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## Message from the Mayor

In the January Parkville Pulse, I summarized what the City had accomplished in 2023. I thought it would be a good opportunity to provide a preview of major projects we anticipate undertaking in 2024. It's a new year and we have big expectations for the year, especially building on the foundation we have developed over the last year and a half.

City staff will continue to move through our Municipal Code and policies to update how the City operates. Keeping the City's codes and policies current sets a foundation for a smoother, more efficient and more effective operation. It also allows the City to make adjustments to ensure we are addressing current issues in the community. The City has not undertaken such a comprehensive review and revision to its codes and policies in years and staff is to be commended for their diligent work on this.

In 2024, the City will inaugurate three new online services. The first is online reservations for all parks and recreation venues, such as shelters. The second online service includes putting planning, zoning and building permits online. Finally, the online service I am most excited about is SeeClickFix, which is an online system to report problems and issues and ask questions from your phone or computer. These online systems will make access to services and information much easier for residents and will allow City staff to more efficiently and effectively manage these services.

We anticipate a number of major projects affecting our park system in 2024. These include:

- **A new farmers market structure** – Now that the City has assembled the funds necessary to rebuild the farmers market structure, work will begin in earnest this year and I am hopeful will be completed before the end of 2024. Work is already underway to develop the detailed designs necessary to solicit bids to construct the project. Once the plans are completed, they will be reviewed by the Community Land and Recreation Board and the Board of Aldermen in public meetings.
- **A restored wetlands** – The US Army Corps of Engineers started work last fall in restoring the wetlands in Platte Landing Park. They removed the sandy bottom and replaced it with clay. Next, they will mix in bentonite, a form of clay that expands when wet to create a much better liner for the wetlands. Once this work is done, the area will be planted with wetland plants and a pump (maybe two) will be placed in the area to help keep the area wet. The majority of the work should be completed by next fall, but the wetlands will continue to evolve and improve year by year.
- **Update to the Parkville Park Master Plan** – In 2016, the City adopted a Park Master Plan and then a couple of years later instituted a one-half cent Park Sales Tax. Now, it is time to update that Plan, which is a major initiative in 2024. The City selected a consultant to assist with the process in late 2023 and they have already started work. The process will encompass the entire park system. It will include extensive public input, including a community-wide survey; an inventory of area facilities; an overall plan, as well as individual park plans; and a set of potential budgets to accomplish the various elements of the Plan. The planning process and engagement will provide a focused plan for how to expend Park Sales Tax funds over the next few years. Please participate whenever you can in voicing your desires for our park system.
- **Gateway Park** – Work will begin shortly on Gateway Park, a new park located on Highway 9 and 62<sup>nd</sup> Street at the entrance to the Pinecrest subdivision. This new park, funded by Park Sales Tax funds and an Outreach Grant from Platte County, will serve both as a neighborhood park and a waystation on the Route 9 trail.
- **Park & Recreation activities** – Parks & Recreation will also

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be putting together a full program of activities for this spring, summer and fall. In addition, the City has allocated additional funds for beautification in the parks and has allocated funds to construct a pedestrian bridge over Rush Creek into Platte Landing Park and make the current bridge a full two lanes. Some matching funds will be required.

The focus for Public Works will be on preparing for several large projects and continuing the focus on street maintenance. They include:

