair railings, and walkways
- Minor home repairs including electrical and plumbing repairs
- HVAC repair/replacements
- Exterior home repairs

For more information, please contact Community Development at 816-274-6006 or visit www.nkc.org.



EXCLUSIVE NKC RESIDENT YMCA RATES

North Kansas City residents are offered a special City-subsidized membership rate to the NKC YMCA. This new program offers residents a monthly rate of \$35 a month for individuals and \$70 a month for families, along with multiple benefits. There is no joining fee, the first month is free, and there are no early cancellation fees.

For more information, visit KansasCityYMCA.org/NKC.



PLAN YOUR VOTE

REGISTER TO VOTE

- Online: Missouri Secretary of State Website (sos.mo.gov)
- Clay County Board of Election Office: 100 W. Mississippi St., Liberty, MO 64068 (M-F 8am-5pm)
- Mid-Continent Libraries in Clay County during regular business hours.

To vote in the April election, you must register to vote by March 6, 2024.

ARE YOU REGISTERED?

APRIL ELECTION

The City of North Kansas City will hold a General Municipal Election on April 2, 2024. Polls will be open at the NKC YMCA from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. This year's election is for one Councilmember from Wards 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Missouri requires voters to present photo identification while voting. Voters can present the following forms of information to cast their ballot:

- A nonexpired Missouri driver or non-driver license;
- A nonexpired military ID, including a veteran's ID card;
- A nonexpired United States passport; or
- Another photo ID issued by the United States or the state of Missouri which is either not expired or expired after the date of the most recent general election.



NKC CANDIDATE FORUM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024

6-7 P.M. | NKC CITY HALL

In-Person | Channel 2 | YouTube

Hear from candidates running for NKC City Council.





RESIDENT RESOURCES

SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL

In the winter months, City crews monitor weather closely and try to get a jump on approaching storms. They pretreat road surfaces with liquid brine and follow an established route that addresses the hill at North Kansas City Hospital for emergency situations and dangerous hilly routes first, then residential, business, and truck routes. In the residential areas, it is always greatly appreciated if vehicles can be cleared from the streets to allow crews to plow curb to curb.

ARMOUR ROAD EMERGENCY SNOW ROUTE

Armour Road has been declared an Emergency Snow Route. During a declared snow emergency, vehicles are prohibited to park on Armour Road between Fayette and Linn Streets. Whenever the City determines that street conditions will make it necessary to remove snow or ice from the streets, the City will activate the emergency snow route provision. All vehicles must be moved within two hours after the City declares a parking prohibition. Whenever possible, the City will announce the activation of the emergency snow route on its website, Textcaster and social media channels. If in doubt that it may snow or there will be an accumulation of ice, it is advised that you move your vehicle. If any vehicle is parked on either side of Armour Road during a snow or ice event for which an emergency has been declared, the vehicle may be ticketed and towed without further notice.

SOLID WASTE SERVICES

The following services are provided to all non-commercial properties:

Service	Day	Container
Trash Collection	Tuesdays & Fridays	Black Lid
Recycling	Tuesdays	Blue or Green Lid
Yard Waste	Wednesdays March - December	Biodegradable Brown Paper Bags
Bulky Items <u>(Limited to 5 household items)</u>	First Wednesday of the Month	

For special pickups, arrange with Jim's Disposal at 816-221-1932 for an additional fee.

Place containers at curbside/alleyway by 7 a.m. on collection days. Containers should be stored inside or on your side or rear yard next to the house. Empty containers should be removed from curbside/alleyway and stored the evening of pickup.

BULKY ITEMS - FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

Bulky waste includes items such as kitchen appliances, furniture, mattresses, and other large items. Bulky items should be on the curb for pick up by 7 am. Do not place items at the curb earlier than the day before pick-up.

Please note that it is required for all "refrigerated appliances" to have the refrigerant removed before it will be accepted for pickup. In such cases, the owner will need a professional (such as an appliance repair shop), to remove the refrigerant prior to disposal.

