

Parkville

Missouri

2021 Year in Review



Parkville offers an exceptional quality of life for residents and visitors by embracing opportunities to enhance commerce and economic activity, while preserving the community's historic charm, attractive character and unique natural environments.



2021 Elected Officials

Nanette K. Johnston *Mayor*
Tina Welch *Ward 1 Alderman*
Philip Wassmer *Ward 1 Alderman*
Dave Rittman *Ward 2 Alderman*
Brian T. Whitley *Ward 2 Alderman*
Robert Lock *Ward 3 Alderman*
Douglas P. Wylie *Ward 3 Alderman*
Marc Sportsman *Ward 4 Alderman*
Greg Plumb *Ward 4 Alderman*

2021 Administration Officials

Joe Parente *City Administrator*
Kevin Chrisman *Police Chief*
Matthew Chapman *Finance / Human Resource Director*
Alysen Abel *Public Works Director*
Stephen Lachky *Community Development Director*
Melissa McChesney *City Clerk*
Michelle Hefley *Treasurer*
Jeffery Rhodes *Assistant to the City Administrator*

Employees Recognized in 2021 for Years of Service

Ed Gault, Community Development *25 years*
Tom Barnard, Public Works *15 years*
Randall Stone, Police Department *15 years*
Jeremy Gee, Police Department *10 years*
Mark Hill, Police Department *5 years*
Stephen Lachky, Community Development *5 years*
Bonnie Buckmaster, Public Works *5 years*
Aaron Shaffner, Public Works *5 years*
Michelle Hefley, Administration *5 years*



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In Memory of Alan Schank

In 2021, the City lost a long-time employee and friend Alan Schank. Alan was originally hired on March 25, 1987, as a laborer for the Public Works Department and was promoted to Director of Operations in July 2010. In 2016, Alan received the Field Supervisor Excellence from the Kansas City Metro Chapter of the American Public Works Association. Alan passed away on December 29th and will be missed by the City and Parkville residents.



COVID-19

As the COVID-19 pandemic continued throughout 2021, the City did not slow down. The following document highlights the accomplishments of 2021 from the hard work of the employees of the City of Parkville.

City Assisted with Mass Vaccination Site

The City of Parkville helped the Platte County Health Department set up a mass vaccination site in Riverside. The City's Public Works Department staff assisted other organizations with setting up tables, chairs and screens in the large warehouse facility to provide proper social distancing. On February 16, the Board of Aldermen approved Resolution No. 21-003 supporting COVID-19 vaccination distribution in Platte County.

City Awards

Parkville named Tree City USA for 31st Consecutive Year

For the 31st year in a row, the City of Parkville was named a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management. Parkville is one of only 15 communities in Missouri that has been named as Tree City USA for 31 years or more.



City plants trees for Arbor Day

City received Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

For the sixth consecutive year, the City received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the 2020 Annual Budget from the Government Finance Officers Association. The award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting.

Mayor Johnston started Good Citizen Award program

Initiated in 2021 by Mayor Nan Johnston, the Good Citizen Award is presented to citizens for their outstanding contributions to the community. By spotlighting these individuals, we reflected upon the quality of citizenship in our community. The following were recognized in 2021:



David Windsor picks up litter on daily walks in Riss Lake



Dan Day is an active volunteer at Parkville Nature Sanctuary



Pat Harris and Bruce Duffin are active volunteers at Parkville Nature Sanctuary



Ken Parrish, Stacey Slover and Melissa Walsh coordinated Turkey Trot

Award recipients were recognized at a Board of Aldermen meeting and in the Parkville Volunteer Spotlight segment in the Parkville Pulse, a monthly e-newsletter.

Citywide Projects

2022 Budget and 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Program adopted

On December 21, the Board of Aldermen adopted the 2022 budget and 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Program totaling approximately \$17.1 million.

City sponsored sixth Paint Parkville purchase award

The 9th Annual Paint Parkville event was held August 1-7, 2021. The City of Parkville proudly sponsored its sixth purchase award to support the event and to bring talented artists into the community. This year's theme was the Missouri River. Mayor Nan Johnston presented the City's award to winning artist Elaine Haake for her painting titled "Early Morning River Walk" at the Board of Aldermen meeting on September 21.