- **Pedestrian Improvements on Bell Road** – Staff will begin preparing to build a sidewalk along Bell Road. The characteristics and topography along Bell Road make this a difficult design and construction challenge. The project will be funded by revenue from the Use Tax and the City will also be seeking additional funds to assist with the project. Once preliminary designs are available, the City will be discussing the project with residents. The federal grant funds will not be available until 2025.
- **Route 9 Improvements Downtown** – Staff will begin preparing for design work for the Route 9 improvements project, which will run from 4<sup>th</sup> Street past the clock triangle east to the entrance of Park University, as well as 1<sup>st</sup> Street as it zigzags west through downtown. The project will be funded by revenue from the Use Tax and the City will also be seeking additional funds to assist with the project. A part of the design process will be working with downtown business interests. The federal grant funds will not be available until 2025.
- **Possible Sewer Merger** – Staff will continue to work with the Platte County Regional Sewer District (PCRS) to assess a possible merger of the City's sewer system, that serves the eastern portion of the city, with PCRS, that serves the western portion of the city and parts of the county. Should the City and PCRS feel it is beneficial for both sets of rate payers to merge, that question will be put to rate payers of both systems. Such a vote will not take place until April 2025, at the earliest.
- **Street, Curb and Sidewalk Maintenance** – The Street Division will continue their focus on improving maintenance of streets, curbs and sidewalks. The City will undertake its annual program of making significant repairs to streets, curbs and sidewalks. In addition, a partnership with the Mid-America Regional Council will provide an additional \$50,000 in street repairs and, with the passage of the Use Tax, the City allocated an additional \$50,000 to these repairs in the 2024 budget.
- **Street Ratings** – Last year, the City contracted to have all of its streets videoed to assess street conditions. This database was then used to determine where our annual repair work should be focused. In 2024, the City will expand this database to include curbs and sidewalks so we can better determine where to focus our repairs.
- **Google Fiber** – A major project that will be the responsibility of Public Works, with support of other staff, is Google's deployment of fiber throughout the city. This project will start in the spring. Because such projects can be quite disruptive, the City updated its Right-of-Way Management Code in 2022 to make sure we had the necessary regulations in place. Both

the City and Google will keep in contact with residents as they move from neighborhood to neighborhood. There will also be websites, emails and phone numbers that residents can use to report issues.

The Police Department anticipates hiring several new officers this year. A couple of applicants are in the system and the City will be stepping up its recruitment efforts. In addition, the City will be opening a police substation in the Creekside complex to provide more accessible services to residents in the western part of the city.

Speaking of the western portion of the community, the Platte County Board of Elections has established a new precinct/polling location that will serve both wards 3 and 4. The new precinct is the Oasis Clubhouse in the Thousand Oaks subdivision. Also, the Platte County Park & Recreation Department is working with the developer of Thousand Oaks to extend a trail from the subdivision to the new Brush Creek Trail.

A major objective of the City has been to assure that development within the city is high quality. We adopted a number of ordinance changes last year to strengthen our site development standards. The City is now in the middle of a project to upgrade our development standards. This spring, we will adopt these new standards after we have had considerable public input. Once adopted, the City will then develop and adopt upgraded landscape standards for new development.

That is a big agenda for the coming year. A lot of praise is due to our relatively small staff for their diligence and expertise that makes such an ambitious agenda feasible. Also, a lot of thanks go to our citizens for supporting this work. As the year proceeds, we will keep you updated on the progress of these projects and other activities in the city. You can keep updated through our quarterly printed newsletter (sent to every household and licensed Parkville business), subscribing to our e-newsletter, the Pulse, and follow the City on social media. If you have any questions about this agenda or anything going on in the city, please do not hesitate to contact me (dkaterndahl@parkvillemo.gov).

*Dean Katerndahl*

## Board of Aldermen

Learn more about the Mayor and Board of Aldermen at <http://parkvillemo.gov/government/board-of-aldermen/>.



Left to Right: Allyson Berberich, Doug Wylie, Brian Whitley, Philip Wassmer, Dean Katerndahl, Tina Welch, Bob Bennett, Stephen Melton & Michael Lee

Public Works

Electronics Recycling and Paper Shredding

On the first Saturdays in even months from February to October, the City will host electronics recycling and paper shredding events in Platte Landing Park.

- Electronics recycling is open to everyone from 9 a.m. to noon in the parking lot near the dog parks. Electronics, computers, phones, TVs, appliances – basically anything with a cord or battery – are accepted. Most items are recycled for free, but there is a charge for some electronics. The customers pay the vendors on-site to cover the cost to recycle the electronics.
- Paper shredding is for Parkville residents only from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the parking lot next to the Friends Shelter in Platte Landing Park. Paper is shredded on-site at no charge. Residents are asked to limit shredding to two boxes per event and remove all binder clips and paper clips.
- 2024 Dates: Saturday, April 6  
Saturday, June 1  
Saturday, August 3  
Saturday, October 5

Save the dates! Spring Recycling & Waste Disposal

This spring, the City will hold its annual spring recycling events. More information about these events is on the City’s website at <http://parkvillemo.gov/residents/recycling-waste-disposal>.

