City of Parkville
Fall 2026 Newsletter

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Message from the Mayor

After a hot summer I am looking forward to a cool, colorful fall. It will be a busy one for the City. Following are a few projects we will be focusing on this fall.

Budget – Starting in October the Board of Aldermen will be considering the 2027 operating budget. The budget is possibly the most important single thing the Board does because it sets the agenda of what we plan on doing the following year. Unfortunately, it doesn't get much public attention. The Board has already approved the 5 year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) (major capital projects) in August. There will be public work sessions in October with proposed budget adoption in November.

Bell Road – For the last couple of years the City has been planning the construction of a sidewalk the full length of Bell Road along with repaving the road. Projects that touch multiple properties require a great deal of communication and review. The Bell Road project is no different, this fall and next spring we will complete right-of-way acquisition and finalize construction drawings. We anticipate construction to start during spring of 2027.

Route 9 – Although this is a multi-year project, this fall will be important as we work closely with the downtown businesses to make sure their concerns and ideas are addressed and, if possible, reflected in the plans as we build our joint strategy for managing the construction. We anticipate having the project under contract by the end of August 2027 with the bulk of the construction beginning in 2028.

Park Projects – As usual, there is a lot of work underway in our parks. This fall the focus is on the landscaping around the Farmers Market and downtown parking lots along with the construction of Rotary Plaza (thanks to a contribution of over $100,000 from the Parkville Rotary). Work is already underway and, weather permitting, we hope to have the dedication by the end of October.

The Parks and Recreation Department also anticipates going out to bid late summer/fall for reconstruction of the trail around Ball Fields 1 and 2. A new trail on the north side of the road across from the Friends Shelter, and new parking just west of the Friends soccer field; ultimately this connects English Landing Park to this new recreation all-inclusive area. Also, we anticipate the construction of the new all-inclusive accessible playground and, hopefully, a new restroom and shelter. The playground, restroom and shelter are dependent in part on a pending Platte County park grant. The grant application was submitted the end of last week, and the city looks to have an answer from the Platte County before the end of the year.

The playground and trails are one of the priorities identified in the recently identified park master plan. We will also be working on a western park across from the Angeline Washington Elementary School. Eventually we will begin working on a disabled accessible bridge generally located near the south end of the parking lot by White Aloe Creek over to the McKeon Stage area, our third major park priority.

Tax Levies – The Board of Aldermen has proposed three new temporary property tax levies to be voted on at the November 3 election. These replace the temporary levy that ended last year. The Board has proposed three levies so you can see exactly what each one would fund.

- The first, which would sunset after 10 years, would be for police services, which would allow the City to keep competitive officer salaries as well as adding two new officers.
- The second, which would also sunset after 10 years, would be devoted to capital improvements: streets, sidewalks, curbs, and storm drainage.
- The third, would sunset after 20 years, would fund improvements to our facilities; namely City Hall maintenance and replacement of our decrepit transportation barn.

More detailed information can be found later in the newsletter

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and online. Also, if you would like someone to speak to your neighborhood group, HOA, or civic group, or simply want to know more about 1 or all of these levy measures, we are happy to come and explain them and answer questions.

A Few Other Important Items This Fall – The City will also be considering a number of other major topics including:

- **E-mobility** – how do we regulate, and to what extent, all of the new e-scooters, e-bikes and other e-things. What type of vehicles should be allowed on our trails, on our streets? How about speed limits and rules for use of the vehicles in our parks? What ages should be allowed, on what vehicles, where, and under what regulations? It will be tricky because one person's lax regulation is another's over regulation.
- **Flock Cameras** – Over the past year, Parkville has used Flock cameras as an additional investigative tool for our Police Department. We've seen the value of this technology in helping our officers investigate and solve crimes, including the recent Thousand Oaks shooting investigation.
  At the same time, residents have raised important questions about privacy, data access and sharing, outside-agency access, and the controls available to Parkville. Those concerns were a major part of the discussion during our two public information sessions on September 10. Following those meetings, the City suspended the program while we gather additional information and take a closer look at those concerns.
  Once we have gathered and reviewed that information, we plan to hold a community work session to share what we have learned, answer additional questions and hear directly from residents as we consider the future of the program.
- **Sanitary Sewers** – for the last couple of years the City has been working with the Platte County Regional Sewer District (PCRSD) on the possibility of consolidating our two systems into one service provided by PCRSD. The City is responsible for sanitary sewers for about 1,800 households and many commercial properties in the east portion of the city and the PCRSD is responsible for the rest as well as some homes out in the county. In light of this partnership, both organizations have been working together performing ongoing assessment of the condition of the city's sewer infrastructure and the areas that require maintenance and replacement. These sanitary sewer related topics will be shared with the Board at upcoming meetings beginning as soon as November. A decision about merging the two systems to one service provider so that Parkville has a centralized solid waste provider, will require a public vote that is not expected for another year or two – focusing instead on the current maintenance and condition of the system.

