



### City Updates:

The end of 2023 brought with it the start of new beginnings within our Governing Body. Councilmember Greg Kampling served as Cheney Councilmember for the past 16 years. Greg was a part of numerous projects that have benefited multi-generations and allowed our community to grow and prosper. We are thankful for his dedication to the City. Our newly elected Councilmember Tyler Cramer took the Oath on December 14<sup>th</sup>.

We are excited to have so many projects take place in 2023 and look forward to 2024. Many projects have been discussed for years, but COVID and the loss of several staff members, have delayed our projects; however, years of planning allowed us to set aside funds for these projects, saving the city financing costs.

**Fire Station Addition-** The Fire Station Project should be completed in early 2024 and is the addition of five bays. The original Fire Station was constructed 50 years ago and as equipment size has increased, our fire trucks are now parked bumper to bumper and wall to wall to allow the overhead doors to close. After many years of discussion, it was decided that adding on to the existing station was the best option. The new addition will also allow the Sedgwick Co. EMS Response Vehicle to park inside our station and increase the time they spend providing service to our community each day.

**Street Projects-** The construction of 32 ADA curb ramps and seven valley gutters will be complete in January. The project was funded through a KDOT Cost Share Grant. In 2024, the plan is to completely tear out and replace 4th Ave from Main Street to Wolf St. The city will also be adding a traffic radar sign on South Main and will begin utilizing a mobile radar sign that can be placed in other areas to help monitor traffic speeds.

**Swimming Pool-** Discussion of a new pool has been a hot topic the past few years as a committee was formed and discussions began with pool consultants and contractors. However, the project was placed on hold due to escalating costs from inflation well beyond our initial project budget. The committee and City Council have looked at ways to reduce the overall costs of the project, but also want to build a pool that will be adequate for the community over the next 50 years. (The current pool was built in 1957!) It is hopeful a final decision will be made in 2024 on the future of our pool.

**Sports Complex-** In 2023 we completed our LWCF grant projects with a sidewalk and curbing, irrigating and seeding the multi-use fields at the north end of the complex, and installing a waterline. We love to see the basketball and pickleball courts in use by so many and are excited about the endless possibilities of the new green space for individual and rec use. The City is also working to complete a trail around the complex. The trail work is being completed by City staff and volunteers, in the same manner as the concrete walking trail and cart paths were constructed at Cherry Oaks Golf Course. Bob Downey donated a beautiful pedestrian bridge as part of the trail. Other upcoming projects in 2024 include constructing a park restroom and large covered picnic shelter near the basketball court. The project will utilize American Rescue Plan Funds that the City received for the construction. Completion of the 4th ballfield is also in the works with sunshades, concrete, dugouts and fencing.

Be sure to check out the new wayfinding signage and newly completed mural at 3rd and Main that were funded from the Office of Rural Prosperity in the Kansas Department of Commerce. The beautiful new art additions speak to our visitors and residents as a welcome to our community.

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**Upcoming Events:**  
**Firehouse Flapjacks**  
**7:30-10:30 am**  
**Jan 13, 20, 27th**

**Cheney Community-**  
**wide Garage Sales-**  
**May 23rd-25th**

**City-Wide Clean-up-**  
**June 1st**

**Sedgwick County**  
**Fair- July 10-13th**

**Don't forget to**  
**renew your Golf**  
**Cart/UTV Tags for**  
**2024.**

**Lead Pipe Survey REQUIRED!**

Don't forget to complete your lead pipe survey. The city is required in conjunction with the EPA and KDHE to conduct a lead service line inventory of ALL municipal water customers. Surveys are available at City Hall or on our website [www.cheneyks.org](http://www.cheneyks.org)

All surveys must be completed in 2024. City Staff has dedicated a large portion of their time in collecting these surveys from each water customer. Surveys have been mailed out to all customers. If you have not completed a survey, please return it ASAP, or a city employee will soon be knocking on your door to conduct the survey in person.

The City currently, and in the past, has had no lead issues within our water supply system, but we must conduct this survey to inventory all privately owned service lines in the system. We greatly appreciate members of the community for taking the time to fill out the survey.

**SUPPORT THE POOL!**

Please continue supporting the pool fund by donating your aluminum cans.

The Aluminum can trailer is now located at the city maintenance shop at 311 E. South Ave. (where the ferris wheel sets up during the fair.) The trailer was relocated there from the fire station during construction, but we hope for it to return to the Fire Station-525 N Main once construction is complete.

The funds collected from recycling the cans goes straight into an account for new pool updates! In 2023, we collected 4,000 pounds of aluminum!

**Cherry Oaks Golf Course  
WINTER SPECIAL  
\$20- 9 holes w/ cart  
\$30-18 holes w/ cart  
\$25- 18 holes w/ cart (Senior)  
7 days a week!**

Please follow us on Facebook at [City of Cheney](https://www.facebook.com/CityofCheney) for updated information. If you don't have Facebook, visit our website at [cheneyks.org](http://cheneyks.org) and you can view our Facebook feed on our website's homepage. Also follow [Cheney Fire Rescue](#), [Cherry Oaks Golf Course](#), [Cheney Public Library](#) and [Cheney Police Department](#) for additional updates from these departments. The City is not affiliated with the Facebook group [Cheney Chat](#). It is best to contact the city directly with questions or to report emergencies.

**Stop paying \$3.95 fee to credit card processor...**

Several of our utility customers pay a \$3.95 fee to the credit card processor each month when paying their bill online. Did you know that the City can automatically withdraw your utility bill from any bank account on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month, for FREE? To sign up for this **FREE** service, contact City Hall and we'll mail you the form or you can print the auto-debit form on our website at <http://cheneyks.org/forms/utilityforms.html>

**Dog Registration & Dogs At Large-**

There continues to be many dogs running loose throughout the city. Registering your dog with the City allows us to contact *YOU* directly if your dog is running at large. It also saves the owner money in fines and impound fees.

It is unlawful for a dog owner to allow their dog to run at large within the City at any time. Every owner of any dog over 6 months of age shall register their dog with the City and present a current certificate of immunization against rabies.

It costs \$10/year to register unspayed or unneutered dogs and \$5/year to register spayed or neutered dogs. Registered dogs will be issued a tag for their collar. Remember to register or re-register your dog at the time of their annual vet appointment!

**ENERGY ASSISTANCE:**

**Need assistance paying your gas bill? LIEAP applications are now available at City Hall or online at [www.dcf.ks.gov](http://www.dcf.ks.gov) until March 29<sup>th</sup>. Contact Angie at City Hall for assistance on completing an application.**

**Applicants must be personally responsible for paying the heating costs incurred at the current residence, payable either to the landlord or the fuel vendor. Applicants must demonstrate a recent history of payments toward the purchase of the primary heating energy.**

**2024 Income Eligibility Guidelines**

<b>Persons Living At the Address</b>	<b>Max Gross Monthly Income</b>
1	\$1,823
2	\$2,465
3	\$3,108
4	\$3,750
5	\$4,393
6	\$5,035
7	\$5,678
8	\$6,320
9	\$6,936
<b>+1 \$643 for each additional person</b>	