



NOVEMBER 5, 2021



NEWSLETTER

Shane J. Shields, City Manager

*Thank you to all
Veterans!*

***The annual Wellington Veteran's Day Program will be held
on Thursday ~ November 11th at
10 a.m. at the Wellington High School Auditorium.***

The Veteran's Room in the Memorial Auditorium will be open for tours from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on Thursday ~ November 11th.

**City Offices will be closed on Thursday ~ November 11th
in observance of Veteran's Day.**

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Street Department

The Ingersoll-Rand Steel Drum Roller was sold through Foley-Cat and the company that purchased it picked it up on Wednesday ~ November 3rd. The Street Department is working towards eliminating equipment that is no longer used or needed.



On Friday ~ October 29th, an oversized semi & trailer became high-centered in the median on the South leg of US 81 & W 8th St. These types of incidents occur from time to time and involve the Police & Street Departments for traffic control and sign removal until the area is cleared.

Lake Campsites

All campsites are now closed for the season, with the exception of Old West & Shade. This is to ensure water fowl season, camping and certain other recreational activities can safely coexist.

KACE Conference-Code Official

Erma Ratliff-Code Official attended the annual KACE (Kansas Association of Code Enforcement) Conference in Manhattan, KS this week. KACE provides these training opportunities and certification to train Code Officials, supply continuing education, and promote the advancement of the code compliance profession in the State of Kansas.

Heritage Park

Davis Tree removed trees in Heritage Park on Thursday ~ November 4th. This begins preparations of this area for the Heritage Plaza improvements proposed by the Wellington Special Parks Development Group.



Sanitation Holiday Schedule

In honor of Veteran's Day, the Transfer Station/Landfill and Compost Site will be closed on Thursday ~ November 11th. Refuse collection routes will run as scheduled on Thursday.

PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Water Production

Water Plant Staff and Electric Distribution took out the radiator from the Water Plant's main generator to be repaired. Staff is also working on repairs to the Plant's mower trailer. Water samples were taken for Trihalomethanes (THMs) & Haloacetic acids (HAA). When disinfection (such as the use of chlorine) is used in the treatment of drinking water, disinfectants combine with organic and inorganic matter present in the water to form compounds called disinfection byproducts. EPA sets standards for controlling the levels of these byproducts (THMs & HAAs) in drinking water. KDHE requires samples to be collected on a quarterly basis. These samples are just one of many steps taken to help keep your drinking water safe.

Water usage for October 28th - November 3rd:

Water treated - 9,039,000 gallons Daily Avg. - 1,291,285 gallons

Water pumped into the distribution system - 8,276,000 gallons Daily Avg. - 1,182,285 gallons

Lake level - 22" low

River flow - 88.0 cfps

River pump - Off

River water pumped for the year - 67,382,000 gallons



UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **MON 11/8:** PARK BOARD-545PM
- **MON 11/15:** AIRPORT ADVISORY BD-7PM
- **TUES 11/16:** CITY COUNCIL-630PM
- **WEDN 11/17:** LIBRARY BOARD-530PM
- **THURS 11/18:** HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY-NOON

Release from Kansas Department of Commerce 11/4/2021

TOPEKA – Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland today announced a new grant program that will move quickly to help revitalize underutilized, vacant and dilapidated downtown buildings in rural Kansas communities.

The Historic Economic Asset Lifeline (HEAL) grant program is designed to bring downtown buildings back into productive use as spaces for new or expanding businesses; housing; arts and culture; civic engagement; childcare; or entrepreneurship. The matching grants will help address emergency needs for neglected buildings and assist building owners with eligible expenses for the revitalization of historic properties. Projects submitted must show potential as economic drivers in the community.

“We have a shortage of ready to occupy buildings across the state, but also an abundance of historic buildings with good bones that make them great candidates for rehabilitation,” Lieutenant Governor/Secretary Toland said. “The HEAL program provides an immediate opportunity to close financial gaps in restoring these properties and making downtown districts throughout our state more economically vibrant, while also creating new jobs and services for Kansans.”

There are two funding categories under the HEAL program. Emergency HEAL grants provide immediate relief for buildings at risk of collapse. Emergency HEAL applications will be accepted from November 8-19 with awards announced November 23. All non-Emergency HEAL applications will be accepted until December 20 with awards announced January 10, 2022. Eligible properties must have historical or architectural significance and be in a downtown business district in cities of less than 50,000 population.

The Department will be conducting expedited reviews of Emergency HEAL applications in recognition of the likelihood of collapse of some structures across the state, and the impending winter weather. Applicants selected for Emergency HEAL funding will receive notification prior to Thanksgiving.

Applications must be submitted by building owners in coordination with a local nominating organization. Eligible nominating organizations include: cities, counties, non-profit organizations, designated Kansas Main Street or affiliate cities, chambers of commerce, economic development organizations, Small Business Development Centers or local community foundations.

A virtual workshop on the specifics of the program is scheduled for 11:00 a.m., November 8th via Zoom. Registration is required and the Zoom link will be provided after registration. Information about the HEAL grant program and the online application can be viewed at <https://www.kansascommerce.gov/healprogram>.

HEAL is possible through a collaboration of the Community Development Division, Kansas Main Street, and the Governor’s Office of Rural Prosperity at the Kansas Department of Commerce.

About the Kansas Department of Commerce

As the state’s lead economic development agency, the Kansas Department of Commerce strives to empower individuals, businesses and communities to achieve prosperity in Kansas. Commerce accomplishes its mission by developing relationships with corporations, site location consultants and stakeholders in Kansas, the nation and world. Our strong partnerships allow us to help create an environment for existing Kansas businesses to grow and foster an innovative, competitive landscape for new businesses. Through Commerce’s project successes, Kansas in 2021 was awarded Area Development Magazine’s prestigious Gold Shovel award and was named Site Selection Magazine’s Best Business Climate in the West North Central region of the United States. Find the Department’s strategic plan for economic growth here: [Kansas Framework for Growth](#).