But It's Not All Work This Fall – Parkville is a lively community no matter what time of the year, but fall to Christmas is always the best. Here are a few of the major events you should be on the lookout for:

- **Paint Parkville** – each year artists are invited to come and paint pictures of our beautiful town: our houses, parks, the University, our downtown and much more. So from October 8th to 12th expect to see artists out painting the town. The art show of these works (including those you can purchase) is from October 16th to November 21st at the Art House, 5215 NW Crooked Rd. The Art House and Wanda Jackson are the principle organizers of Paint Parkville; thank you Wanda for continuing to oversee and support this awesome event.
- **Pumpkin Carving and Ghost Stories** – each year another Parkville tradition is carving hundreds of pumpkins which then get displayed on the trails at the Parkville Nature Sanctuary during Ghost Stories. Pumpkin Carving will be Thursday, October 22, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at McKeon Stage in English Landing Park. This is a volunteer-based community event where participants help carve hundreds of pumpkins for display at Ghost Stories. Pumpkins are provided, and participants are encouraged to bring carving tools if possible. Ghost Stories will be Saturday, October 24, at the Parkville Nature Sanctuary. The event begins with Little Goblins Hour from 5:00-6:00 p.m., followed by music and s'mores from 6:00-9:00 p.m., ghost stories from 6:30-9:00 p.m., and the haunted trail from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Admission is donation based, with food and beverages available for purchase. All donations will go towards upkeep at the Parkville Nature Sanctuary.
- **The November 3 General Election is coming up! –** Register to vote by October 7 and be sure to VOTE November 3!
- **Dedication of Veterans Memorial** – The local veterans committee has been working for years to construct and dedicate a memorial to our veterans. That was realized a little over a year ago next to the train depot downtown with flags of all the branches around the freedom fountain. But the veterans were not done. Their plan also included granite memorials reflecting the different services. Those monuments will be installed this fall in commemoration of Veterans Day with the dedication occurring on November 11 at 10 am at the Veterans Memorial. A terrific partnership between the veterans and the City with a terrific outcome. A huge thank you to the Parks Department who have assisted the Veterans Committee in this very worthy endeavor.
- **Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting** – the first ever Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting will be held at Pocket Park in downtown Parkville on Saturday, November 28th at 6:00 pm. This event, which includes lighting up downtown Parkville, kicks off the Christmas season and is sponsored by the Main Street Parkville Association (MSPA).

- **Christmas on the River** – another great Parkville tradition is Christmas on the River. The event is on Friday, December 4th starting at 6 pm. The evening includes visits with Santa, costumed characters, music, shopping, dining, a Christmas market with art and crafts, and topped off with the metropolitan area's only Christmas fireworks display. Thanks MSPA.

Any questions or if you would like a presentation on the proposed tax levies please do not hesitate to contact me.

"Mayor Dean" Katerndahl

Dean Katerndahl





Public Works

Public Works Update: Maintenance Projects

By Dan Harper,
Public Works Director



Curb and Sidewalk Replacements: The City's annual curb and sidewalk replacement project is underway. INCO USA LLC was awarded the contract and is replacing failed concrete throughout Parkville. Concrete can deteriorate for several reasons, including freezing and thawing, heavy loads and tree-root damage. This year's contract is about $180,000 and will replace about 2,250 linear feet of curb & gutter, and 1,100 square feet of sidewalk.

Locations are selected using the City's biennial survey, resident reports – through See Click Fix – and coordination with other planned construction projects. This year's work includes locations in Riss Lake, along National Drive and River Hills Drive, and throughout Thousand Oaks and The Bluffs.

Access to properties will be maintained during construction, although residents may experience brief disruptions to street parking. Work is expected to be completed by the end of September, weather permitting.

