

# December NEWSLETTER

## Overbrook Police Department

### COMET Training Class

COMET (Changing Our Minds and Emotional Thinking) suicide prevention class is set for Monday, December 29th at 11:30 AM. This class is free to the public and will be held at the Library.

The Police Department reminds citizens to lock cars and doors during the holiday season. There is unfortunately often an increase in thefts and burglaries during this season. If you notice suspicious activity, call (785) 665-7230 or 911 in an emergency.

### Holiday Light Tour

Beginning November 28th through December 31st, the Overbrook Police Department will be hosting the annual Holiday Lights Tour. If you would like to go on the tour, stop by the station or call (785) 665-7230. Officers will take interested residents on the light tour throughout December in police cars. Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

### Heading out of town?

The Police Department is happy to swing by your house and keep an extra eye on things while you're away. If you'd like this service, just stop by City Hall or the Police Station to fill out a quick form before your trip.

## Overbrook Historical Society

Overbrook's Holiday **Parade of Homes** will take place from **noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 13th**. The Overbrook Historical Society is hosting the parade and will be providing you with a written history of each location on the tour.

Tickets cost \$10 (children age 15 and under are free) and are now on sale at City Hall, Copper Moose, Kansas State Bank, Rock Creek Cafe, and TJs Main Street Grill. You can also buy them online using the QR code that's included in our ad in this newsletter.

# Community Updates

## Overbrook Community Building

### Shop Local Vender Event: Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> 9am-12pm

Homemade honey, sourdough, tumblers, make up, jewelry, red aspen nails, goat milk soap, and more!

## Overbrook Community Chest

Overbrook Community chest letters have been mailed out. **The community chest collects donations and distributes funds to organizations in our area.** Please remember to support our local charities. You can donate until December 31<sup>st</sup>.

## Santa Fe Trail High School Community Service

Thank you to the four young men who generously volunteered their time to clean up the flower beds around the library, as well as the Veterans Memorial at the lake. Your hard work and dedication are truly appreciated! Go to our Facebook page to see pictures of all the work these young men did.

## Friends of the Library

The library is accepting gently used books for the annual book sale in July 2026. Mark your calendars for March 7th, 2026, for a soup supper and prize basket raffle. Now accepting new and renewal memberships for 2026, form available at the library.

## Overbrook's Community Christian School

The students of Community Christian School proudly present A Respectable Birth, a play in one act by Kevin Stone December 5th & 6th at 7:00 PM Dinner served 5:30–6:30 PM (Free, donations accepted) play will be held at Grace Community Church. Join us for an evening of fellowship, food, and fantastic student talent! This heartwarming one-act play is the perfect way to kick off the Christmas season

## FREE WELLNESS & WELL-BEING CLASSES

Cheryl Miller formally of the Fairchild Wellness Retreat is offering free classes for 2026, in the community room at the Overbrook Public Library.

**The first free class** in January will be “Unleashing the Magic in Your Life.” That class will be followed by hands-on magic wand creations. Additional 2026 topics will range from **creating magic in your kitchen, your home, your body, your mind, and your life.** More information on the free classes will be available in the January newsletter, and on the Don't Overlook Overbrook Facebook page. *Cheryl Miller, Life Coach and Wellness Strategist, M.S. Exercise Physiology and Community Health, KU.*





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| December 1         | Recycle Day                |
| <b>December 10</b> | <b>City Council at 6pm</b> |
| December 15        | Recycle Day                |
| December 23        | Newsletter Deadline (noon) |
| December 24        | Christmas Eve              |
| December 25        | Christmas                  |
| December 29        | Recycle Day                |

