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Wet Paint Ahead: Give Street Striping Crews Room to Work

KANSAS CITY, KS - Street Maintenance crews are beginning seasonal pavement-marking work across the city. People traveling through work areas should be prepared to slow down, stay back, and avoid freshly painted lines. Driving, biking, or walking across wet paint can damage vehicles and other property, compromise new markings, and create additional risks for crews working in active traffic.

Crews use a specialized striping truck, often called the paint rig, to refresh lane lines, crosswalks, stop bars, and other pavement markings throughout the city. These markings help drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians safely navigate local streets, particularly at night and during poor weather. Because the work takes place on active roadways, everyone traveling through the area has a role in protecting crews and allowing the new markings to dry properly.

“Striping trucks and support vehicles move slowly to help keep traffic away from freshly applied paint while it begins to dry,” Street Maintenance Operations Superintendent Brandon Wayne said. “Even after the crew has moved ahead, the markings may still be wet, so drivers should stay in their lane and avoid crossing fresh paint.”

Drivers should slow down, remain behind the support vehicle, and follow all posted messages or directions from crew members. Do not attempt to pass the striping operation or weave around cones and other traffic-control devices.

Most importantly, avoid crossing freshly painted lines. Stay in your lane until you are clearly beyond the work area before changing

lanes or turning across new markings. Pavement marking paint may become tack-free in as little as two minutes under ideal conditions, generally between 50 and 75 degrees. Drying may take longer depending on temperature, humidity, and pavement conditions.

That means the paint may still be wet even after the striping truck has moved farther down the street.

Driving over wet markings can splatter paint onto tires, wheel wells, undercarriages, and vehicle body panels. It can also pull paint and reflective glass beads from the pavement. Those beads help make roadway markings visible at night, so disturbing them can reduce their visibility and lifespan.

When approaching a striping operation:

- * Slow down and look ahead for warning vehicles, flashing lights, or signs.
- * Stay behind the support vehicle and maintain a safe following distance.
- * Avoid passing, changing lanes, or turning across freshly painted markings.
- * Follow cones, message boards, and directions from crew members.



* Allow additional travel time when striping work is underway.

If you accidentally drive across wet paint, continue to a safe location before stopping. Do not stop in an active travel lane to inspect your vehicle.

A few moments of patience can prevent damage, protect the new markings, and help Street Maintenance employees complete the work safely.

When you see the paint rig, slow down, stay back, and stay off the fresh paint.

Chief Judge Robert Burns Warns of Increased Scam Calls



KANSAS CITY, KS - There are once again reports from Wyandotte County residents receiving scam phone calls from someone impersonating a Wyandotte County Sheriff's

Deputy and threatening arrest for missing jury duty in Wyandotte County District Court. The caller asks for money in order to avoid your arrest.

The caller may sound legitimate by using real names of Sheriff's personnel and Wyandotte County judges and may even have some of your personal identifying information.

This is a scam, however, that periodically plagues our area.

Neither the Sheriff nor the Wyandotte County District Court will ever call you to threaten arrest or ask for money for any reason.

Residents are encouraged to please ignore these scammers and advise your friends and neighbors to do the same.

Stock Market Insights

Show Me the Money: What's Next for Markets?

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When I was in high school, I worked at a local video store. Back then, people left home, drove to a store, and wandered the aisles looking for a movie to rent. You'd take the VHS tape home for a one-night rental and then return it the next day (hopefully remembering to rewind it for my sake).

One of the most popular movies at the time was Jerry Maguire. Even if you've never seen the entire movie, you probably know its most famous scene. Cuba Gooding Jr.'s character has Jerry, played by Tom Cruise, repeatedly screaming into the phone: "Show me the money!" It got me thinking that phrase may perfectly describe where investors find themselves with investments in artificial intelligence.

But AI isn't the only major story

to watch. Four themes could play an important role in shaping markets during the second half of 2026.

AI's Next Act: Show Me the Money

Companies have poured enormous sums into data centers, advanced semiconductors, and the electricity infrastructure required to power AI. However, after all that spending, investors are increasingly sounding like Cuba Gooding Jr., asking "Show Me the Money".