Pavement Preservation Program: The City's annual asphalt maintenance project is scheduled to begin at the end of September. This year's work will include milling and overlaying streets where the pavement has deteriorated, and the top two inches of asphalt must be replaced. Phillips Paving was awarded the $310,000 contract and will replace about 2.25 miles of road surface.

Project locations include 5th Street, 6th Street and Summer Street in downtown Parkville; a portion of South National Drive south of Crooked Road; Forest Park Drive; and Whitetail Way.

Roads will remain open, but temporary lane closures and flaggers may be necessary. Access to some properties may also be briefly limited while the new asphalt cools. Property owners will be notified in advance of expected disruptions. Work is expected to be completed by the end of October.

Stormwater Pipe Lining: The City will complete a stormwater pipe-lining project this year, primarily in Riss Lake. Many of the area's corrugated metal drainage pipes have deteriorated over time due to debris, salt and fertilizers moving through them.

Instead of fully replacing the pipes, the contractor will install a cast-in-place resin liner. This process extends the life of the pipes at a significantly lower cost than replacement.

The work may cause minor traffic disruptions but is typically completed within a few hours. Residents may see steam during the curing process. Although it may look like smoke, it is not a fire and is non-toxic.

Insituform was awarded the project, which is partially funded through a Platte County stormwater grant. Work is expected to be completed by early November.

Crack Sealing: The City's street crews perform crack sealing each year to help extend the life of asphalt pavement. Pavement naturally expands, contracts and flexes due to seasonal temperature changes and vehicle traffic. Over time, this movement can cause cracks to develop.

If left untreated, water can enter the cracks and lead to further deterioration. Crews clean the cracks and fill them with an oil-based material that helps seal out water. Crack sealing is a cost-effective maintenance method that can delay the need for more extensive and expensive repairs.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehabilitation: Parkville's wastewater treatment plant was originally constructed in the early 1990s. Over time, its mechanical and electrical systems have worn down from continuous operation and exposure to grit and other materials removed during the treatment process.

Regular rehabilitation is necessary to keep the plant operating efficiently and in compliance with Missouri Department of Natural Resources discharge requirements.

Havens Construction was awarded this year's rehabilitation project. Work includes replacing headworks bar racks, valves and aeration basin mixers; repairing failing pipes and fittings; replacing blower motors; and completing electrical and control-system improvements for several pumps throughout the plant.

Work is underway and is expected to be completed this fall.

Public Works









November Ballot Initiative

PARKVILLE PROPERTY TAX LEVY

PROP I – TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

NOVEMBER 3, 2026 ELECTION





SUPPORTS

Transportation and infrastructure-related needs, including streets, sidewalks, curbs, stormwater and drainage improvements, equipment and related services.

AT A GLANCE

Levy Rate:	$0.1280
Term:	10 years
Example Cost:	$8.11 per month
Current General Levy:	$0.4403

For a $400,000 home: Current City property tax is approximately $27.89/month. Proposition P would add approximately $8.11/month.

WHY ADDITIONAL FUNDING?

- Shorten the roadway maintenance cycle and provide more consistent pavement preservation.
- Increase curb and gutter replacement to address deteriorating areas throughout the City.
- Establish a storm sewer replacement program to address aging infrastructure.
- Provide dedicated funding for ongoing infrastructure maintenance, equipment and services.





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INVESTING IN YOUR INFRASTRUCTURE

Proposition I would increase funding for roadways, curb and gutter, and storm sewer improvements. The additional funding would help shorten the City's roadway maintenance cycle, address deteriorating curb and gutter, and establish a program to replace aging storm sewer infrastructure across Parkville.

PARKVILLE PROPERTY TAX LEVY

PROP F – CITY FACILITIES

NOVEMBER 3, 2026 ELECTION





SUPPORTS

Maintenance, repair, improvement and replacement of City facilities to support safe, functional and efficient work environments, including City Hall and the City's Transportation facility.

AT A GLANCE

Levy Rate:	$0.0820
Term:	20 years
Example Cost:	$5.20 per month
Current General Levy:	$0.4403

For a $400,000 home: Current City property tax is approximately $27.89/month. Proposition P would add approximately $5.20/month.

WHY ADDITIONAL FUNDING?

