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Administrator's Report by Randall Oliver

The City of Cheney would like to wish each of you a Happy New Year. We look forward to the possibilities of 2014 and would like to share with you the highlights of 2013.

Property- The City of Cheney sold the Main Street Lots at 2nd and Main to Citizen's State Bank. The City also determined finances would not be available to develop the 38.5 acres of land purchased in 2004 for future recreational purposes along Hoover Rd. The land was auctioned and sold in two lots in October. City staff also worked with GBT Realty and Dollar General to acquire 8 acres located east of the store. Dollar General has donated the land to the City.

Library Remodel- The Library completed their beautiful renovation of their upstairs in September, doubling the size of the library! The upstairs now houses the young adult section, adult nonfiction, high-speed computers, coffee bar, and study area. It also allowed for more room on the lower level for the children section!

New Home Incentives- The Cheney City Council approved to waive the utility connection fees for gas, water, and wastewater on any new residential home for 2013. This will save a total of \$2,365 on a new home permit. This program was recently extended to December 31, 2014.

Playground Equipment- Make A Difference Day allocated over \$5,000 and the City Council approved \$8,000 towards the purchase of a large play structure and new swing set in Hoyt-Ingram Park on Shadybrook. The equipment has been ordered and will be installed this spring!

Lean-to- A 30' x 120' x 16' lean-to was added to the south side of the maintenance shop to keep equipment out of the weather.

Weather Radios- The City applied for and received a grant to help offset the price of weather radios. We sold a total of 300 weather radios to residents.

Cherry Oaks Golf Course- The City leased 50 new golf carts for Cherry Oaks and 12 new driving range mats were installed. The new driving range mats were all paid for and donated by businesses and individuals. A sand trap was also added to the south side of the practice green.

New Cheney Sign- New graphics and sign backing were installed on the "Welcome to Cheney" sign located in Highway 54.

Safe Routes to School- The \$250,000 sidewalk improvement project, funded through a KDOT grant, was completed with 3,123 yards of concrete.

Swimming Pool- The Swimming Pool Bath House received a make-over with a new roof donated by Larry Booze Roofing and the underwater mural painted by the Cheney High School Art student volunteers.

Kansas Government Journal- Cheney was featured in the May issue of the Kansas Government Journal in an article title "Volunteers Galore- Cheney, KS" highlighting the many projects that have been completed through donated time and labor.

Eagle Scout Projects- Council recognized Blaine Galloway and Nic Molyneux for volunteering their time to make Cheney a better place as part of their Eagle Scout projects. Galloway painted address numbers along the curbs and Molyneux helped erect new street signs.

As 2014 is upon us, the City will be working on updating the 10-year Comprehensive Plan. The primary objective is to identify and examine the challenges faced by the City and propose appropriate strategies and opportunities that take advantage of the City's existing and potential strengths. The City's updated Comprehensive Plan must help define a vision of Cheney's future that will inspire, guide and direct growth in the City while being responsive to citizen needs and desires. To achieve these objectives, the City proposes to work interactively with the City Council, Cheney Area Planning Commission, planning staff, Cheney citizens, the corporate community and other stakeholders to develop an updated Comprehensive Plan.

The City will also be working with a bond council to refund two bonds and one loan to take advantage of lower interest rates. This refunding is estimated to save \$65,000. We will also look at refunding a KDHE water loan if interest rates remain low in January 2014.

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Cherry Oaks 540-0133
Emergencies 911

PUBLIC SAFETY AWARENESS: **Do you Smell Natural Gas?**

1. Do **NOT** use matches or lighters. Extinguish cigarettes or smoking materials.
2. Do **NOT** use appliances or lights.
3. Do **NOT** use telephone or cell phones near leak.
4. **LEAVE** immediately and call 542-3815 or 911

The City of Cheney would like to congratulate the following employees on hitting milestones in 2013 and thank them for their years of service:

- Randall Oliver, Administrator- 40 years
- Monte Viner, Cheney-Fire Rescue- 30 years
- Jerry Peitz, Cheney Fire-Rescue- 20 years
- Scott Blackburn, Cheney Fire-Rescue- 10 years
- Craig Pittman, Police Department- 10 years
- Nate Jones, Cheney Fire-Rescue- 10 years
- David Campbell, Cheney Fire-Rescue- 5 years
- Jeff Albers, Council member- 2 terms (8 years)