The early winners were mostly companies supplying the infrastructure needed to build AI systems. The next chapter may focus on identifying businesses that can use AI to increase productivity and generate new revenue. Simply announcing an AI strategy may no longer be enough; investors increasingly want evidence of sustainable profits and portfolio-worthy returns.

A New Era at the Federal Reserve

The Federal Reserve is also entering a period of change under new leadership. The new chairman will have plenty on his plate, including stubborn inflation, concerns about economic growth and jobs, and no shortage of political pressure over where interest rates should go next.

Financial markets place tremendous value on a credible and independent Federal Reserve. Investors will closely watch how the central bank navigates the ongoing concerns it faces. The key question may not simply be whether interest rates go up or down. It may be whether investors remain confident that monetary policy decisions are being driven by economic data rather than politics, and what that means for portfolio positioning.

When Commodities Become National Security

Governments increasingly view critical minerals as strategic national assets. Russia's invasion of Ukraine exposed Europe's dependence on foreign energy, while conflict in the Middle East has again highlighted vulnerabilities in global energy supplies.

Critical minerals are essential for



AI infrastructure, along with other industries like electric grids, advanced manufacturing, and national defense. This shift could create opportunities for miners, critical mineral processors, energy producers, and oilfield service companies as countries seek more secure and diversified supply chains, and it may also shape how investors think about portfolios.

The Midterm Elections

Midterm election years have historically brought periods of elevated market volatility, and control of Congress is at stake this November. However, what happens after Election Day may matter more than the campaign itself.

A divided Congress could create gridlock, making sweeping policy changes more difficult. That could benefit industries where existing government spending or subsidies are already in place. Healthcare is another sector to watch, while banks could face uncertainty if a change in congressional control slows deregulation efforts. Ultimately, investors should be cautious about making major portfolio decisions based solely on election predictions. Markets have performed under both political parties, and economic growth, corporate earnings, and interest rates generally matter more over the long run, so portfolios should stay focused on those drivers.

As we head into the second half of 2026, investors have plenty to watch.

AI companies will be asked to turn massive spending into real profits; the Federal Reserve will navigate inflation and interest rates; governments will compete for strategic resources; and voters will determine the balance of power in Washington. The goal isn't to predict every headline. It's to build a strategy that can navigate whatever comes next.

Nearly 30 years after working at that video store, Rod Tidwell's famous demand still seems fitting for investors today: Show me the money.

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Tom's Tasty Treats

By Tom Valverde

This week's tasty treat is a delicious and easy to make cake. Pineapple in the batter keeps the cake moist. It has a rich flavor and it will become one of your favorite cakes. And it's made even more scrumptious with the cream cheese frosting! Please give it a try:

PINEAPPLE NUT CAKE

Ingredients:

2 c Flour

1 c Brown Sugar

1 c Sugar

2 t Baking Soda

1/2 t Cinnamon

1/2 t Salt

1/2 c Pecans

2 Lg Eggs

1 t Vanilla

1 20 oz. can

Crushed Pineapple

Frosting:

1 8oz. Pkg.

Cream Cheese

1 3/4 c Powdered Sugar

1 stick Butter

1 t Vanilla

1 or 2T Milk

Set oven to 350°. Spray or butter a 9x13" pan. In a bowl combine the flour, baking soda, cinnamon and salt, and whisk together to blend. In the bowl of a mixer, cream the cream cheese with the brown sugar, sugar. Add the eggs one at a time. Beat in the pineapple with its juice.

Gradually add the flour mixture, about 1/2 c at a time. Beat until smooth batter is formed. Scrape the bowl with a spatula to reach any dry spots of flour, add the pecans. Pour the batter into the pan and bake at 350° for 35 minutes. Let cool completely.

Prepare the frosting: Cream together the butter and the cream cheese until well combined. Then, set the mixer speed to low, and gradually add the powdered sugar and the Vanilla; beat in well. Scrape the bowl as needed. If needed to thin the frosting add 1 T milk and beat in. Only add the second tablespoon of milk if necessary. Beat the frosting until creamy. Spread the frosting on the cake. To serve, cut into generous squares with a dollop of whipped cream, yum!

Make this cake for your next Summer gathering everyone will love it

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Dear Editor:

An independent judiciary has been one of the cornerstones of American government since our country was just a concept. The idea seems simple.

