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Report from City Administrator Danielle Young

It seems like just a few months ago we were writing a newsletter talking about what to expect in 2019 and now it's already the 4th quarter, which can only mean one thing.....The Singing Christmas trees at Veteran's Park will be making an appearance very soon! We hope to have another addition to our display this year- so be sure to stop by and check it out!

Our staff has been incredibly busy this year from installing new water meters and a new auto-read system on our gas and water meters, finishing the concrete and installing sunshades at the new ballfield, planning the 25th Anniversary Celebration, crosswalk improvements, 1st Annual National Night Out, and the list goes on for the projects we've tackled this year. None of these would have been possible without the creativity, dedication, and hard work by our employees. Our city is very fortunate to have such a great group of employees who care about making our community the best!

In December, Mayor Linda Ball will finish her Mayoral term. Mayor Ball became a Council member in 1981 and moved into the Mayor position in 2008. She has been the true definition of public servant as she has helped create a progressive community working for the public good. Being a part of a single project that benefits multi-generations is a feat in itself, but over 38 years Linda has been instrumental in numerous projects that have allowed our community to grow including the construction of our golf course, approving the expansion of the City's sewer lagoons and building a new water tower to allow for a larger population to be serviced, remodeling a downtown building into City Hall, expanding the Library, annexing land, opening new housing developments, purchasing ground to build new parks and pushing Cheney into the finals of an All-American City award. While this list only touches on a few projects she has been part of during her tenure, it shows the impact she has had in guiding the growth of our community.

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 if you have any questions or concerns.

Recycling

Recycling is a great way to help keep the environment clean and also reuse resources. The City of Cheney has recycling containers located South of the City Shop at 311 E South Ave (by the Fairgrounds). These containers are to be used strictly for beverage aluminum cans only. Funds from the cans are placed in a fund designated for future improvements at the Swimming Pool. **No plastic items, trash of any kind or other aluminum items should be placed in the aluminum can recycling containers.** We have to sort through and remove all other items which involves a lot of time.

Waste Connections has also reported seeing a large amount of contamination at their Recycling Center from Curb-side Recycling carts. Please remember that plastic grocery/trash bags, Styrofoam, food waste, electronics, shredded paper, light bulbs and mirrors are NOT acceptable materials. A complete list of accepted materials can be found on the City's website.

We ask that everyone please follow these guidelines and "Thank You" for recycling!
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Police Dept. 542-3173
Police- cell 213-5831
Cherry Oaks 540-0133
Emergencies 911
Crime Stoppers 267-2111

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

Come Home for Christmas Saturday, December 7th

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

Watch our Facebook & Website for more details coming soon!



Police Department

Hello and Fall Greetings from the Cheney Police Department. We hope you have noticed the new crosswalk improvements in the area of the elementary and middle school as well as the newly installed warning lights in the 100-200 block of W. Sixth, just north of the elementary school. There's also new school bus stop signage in the 600 block of N. Adams or right west of the elementary school. All was accomplished by a great working relationship between USD 268 and the City of Cheney.

As Fall is upon us, now comes the early morning frost/ice on our vehicle windshields. Please remember to take the time to clear your vehicle windows prior to leaving for your destination to eliminate any obstructed view. Finally, we truly appreciate the involvement of the community in helping us fight illegal activity in Cheney. Please continue to make those reports to us as we continue to partner together to keep Cheney a safe community for all!

Chief Ken Winter

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Cheney Recreation Commission

Many activities offered even as it cools down for the year. Tae Kwon Do, Fitness classes, basketball leagues and instructional programs, cooking, date nights with mom and/or dad plus more. All can be viewed online and registered at www.cheneyrec.com.

CRC also is hiring basketball officials and provides training, please consider helping our youth and community out and make some extra money as the holidays near. Contact the office at 542-0010.

Cheney Emergency Fund applications available at City Hall for Holiday Distribution. Sign-up by Nov. 8th. Pickup scheduled for Nov 9th 8:30-9:30 am @ Senior Center. Contact Kathy @ SPK for more info.

Ordinance 922 adopted on September 12th, 2019 prohibits the discharge of dirt, compost, waste, litter, trash, leaves, grass, and weeds upon any city street. Anyone found in violation may be subject to a fine up to \$100.

Why Do Grass Clippings in the Street Matter?...

Yard Waste Blown in the Street/Gutter clogs storm drains which can lead to flooding and sediment build-up in ponds, creeks, and streams. It also feeds algae blooms, which can harm aquatic animals. The City is then faced with additional expenses in labor and equipment to unclog the storm drains.

How Can I Help?...

- Don't blow grass clippings or leaves into the streets.
- Blow/sweep yard waste out of the street/gutter.
- Reapply grass clippings to reduce solid waste and decrease the need to fertilize/water.
- Don't allow other items, such as oil, paint or pet waste to wash into the storm sewer.



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.

Cherry Oaks Golf Course



FINALLY Fall weather is here! The beautiful Fall weather that we are experiencing is perfect for golfing! The golf course is in great shape, now is the perfect time to get those rounds in. Call us today! 316-540-0133

Turf Tip: A late fall fertilizer application provides necessary nutrients for the roots to grow stronger and thus a healthier lawn come spring. Winter watering is also essential. Root systems are active as long as the ground is not frozen. Prep that lawn for another year of Kansas weather, who knows what highs and lows Mother Nature will provide in 2020!

Director of Golf Kevin Fowler

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Cheney Public Library

Stop by and look at the new carpet in the downstairs of **your** library! We are in hopes that you will be as pleased with it as we are.

We have started a new Teen Advisory Board! If your teen would be interested, please have them call the library (542-3331) and ask for Susan for more information.

If you are signing up for Medicare and/or reassessing your Medicare Part D this year, we can help! We will be hosting Central Plains Area Agency on Aging in November to help you through the process. This will be by appointment only so if you are interested, please call the library and ask for Susan for more information.

Thank you for **all the support** you give to this library!

Susan Woodard, Director

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