- Address aging building systems and ongoing facility maintenance needs.
- Maintain safe, structurally sound facilities for City employees and the public.
- Address repairs and improvements to buildings, sidewalks, handrails and other facility components.
- Plan for a modern Transportation facility that supports more efficient City operations and service delivery.





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FACILITIES THAT SUPPORT CITY SERVICES

Safe, functional facilities support the City's ability to serve the community. Proposition F would help address aging building systems, maintenance and long-term facility needs, while supporting plans for a Transportation facility designed for more efficient City operations.

PARKVILLE PROPERTY TAX LEVY

PROP P – PUBLIC SAFETY

NOVEMBER 3, 2026 ELECTION



SUPPORTS

Public safety services, including law-enforcement personnel, recruitment and retention, competitive compensation, equipment, vehicles, training and related operations

AT A GLANCE

Levy Rate:	$0.1790
Term:	10 years
Example Cost:	$11.34 per month
Current General Levy:	$0.4403

For a $400,000 home: Current City property tax is approximately $27.89/month. Proposition P would add approximately $11.34/month.

WHY ADDITIONAL FUNDING?

- Recruit qualified officers in a competitive regional hiring market.
- Retain experienced officers and reduce turnover.
- Keep police salaries competitive with surrounding agencies.
- Create a clearer salary progression path so officers can advance through defined pay steps as they gain experience.



RECRUIT. RETAIN. INVEST IN OFFICERS.

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COMPETITIVE PAY FOR A COMPETITIVE MARKET

Recruiting and retaining qualified police officers is increasingly competitive. Proposition P would provide dedicated funding to support personnel costs and help Parkville remain competitive with surrounding law-enforcement agencies.

THREE PROPOSITIONS. ONE COMMUNITY.

Understanding Parkville's Proposed Property Tax Levies
NOVEMBER 3, 2026 ELECTION

FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY

PROPOSITION P | PUBLIC SAFETY
$0.1790 per $100 assessed value | 10 years (2027-2036)
Public safety services, including law-enforcement personnel, equipment, vehicles, training and related operations.

PROPOSITION I | TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE
$0.1280 per $100 assessed value | 10 years (2027-2036)
Transportation and infrastructure-related needs, equipment and services.

PROPOSITION F | CITY FACILITIES
$0.0820 per $100 assessed value | 20 years (2027-2046)
Maintenance, repair, improvement and replacement of City facilities, including the City's Transportation facility.

ESTIMATED MONTHLY COST

Example: $400,000 home

CITY PROPERTY TAX IN CONTEXT	ESTIMATED MONTHLY COST
Current City general levy - $0.4403 per $100 assessed value	$27.89 / month
Proposition P - Public Safety	$11.34 / month
Proposition I - Transportation & Infrastructure	$8.11 / month
Proposition F - City Facilities	$5.20 / month
Proposed additional levies - $0.3890 per $100 assessed value	+$24.65 / month
IF ALL THREE ARE APPROVED - total City levy $0.8293	$52.54 / month

Example based on a $400,000 home with residential assessed value equal to 19% of market value.