Spring Cleanup – Saturday, April 13

The Spring Cleanup, in partnership with the Rockridge Quarry (formerly known as the Damon Pursell Construction lot), allows Parkville residents the ability to drop off household debris, yard waste and other items at 6305 NW River Park Drive from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sorry, no businesses or commercial waste.

Extended Yard Waste Drop off – Monday, April 15 through Friday, May 24

The City, in partnership with Rockridge Quarry (formerly known as the Damon Pursell Construction lot), will hold its annual yard waste drop off event for Parkville residents. Drop off yard waste at no charge at 6305 NW River Park Drive weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.



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## Public Works

### Daily operations of City sewer changed to Platte County Regional Sewer District

A sewer services analysis was performed for the City to consider best practice and customer services for customers of the City's sewer system. Four options from the analysis included retaining ownership and continuing to contract with an outside contractor for operations and maintenance; retaining ownership and assuming operations and maintenance; selling to the private sector; and negotiating an agreement with the Platte County Regional Sewer District (PCRS) to absorb City customers, thereby creating a centralized sewer utility for all of Parkville.

In December, the Board of Aldermen approved an agreement with PCRS to operate and maintain the City's sewer system, which became effective on December 27. The second phase would have PCRS take over administration and utility billing.

A permanent decision to centralize sewer services with the PCRS would require a public vote at a future election.

### City held events to recycle electronics and shred paper

In 2023, the City hosted five electronics recycling and paper shredding events in Platte Landing Park on the first Saturday of the even numbered months, except for December.

#### Over 58,000 pounds of electronics recycled

Electronics recycling is open to everyone from 9 a.m. to noon in the parking lot near the dog parks in Platte Landing Park.

February	10,596
April	14,988
June	10,243
August	10,322
October	12,474
<b>Total Pounds</b>	<b>58,623</b>

#### Over 11,000 pounds of paper shredded

Paper shredding events are for Parkville residents only from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the parking lot near Friends Shelter in Platte Landing Park.

February	2,890
April	1,470
June	3,080
August	1,620
October	2,180
<b>Total Pounds</b>	<b>11,240</b>

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## Parks & Recreation

### Park and Nature Sanctuary Projects completed in 2023

In 2023, the Parks & Recreation Department completed several projects using Parks sales tax funds, including:

- Parkville Nature Sanctuary Girl Scout Cabin
- English Landing Park Trail south of Waddell Bridge
- Enhancements to Pocket Park
- Asphalt overlay of South Platte Trail
- CivicRec Reservation Software
- Began Parks and Recreation Master Plan process



*Trail Looking south from Waddell Bridge*



*Parkville Nature Sanctuary Girl Scout Cabin Floor*



*Pocket Park looking west from upper terrace*

### City will implement new park reservation software

In March, the Parks & Recreation Department will begin booking reservations for shelter houses, ball fields and sports courts. The calendar will open on March 1<sup>st</sup> and community members can book dates through October 31, 2024. Participants will now be able to make reservations through a new online platform, CivicRec, an online software that will make the reservation process more convenient for users, creating an online space where the public can easily browse, register and pay online for reservations and recreation programs. Booking will be available online at <https://parkvillemo.gov>.

### Farmers Market Update

The City was awarded a \$1 million Platte County Partnership Grant to construct a new farmers market structure. The parking lot downtown will once again be the home to the farmers market. After the original structure was destroyed, the City held multiple public meetings and community engagement sessions to determine future plans for the farmers market. Based on community input and initial designs, a similar structure will be rebuilt, with the ability to add features to the facility in the future. Design and construction of the new structure is anticipated to take place later this year.

### City received Platte County Outreach Grant for Gateway Park

In 2023, the City received \$34,000 in Platte County Park & Recreation Outreach grant funds that will be used to construct Gateway Park, a small park located on Route 9 at 62<sup>nd</sup> Street (near entrance to Pinecrest subdivision). The park will be a resting spot and trail head for the new sidewalks/walking trails along Route 9. It will include a drinking fountain, seating, landscaping and lighting.

### Barkville gets a mayor

To celebrate the theme of Parkville Days “Dog Days of Summer” and showcase the Parkville dog parks, the City held a mayoral election to name an honorary Mayor of Barkville. With over 30 entries and thousands of votes, the community elected Daisy as Barkville’s first mayor. Coming in second place, as the new Mayor “Paw-Tem” was Gracie. Daisy was the Grand Marshall of the Parkville Days parade.





