

2020 Utility Help Starting Soon

The Franchise Fee Credit Program that CRC administers for the City of Topeka is accepting applications for 2020 on February 5th! There is a \$20 increase this year in water credits.

Here is a breakdown of this year's utility credits:

- Electric - Evergy -- \$100.00 Credit
- Gas - Kansas Gas -- \$100.00 Credit
- Water - City Water -- \$75.00
- Wastewater - City -- \$65.00

The program provides an eligible household a onetime standardized credit for utility services. To qualify you must: be a Topeka resident, have a household income from 2019 that is less than \$34,450; AND meet the age, disability or dependent child qualifications. We ask that all of the required documents are brought in: proof of address, income from 2019, Driver's license, Social Security Cards for every individual in the household, and the birth certificate for children if qualifying by dependent kids in the household. The application form is available on our [website](#) or can be picked up at our office, completed onsite. Applications will only be accepted on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9am to 3pm. Any questions can be answered by viewing our [website](#) or by calling 785-233-1365.

Time For Taxes

[AARP](#) will open for free tax preparation at the CRC CARE Center @ Avondale East on February 5, 2020. CRC, in partnership with Community Action, will for the 6th year be hosting a tax site. Every Wednesday & Thursday tax preparers will be on site through April 15, 2020. Please call Community Action at [\(785\) 836-4500](tel:785-836-4500) to schedule an appointment. We have bilingual tax preparer services on site. The VITA program, sponsored by federal grant, will be offering free tax preparation assistance at several other locations in Topeka as well. To find a location near you visit [AARP Tax-Aide Locator](#) or www.shawnee.ksu.edu. Both programs are staffed by volunteers that go through weeks of training to become IRS-certified in order to provide tax-preparation services to older Americans, low to moderate-income filers, those with disabilities or limited English language skills.



SLA Graduation

Celebrate the Second Annual Graduation Ceremony for the class of trained and qualified leaders that come from the [Strategic Leadership Academy](#). This program provides an opportunity for emerging and established minority professionals and leaders to engage in various issues that surround Topeka's community.

The public is invited to attend on February 12 at 5:30pm in the Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center at Washburn University. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for children under 12. There will be a dinner and Cody Foster, co-founder of Advisors Excel, is the keynote speaker. There is also sponsorship opportunities available for organizations/businesses to purchase a section of the Graduation Program Booklet for advertisement. SLA's next class will start in May 2020. Anyone interested in being a participant



for this program are encouraged to contact a leader at SLA. Visit their [website](#), [Facebook](#), or call Cain Davis at 352-871-4555 for more information on the graduation ceremony, next class, or to help support Strategic Leadership Academy.

2020 Legal Outreach Clinics

[Kansas Legal Services](#) has set dates for their Legal Outreach Clinic for the first half of the year. The dates are as follows:

- January 29, JAAA @ 1:30pm - 4:30pm
- February 23, Papan's Landing @ 9am-12pm
- March 18, RoseHill Place @ 9:30am-12:30pm
- April 22, CRC Care Center @ 1:30pm-4:30pm

May 20, TSCPL @ 9am-12pm

There will also be a Scam Phone Calls presentation in April at GraceMed Highland Park Family Clinic on the 15th from 9am-10am. Each session will provide the chance for the audience to meet with an attorney for free to discuss & prepare Estate Documents, Wills, and power of Attorney forms.

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