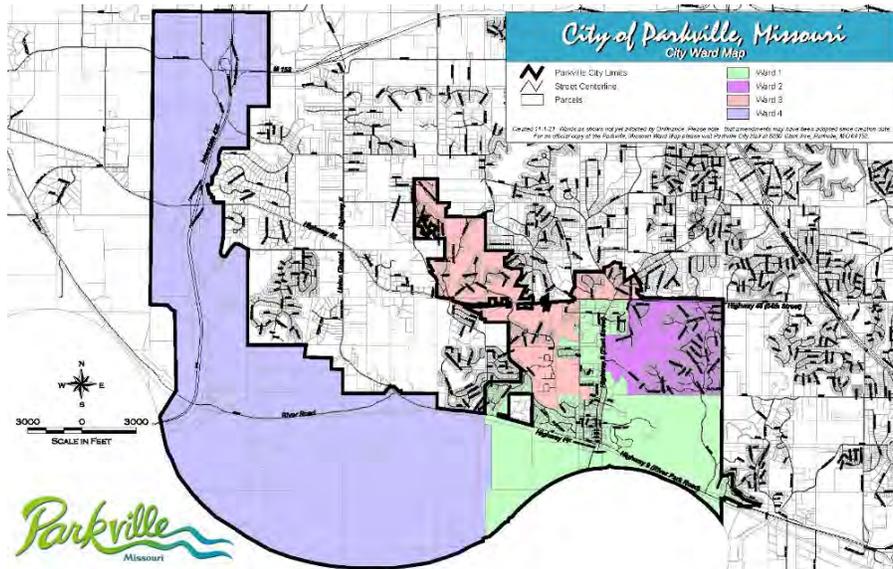


Elaine Haake and Mayor Johnston

Board of Aldermen

Board approved revisions to City's Ward Map

The Parkville Board of Aldermen approved revisions to the City's ward map which determines the areas of the community represented by the City's elected officials. The U.S. Census Bureau recently released their 2020 decennial data and the City is required to draw new ward boundaries to take into account new growth in the community and to create balanced wards in terms of population. The Board of Aldermen approved the revised ward map on November 16, prior to candidate filing in December so the new boundaries would be effective for the April 5, 2022, General Municipal Election.



New ward map

The revised ward map keeps neighborhoods together in the same ward and makes the wards more proportionate and balanced in terms of population. The large amount of population growth in western Parkville resulted in the placing of the entire area in a single ward.

Board set goals for 2021-2022 during virtual strategic planning session

On August 20, the Board of Aldermen and senior management staff held the annual strategic planning session. The Board and staff focused on five goal areas to prioritize resource allocation and guide decision-making: economic development, financial stability, infrastructure and public facilities, parks and recreation and service delivery and communications.

Economic Development: Develop an annexation and city service areas strategy, promote downtown redevelopment and vibrancy and promote economic development.

Financial Stability: Pursue use tax ballot initiative after state legislature clarifies rules, establish development fees where growth pays for growth; use special district tools to fund needs for specific business areas, neighborhoods or developments in the community; leverage outside resources; explore whether to put a general obligation bond on ballot for 2024 or lower taxes; and explore options to use savings from NID debt relief, as well as new revenue from the Creekside development project.

Infrastructure & Public Facilities: Improve connectivity and safety with transportation improvements; improve condition and life of infrastructure; and provide quality public facilities located to best serve the community.

Parks & Recreation: Invest park sales tax money wisely to enhance the community.

Service Delivery & Communications: Communicate more effectively with community stakeholders; fully utilize available technology for City operations and security with tech support needed for improved staff efficiency and effectiveness; and attract and retain high performing staff.

Board of Aldermen established Diversity & Inclusion Commission

In May, the Board of Aldermen adopted an ordinance that established the Diversity & Inclusion Commission to provide special insight and guidance on matters of equity, diversity and inclusion. The Board of Aldermen believed that great communities are those that are enriched by diversity, where opportunity is universal and inclusiveness is a foundational principle. Parkville has a long tradition of valuing character and community commitment. The goal of the Diversity and Inclusion Commission is to create a foundation for open and respectful discussion to share challenges. Members were appointed in August and their first meeting was held December 13.

Police Department

Residents of Park Village attended 7th Annual Senior Holiday Luncheon

The Police Department held its 7th Annual Senior Holiday Luncheon at Park Village on December 15. The event was held in the clubhouse with approximately 25 residents in attendance. In addition, the Police Department, with the help of Southern Platte Fire Protection District firefighters, delivered several hot meals to residents who could not attend at the clubhouse. A special thank you to Al Burns, owner of Al's Bar and Grill, who donated 150 chicken wings to go with the meal catered by Nick & Jake's.

Police celebrated holidays at 12th Annual Shop with a Cop

The Police Department held its 12th Annual Shop with a Cop event on December 19. There were over 30 children that shopped for toys and necessities, as well as the parents/guardians who shopped for groceries for the holiday season. The event was the biggest event to-date.

All events were possible due to the Parkville Police Community Assistance Fund, funded by the generosity of donations made by the Parkville community. Both events were organized by Officer Pence and Officer Allwood.

