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### Report from City Administrator Danielle Young

It seems hard to believe that the end of 2018 is quickly approaching. We are excited to announce that by the end of the year the Senior Center will receive an exterior update with new siding, soffit, and paint. It is essential to make the upgrades to the building to ensure long-term functionality for our programs as the building is used monthly for senior educational/social events, American Legion meetings, and over 5,000 noon meals are served and delivered annually from the Senior Center to those visiting the Center and home-bound individuals signed up for the Friendship Meal program.

By the end of December, the City will have also completed the construction of the ball diamond through grant funds at the Activities Complex. The ballfield perimeter fence and foundation for the dugouts were installed in the past month and will be completed before the end of the year along with new concrete behind the backstop, and some additional infill dirt.

Looking forward into next year, we have several projects lined up and hope to begin work on the priorities identified within the Community Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan. While several of the priorities include funding for the construction of new sidewalks, curb ramps, and trails, we are hopeful that the plan will allow us to obtain grant funding to implement the projects.

New Fall seasonal banners have been installed on Main Street funded by the Annual Make A Difference Day event. Banners were purchased in memory of Carl Koster, a professional photographer, former Mayor and Council member. The banners depict photographs from Carl's personal photography collection and seem to bring a new vibrant appeal to Main Street.

We hope you are able to enjoy the upcoming Holiday Season. Please stop by City Hall, call 316-542-3622, or send an email to [dyoung@cheneyks.org](mailto:dyoung@cheneyks.org) if you have any questions or concerns.

### THE CITY-WIDE WATER AND GAS METER CONVERSION PROGRAM IS NOW UNDER WAY!

The City of Cheney is now implementing an Automatic Meter Reading (AMI) system which will convert all existing water and gas meters to new meters and or retrofitted metering that will be automatically read via radio signals. In order to complete the conversion program, City employees will be notifying all residences of the approximate day of the change and to gain access if needed to existing meters which are located on your property.

The new meters will improve the accuracy and efficiency of the meter reading process. In addition, residents will have new notification features like detecting leaks within 48 hours of their occurrence, the ability to gather information on usage patterns, notifications of high usage alerts when a major property leak occurs, and many other features that will give the City the ability to manage our water and gas distribution better and more responsively. These and other features help our community preserve our water and gas assets for the future need and growth of our community. We look forward to completing this project that will benefit each of us and collectively as a community.

**There is NO CHARGE for the replacement (conversion) of your meter.** The meter replacement or retrofit will take approximately **20 minutes** to complete, during which time you will be without water. Time can be saved by clearing any obstructions from around the water or gas meter area before the appointment takes place.

**YOUR COOPERATION IS APPRECIATED.**

Brad Ewy

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### Contact Information:

Elected Officials:  
Mayor Linda Ball  
542-3732

Council Members  
Jeff Albers 619-3151  
Kassie Gile 640-4043  
Greg Kampling 540-6145  
Phil Mize 542-3830  
Greg Williams 393-4457

City Departments  
City Hall 542-3622  
Maintenance 542-3815  
Library 542-3331  
Fire Dept. 542-3155  
Police Dept. 542-3173  
Police- cell 213-5831  
Cherry Oaks 540-0133  
Emergencies 911

### DO YOU SMELL GAS?

**DO NOT** use matches or lighters.  
Extinguish cigarettes or smoking materials.

**DO NOT** use appliances or lights.  
**DO NOT** use telephone or cell phones near leak.

**LEAVE** immediately and call 542-3815 or 911

**For more information contact our website at [www.cheneyks.org](http://www.cheneyks.org)**

### Come Home for Christmas Saturday, December 1st

Join us on Main Street to visit Santa, Hay Rack Rides, Sugar Cookie Decorating, Vendors, Business Open Houses and BINGO!

Watch our Facebook & Website for more details coming soon!



## Cherry Oaks Golf Course

The leaves are turning colors, the grass is green, and the weather is perfect for golf! There is still time to get in a few more rounds of golf before winter sets in!

Call us today to book your next tee time!

Cherry Oaks has everything you need for your holiday shopping...golf shirts, hoodies, hats, clubs, gift certificates...check out our selection first!

[www.cherryoaksgc.com](http://www.cherryoaksgc.com)

Director of Golf Kevin Fowler

[kfowler@cheneyks.org](mailto:kfowler@cheneyks.org)



## Cheney Recreation Commission

Lots of programs available:

**Basketball, Bowling, Tae Kwon Do, Fitness, Gymnastics** and much more.

Don't forget all program information is available at [www.cheneyrec.com](http://www.cheneyrec.com).

Online registration is also available!

Follow us on Facebook and

Instagram for program updates.

## Police Department

**The adoption of the 2018 Standard Traffic Ordinance allowed golf carts to be driven after sunset if they meet the following qualifications:**

**Head Lamp (24-72" high)**

**Tail Lamp (15-72" high)**

**Turn Signals, Reflectors**

**One red reflector on rear**

**Multiple-beam Road-lighting Equipment**

**Stop Lamp**

**Upon registration or renewal, those interested in driving their golf carts at night will need to bring their golf cart to City Hall for inspection. Those meeting the requirements will be issued a reflective tag.**

**As cold weather approaches, please remember to clear your windshield of frost/ice before operating your vehicle. This will ensure a safe commute for you, other motorists and pedestrians.**

Chief Ken Winter

[kwinter@cheneyks.org](mailto:kwinter@cheneyks.org)

### Sign up for E-Statements!

Residents signed up for Auto-Debit can now sign up to have their Utility bills e-mailed! Visit our website: [cheneyks.org](http://cheneyks.org)

Cheney Emergency Fund applications available at City Hall for Holiday Distribution. Sign-up by Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>. Pickup scheduled for Nov 17<sup>th</sup> 8-9 am @ Senior Center. Contact Kathy @ Jim's for more info.

Snow Days: Please remember do not push the snow off your driveway into the streets. When the city plows the streets, the snow is moved to the curb. To avoid having your car plowed in, please try to remove your car from the street when heavy snow is predicted.



Need to retire a worn and tattered flag? Drop it off at City Hall in our new Flag Retirement Drop Box! Flags will then be retired through a ceremony by the American Legion.

## Debt Collection-

Unfortunately, unpaid account balances and fines can lead to financial instability and increased expenses for other customers. In an effort to collect unpaid debt, the City of Cheney contracts with the Kansas State Setoff Program and the Collection Bureau of Kansas for collection services. We urge all customers to please make sure account balances are taken care of upon leaving the City of Cheney or additional collection fees will be assessed to your account balance.

Effective January 1, 2019, the Cheney Public Library will also be contracting with the Collection Bureau of Kansas to collect unpaid library fines. If you have an overdue account, please contact the Library at 542-3331 to resolve the situation.

## Cheney Public Library

Fall weather is here! This is a great time to come in and check out a book and corresponding movie from the special shelf! Don't forget that we have books on CD for your relaxing days at home or that long car ride.

In the month of November, any teen can come in on a Thursday evening and receive a free hot chocolate or cappuccino while enjoying the large selection of board games available.

If you are interested in a book and don't want to purchase it, please give us a call! We will do everything possible to make sure you get what you are looking for!

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