Tires, substantial amounts of debris, major remodeling, or clean-up projects, including re-roofing and sheet rock replacement are not accepted. For residents requiring a pickup of more items, call Jim's Disposal at 816-221-1932 to arrange it for a fee of \$25.

CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

To be eligible for collection, tress must not have tinsel, lights, or any items not originally part of the tree. Place the tree where you usually place your yard waste. Pickup will be Wednesdays in January: 3, 10, and 17, 2024.

PARKS & REC WINTER 2024

JANUARY THROUGH MARCH



BONEANZA

SATURDAY, APRIL 6
WAGGIN' TRAIL DOG PARK
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM



ADULT COOKING CLASSES

QUICK & SIMPLE PLANT BASED MEALS

COOKING | AGES 14+

We will make a chickpea "Chicken" Salad, Veggie sandwiches, Burrito bowls and more! This class is also vegan, so no eggs or dairy will be used.

Wed. January 17, 6-8 pm
Register by January 12
Fee: \$30

PASTRIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

COOKING | AGES 14+

We will be making Melomakarona cookies from Cyprus, Pacoca which is a peanut treat from Brazil, Raspberry Custard Kuchen from Germany and Tarte a la bouillie a cajun dessert from Louisiana.

Tue. January 30, 6-8 pm
Register by January 25
Fee: \$30

COOKIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

COOKING | AGES 14+

We will be making Yo-Yo biscuits from Australia, Iranian Naan Berenji cookies, chocolate Whoopie Pies from the USA, and a Polish fruit and nut cookie. Bring your tupperware to take home leftovers!

Mon. February 12, 6-8 pm
Register by February 8
Fee: \$30

PASSPORT TO FIJI

COOKING | AGES 14+

We will be making Fijian Chicken Curry, Fijian Coconut White fish with tomato, spinach and rice, Root Vegetable Palau, and pineapple banana cake for dessert.

Wed. March 13, 6-8 pm
Register by March 7
Fee: \$30

PASSPORT TO NEW ORLEANS

COOKING | AGES 14+

This class is run with new recipes every year! This year we will be making mini muffuletta sandwiches, Cajun Mac and Cheese, mini crab cakes with Cajun sauce, chicken and sausage jambalaya, and Creole Bread Pudding with Bananas Foster.

Mon. March 25, 6-8 pm
Register by March 21
Fee: \$30



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YOUTH CLASSES/BITTY SPORTS

ART CLASSES

POKÉMON PARTY

ART | AGES 5-14



We will be making poké balls with Pokémon inside, Pokémon theme snacks, inventing new Pokémon, and doing a Pokémon sculpture.

Mon. January 29, 6-7:45 pm
Register by January 25
Fee: \$20



BEAD MOSAIC ART

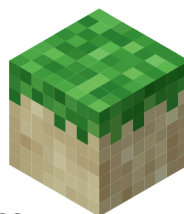
ART | AGES 5-12

Join us for a fun night of making a mosaic piece of art with mosaic beads! Students will have templates to choose from and watch their piece come to life as they glue beads into place. This is a relaxing, fun, creative art workshop.

Tue. February 13, 6-7:30 pm
Register by February 22
Fee: \$20

MINECRAFT PARTY

ART | AGES 5-12



Join us on a creative adventure through the world of Minecraft. As we step away from technology for an evening, we will create a clay sculpture of our favorite mine craft character, make a creeper magnet, make perler bead mine craft creations, and enjoy mine craft themed pizza for dinner (cheese or pepperoni).

Mon. March 11, 6-8 pm
Register by March 7
Fee: \$25

COOKING CLASSES

JANUARY BAKING FUN

COOKING | AGES 6-12

Make mini cheesecake cups, chocolatey s'more bar, and strawberry white chocolate cookies.



Wed. Jan 31, 6-8 pm
Register by January 25
Fee: \$25

DINNER WITH DESSERT COOKING

AGES 6-12



We will make cheesy garlic bread and salad for our appetizer. Pasta with red sauce or pizza (student choice) for dinner. Chocolate chip cookies for dessert!

