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NEWSLETTER

SHANE J. SHIELDS, CITY MANAGER

Be sure to get out & enjoy all the activities tomorrow in



Downtown Wellington –



FALL FESTIVAL & Time Capsule Burial

For a complete schedule of events, please visit the Chamber of Commerce website:
wellingtonschamber.com



Halloween Masquerade Ball-October 30th

The Memorial Auditorium Board met on Wednesday ~ October 6th and, with careful consideration of the current COVID-19 statistics & lack of ticket sales, the consensus was to cancel this event.



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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Street Department Supervisor Position

Interviews were conducted on September 28th & September 30th for the Street Department Supervisor position that was vacated with the retirement of Darren Vargas. Adam Erber, who has worked for the City of Wellington for 22 years, 20 of those years in the Street Department, was selected to fill this position.

KDHE Inspection-Transfer Station

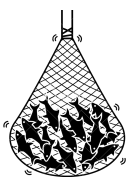
KDHE performed the annual inspection at the Transfer Station on Tuesday ~ September 28th and did not identify any non-compliant issues. The Inspector complimented the significant improvements since the last inspection.

The City of Wellington Recycling Center is happy to announce that we are working with Sunset Glass Recycling for the collection and recycling of glass products. Collection of glass will begin Saturday, October 2nd during normal business hours at the Recycling Center, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Sunset Glass Recycling is a local startup business that grinds the glass for use as sand, art projects and other reuse options. Please rinse/wash all glass containers before recycling and bring in the caps, corks and lids from those containers as they recycle those also. Sunset Glass Recycling can be reached by phone at 620-440-8438, on Instagram: @sunsetglassrecycling, or on Facebook: Sunset Glass Recycling.



The Aquatic Center was drained the week of September 6th which officially ends the swimming season for 2021. Park Department Staff have been working to determine the cause of abnormal water loss.

The Street Department repaired a water cut at Lincoln Ave. & "A" St. this week. The area had to be zipped and replaced. Lincoln Avenue between "A" Street and Ash Street was closed through late Wednesday.



KDWP conducted net testing @ Hargis Watershed on Friday ~ October 1st and will be conducting the net testing at Wellington Lake October 11-13th. This procedure determines the health of the fish as well as population and what types of fish need to be restocked. Based on the results, Hargis has a significant amount of crappie but will need to be restocked with saugeye.

The Lake was restocked on Thursday ~ October 7th with 2000 Channel Cat ranging in size from 8 to 10 inches long.

Computer E-Waste Collection Day at the City of Wellington Recycling Center on *Saturday ~ OCTOBER 9, 2021 between 9:00 AM and 12:00 PM.*

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.

E-WASTE

Flour Sack from Germany

The Council was recently presented with a letter and item received from a resident in Germany.

A letter from Ms. Anni Hartl, of Dachau, Germany, was received with a package in late July. The package contained a flour sack that came from Hunter Milling Co., Wellington, Ks. The letter was written in German and was translated for us by Uwe Conrad of Cowley College. Ms. Hartl explained that her family found the flour sack in cleaning efforts. She stated "The American Army came to Germany in 1945 and with it ended the terrible war and saved many German from starvation. Its content surely aided in someone's survival. The empty sack was still of value and continued to be used to the point that it needed mending. I have washed and ironed it and would like to return it to you after such a long time as a memento friendship. Maybe my returning it will give you some joy."

The flour sack and letter was presented to the Memorial Auditorium Board for display in the Veterans Room. Mr. Conrad will assist us in preparing a letter, in German, to return to Ms. Hartl thanking her for her kind gesture and informing her of our plans to display the artifact.

PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Utility Billing Update

The Utility Office is making every effort in working with customers and making reasonable Payment Agreements when a customer is unable to pay their bill. If you are unable to pay the entire balance, then let the office know the timeframe you need. All agreements may be discussed and figured out over the phone, but must be signed in person or in some instances by email. We also have Good Faith Agreements and the Average Monthly Payment plan if requirements are met. Do not hesitate to reach out by calling 326-2821, or stopping by City Hall @ 317 S. Washington.

Water Production

Water plant staff have been busy with KDHE sampling. Crews have taken TOC samples as well as THM samples.

Weekly numbers for the week of 30 Sep. 2021 - 6 Oct. 2021.:

Total water in - 8,934,000 gallons

Daily average in - 1,276,285 gallons

Total water out - 8,041,000 gallons

Daily average out - 1,148,714 gallons

Current Wellington Lake level - 1208' 0" or 21" low

Chikaskia River status - 38.9 cfs

River pump status - OFF

*Upcoming
Meetings*



- MON 10/18: AIRPORT ADVISORY BD-700PM
- TUES 10/19: CITY COUNCIL-630PM
- WEDN 10/20: LIBRARY BD-530PM
- THURS 10/21: HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY-12PM
- TUES 10/26: HOUSING AUTHORITY-1230PM
- TUES 10/26: PLANNING COMMISSION-600PM