

NEWSLETTER



SEPTEMBER 10, 2021

Shane J. Shields, City Manager

HALLOWEEN
Masquerade Ball

Costume Contest!
***Scariest *Most Original**

1st Place- \$100.00 Cash
2nd Place- Chamber Bucks
3rd Place- Travelin' Smoke BBQ

\$25 Single
\$40 Couple
Tickets available @ City Hall & Chamber office.

Saturday, Oct. 30th, 8 PM-Midnight
At Memorial Auditorium
Hors D'oeuvres / Cash Bar

Contest starts @ 10 PM

UTILITY BILLING UPDATE

As mentioned in the August 20 newsletter, the meter reader positions that were most recently vacant were filled. Training has occurred and continues. They are working diligently to get caught up and return to the typical reading schedule. They are working to complete billing cycle 2, which will be late a number of days. Statements will be completed and mailed as soon as possible. The City does accept payment in advance on utility accounts. The City will also work with the customer, in most instances, regarding their utility bill. Please contact the Utility Billing Office several days prior to the penalty date on the billing statement to discuss options for any arrangement.

Welcome

We welcome Kyle Tuttle to the position of Executive Secretary in the City Manager's Office. Kyle began her duties with the City on August 30th. Kyle was previously employed by the City as the Administrative/Billing Clerk for the Fire/EMS Department from 2010 to 2017. She most recently served as an Administrative Assistant in the Sumner County Planning and Zoning Department for the past five years.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Transfer Station Project / Scale House Makeover

Conco has been making progress with dirtwork on the site.

Sanitation Supervisor Tommy Norris repainted the outside of the scale house at the Transfer Station/Landfill earlier this week.



Before



After

Wellington Lake

It is that time of the year when camping season comes to an end and waterfowl season approaches. Camp sites will be required to vacate by October 29th with the exception of Old West and Shade. Annual duck blind holders are required to submit new applications/fees for their blinds. An annual duck blind meeting will be held in October.



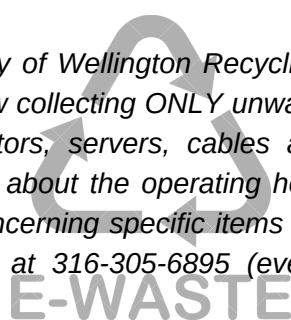
Street/Sanitation-New Employees

The Street Department has welcomed three (3) new employees this past month. Blayz Marshall & Ethan Creamer started as Seasonal workers this Summer and were recently selected to fill vacant full-time positions. Gene Watts was selected to fill a third vacant full-time position in the Street Department. Andrew Marymee was recently hired in the Sanitation Department.

Public Works Roof

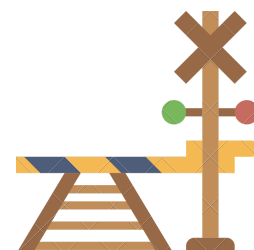
The roof replacement on the Public Works facility was completed last week.

Computer E-Waste Collection Day at the City of Wellington Recycling Center on Saturday ~ SEPTEMBER 11, 2021 between 9:00 AM and 12:00 PM. We are now collecting ONLY unwanted, working and non-working electronic devices. Computers, laptops, networking, LED monitors, servers, cables and plugs. NOT accepting CRT monitors, TV's, microwaves or printers) For more information about the operating hours, please contact Jeremy Jones, Public Works Director, at 620-326-7831. For questions concerning specific items to be collected or data destruction, please contact Pete at 316-305-6896 (evenings) or Julian at 316-305-6895 (evenings). Or visit them on Facebook - E-waste Wellington.



BNSF Crossings

BNSF began work on Thursday ~ September 9th to smooth out the tracks at the crossings located on "C" Street, Jefferson Ave, Washington Ave, "G" Street and "H" Street. The streets at these crossings will be closed for a few hours throughout the duration of this project.



PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Mylar Balloon in Power Line

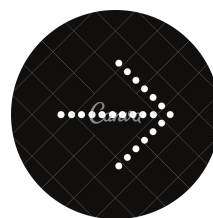
On Tuesday ~ September 7th around 11:30 AM, the Electric Department received a report of something tangled in the power lines on the South side of Wheat Capitol Manor. Upon arrival, a Helium-filled mylar shark balloon was found entangled in our 69 kV Sub_Transmission tie. Mylar is conductive and has, in the past, caused primary faults. The Gas Turbine was brought on line, the South 69 kV tie was opened at 11:48 AM, removal was completed, and the line re-energized at 12:00 PM. Reports like this one are very helpful, and prevent a hazardous situation from becoming worse.



Be sure to check out the Wellington Airport Open House event tomorrow (Saturday ~ September 11th). Fly-In breakfast 7:00am-9:00am, Dan Gryder Aviation Safety Presentation 9:30am - 10:30am & Young Eagles Rides 10:30am - 3pm. The 3 Critters BBQ food truck will be available for lunch.



UPCOMING MEETINGS



- MON 9/13: PARK BOARD - 545P
- WEDN 9/15: LIBRARY BOARD-530P
- THURS 9/16: HCA BOARD-NOON
- MON 9/20: AIRPORT ADVISORY BD-7P
- TUE 9/21: CITY COUNCIL-630P