

FOCUS ON THE FUTURE



PROJECT REPORT

OCTOBER 2025

1-CENT SALES TAX PROJECT CATEGORIES

Beautification
Community Development
Economic Development
Infrastructure

Crime, Drug, &
Alcohol Prevention
Housing
Project Maintenance

Completed Projects



Light Park Fitness Court

Our fitness court at Light Park is complete and has been well-received by the community. The project is located on the walking path north of Adventure Bay Water Park. The court includes outdoor workout equipment, turf surfacing, shade, and other amenities.

Rock Island Depot Repair

Replacement of the Rock Island Depot roof was completed ahead of schedule. The city was awarded \$77k from the Kansas Historical Society's Heritage Trust Fund program to assist with the necessary roof replacement.

Current Projects

CityBus Transit Facility

We will host a groundbreaking ceremony at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, December 9th for the new CityBus Transit Facility project. The facility will provide secure indoor parking for the bus fleet and staff office space. The project is funded in large part by the Kansas Dept. of Transportation with matching grants from the 1-Cent Sales Tax.



Downtown Holiday Decorations

Snowflakes have been installed on lamp posts, our Christmas tree has been placed inside the 3rd Street fountain area, and staff continue working on holiday décor as our plant containers empty for the season. New holiday fixtures will be added in upcoming weeks include oversized fiberglass ornaments and light bulbs.

Innovative Technology Program Grant

An application has been submitted for the Kansas Department of Transportation's Innovative Technology Program grant to assist in the installation of new traffic signal technology at three intersections to improve traffic flow during peak travel times and provide safe crossing technologies for pedestrians. Uninterruptible power supply equipment will be added to two locations to keep signals operational during periods of power failure. The intersections we have applied to upgrade include: Pancake Blvd. & Kansas Ave., 11th Street & N. Kansas Ave., and Pine Street & S. Kansas Ave. If awarded, KDOT will provide funding for 75% of the total project cost.

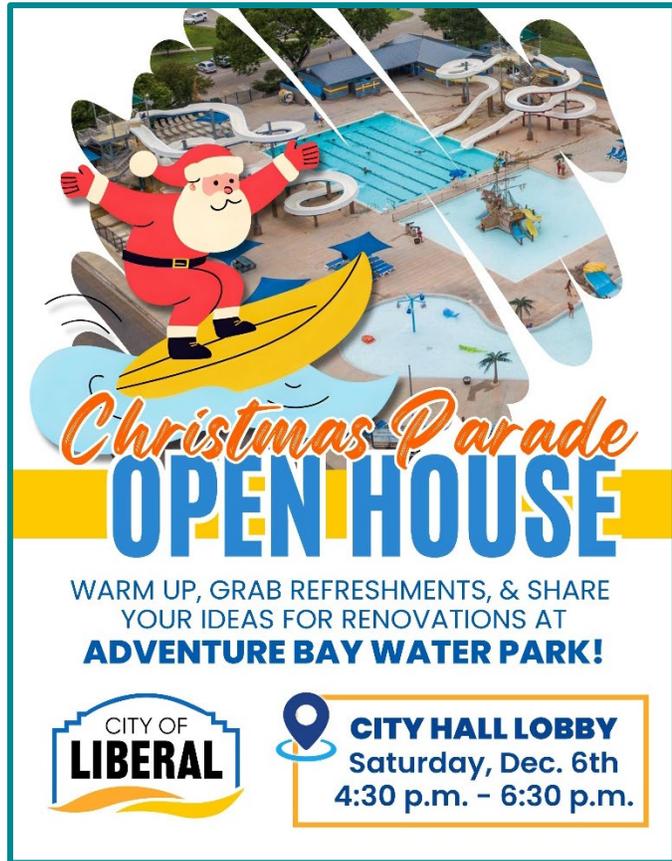
Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant

Our federal paperwork has been signed to begin work on our studies, community outreach, and preliminary design work for a secondary railroad overpass location and at-grade crossing closure. Crossings at Western Ave. and Pershing Ave. are under

consideration for grade separation. The development project is expected to take 2.5 years for completion prior to applying for federal construction grants.

Water Park Facility Improvements

A recent facility audit performed at Adventure Bay Family Water Park identified several mechanical and structural repairs would be required to continue operating the water park into the future. Commissioners are considering facility reconstruction or new construction of a water park facility. The public is invited to share their ideas through a community survey (coming soon) and interactive open house on December 6th from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at City Hall prior to the Downtown Christmas Parade. Visitors can view features and visual design options to provide feedback on what they would like to see in a new or renovated facility.



Christmas Parade
OPEN HOUSE

WARM UP, GRAB REFRESHMENTS, & SHARE
YOUR IDEAS FOR RENOVATIONS AT
ADVENTURE BAY WATER PARK!

CITY OF LIBERAL

CITY HALL LOBBY
Saturday, Dec. 6th
4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Park Lighting

Park pathway lighting installation is complete at Country Club Park. Mahuron Park and Blue Bonnet Park will soon receive solar pole lighting.

Upcoming Projects

Community Dog Park

Following a land transfer from USD 480 for a land parcel near McCray Park, staff are preparing to construct a community dog park near Pine Street & Pershing Avenue. The facility will feature a large yard and smaller yard for different activity levels.

Arkalon Park Upgrades

Commission approval has been received in order to schedule a roadway mill and overlay for the paved road at Arkalon Park during the off-season. Work is also underway to present plans for a remodel of the Arkalon bathhouse to create private, secured restroom pods for visitors. The goal is for both upgrades to be complete by the April 1, 2026 season reopening.



Public Facility Signage Updates

Signage at many of our public facilities features outdated branding and has experienced significant deterioration over the past 15+ years. Staff are preparing cost-effective options to reskin signage for a more vibrant, updated appearance.

Willow Tree Golf Course Upgrades

Staff will soon begin replacing golf cart paths throughout the course. Upgrades to the outdoor gathering spaces near the clubhouse are also planned to begin in early 2026.

Program Reports

Façade Improvement Program

The following façade grant program awards were provided from January-October 2025:

PROGRAM	# AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE	\$ AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE
Façade Grant	7	\$62,512

Housing Programs

The following awards were provided for housing programs from January-October 2025:

PROGRAM	# AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE	\$ AWARDS YEAR-TO-DATE
Paint-the-Town	82	\$41,000
First Time Homebuyer	41	\$123,000
Housing Construction Incentive	12	\$90,000
Emergency Home Repair	83***	\$221,874
Fence Program	0	\$0

***Our Home Repair program has reached a record number of households reached since recordkeeping began in 2018. We have historically averaged 61 Home Repair awards per year.

Housing and Building Department staff attended the KSCB Holiday Home Show to talk with visitors and share information about our housing programs.

Staff and leadership have been discussing proposals for a new sidewalk program incentive to help improve connectivity for sidewalks across residential and commercial properties.