- The First & Third Monday** - Overbrook Fire Department Meeting at the Fire Hall at 7 pm
- The Second Monday** - Overbrook American Legion Post #239 Meeting at 7:30 pm at the Post
- The Third Monday** - Overbrook Library Board Meeting 6 pm at the library
- The last Monday** - Public Safety Committee at 9:00 @ Rock Creek
- Every Other Monday** - Growth Committee at 6pm at City Hall (Dec. 1 & 15<sup>th</sup> )
- Every Tuesday** - Overbrook Rotary 7am at TJ's. Hot meals at the Housing Authority Community Center 200 Oak St 11:30-noon
- The First Tuesday** - Overbrook Fire Board Meeting at the Fire Hall 7:30 pm
- The Second Tuesday** - Park and Rec. Meeting at 7 pm at City Hall
- The Third Tuesday** - Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting at 6 pm at City Hall
- Library Book Club meeting 7 pm first Meeting Room at the Library
- Tuesday Table (Supper) @ 5:30 at the Overbrook United Methodist Church.
- The Fourth Tuesday** - Friends of the Library at 6:00 pm at the Library Conference Room (Jan, Feb, Apr, June, Aug, Oct.)
- Every Wednesday** - story time at the library at 10am
- The Fourth Wednesday** - Infrastructure Committee at 6 pm at City Hall
- The Second Wednesday** - City Council meeting at 6:00 pm at City Hall
- Every Thursday** - Hot meals at the Housing Authority Community Center 200 Oak St 11:30-noon
- The Third Thursday** - Overbrook Historical Society 6:30 pm at the library. Overbrook Community Foundation meets at 4:30 pm at the Overbrook Public Library
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- The Third Friday** - City Court 10:30am at City Hall.
- Every Saturday** - TOPS Meeting at the Methodist Church at 7:30 am. For information Contact Mary Anderson 785-806-5613.
- The First Saturday** - American Legion Biscuits and Gravy breakfast 7-10am
- The Second Saturday** - GodWrx Men's Group Overbrook Methodist Church 7am Breakfast, Fellowship, and bible study
- The Third Saturday** - Overbrook PRIDE Meeting cancelled will resume in January
- Overbrook Community Game Night at 6-9 pm at the United Methodist Church
- The Fourth Saturday** - GodWrx Men's Group Overbrook Methodist Church 7am Breakfast, Fellowship, and bible study



## **Public Notice: Complaint Submission Policy**

The City Council values open communication and appreciates the input of our residents. To ensure that every concern is addressed in an organized and effective manner, the Council has adopted the following policy:

- **All complaints regarding city or community issues must be submitted in writing.**
- **Each complaint must include the name and contact information of the individual submitting it.**

This process allows the Council to properly review, investigate, and follow up on concerns in a timely and transparent way. Written submissions help us maintain accurate records and ensure accountability throughout the resolution process.

Please note that **anonymous complaints will not be considered**. We believe that constructive dialogue works best when we can communicate directly with those who raise concerns.

Complaints may be submitted by mail, email, or delivered in person to City Hall during regular business hours. If you have questions about this policy or need assistance preparing your written complaint, please contact the City Clerk's office.

Thank you for helping us maintain a responsive and collaborative community. **Forms can be found on the city's website and at city hall.**





# *Thank you*

For more than 20 years, Mark Tomlinson has helped bring holiday cheer to Overbrook by hanging the city's Christmas lights. His dedication and care for our community are truly appreciated—thank you, Mark, for helping make the season bright year after year!

## *Overbrook Parks and Recreation*

### **Winter Break Camp**

OPR is hosting a Winter Break Camp for children ages K- 5<sup>th</sup> grade. This program will run from December 22<sup>nd</sup> through January 6<sup>th</sup>. We will be closed for December 24-25 and January 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be an optional late stay on December 31<sup>st</sup>. For more information, go to [Overbrookks.com/parks-and-recreation-1](https://overbrookks.com/parks-and-recreation-1). or contact OPR at 785-219-9060

### **OPR Youth Basketball League**

Our Winter Youth Basketball program begins December 1st. Please be aware of increased traffic near the school after hours due to multiple daily practices. Home games will take place throughout January and February. Thank you for helping us keep our young athletes safe during these events.

### **OPR Youth Skills Camp**

We're excited to offer our Youth Skills Camp in January and February, open to kindergarten through 3rd grade. The camp will be led by Lance Quilling once again. During the final two weeks, participants will have Saturday scrimmages. Each participant will receive a Skills Camp T-shirt.

### **Gymnasium HVAC Project**

The HVAC upgrade project for the gymnasium will begin in 2026. Please plan activities with potential gym closures in mind. We will work closely with groups to minimize disruptions, but some closures may be unavoidable. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.