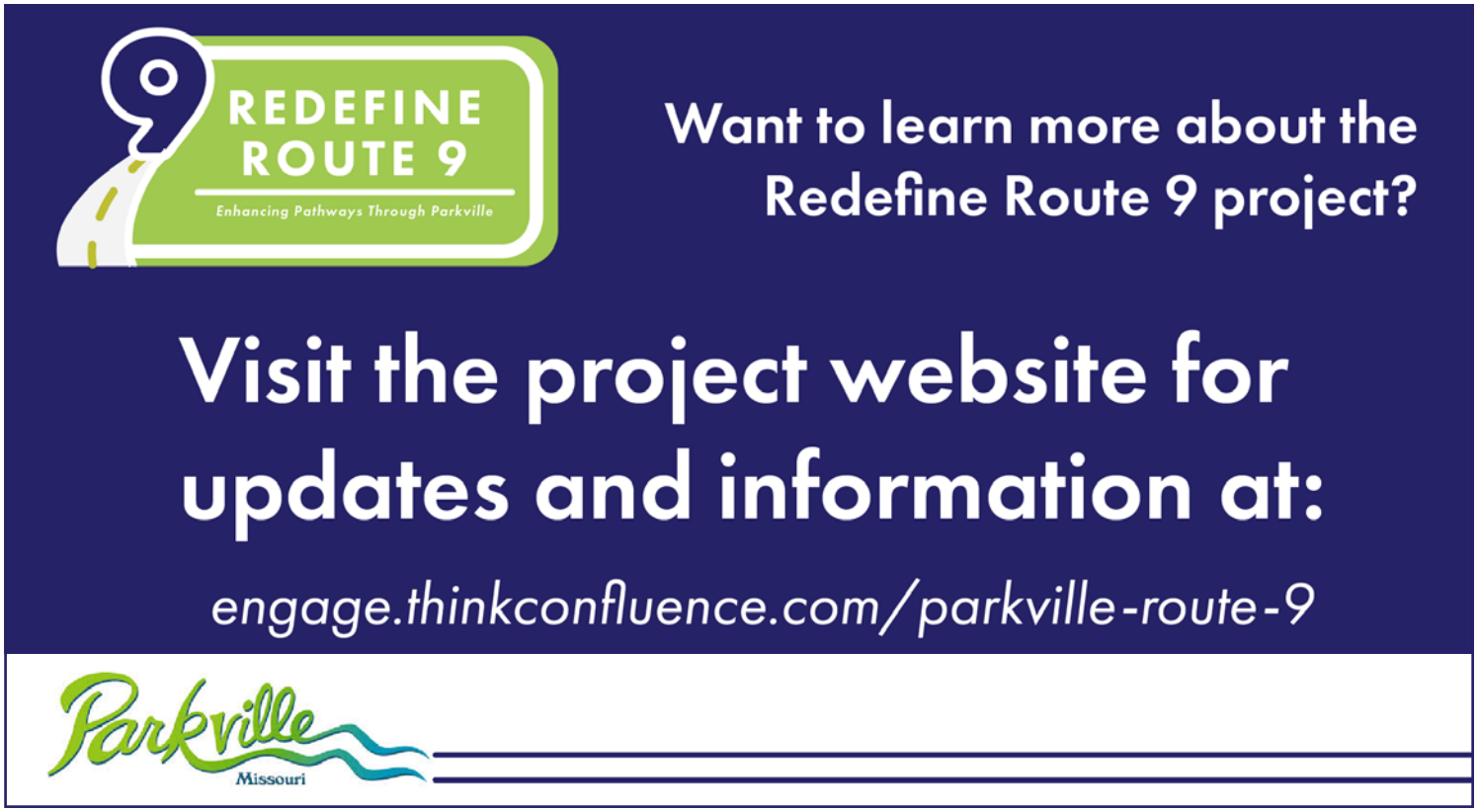
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Learn more before you vote: parkvillemo.gov/2026-property-tax-levies/

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Community Development





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Know Your Roads – Parkville Edition

Did you know that not every road within Parkville is maintained by the City of Parkville?

Depending on the roadway, maintenance may be the responsibility of the City, Platte County or the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT). Knowing who maintains the road helps get concerns to the right team AND gets them addressed more efficiently.

A timely example: MO Route 45

MO Route 45 is a state highway maintained by MoDOT, not the City of Parkville. That means concerns about pavement conditions, sidewalks, debris or other maintenance along MO-45 need to be addressed by MoDOT.

Residents can report a concern directly to MoDOT here: https://www.modot.org/report-road-concern

When residents contact the City about issues along MO-45, we're also happy to help direct those concerns to the appropriate agency and, when appropriate, submit a request to MoDOT as well.

What about Bell Road?

Bell Road is a different situation – it is maintained by the City of Parkville. The City is currently in the early stages of a major improvement project along Bell Rd. that includes new sidewalks, underground infrastructure improvements, and water-main work in partnership with Missouri American Water. Sometimes when a utility company is aware of work being done in the area, they will also do their upcoming work so that permanent finishing work is completed only once.

Because that construction requires significant work within and underneath the roadway, final paving will happen after the other improvements are complete. This prevents us from paving the road now only to tear portions of it back up during construction.

When the project is finished, the entire road surface will be repaved and returned to new condition. Construction will commence in Spring 2027 and continue through the fall / winter).

Learn more about the Bell Road Improvement / Sidewalk project: https://parkvillemo.gov/community/city-projects/bell-road-improvements/.

Have a concern about a CITY street, sidewalk, curb or other city infrastructure or service?