## Nature Sanctuary

### Reminder: No dogs, cats or any pets/animals allowed in the Parkville Nature Sanctuary

It is crucial to remember that no dogs, cats, or any pets/animals of any sort are allowed in the Parkville Nature Sanctuary. We do not allow any domestic animals as they are not native to the ecosystem. The scent of a dog, or cat, or any domestic animal has the potential to frighten our resident wildlife causing unnecessary stress to the animals. Parkville has many places that you CAN bring your pets, including the riverfront trail extending all the way from Platte Landing Park to English Landing Park. If you want to socialize, your pup you can visit either the large or small dog park located in Platte Landing Park. If you are looking for a more quiet area, the Sullivan Nature Sanctuary is located just north of Platte Landing Park along Rush Creek.

### 2024 Volunteer Work Days:

- **Mar. 15** – invasive species information session with some plant ID
- **Mar. 22 and 29** – Garlic Mustard removal day with Wayne
- **Mar. 29** – Woody invasive workshop
- **May 23** – Garlic Mustard removal day with Wayne
- **May 23** – Pollinator garden work day
- **May 31** – Final Garlic Mustard removal day with Wayne
- **June 2** – Stream Team Water Quality Monitoring
- **July 12 and 19** – Science Friday
- **Aug. 17 and 29** – Ghost Stories planning
- **Sept. 13 and 19** – Ghost Stories planning
- **Sept. 27** – Ghost Stories, Haunted Trail work day
- **Oct. 10** – Ghost Stories, Lil Goblins Hour work day
- **Oct. 19** – Ghost Stories planning
- **Oct. 23** – Ghost Stories, Scout Shelter work day
- **Oct. 24** – Pumpkin prep for Pumpkin Carving
- **Oct. 25** – Ghost Stories set-up and dress rehearsal for Haunted Trail
- **Oct. 26** – Ghost Stories
- **Oct. 27** – Ghost Stories clean-up
- **Dec. 13** – Luminary set-up
- **Feb. 7-14** – Self-guided Valentine's Day Scavenger Hunt
- **Apr. 22** – Earth Day at Sullivan Nature Sanctuary
- **May 1** – May Day hike
- **May 4** – Bradford Pear buyback with Deep Roots KC (Platte Landing Park Friends Shelter)
- **June 6** – Frolic in the Forest (\$5 fee)
- **June 8** – PNS After Dark (\$5 fee)
- **Sept. 21** – PNS After Dark (\$5 fee)
- **Oct. 24** – Pumpkin Carving (English Landing Park)
- **Oct. 26** – Ghost Stories
- **Dec. 14-16** – Winter Wonderland self-guided luminary tree hike



### Rescuing Hearts for 25 Years

Friends of Parkville Animal Shelter (FOPAS) is in its 25<sup>th</sup> lifesaving year. We've come a long way from humble beginnings by the railroad tracks and there is more work ahead. Our dedicated volunteers, donors, veterinary teams, and community supporters ensure the animals who find their way to FOPAS receive the best possible care. Services include adoption, pet lost and found, information resources, and more.

We invite you to support this humane effort by joining us for a variety of fundraisers in the works this year. Highlights include Chocolate 4 Paws on February 10 and our Purse Dogs & Cat Clutches Luncheon on April 27.

In addition, on the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month we will post a social media fundraiser. For each \$25 you donate that month, you will receive one entry for a monthly drawing. Each month, we will draw 2 tickets from the entries and the winner will receive an

artist rendering of their pet. With each monthly fundraiser, we start over. In December, in the spirit of giving, we will draw 3 tickets! That's 25 portraits, celebrating 25 years of rescue.

There's more! From May-September, be on the lookout for FOPAS Yard Sales on the third Thursday and Friday of each month. For details about these and other ways to support our adorable adoptables, please visit our website ([parkvilleshelter.com](http://parkvilleshelter.com)) and Facebook ([facebook.com/FOPAS](https://facebook.com/FOPAS)).