The legislative branch makes the laws, the executive branch executes the laws and the judiciary is the referee, making sure everyone colors inside the lines. This system of checks and bal-

ances that we take for granted was completely unheard of when it was first proposed 250 years ago.

I often wonder how many of the landmark civil rights decisions we celebrate today would have come out differently if those judges had been forced to weigh public opinion instead of simply applying the law.

If they had to consider how their campaign donors would feel about their rulings, how much different would our country look today?

Like a referee, judges aren't supposed to decide who deserves to win. Their job is to apply the rules fairly, regardless of who benefits.

Traveling is traveling. Offside is offside. A strike is a strike. The correct call shouldn't change because of the crowd, the score, which team is more popular or which team donated more money to the referee.

We would accept nothing less in sports—a fun but ultimately trivial pastime—so why would we accept it in something as important and foundational as our courts?

Pay attention to the arguments being made by supporters of this Constitutional amendment.

Are any of them rooted in the law? Are they arguing that the justices misapplied the law, or simply that the decision doesn't square with their personal brand of partisan politics?

Voters are being told we need to remove politics from the courts. But how does injecting judges into increasingly partisan political campaigns accomplish that?

If the concern is that judges are becoming political, why make them more dependent on special interest dollars and the ever-changing winds of public opinion?

When the game is over, we don't ask the angry fans in the bleachers to vote on whether the umpire who made the critical call should get to keep their job.

And we certainly don't allow the teams to donate money to the umpires or referees to help them keep their jobs.

The current system has been in place for nearly 70 years and it works.

In Arkansas, where judges stand for election, Gov. Mike Huckabee issued over 1,000 pardons in his two terms alone. This is because the Governor's pardon ability has become the last resort to protect against unjust and incorrect court decisions.

This forces a process that is not transparent and extremely susceptible to graft and corruption.

By comparison, according to a 2023 Kansas Reflector article, Governor Kelly and her four predecessors – two Democrats and two Republicans – granted only 18 pardons over a 20-year period.

If the first quarter of the 21st Century in American politics has shown us anything it's that injecting partisan politics into something rarely makes it better.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD
SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT

NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT: The Board of Education, Unified School District No. 500, Kansas City, Kansas intends to enter into a sole source contract with Bailey Education Group, LLC of Ridgeland, Mississippi for job-embedded mathematics instructional coaching and support services at five District schools for the 2026-27 school year, funded in whole by federal ESEA Section 1003(a) School Improvement Grant funds. Vendors that believe they are qualified and capable of providing these services may submit a written capability statement to Wayne Correll, Director of Purchasing, wayne.correll@kckps.org, by 5:00 PM on July 30, 2026. Responses received will be reviewed solely to determine whether adequate competition exists. If no response demonstrates that adequate competition exists, the District will proceed with the sole source award.

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State of Kansas
Recreation Commission
2026-2027

NOTICE OF REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE HEARING AND BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
Turner Recreation Commission

will meet on September 15th, 2026 at 5:30 pm at 831 S. 55th St. Kansas City, Kansas 66106 for the purpose hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of funds.

Detailed budget information is available at Turner Recreation Commission and will be available at this meeting.

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BUDGET SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

The proposed budget year expenditure amount is the maximum expenditure limit for the proposed budget

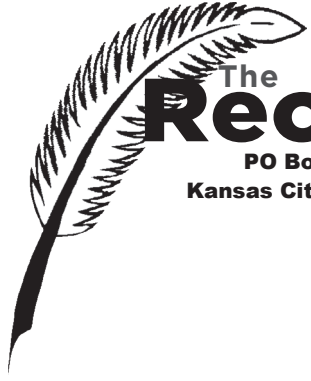
Fund	Prior Year Actual 2024/2025	Current Year Estimated 2025/2026	Proposed Budget Year 2026-2027
General	1,666,105	1,513,371	2,810,499
Employee Benefits	174,673	200,021	300,000
Totals	1,840,778	1,713,392	3,110,499

Lease Purchases:	2023	2024	2025
July 1,	0	0	0

Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988	4.960
Total Proposed Estimated Tax Rate	6.000

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