Wed. February 14, 6-8 pm
Register by February 8
Fee: \$25

CUPCAKE PARTY

COOKING
AGES 5-12



It's time to make cupcakes! Come and learn how to make a chocolate swirl cupcake, strawberry cupcake and a tropical cupcake! Students will make cupcakes, make icing and ice the cupcakes. They will work on teams to make their recipes.

Thur. March 14, 6-8 pm
Register by March 7
Fee: \$25



BITTY BASKETBALL | AGES 3-5 (MUST BE 3 BY JANUARY 1)

Bitty Basketball is a five-week instructional program that introduces the sport of basketball to children ages 3-5. Participants will learn the basics of basketball such as dribbling, passing, and shooting (on age-appropriate goals). Skill development and modified activities will take place each week. The last week of the program will be designated as a scrimmage. Class sizes will remain small to keep kids involved.

Tuesdays, January 16 - February 13, 5:30-6:15 pm
Thursdays, January 18 - February 15, 5:30-6:15 pm
Registration: December 1 - January 1
Fee: \$50 (includes t-shirt and award)



ALL CLASSES ARE HELD AT THE NKC PARKS & REC CENTER, LOCATED AT 1201 CLARK FERGUSON DRIVE, NORTH KANSAS CITY, MO 64116.

BITTY SPORTS CONT.



BITTY SOCCER (CO-ED) AGES 3-5 (MUST BE 3 BY MARCH 1)

This program is a five-week instructional program that introduces the sport of soccer to children age 3-5 (must be 3 by March 1). Participants will be introduced to the fundamentals of soccer through drills, games, and activities. The last week of the program will be designated as a scrimmage.

Wednesdays, March 20 – April 17, 5:30 – 6:15pm
Thursdays, March 21 – April 18, 5:30 – 6:15pm
Saturdays, March 23 – April 27 (No class March 30), 9-10 am

Registration: - January 22 – March 4 (Late Fee Starts February 26)
Fee: \$50 (includes t-shirt and award)

YOUTH SPORTS

NORTHTOWN SOCCER

North Kansas City Parks and Recreation youth soccer leagues are non-competitive. The league will emphasize skill development, learning the rules of soccer, playing as a team, sportsmanship on and off the field, and most importantly having fun! Separate age and gender divisions (if possible).

Sign up occurs individually, but teammate requests will be granted when possible. Please indicate the teammate request in the registration. If you are new to NKC sports programs, you will be placed on a team by the NKC Parks and Recreation Staff. The recreation programs are dependent upon volunteer coaches. **If you would like to help the program by becoming a coach, please contact Will Grefrath at 816-300-0546 or wgrefrath@nkc.org.**

6U SOCCER | AGE 6 BY MARCH 1

6U Soccer is the next step in introducing the game of soccer to kids at a young age. This will include learning the basic skills, introducing the rules and concepts of the game, and having fun! All practices will be held one night a week and games will be scheduled on Saturdays. **All practices and games will be held at Macken Park.**

Season Begins Week of March 18

Registration: - January 22 – March 4 (Late Fee Starts February 26)
Fee: \$70 (includes t-shirt and award)

8U SOCCER | AGES 7-8 BY MARCH 1

Players will continue to develop their skills of the game. This age division will focus on improving both technical and tactical soccer skills, as well as knowledge of the game. All practices will be held one night a week and six total games will be scheduled on Saturdays. **All practices and games will be held at Macken Park.**

Season Begins Week of March 18

Registration: - January 22 – March 4 (Late Fee Starts February 26)
Fee: \$80 (includes t-shirt and award)



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SUMMER YOUTH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

North Kansas City Parks and Recreation youth baseball and softball programs are non-competitive leagues. These programs will emphasize skill development, learning the rules of baseball, playing as a team, and having fun!