Sedgwick County Department on Aging Transportation

Did you know Sedgwick County provides low fare rides into Wichita from Cheney? Anyone wishing to ride must first complete an application. To schedule a ride to a doctor appointment or for other errands, arrangements must be made 24 hours in advance. Fares are around \$3 each way. To complete an application go to www.sedgwickcounty.org/aging/transportation.asp or call 1-800-367-7298

Cherry Oaks Pro Shop

Cherry Oaks Golf Course is looking forward to 2014 and would like to let you know about the changes in the upcoming year. Our website www.cherryoaksgc.com will undergo a transformation, so please be sure to check it out and also 'like' Cherry Oaks Golf Course on Facebook for current happenings and promotions. Our pavilion can also be rented out at a rate of \$60 for 4 hours from various events. Also, if you're interested in holding a company outing or fundraiser golf tournament, please call Jim Richmond at (316)540-0133 for more information.

James Richmond jrichmond@cheneyks.org

NEW Prices in 2014

Green Fees (Weekends & Holidays) 18 Hole	\$24.00
Green Fees (Weekdays) 18 Hole	\$21.00
Weekday 9 Hole Green Fee	\$13.00
Weekend 9 Hole Green Fee	\$14.00
Senior Green Fee (over 60) weekday	\$14.00
Senior Green Fee (over 60) weekend	\$16.00
Military Rate Green Fee Weekday	\$14.00
Military Rate Green Fee Weekend	\$16.00
Green Fee Punch Card (10 for price of 8)	\$192.00
Family Rate (2 Parents, up to 3 kids)	\$35.00
Season Ticket any day- Individual	\$900.00
Season Ticket Couple (Husband & Wife)	\$1100.00

Tournament Fees (no price adjustments for 2014)

Weekend per person	\$43.00
Thursday and Friday per person	\$38.00
Tuesday and Wednesday per person	\$33.00
Monday per person	\$30.00

Green Fees (High/Grade School student weekday)	\$8.00
Green Fees (High/Grade School student weekend)	\$10.00
Twilight Fee (after 4 pm Mon-Fri)	\$13.00
5 Hole Junior Loop	\$5.00
Cart Fees (18 Holes/2 Riders)	\$26.00
Cart Fees (9 Holes/2 Riders)	\$19.00
Half Cart (18 Holes/1 Rider)	\$13.00
Half Cart (9 Holes/1 Rider)	\$9.50
Pull Cart	\$5.00
Golf Cart Punch Card (10 for the price of 8)	\$104.00
Unlimited Golf Cart	\$650.00
Range Balls (Large Bag)	\$5.00
Range Ball (Small Bag)	\$3.50
Driving Range Punch Card	\$40.00
Driving Range Unlimited	\$250.00
Season Ticket Individual Senior (Over age 60)	\$600.00
Season Ticket Junior (High/Grade School student)	\$250.00
Season Ticket Young Adult (Age 18-34)	\$600.00
Season Ticket Single Woman	\$600.00
Season Ticket Weekday Only (Individual)	\$700.00

Cherry Oaks Turf Tip:

Winter watering is very important!

Above ground, the grass has gone into dormancy and the leaves have fallen from the trees, below ground there is still much activity. The vibrant root zones of our turf and trees remain active as long as the soil is not frozen. If the weather remains dry, it is a good idea to drag the hose out of the garage on days when the air temperature is above freezing and give the grass and the trees a quick drink to ensure the root systems remain healthy for another round of whatever Mother Nature gives us next year.

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WINTER WEATHER:

In an effort to keep roads safe, the City Maintenance Department has developed a plan to **pre-treat roadways** with liquid salt brine. Hopefully this will allow snow and ice to melt from the roadways quicker.

Please Remember: When heavy snow is forecasted, citizens are asked to park in their driveways. This courtesy will keep the snow plow from blocking vehicles parked along the curb when clearing streets.

It is the **owner/occupants responsibility** to clear their sidewalks of all snow and ice.