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Tree City USA Bicycle Friendly Business - City Hall
TravelAwaits - #9 - Incredible Living History Museums To Visit In The Midwest

Accredited Police Department
KC Business Journal 2022: Kansas City’s Healthiest Employers Honoree Award
Purple Heart City Silver SolSmart Award
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Digital Cities Award - 4th Place
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New Hire Orientations: 1123

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Public Arts Task Force

Open Records Requests Processed: 237

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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Lane Miles Resurfaced: 68.1

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR FINES
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52 Child Car Seat Safety Inspections
5 CPR Classes
6,999 Fire Department Calls for Service
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Total Police Calls for Service: 24,200

Safe Senior Program: 214 participants
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22 RECYCLE EVENT
22,449 pounds (11.22 tons) of computer electronics
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7.5 ACRES
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17,792 Hours Maintaining Parks and Green Spaces

Design an environment where businesses thrive

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174
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2,521
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