

THE OVERBROOK INITIATIVE

A GRASS ROOTS PROJECT FOR COMMUNITY ACTION

Invitation to Join Committees

Why do you live in Overbrook? Is it the quiet neighborhoods, the feeling of safety, neighborly people, family and friends? Is it the beautiful library or the lake, the Landon Nature Trails, community pride, local restaurants? If you love Overbrook, or even just like it, you must have a few things in mind that bug you about it – people speeding in 20 mile/hour zones, industrial trucks parked across from your house, unsightly yards, neighborhood blight, neglect of pets. Or maybe there are no sidewalks, plugged up culverts, no grocery store, bad internet, brown water?

The mayor, city clerk, city council, and city workers do so much for this community. We need the citizens to help us out with their feedback and support! Here is where you come in! Committed, interested, or just plain annoyed citizens can help us tackle the problems that every smalltown has. And even more exciting is their ability to think big about our vision for the future of Overbrook.

That is why we are developing four committees made up of citizens, city employees, mayor and city council members. The committees will address the issues mentioned below and more:

Infrastructure – sidewalks, streets, use of buildings, broadband/fiber internet

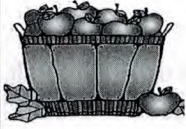
Growth – how do we envision Overbrook thriving in the future – expand city limits; support and boost local economy, become a tree city, support a grocery store?

Public safety – possible projects might include free car seat check day, neighborhood watch, free CPR classes, raising funds for the new volunteer fire department building.

Personnel – made up of city employees and elected officials, this committee will address a wide variety of personnel issues including creating consistent standards, defining job titles, working with employees to accomplish their work goals.

Are you ready to step up and join our efforts to make Overbrook the kind of town you are proud to live in? For more detailed information about why these committees are being formed and what they will work to accomplish, please contact Jim Koger or Hanna Smith at Overbrook City Hall at 785-665-7328, email cityclerk@overbrookks.com, or stop by the office at 401 Maple Street.

WE NEED YOU!



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Water Project – The much-anticipated pre-construction conference for the Water Distribution project was held on Friday, August 27th. We will be setting up a series of questions and answers related to the project on our website at <https://overbrookks.com/water-distribution-project>. Carstensen Contracting, Inc is the contractor for the water distribution project and Central Tank Coatings, Inc is the contractor for the Water Tower upgrades. We will be getting the Notices to Proceed out to the contractors within the next 30 days. Contractors are working to finalize schedules and we will post them as they become available. Jim Koger, Overbrook City Clerk

Overbrook Police Department – First of all, happy back to school to students, faculty, and staff of USD 434 S.F.T. School District. Just a reminder: Fines are doubled in ALL school zones, not just in Overbrook. Oak Street between US 56 and 7th is closed again to authorized vehicles. This is the area where students get on or off the busses in the mornings and afternoons. Most days, there is a school crossing guard near Oak on US 56 Highway. When the guard is out there and holding up the stop sign, you MUST stop. And finally, NEVER pass a school bus when the red lights are flashing, and the stop sign on the driver's side of the bus is activated. On a different note, on behalf of the Overbrook Police Department, thank you all for another great fair and parade. Everyone behaved and seemed to have a great time. Thank you, Luke Lang, and the Fair Board, and thank you to Susan Averill and the crew for putting on an awesome parade. Chief Terry Hollingsworth

13th Annual Steve Cross Memorial Children's Fishing Derby – will take place on Saturday, September 11, 2021! This event is sponsored by the City of Overbrook Park and Recreation Department, Overbrook Rotary and Overbrook PRIDE. In memory of Steve Cross, the Derby is now called the Steve Cross Memorial Children's Fishing Derby. The event will be held at the Children's Fishing Pond at Jones Park. Registration is free and begins at 8:30am for children grades 3 and younger; this group will fish from 9am to 10am. Registration for grades 4 thru age 16 will begin at 10am; this group will fish from 10:30am to noon. Prizes for all will be distributed immediately following the conclusion of each session.

Overbrook City Council –Please welcome Angela Mordecai as the new city council member; she is excited to get involved with the Overbrook community. Angela is a new resident to Overbrook and is looking forward to what the near future will bring and how she will be able to support and serve the continued growth within our community. As always, everyone is invited to join the City Council meetings on the second Wednesday of the month.

