



DECEMBER 23, 2021

NEWSLETTER

Shane J. Shields, City Manager



Merry Christmas!

Happy New Year!



Make Wonderful Memories!

To allow our employees to celebrate the Christmas & New Year's Holidays, City Offices will close at Noon on Thursday ~ December 23rd and will also be closed all day on Friday ~ December 24th and Friday ~ December 31st. On behalf of our employees, we thank the Mayor & Council Members for extending the Christmas Holiday.

Due to the Christmas & New Year's Holidays, the Landfill will be closed on Thursday afternoon ~ December 23rd, all day Friday ~ December 24th & Saturday ~ December 25th AND all day Friday ~ December 31st & Saturday ~ January 1st. Refuse collection will be completed on Monday ~ December 27th and Monday ~ January 3rd.

The Recycling Center & Compost Site will be closed both Saturdays.

As a reminder, the Compost Site will be open Saturday ~ January 8, 2022 before closing for the season until Saturday ~ March 5, 2022.

Enterprise Fleet Management Program

The Enterprise Fleet Management Program has officially started with the selected vehicles in the City's fleet being included in a "maintenance program" that became effective December 1st. Any service/maintenance performed on those vehicles will be submitted through the maintenance program. Staff have been participating in website training and meeting with representatives of Enterprise Fleet Management to implement this new program. Certain vehicles have been ordered and will soon be delivered to begin the process of new vehicles replacing older vehicles.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The Building & Codes Department is currently processing license renewals for all of the various trades. Two-Year licenses are issued to qualified contractors in the City for Building, Plumbing, Electrical & Mechanical. Tree Trimmers are required to renew an annual license.

The Street Department has been hauling loads of concrete to the high banks of the East side of the Lake to alleviate washouts in these areas. The concrete being used has accumulated over time at the City's material pile and works well for rip rap along the shoring.



PUBLIC INPUT MEETING

A Public Input meeting regarding the Wellington Lake has been scheduled for Thursday ~ January 13, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. at the Memorial Auditorium.

The purpose of this meeting is to gather information and public input regarding proposed regulation changes and goals for improvement at the Wellington Lake. Topics for discussion include future facility improvements, opening day procedure for camping season, camping fees, and rotation of campsites (30-day limit).

PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Citizens may see City personnel reading electric and water meters on Saturdays. All City employees reading meters will wear City of Wellington shirts and identification badges. Reading meters on Saturdays allows the City to maintain timely billing cycles. Access to meters at all times is required by City Ordinance. For questions or additional information, please contact Sandy Brownlee, Utility Billing Supervisor, ph 620-326-2821.

Utility billing statements issued December 3rd indicated a penalty date of December 23rd. However, the penalty date has been extended to December 27th due to the City office closure over the Christmas holiday. Utility payment is due by 5:00 p.m. on December 27th. City offices will close at noon on Thursday, December 23rd and remain closed until Monday, December 27th at 8:00 a.m. For questions or additional information, please contact Sandy Brownlee, Utility Billing Supervisor, ph 620-326-2821.



A big THANK YOU and CONGRATULATIONS to Randy Redford, who is retiring from the City of Wellington on December 31st after 24.5 years of dedicated service in the Electric Distribution Department. Randy has been an asset to the team and will be missed. Red participated in several major projects during his career with the City - the FEMA rebuild of the rural part of the system (close to 25 miles of line). Several crippling ice storms, countless thunderstorms, multiple substation breaker change-outs, the twin Gen-sets install at the Power Plant Sub, the Power Plant Substation overhead to underground project, the North 69 Kv subtransmission line construction, 30/40 MVA transformer tap changer overhaul, terminations from the 20/37 MVA transformer to control house at Crusader Substation, the chlorine scrubber replacement at Water Treatment Plant and several Mutual-Aid deployments, just to name a few.

We wish Randy much happiness and best wishes in his new adventures!!

Congratulations

Congratulations to Blaine Anderson~Water Distribution for passing his State of Kansas Class 2 Water Operator Exam!!!
Awesome job!

On Wednesday~ December 15th, high winds resulted in a pole snapping at ground level. The pole had 3-Phase Primary Underground feeding from of it. Electric Distribution crews quickly set another pole beside it to stabilize the bad pole. They returned the following day to transfer the underground in safer weather conditions.



Water Production Staff have been busy this week with the filter control panel overhaul project. Contractors have been on site all week installing new controls for the filters. One of the river pumps is also in the process of being rebuilt.

Numbers for the week of 13 Dec.- 19 Dec. 2021

- Total Influent - 7,566,000 gal.
- Avg. Daily Influent - 1,080,857 gal.
- Total Effluent - 7,149,000 gal.
- Avg. Daily Effluent - 1,021,285 gal.
- Lake Level is currently 1207' 1" or 32" low
- Chikaskia River is flowing at 74 cfs and river pumps are off.

Upcoming Meetings

- TUES 12/28: Housing Authority 1230PM
- TUES 1/4: City Council 630PM
- THURS 1/6: Memorial Auditorium Board 530PM
- THURS 1/13: Public Input Meeting-Wellington Lake 600PM