Sign up occurs individually, but teammate request will be granted when possible. Please indicate the teammate request in the registration. If you are new to NKC sports programs, you will be placed on a team by the NKC Parks and Recreation Staff. The recreation programs are dependent upon volunteer coaches. **If you would like to help the program by becoming a coach, please contact Will Grefrath at 816-300-0546 or wgrefrath@nkc.org.**

T-BALL (CO-ED) | AGES 4-6 BY MAY 1

T-ball is the foundation of every future baseball or softball player's career. Teams focus on understanding the basics of the game, having fun, and making new friends. Our goal is for each child to learn the basic mechanics of batting, throwing, and catching to encourage their passion for baseball or softball. **All practices and games will be held at Macken Park.**

Registration: - February 16 - April 1 (Late Fee Starts after March 18)

Practices will begin at the beginning of May | Games begin week of May 27

Fee: \$70 (add \$10 late fee after March 18)

COACH PITCH (BASEBALL & GIRLS SOFTBALL) | AGES 7-9 BY MAY 1

Coach pitch is our next division for baseball and softball. Players will learn to hit the ball as it is being pitched from a coach and cooperate as a team to earn runs and outs. The primary goal is to prepare your child for the next level of play. **All practices will be held at Macken Park. Games will take place at Macken Park or Happy Rock Park.**

Registration: - February 16 - April 1 (Late Fee Starts after March 18)

Practices will begin at the beginning of May | Games begin week of May 27

Fee for Baseball or Girls Softball: \$80 (add \$10 late fee after March 18)

KID PITCH (BASEBALL & GIRLS SOFTBALL) | AGES 10-12 BY MAY 1

Kid Pitch Baseball or Softball is the final step in our recreation program. This program will prepare the players for a more competitive style of play. Players are introduced to pitching from other players and learn to incorporate their batting, throwing, and fielding skills. Your child will completely understand the essence of baseball and softball after completing the season. **All practices will be held at Macken Park. Games will take place at Macken Park or Happy Rock Park.**

Registration: - February 16 - April 1 (Late Fee Starts after March 18)

Practices will begin at the beginning of May | Games begin week of May 27

Fee for Baseball or Girls Softball: \$95 (add \$10 late fee after March 18)

ADULT SPORTS

ADULT SOFTBALL

This is an entry Level softball league. This league is focused on friendly competition, building camaraderie, and having fun. Co-ed games are on Sunday evenings and men's games are Thursday evenings. All games are played at Macken Park. Each team will play eight double-header regular season games with an end-of-season tournament. **Teams must pay a \$50 nonrefundable deposit to hold their spot.**

SPRING LEAGUE

Registration: February 2 - March 15 | Fees: \$410 per team | All fees due by March 22

Co-Ed Division, Sundays 4 pm

Season Begins March 24

Captains Mtg. March 19, 5:30 pm

Men's Division, Thursdays 6 pm

Season Begins March 28

Captains Mtg. March 19, 6 pm

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NORTH KANSAS CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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NKCPL is a full-service, stand-alone library located in the heart of historic North Kansas City. Check out some of our offerings here, then go to nkcp.org for more details about our services and events!

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FOR ADULT LEARNERS

AND CHECK OUT OUR SEWING STUDIO!

Looking for a new hobby? The Library offers hands-on sewing classes for adults via our in-house sewing lab on the building's lower level. This space features 12 computerized Janome sewing machines, as well as two sergers and an embroidery machine. Need to make a personalized gift, or applique a patch, or take your garment sewing further? We've got you covered! Go to nkcp.org for a list of current classes, or email call the Library to reserve the sewing space for personal/group use.

And did you know? The Library offers a range of other classes geared toward adults, as well, including mat and chair yoga, art/crafting opportunities, a monthly Medicare info session, and more. For a full list of offerings, and to register, go to nkcp.org.

You can use a computer, print, scan, fax, and photocopy here at NKCP. Need wifi, or want to print a document from your phone? We can help with that, too! Ask a staffer for details--we're here to help!

