

# FACT SHEET 2009



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**Vision Statement:** To improve the quality of life by providing safe, enjoyable, and attractive parks and facilities, with diverse programs and efficient and responsive services, which enhance neighborhoods and encourage citizens to view the department as a valued investment in their daily lives.

97 permanent, benefit-eligible employees  
500 temporary/seasonal employees (approximate)  
**597 Total Employees**

**\$ 9,862,463 Total Operating Budget**



## Major Facilities

102 parks & green spaces totaling 1,600 acres  
11.25 miles of city trails (7.5 miles Shunga, 1 mile Landon,  
1.25 miles Deer Creek, 1.5 miles Soldier Creek)  
6,000 roses in Reinisch Memorial Rose Garden in Gage Park  
9 shelter houses in 4 parks  
73 play structures in 67 parks  
6.5 acre historic Old Prairie Town and Botanical Garden  
Helen Hocker Theater in Gage Park  
Gage Park Carousel in the Park  
Gage Park Mini-Train (1 mile of track)  
7 community centers totaling 145,000 sq. feet  
5 public swimming pools totaling 49,000 sq. feet  
14 softball diamonds and 14 baseball diamonds  
50 public tennis courts in 14 parks  
Mouse Trap Skate Park in Oakland-Billard Park  
Rip-On Skate Park in Shunga Glen Park  
Chesney Skate Park in Chesney Park  
5 youth and 3 adult soccer fields in Felker Park  
BMX track in Crestview Park  
3 cemeteries totaling 11 acres  
2 disc golf courses  
Yard Materials Recycling Facility (I-70 & MacVicar)  
11,100 sq. foot greenhouse in Gage Park

## Programs

Youth & adult sports  
Youth & adult special interest classes/workshops  
Youth & adult adaptive recreation programs  
Licensed summer day camps  
Senior citizen activities  
Community theater classes, shows and camps  
Tours, weddings and receptions in Old Prairie Town  
Kansas Senior Olympics  
Juneteenth Celebration  
Apple Festival in Old Prairie Town  
Summer music concerts  
Sunflower State Games  
City-wide licensed preschool program  
Numerous other special events and activities

## Park Management Office

201 NW Topeka Blvd. 66603, 368-3700

## Community Centers

Abbott – 1112 E 10<sup>th</sup>, 66607, 357-7331  
Central Park – 1534 SW Clay, 66604, 368-3796  
Crestview – 4801 SW Shunga Drive, 66614, 368-2448  
Garfield – 1600 NE Quincy, 66608, 368-3787  
Hillcrest – 1800 SE 21<sup>st</sup>, 66607, 368-3790  
Oakland – 801 NE Poplar, 66616, 368-3793  
Rice – 432 SE Norwood, 66607, 368-4363

## Family Aquatic Centers

Blaisdell (Gage Park) - 4201 SW Reinisch Parkway, 66606,  
271-5300  
Hillcrest – 1800 SE 21<sup>st</sup> Street, 66607, 368-3792

## Swimming Pools

Crestview – 4801 SW Shunga Drive, 66614, 272-5503  
Garfield – 1600 NE Quincy, 66608, 368-3789  
Oakland – NE Sardou & Poplar, 66616, 368-3857

## Softball Complexes

Felker Park (4 diamonds) 2540 SW Gage Blvd. 66614,  
273-6170  
Rueger Park (4 diamonds) 2801 S Kansas Avenue, 66611,  
266-6756

## Kosover Tennis Center (Felker Park)

2540 SW Gage Blvd. (18 courts), 66614, 273-0030

## Helen Hocker Center for the Performing Arts

(Gage Park), 700 SW Zoo Parkway, 66606, 368-0191

## Old Prairie Town at Ward-Meade Historic Site

124 NW Fillmore, 66606, 368-3888

## Special Services Leisure Center (Gage Park)

4330 SW Conservatory Drive, 66606, 228-6025

## Cypress Ridge Golf Course

2533 SW Urish Road, 66614, 272-0511

## Topeka Zoological Park (Gage Park)

635 SW Gage Blvd., 66606, 368-9180  
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