City of Cheney

Cheney Chatter



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Administrator's Report by Randall Oliver

The City is currently working on a grant to help fund improvements to the new ball diamond complex on south Main St. We hope to hear positive news so we can start working on adding one more ball diamond to the west of the school's completed diamonds. If the grant is funded, Cheney Recreation and the City will each contribute up to \$15,000 and the city will supply the labor to install the needed facilities.

We are also working with Cheney Recreation Commission to develop a Master Plan for a future park area around the ball diamonds on South Main. We have hired LK Architecture to develop the master plan. We will hold a few community meetings in August to receive public input. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the community meetings. Thank you to the annual Make A Difference Day committee in helping provide funding for the plan. The Make A Difference Day event has been raising funds for community projects for over 20 years. Be sure to attend the event on October 1st, 2016!

The Sedgwick County Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) has been completed. We will hold a public hearing in October to hear comments during a Planning Commission meeting. Cheney will officially adopt the new map in their local floodplain ordinance during November/December. A higher level of floodplain management will now result in fewer homes and businesses that will be mapped into the floodplain the next time the FIRM is updated. The Preliminary map will become the effective Flood Plain Regulatory map for Cheney on December 22, 2016.

Construction has begun on the Sewer improvements for the Industrial Park along old highway 54. The contractor will install the force main first then start on the lift station and gravity line. This project is funded through the Kansas Department of Commerce CDBG grant at \$514,690.

As always, feel free to call or stop by City Hall with questions, comments or concerns.

Police Department

Hello citizens of Cheney! The new school year is rapidly approaching and things will begin to get hectic in everyone's lives. I know that by the time you all receive the newsletter, there will still be a few days left before the first day but we wanted to remind you to please be mindful of the increased traffic around the schools at the beginning and end of each day. Watch for foot traffic, bikes and parents trying to drop off and pick up kiddos. Also, please make yourselves aware of the new parking around all three schools as well as any new drop off and pick up policies the schools may have. We appreciate your attention to this matter and we are looking forward to the new school year. Please call anytime if you have any questions.

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Cherry Oaks	540-0133
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Sidewalk Grant

Do you have a sidewalk that needs repaired or replaced? Or do you wish to install a new sidewalk? The City of Cheney offers a \$500 sidewalk grant (per frontage).

Apply at City Hall!

Tree Compliance

Property owners are being asked to trim their tree limbs and undergrowth so it does not hang or extend down over any sidewalk less than eight feet from the level of such sidewalk nor less than 14 feet over any street. Limbs may be hauled to 3361 \$ 359th \$t W at no charge.

Cherry Oaks Golf Course

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The 16th Annual Friends of Cherry Oaks golf tournament, held June 26, was very successful! Thank you to all who played, sponsored and volunteered time and energy to make this event possible. The proceeds of this tournament fund golf course improvements. We are currently working hard to finish concreting the remaining cart paths.

The heat has ramped up and so has the golf. We encourage everyone to make a tee time in advance by calling 316-540-0133 or by visiting our website: www.cherryoaksgc.com.

Turf Tip

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Turf tip: Be careful not to over water your lawn during the high heat and humidity! A combination of high temperatures, high humidity, and moisture can lead to many turf diseases. Also, now is the time for insect control, grubs can be very destructive!

Cheney Public Library

As you know, there are people across Kansas who do not have access to tablets or other computer devices loaded with applications designed especially for their learning creating a significant digital divide between those who do have such devices and those that do not. Therefore, the library is excited to announce that we will be providing two in-house durable launchpads which are loaded with children's apps. The State Library of Kansas has made this possible and we are in hopes of obtaining adult launchpads in the future for our patrons.

We are working diligently this summer on providing reading levels on our children's collection in hopes of making it easier for students to identify books on their level. Please come in so we can show you the new system that will hopefully assist you in helping your child.

Come in and check out the LOADED Book Sale Vault!

Susan Woodard, Director

Maintenance Department

We will begin slurry sealing streets soon. If you receive a note on your front door, this indicates we will be working on your street the next day or two. Cones will be set up to block entrance/exit to that particular street. Please do not move or drive around the cones. Once the street is ready for traffic, (usually around 5 or 6 PM) we will remove the cones. Please park your vehicles on the nearest street the night before unless you will be leaving your residence before 7 AM. We appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Scoop it ---- Bag it ---- & Put it in the Trash

Cheney City Ordinance 856 states that it is unlawful for an animal to defecate on public right-of-way, public property or private property of another unless the person having immediate control of the animal immediately removes and properly disposes of the feces.

People having immediate control of an animal shall carry at all times a suitable container or other suitable instrument for the removal and disposal of animal feces.

Please be considerate to others when you are out walking your dogs.

Building Codes

Do I need a permit for a small storage or garden shed?

<u>Can I have a garage or carport in my back yard with access from the alley?</u>

Do I need a permit for a new roof?

Do I need a permit to install a water well?

Can I do a lot split on my property?

Does a pool require a fence?

Find the answers to these questions (and more!) on our website at cheneyks.org/government/buildingpermitinformation.html