

SEPTEMBER 24, 2021

NEWSLETTER



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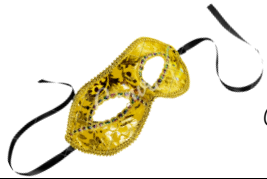
Fall Festival October 9th, 2021 Sponsored by Cowley College

Chili Cookoff -Sponsored by Sumner County Historical & Genealogical Society

Cinnamon Roll Contest -Sponsored by No. 7 Coffee House

Live Music on the stage in Heritage Park featuring Jared Brown, solo artist -Sponsored by RCB Bank

Memorial Auditorium Board's Halloween Masquerade Ball



Don't forget to purchase your tickets for the Halloween Masquerade Ball to be held at the Memorial Auditorium on Saturday ~ October 30th from 8pm to Midnight. Tickets available at City Hall & Chamber of Commerce (\$25.00 single / \$40.00 couple). KSN's Good Day Kansas will be featuring an interview regarding the event on Thursday ~ October 21st @ 12:30pm.

PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT



Utility Bill Update

The meter readers are nearing completion of Cycle 1 (Routes 1 through 13) and will begin Cycle 2 (Routes 14 to 30) the final week of September. We want to thank Electric Production for sharing John Karns and Randy Cary with us, as well as Electric Distribution for allowing Cordell Barnes to all help us get back on track! Blayz Marshall will be training with one of our new meter readers today as a back-up from the Street Department. Also, former meter reader, Nick Miller, has been spending his evenings gathering electric and water meter readings. Thanks to our current meter readers, Jarod Riggs and Justin Owens, for the extra effort to learn the routes quickly. The Utility Office greatly appreciates the resilient teamwork amongst departments!

Water Production

Plant staff have been busy operating and maintaining the water plant. We have two operators and one trainee applying to take water certifications in Emporia on December 9th.

Water usage for the week of September 17th - September 23rd.

Water treated - 11,137,500 gallons Daily Avg. - 1,591,071 gallons

Water sent to town - 9,987,000 gallons Daily Avg. - 1,426,714 gallons

Lake level - 1208.5 or 16" low

River flow - 33.7 cfps

River pump - Off

River water pumped for the year - 73,429,000 gallons

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

HERITAGE PLAZA

The Wellington Parks Special Development group presented concept and design plans for Heritage Plaza to the Council on September 21st. Heritage Plaza will include a makeover to the existing Heritage Park and include development of the vacant lot at the southeast corner of 7th & Washington. Heritage Plaza will provide a central community gathering space as well as a Welcoming point to residents and visitors. The Council gave their approval to the concept design presented. The Wellington Parks Special Development group will provide information about the project at the Fall Festival and will begin fundraising efforts. The Council also approved staff's request to begin removing trees and the dirt berms in preparation of this project. Many of the trees are showing signs of disease or decay and are dropping limbs. Removal of the berms will provide more flat, usable spectator space for seating and tables during events.

Wellington Lake

The Lake Office will close for the season after tomorrow (Saturday-September 25th). Staff will begin reviewing rates and regulations for the Wellington Lake as well as redefining the camping season "opening day" procedures for next year. Public meetings will be scheduled to gather information.

Lake Staff will host the annual Area Lake Meeting on November 10, 2021. Representatives from Winfield, Marion, Harvey & Afton Lakes will be in attendance. These meetings provide an opportunity for Lake Staff to network with area lakes and discuss procedures, regulations and other topics.

Aquatic Center Closed

The Aquatic Center is closed for the season and has been drained. Park Department Staff will perform winterizing procedures soon.

The City's Seasonal laborer for the Downtown landscaping has been working hard to keep the planters looking beautiful this season. In the next couple of weeks, he will be planting mums & asters in preparation for the Fall season.

DOWNTOWN PLANTERS

Code Enforcement: Maintaining Alleyways

The City of Wellington Building & Codes Department would like to remind our citizens of their responsibilities in maintaining alleyways next to their properties. As Code Enforcement continues to patrol the community daily, we have noticed many alleys not being maintained properly. Please remember City Code requires that no alleys should have overgrown weeds of over 12 inches. Property owners and residents are responsible for trimming trees and shrubs to prevent them from hanging into the alley and scratching vehicles. Alleys should be free of inoperable vehicles, litter and debris. In an effort to control litter and excess debris in your alleyway and surrounding areas, please make sure that your trash is always contained in bags. Trash receptacle lids should be placed and secured appropriately. The Sanitation Department will not collect large items (mattresses, appliances, furniture) with the regular refuse collection routes. The landfill rates for household trash or refuse are \$.02 per pound with a minimum charge of \$1.50 per load.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- TUES 9/28: HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD-1230P
- TUES 9/28: PLANNING COMMISSION-6P
- TUES 10/5: CITY COUNCIL-630P
- WEDN 10/6: MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM BOARD-530P
- MON 10/11: PARK BOARD-545PM