When you're ready to welcome home your best friend, please choose rescue. FOPAS Adoptions are held on Saturdays (10am-12pm for dogs; 11am-2pm for cats) or by appointment during the week. Thank you for your friendship and support!

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Nature Sanctuary

Winners of monthly Friends of Parkville Nature Sanctuary Amateur Photo Contest

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

Winners of the monthly contest were recognized at the January 16<sup>th</sup> Board of Aldermen meeting. The 2023 Photo of the Year was “Best of Snow” by Doug Thomas.



John Mink, Crested Flycatcher



Phil Jeffries, Skipper Moth A Prairie Pollinator



John Mink, Flying Hawk



Phil Jeffries, Breakfast of Champions



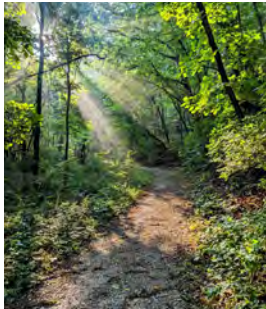
Ben Walker, Hanging Out



Tim Verner, Bad Hair Day



Doug Thomas, Eastern Bluebird



Janna Kittle, Early Morning Light



Doug Thomas, Best of Snow



Janna Kittle, Autumn Mushrooms



Doug Thomas, Eastern Towhee

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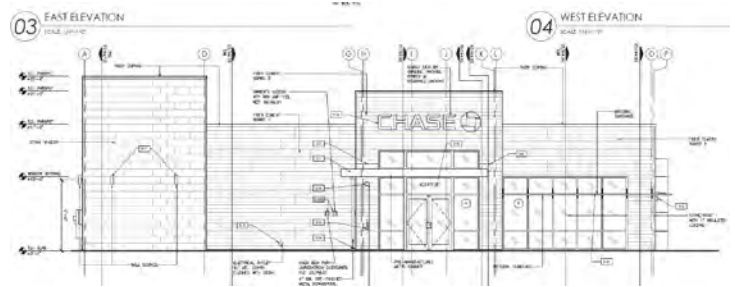
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## Community Development

### City supports adoption of Parkville ADA Transition Plan

Since the passing of The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) civil rights law, local governments have been working to ensure individuals with mobility disabilities have equal access and opportunities to get around their communities; and one of the ways to accomplish this is implementing an ADA transition plan. On February 6<sup>th</sup>, the Board of Aldermen approved a resolution 001 supporting the adoption of the Parkville ADA Transition Plan, which includes a formal process for receiving, documenting and addressing ADA complaints for infrastructure on public land, facilities and rights-of-way. The plan was developed by a consultant team from ACTServices, in conjunction with the Mid-America Regional Council's Planning Sustainable Places program.



View of Chase Bank east elevation facade

### City considers preliminary development plan for Chase Bank

On January 9<sup>th</sup>, the Planning & Zoning Commission considered an amendment to the preliminary development plan for APEX Plaza, a commercial shopping center located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Highway 45 and Melody Lane. The amendment proposes Chase Bank on Lot 4 of the development, which resides to the east of the Westlake ACE Hardware, Whataburger and the building with Domino's, Rooster Men's Grooming and Verizon Wireless.



Examples of exterior building materials (brick, stone and painted wood) used traditionally on single-family homes

### City begins updating its Architectural Design Standards

The City is currently in the process of updating its architectural design standards – specifically when reviewing development plans for residential, commercial and industrial buildings. This includes guidance as to what architectural styles, materials, features and details are appropriate for new construction or significant rehabilitation of buildings throughout the community. That said, the City is interested in your input! Please take a moment to share your thoughts and participate in any of the engagement surveys on the project webpage at <https://engage.thinkconfluence.com/parkville-architectural-design-standards>

### Groundbreaking Ceremony for Park Hill Elementary School No. 12 set for February 29

On August 29, 2023, the Board of Aldermen adopted an ordinance approving a preliminary development plan for Park Hill Elementary School No. 12, a two-and-a-half story, 74,410 square foot elementary school that will be located near the southwest corner of Brink-Myer Road with Brush Creek Parkway. It will also include public transportation improvements to the adjoining roadways, as well as pedestrian connections to the future Brush Creek Trail. A groundbreaking ceremony for the project is scheduled for Thursday, February 29<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. The school is scheduled to be constructed and completed by July 2025.