NEED TECH ACCESS?



GREATER GOOD



BLOOD DRIVE

AT NORTH KANSAS CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

FRI, FEB 9 FROM 10:30-2:30



IN THE LIBRARY'S LARGE MEETING ROOM!



GIVE SOMETHING THAT
Means Something

GIVE BLOOD

FUN FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES!

IN THE KIDS' DEPT



JOIN US FOR
STORYTIME

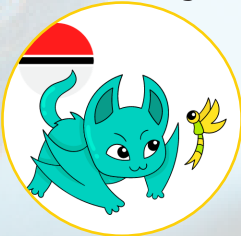
TUES @ 5:30 PM & WED @ 10 AM
IN THE ORANGE MURAL ROOM NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED!

Have little ones? The Library has so much to offer kids and families! In addition to a variety of weekly featured programs--crafting sessions, themed explorations, and more--the Library offers a handful of kids' clubs. No registration required for these sessions! For a full/current list of kid-geared events, go to nkcp.org.



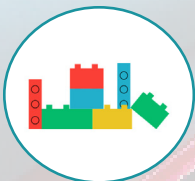
>> JOIN US FOR SOME WEEKLY DINO CLUB FUN!

Calling all dinosaur lovers! Join us on Mondays at 10 a.m. for some imaginative play with our new (giant!) foam dino bones! No registration required for these laid-back sessions--just drop in! This is great way for little dino-fans to connect for some open-ended playtime!



>> FIRST MONDAYS ARE FOR POKEMON FUN!

Drop in for some Pokémon fun on the first Mondays of each month! This event is all about informal card-trading and game playing, so you can stop in anytime between 5:30 and 8:30 pm on these evenings--no registration required. Bring your binders and connect with other Pokémon enthusiasts! For Pokémon players of all ages.



>> AND WE'VE GOT WEEKLY LEGO/DUPLO TIME TOO!

Join us on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm (or just stick around after Storytime), or drop in on Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. for some open-ended LEGO building/play! No registration required for these sessions either! Open to builders of all ages.

>> And there's more to explore at NKCP! For a full list of Library classes and events, go to nkcp.org.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JANUARY

New Years Day
City Offices Closed
Jan. 1

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
City Offices Closed
Jan. 15

FEBRUARY

President's Day
City Offices Closed
Feb. 19

MARCH

Lads & Lassies Contest
March 9
Parks & Recreation Center

Snake Saturday
March 16, 11 a.m.
North Kansas City



Celebrating 40 years!

Micky Finn's Irish Dream
March 16, 2024

Snake Saturday Lads & Lassies Contest

Show us your Irish Flair at the annual Lad and Lassie Contest on March 9, 2024. This is not a talent or beauty contest. Children are judged based on "Irish Spirit" and Charm.

Two Age Categories:
2 to 4 Year-Old Lad and Lassie
5 to 7 Year-Old Lad and Lassie
(contestant age as of March 1, 2024)

To sign-up, go to snakesaturday.com/lads-lassies

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Fire Department.....274.6025	Public Works.....274.6004
Home Security Surveys by Police Dept274.6013	Trash Collection221.1932
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Municipal Court.....274.6007	Emergency911
Municipal Services (Buildings & Grounds).....274.6050	

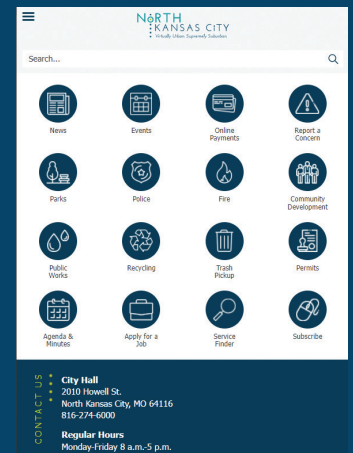
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New and improved www.nkc.org!

The City's new website launched earlier this year. This new site is mobile friendly with enhancements to provide a more engaging experience for our users.