

January NEWSLETTER

Overbrook Police Department

Don't be afraid to call

With cold weather comes the possibility of icy roads, the Police Department also encourages drivers to keep an emergency kit in their vehicle and allow extra time for travel. **Police officers also offer jump starts for dead batteries in cold weather. Just call (785) 665-7230.**

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.

School back in session

The Overbrook Police Department would like to remind drivers that the Overbrook Attendance Center will resume classes on **January 8th** and the school zone speed limit will again be in effect from **7 AM-8 AM** and **3 PM-4 PM Monday-Friday**. Let's all do our part to keep kids safe!

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.**

Updates to Water/Sewer Billing

Beginning in 2026, Overbrook water rates will increase by 2%. This adjustment reflects rising costs associated with operating and maintaining the water system.

Residents will also see a new Rural Water line item on their bills. Overbrook maintains a backup water connection through Rural Water District No. 5, and under this contract the City must purchase a minimum of 500,000 gallons each month. This minimum-purchase requirement increases our overall cost, so a Rural Water charge will now appear on each bill.

To clearly show the portion of our total cost that comes from this backup source, the City is adding a Rural Water charge consisting of a \$1.00 flat fee plus \$1.50 per 1,000 gallons. These rates reflect the City's cost of ensuring a reliable backup water supply so that Overbrook always has access to clean, safe water.

Community Updates

Overbrook Historical Society

The Overbrook Historical Society kicks off its 2026 Speaker Series with a special presentation by Bob Hug. Mr. Hug will be sharing photos from Overbrook history and inviting a discussion of the people and places involved. This presentation begins at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 23rd in the Overbrook Library's Community Room.

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.

Free Wellness and Well-Being Class

Ready to begin the new year with clarity, intention, and a little magic? The first free class in the 2026 series will inspire you to Unleash the Magic in Your Life, Sunday, January 11, 3:00pm to 4:30pm, Overbrook Public Library, Community Room.

First, you'll learn how to develop an intention (or theme) that will help you achieve your heart's desire in 2026. Then, we'll make a magic intention wand that will add a little magic to the mix. No creative skills required! Materials will be provided. More details at www.CherylMillerVille.com/unleash. Upcoming classes will help you create magic in your kitchen, your home, your body, your mind, and your life. Cheryl Miller, Life Coach and Wellness Strategist, M.S. Exercise Physiology and Community Health, KU.



January 12	Recycle Day
January 14	City Council at 6pm
January 26	Newsletter Deadline (noon)
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| 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 (Jan. 12 & 26 th) |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| | - Overbrook Community Game Night at 6-9 pm at the United Methodist Church |
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USD 434 Reconfiguration

The justification for reconfiguring the entire USD 434 district is based on three fundamental areas of need: financial sustainability, enhancing the student educational experience, and improving operational efficiency.

Reconfiguration is justified by the need to group grade levels where they are most effective for students and teachers, such as bringing PreK through fifth-grade students back together in a more traditional elementary school setup.

Many existing school buildings are aging and nearing or already experiencing significant wear and tear, necessitating substantial and costly repairs to ensure safe and functional occupancy.

For more information please see <https://reconfiguration.usd434.us/question-answers>

Please be aware of changes to the district layout, including the closure of buildings and facilities within our communities.

For more information the school board meets the Second Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm at Scranton Attendance Center.

Overbrook Parks and Recreation

OPR Youth Basketball League

OPR will have home basketball games January 10th and January 24th. There will be increased traffic on 7th street between Main and Locust. Please plan accordingly for these events. Thank you.

OPR Youth Skills Camp

OPR will be hosting a skills camp for the grades Kindergarten through 3rd Grade. Athletes can sign up by going to the website, [Overbrookks.com/parks-and-recreation-1](https://overbrookks.com/parks-and-recreation-1) or calling 785-219-9060. The first practice will begin on January 5th, but late enrollment is allowed.

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.