### Downtown redevelopment projects approved in 2023

In 2019, the Board of Aldermen adopted an ordinance approving the Downtown Parkville Redevelopment Plan that allows private property owners an opportunity to preserve downtown through real property tax abatement via RSMo Chapter 353 economic development incentives.

In February, the Board approved a project to improve 12 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, the old bank building on the corner of East Street and 1<sup>st</sup> Street. The plan was to repurpose the building into a restaurant, utilizing the existing drive-through window and add a second story for office use and balcony space.

In November, the Board approved a project to rehabilitate the two-story, mixed-use building at 8 East Street. The interior of the building is being remodeled, the second floor apartments are being transformed into office space for Level Builders and the exterior is receiving a complete overhaul by removing the old western false facades.



## Police Department

### Look, Light & Lock!

Many crimes are crimes of opportunity, the Parkville Police Department encourages all residents to lock their vehicles when parked outside; make sure their garage doors are closed during the over-night hours and always call 911 if they see something unusual.

**Important reminder from the Parkville Police Department:**

*Don't be a victim. Remember to "Look, Light & Lock!" and remove valuables from unattended vehicles.*



**Emergency Dial 9-1-1**  
If you see something, say something!

**LOOK**  
*For suspicious activity and report it immediately*

**LIGHT**  
*Up the exterior of your home*

**LOCK!**  
*Your vehicle doors at all times*

### Police held several events made possible through donations to the Police Community Assistance Fund

In August, the Police Department held its annual Back to School Program to provide school supplies, backpacks, clothes and other essentials to area Parkville children in need and to help foster positive relationships between youth and the Police. Eleven children were provided with supplies and clothes to help them start off the new school year.

On December 6, the Police Department held its 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Senior Holiday Luncheon in the clubhouse at Park Village Apartments. In addition, several hot meals were delivered to residents who could not attend at the clubhouse. Special thanks to Kevin Heaton, owner of Stone Canyon Pizza, and Al Burns, owner of Al's Bar and Grill, who donated food for the event.

On December 10, the Police Department held its 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Shop with a Cop event. There were over 34 young people that shopped and 15 families that were provided a full basket of groceries.



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**February 22, 2024 • 5:30 p.m.**

Check-in at Breckon Sports Center, Parkville Campus • National Women and Girls in Sport Presentation 6:45 p.m.  
Raffles Drawing 7:15 p.m. • Silent Auction open until 7:30 p.m.

Drink tickets are 1 for \$7 or 2 for \$10 (cash or card accepted). Goodie bags are included with a purchase of raffle tickets.

*Scan the QR code for more information.*

*We look forward to seeing you there!*





## Voters approved three tax propositions in 2023

In April, voters approved the passage of a one-half of one percent public safety sales tax to provide our local police force with dedicated funding and resources needed to attract and retain top talent to keep our community safe. The tax became effective on October 1, 2023.

In November, voters approved the passage of a use tax for trails and transportation and an adult use marijuana sales tax for basic City services, which could include stormwater. The use tax became effective January 1, 2024, and the marijuana tax will become effective April 1, 2024.

## Improvements to Route 9 downtown and Bell Road

In November, voters approved a 2.5% use tax on out-of-state and online purchases, which will fund trails and transportation, including the transportation improvements for Route 9 and pedestrian safety improvements to Bell Road. Revenue from the use tax will be used to assist with the City's match for grants received for the projects.

Last winter, the City was notified that it received \$3.2 million in federal grant funds and \$1,787,950 in state funding for transportation improvements to Route 9 from 4<sup>th</sup> Street to the Park University entrance and from Crooked Road Route FF to Route 9. The total project cost is estimated at \$7 million and the City's match will be \$2,012,050.

In 2023, the City received notice that it received a total of \$750,000 in federal funding for safety and sidewalk improvements and landscaping for stormwater management along Bell Road from Highway 45 to Hamilton Road. Total project costs are estimated at \$1.6 million and the City's match will be \$850,000.



### Main Street Association

## EVENTS

**February 9-10, Friday & Saturday**

Love Where You Live - A Valentine's Shopping Event

**March 23, Saturday**

Meet the Easter Bunny

**April 27, Saturday**

Parkville Microbrew Fest



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