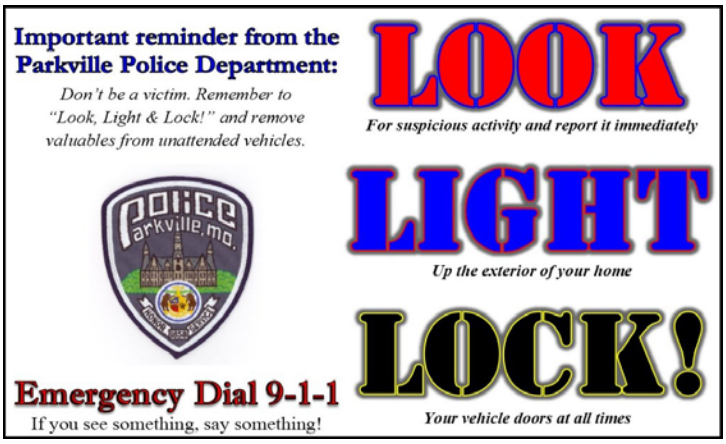
The fastest way to let us know is through **SeeClickFix:** parkvillemo.gov/residents/seeclickfix/.

Since January 2024, the City has resolved more than 1,000 requests submitted through this system across ALL City services. It gives our team a direct way to receive, track and respond to community concerns.

Not sure who maintains a particular road? That's OK—reach out to us. We're always happy to help point you in the right direction.

Keeping Parkville informed is part of keeping Parkville moving.





Parkville History – Public Health

The Smallpox Epidemic in Parkville

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In the early 1900s, the United States faced an outbreak of smallpox, particularly in the Northeast. This outbreak eventually spread westward, reaching Platte County and Parkville in 1902 and 1903. The smallpox outbreak caused widespread panic due to the disease's high transmissibility, the risk of severe facial disfigurement, and its high fatality rates.

In accordance with regulations established by the Missouri State Board of Health, local officials in Platte County and Parkville implemented strict quarantine measures. Households with active infections were isolated, and guard details were frequently assigned to restrict the movement of citizens. Minutes from the City of Parkville Board of Alderman, dated September 9, 1902, noted "Health officer reports verbally that he has endeavored to establish a hospital station for smallpox patients, but had been unable to secure nurses, whereupon, he was instructed to impose a strict quarantine upon the houses where smallpox is known to be, and to proceed in all matters pertaining thereto in such manner as he may deem advisable and the City Marshall was ordered to cooperate with in maintaining said quarantine, and in enforcing all to orders of the health officer."

The Landmark newspaper, on April 25, 1902, outlined the restrictions imposed upon a community by the Missouri State Board of Health, including providing a suitable building which to quarantine residents and should be designated as the "Small Pox Hospital" located a safe distance from the resident portion, individuals exposed where to be moved immediately to the "Small Pox Hospital," and all persons infected must be quarantined for a period of not less than 40 days.

"The city (Parkville) was compelled to fight the smallpox scourge during several weeks, and much of the money . . . was expended in protecting the citizens of the town from exposure to that disease. The disease being confined largely to the [African American's] who had no means to sustenance when they were placed under quarantine, the city was compelled, under law, to feed them" wrote *The Gazette* newspaper on March 12, 1903. The newspaper wrote further that "Efforts were made to see that this system was not abused, but necessarily, the bills were large. For medical services, drugs $294.60 [$11,178.66 in 2026]; groceries and supplies $80.67 [$3,061.04 in 2026]; marshal, guards, and fumigation $50.50 [$1,916.23 in 2026]; total $425.77 [$16,155.94 in 2026]."

Parkville experienced several early 20th-century epidemics, including a typhoid outbreak in 1909 and 1910, as well as the Spanish Flu in 1918 and 1919.

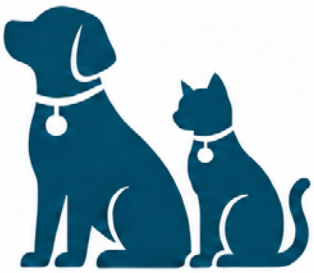




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ARE YOUR PETS LICENSED?

1. All dogs 6 months & older must be licensed annually.
2. Rabies vaccination required within the last 3 years.
3. Renewal due one year from first registration date.
4. Limit 3 dogs, 3 cats, or a combination of 3 per house.



WHY LICENSE?

- If I run away, the City can help me find my owner
- Helps keep me and the community safe
- City code requires a tag and fines can be given without one

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