Parkville Nature Sanctuary

Ghost Stories held in-person at Nature Sanctuary

In October, the Parkville Nature Sanctuary returned to Ghost Stories in person. In addition to hearing spooky stories, the event had:

- Food sold by the American Legion with proceeds supporting Parkville and its veterans;
- Live music played by The Ernest James Zydeco Band;
- Spooky photos by Mantooth Creative at the old Parkville jail at the entrance to the sanctuary; and
- A trick-or-treat trail leading to a s'mores station and fire pit where guests were serenaded by Bentley Guitar Studios.

Nature Sanctuary hosted first ever Winter Wonderland event

On December 11, the Parkville Nature Sanctuary held its first ever Winter Wonderland event. Guests took a holiday-themed hike, made crafts by the fire, learned about how they could help our forest friends survive winter, wrote letters to Santa and cracked a secret code to win a prize.

Eagle Scout Projects completed at Parkville Nature Sanctuary

In 2021, two local Boy Scouts completed their Eagle Scout projects at the sanctuary. Octavious Soriano from Troop 261 completed his Eagle Scout project by rebuilding the entire 0.4 mile trail on the north end of the twin trail system. He and his troop built a trail loop measuring roughly one-half mile. They also mulched and designed



Octavious with his volunteers

the trail and determined the best placement to complement the newly planted trees and shrubs.

Tyler Stegeman from Troop 314 completed his Eagle Scout project by clearing brush from a ditch and planting native flowers and plants to create a more natural looking environment. He also placed mulch to mark a trail to cut through from the parking lot and uncovered the rocks underneath the brush to create a natural water runoff to improve drainage.



Tyler with his volunteers

Winners of monthly Friends of Parkville Nature Sanctuary Amateur Photo Contest

For the fourth year, Friends of Parkville Nature Sanctuary held a monthly amateur photographer photo contest.



Northern Flicker



Snowy Creek Solitude



Birds-eye View



Autumn Gold



Territorial Dispute



Sanctuary Sentinel- A Blue Heron on the Watch



A Slow Stroll



Orb Weaver Spider Webs



Fall Splendor



Early Morning Fog



Sanctuary Perch



A Time to Gobble

Community Development

City adopted short-term rental provisions

On September 7, the Board of Aldermen approved a text amendment to create provisions and guidelines for short-term rentals (i.e., the rental of property, a dwelling unit, or portion thereof through a third-party platform or network, such as AirBNB, HomeAway, VRBO, that facilitates the listing, marketing or rental). Currently, these types of rentals are permitted in all commercial districts. The approved text amendment allows these types of rentals in residential districts, provided the applicants go through a public hearing process and obtain a conditional use permit. It also allows all adjacent property owners to be aware of such rentals and any adverse impacts, as well as having the opportunity to provide public comment.

Department broke several records for building permits issued

In 2021, the Community Development Department broke several records, including issuing the most residential building permits (105 single-family homes and 24 townhomes), the highest residential valuation added to the community (\$33.7 million) and issuing the most building permits in a year (316 total). These exceeded previous highs from 2018, 2019 and 2020, and with several new subdivisions breaking ground in 2022, staff is not expecting any slowdown in new development activity or community growth.

Planning & Zoning Commission adopted Parkville 2040 Master Plan

The Parkville Planning and Zoning Commission adopted the Parkville 2040 Master Plan on May 11. The plan serves as the official public policy and plan for the physical development and redevelopment of the community and provides guidance for future actions involving land development, sustainability, development design, provision of infrastructure, preservation of open spaces and natural resources and preservation of community character over the next 20 years. On May 18, the Board of Aldermen approved a resolution supporting the Commission's adoption of the Plan.

City approved projects under the Downtown Parkville Redevelopment Plan

The Downtown Parkville Redevelopment Plan encourages building improvements in the Old Town District of downtown. It evaluates redevelopment projects and considers financial incentives according to specific thresholds which are modeled after tier levels used by other communities in the Kansas City region that adopted similar Chapter 353 programs. In 2021, the Board of Aldermen approved two applications for downtown property owners totaling \$414,500 in improvements with a total positive net benefit of \$45,264 to Platte County's taxing districts over the terms of the incentives.

- 115 N. Main Street - Rehabilitating the existing building to add four tenants – a bakery with a kitchen, an ice cream shop, a walk-up serving window and space for one more future tenant.
- 112 Main Street - Rehabilitating and expanding Café Des Amis, specifically constructing a 936 square foot enclosed dining room addition on the second floor, as well as paving the gravel parking lot.