Paying your Water Bill online – it's easy! Just contact City Hall to set-up a password, then go to www.overbrookks.com on your computer or smart phone. From there, click on the link on the left for **Account Requires Setup**. A screen will come up asking for your last name, zip code, and password. Once you successfully log in, you can view your current account information. You can pay by credit/debit card or electronic check. Call us at 785-665-7328 or stop by City Hall if you have questions.

Food Trucks – If you plan on having a Food Truck at your location, please let City Hall know so we can share the information on our website and/or newsletter. We require an approved Food Vendor application for Food Trucks on private property; the application is available at https://overbrookks.com/documents/138/food_truck_application.pdf. This application is not necessary if the truck is going to be at a public location (like the Fairgrounds or Jones Park). Please contact City Hall for more details.

Overbrook Parks and Rec – Soccer and Flag Football registration forms are available at City Hall, the deadline for signing up is due soon. You may also print a sign-up form and pay on-line at www.overbrookks.com. If you pay online, please email a copy of the completed sign-up form to cityclerk@overbrookks.com. Soccer games begin September 18th at the Kids Pond. Additional signups for soccer in the 10U, 12U, and 14U age groups are still needed.

Osage Waste Removal – wants to remind the citizens of Overbrook to please not use the blue recycle bins for regular garbage; please only place recyclable material in those blue bins.

Tree Dump – will no longer be open on the third Saturday of each month. A key to the gate can be picked up at City Hall. Arrangements can be made for after-hour availability.

Overbrook PRIDE – “Overbrook PRIDE is dedicated to service the community to encourage and assist local government and volunteers in making our community a better place to live and work. PRIDE identifies what they would like to preserve, create, or improve for the future of Overbrook. Then volunteers pull together to work towards a great future for the community”. They are meeting every 3rd Saturday of the month at 8am at the American Legion, 102 Maple. If you are interested in volunteering or learning more about Overbrook PRIDE, you are welcome to come to the next meeting.

Friends of the Overbrook Public Library – will have a Soup Supper and Dessert Auction on Saturday, October 23rd at 5:30pm at the Community Room in the Overbrook Library. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the soups, then bid on your favorite desserts. High bidder takes it home! Anyone wishing to donate a crockpot of soup and/or fabulous dessert, please call Jeree/Terry Burnett @ 785-224-6283. Also, Dawn Olsen made a rug that will be available for the auction! This event is sponsored by Friends of the Library with proceeds going toward the purchase of books, reading programs, etc.

If your group or organization wants to appear on the City Calendar, please contact Overbrook City Hall at 665-7328)

Overbrook Calendar of Events for September 2021

- Sunday, September 5 - Labor Day
- Monday, September 6 - Labor Day observed, City office closed
- Wednesday, September 8 - City Council meeting at 6PM
- Saturday, September 11 - Steve Cross Memorial Children’s Fishing Derby
- Monday, September 13 - Recycle Trash Pick-up
- Monday, September 27 - Recycle Trash Pick-up



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- Every First & Third Monday - Overbrook Fire Department Meeting at the Fire Hall at 7 pm
- Every Second Monday - Overbrook Fire Board Meeting at the Fire Hall 7:30 pm
- Overbrook American Legion Post #239 Meeting at 7:30 pm at the Post
- Every Third Monday - Overbrook Library Board Meeting 6 pm at the library
- Every Second Tuesday - Park and Rec. Meeting at 7 pm at City Hall
- Every Third Tuesday - Planning Commission Meeting: 7 pm at City Hall
- Library Book Club meeting 7 pm first Meeting Room at the Library
- Every Fourth Tuesday - Friends of the Library 6:30 pm at the Library Conference Room
- Every Second Wednesday - City Council meeting at 6:00 pm at the Library Community Room
- Every Fourth Wed. - Veterans’ Service Representative at Overbrook Public Library 1 pm-4 pm
- Every Saturday - TOPS Meeting at the Methodist Church at 7:30 am. For information call Mary Anderson 785-806-5613.
- Every Third Saturday - Overbrook PRIDE Meeting 8 am at the American Legion, 102 Maple

Looking Ahead

- October 10 - Columbus Day
- October 31 - Halloween