Other accomplishments in 2021:

- Approved Thousand Oaks 23rd Plat, Final Plat (56 single-family lots and one tract private open space)
- Approved Thousand Oaks 24th Plat, Final Plat (71 single-family lots and one tract private open space)
- Approved Creekside Village 3rd Plat, Final Plat (14 lots for townhomes and one tract open space)
- Approved Woods at Creekside 3rd Plat, Final Plat (23 lots for single-family homes and 1 tract for private open space)
- Adopted an ordinance creating provisions for small cell wireless facilities
- Approved Taco Bell drive-thru restaurant in Old Town At Creekside
- Approved Bubbles Liquor Store in Old Town At Creekside
- Approved Old Town Creekside Restaurant in Old Town At Creekside
- Approved Old Town Creekside Retail building in Old Town At Creekside
- Approved Wells Bank in Old Town At Creekside
- Approved Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) major site plan to create a new community center
- Approved KC Cattle Company preliminary development plan (9,922 square foot office building with offices, shipping and receiving facilities/warehousing and retail component)
- Approved Village on the Green preliminary development plan (30 residential buildings with 207 residential units)
- Approved Evergy substation at the southwest corner of the intersection of Highway 45 and Ensign Dr.
- Approved First Amendment to the Creekside Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Plan to reconfigure boundaries of project areas within the existing Redevelopment Area

Public Works

First phase of improvements to Watkins Park completed

In 2021, the City budgeted for improvements to Watkins Park, located at West and 10th streets in downtown Parkville. In March, the City received a Platte County Outreach Grant to assist with the improvements. The first phase of improvements include a small parking lot, a new shelter building, frontage and sign improvements, trail realignment and an improved playground area.



Fence installed at entrance

English Landing Park Trail Connected to Riverside

In April, construction was completed on the Missouri Riverfront Trail connection from English Landing Park to Riverside. The Missouri Riverfront Trail runs from the east end



Trail connected to Riverside

of English Landing Park and continue for five miles to E.H. Young Riverfront Park in Riverside. From there, it connects to the Line Creek Trail eight miles north to Highway 152. Not only does the trail give direct access to more trails, it connects to several Northland parks.

Improvements completed on Route 9 at 6th Street

The City of Parkville completed intersection improvements on Route 9 at 6th Street. The improvements were recommended in the Route 9 Corridor Study adopted in 2015 and in a traffic study completed for the Six at Park development.



From 6th Street looking south

Construction of the improvements by MegaKC began in May and were substantially completed in September. The intersection now has northbound and southbound left turn lanes, a northbound right turn lane, an eastbound right turn lane on 6th Street, a 10-foot trail on the east side, a five foot sidewalk on the west side, curbs and gutters, asphalt roadways and street lights.

City funded more projects with voter-approved sales tax for park improvements

In April 2019, Parkville residents passed Proposition P, a ballot question for a one-half cent sales tax on retail sales in Parkville, with 68.82% approval. The City programmed \$1,230,000 in the 2021 Capital Improvement Program for enhancements to the City's parks. Projects completed included:

- Grading for proposed recreational fields
- Completion of first phase of Watkins Park improvements
- Construction of roundabout in English Landing Park
- Improvements to English Landing Park playground

Construction began on first segments of Route 9 from Highway 45 to Lakeview Drive

In January 2016, the Board of Aldermen adopted the Route 9 Corridor Study which contains preliminary design plans for safety and multi-modal transportation improvements along Route 9 from Highway 45 in Parkville to Mattox Road in Riverside.



Crews install retaining wall

In June, the Board of Aldermen approved a construction agreement with Gunter Construction for the complete streets improvements to Route 9 from Highway 45 to Lakeview Drive, which represents the first three phases of the Route 9 Corridor Study. The improvements will include additional turning lanes, traffic signal upgrades, curb and gutter, storm sewer improvements, a 10-foot shared-use path for non-motorized users, sidewalks, marked crosswalks and pedestrian lighting improvements. The work is anticipated to be completed in May 2022.

Grants Received

City received grant for Platte Landing Park recreation fields

In 2021, the City received \$1 million in Platte County Parks and Recreation Partnership Grant funds to assist with constructing new multipurpose sports fields in Platte Landing Park. Funding for the grant was made possible with the Platte County park sales tax, which was renewed by the voters in 2020.

City received Platte County Outreach Grant for Watkins Park Improvements

In 2021, the City received \$26,000 in Platte County Park & Recreation Outreach grant funds that were used for Phase 1 improvements to Watkins Park.

City received Missouri Department of Conservation grant for trees in park

With assistance from the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) through its Tree Resource Improvement and Maintenance (TRIM) grant program, the City completed its plan to remove and trim hazardous trees in the park. With the aid of bucket trucks and tree climbers, six hazardous trees were removed and 19 trees were pruned. To make the project possible, the City was awarded TRIM grant funds in the amount of \$7,320 from the MDC. Parkville was one of 40 communities to receive a grant in 2021.



Crews remove hazardous tree