



# City of Chickasha Operational Update Week of May 23, 2016

## **Public Works**

Public Works crews completed chipping of the tree limbs and brush from the debris clean up from the ice storms this past winter. The original estimate was a little short. There were 413 loads of wood chips totaling 4,130 tons. This work is eligible for FEMA reimbursement.



We have received a number of inquiries about the railroad crossing projects that were originally scheduled construction for this summer. Our contact at ODOT updated us that it will be 9 to 12 months before the projects go out to bid. We were not given a reason for the delay.

## **Police –**

Assistant Chief Shanon McClain has attended the first week of three weeks training in Norman, OK. The course is titled Leadership in Police Organizations and is put on by the International Association of Chiefs of Police. The goal is to learn how to lead in a manner that increases motivation, satisfaction and performance through understanding psychological systems of individuals and groups.

The former downtown Police station has been cleaned out by department personnel. A 40-foot shipping container has been placed behind the new HQ for temporary storage of items removed from the old HQ.

K9 Jax will be taken to Shawnee, OK to undergo certification testing. K9 Ori has already obtained the required certification in order to be used in drug detection. The process has taken quite a while, but we should be in a great position after today to start improved drug interdiction in Chickasha.

Click it or Ticket is underway. Officers are actively enforcing Seat Belt laws with zero tolerance. It is our hope to continue to increase seat belt usage to save lives. The campaign started Monday May 23rd and will run until June 6<sup>th</sup>. 22 Citations have been issued this week for failure to wear a seatbelt.

Chickasha Lake will be patrolled this Memorial Day weekend in an attempt to maintain a safe and peaceful environment for all citizens utilizing the facility. Details will be out at the Lake on Saturday and Sunday from 11:00 AM until 7:00 PM. The watch commander for the day and evening shifts will also periodically stop by the Lake.

Animal Control Officers along with Lt. Music have attended Humane Oklahoma 2016 Exotic Animal and Wildlife handling training. The training will assist in identifying unsafe and inhumane caging of animals, capturing and transporting wildlife and dealing with injured wildlife and or rabies infected animals.

## **Fire**

Crews spent Wednesday afternoon at the wastewater facility assisting in the cleanup process of one of the large clarifiers. The process would have been more than two days without the high pressure and high volume that a fire engine puts out. While this project greatly benefited the wastewater treatment facility, Fire Department crews were able to do hose handling and pump operations training with our future apparatus driver/engineers.





Crews spent a day with educators from Mediflight and OU Health Science Center to complete our annual Advanced Cardiac Life Support recertification. Chickasha Fire Department is an American Heart Association training and testing facility which allows us to teach our recertifications in-house. We appreciate our learning partnership with Mediflight and OU Health Science Center for bringing advanced practices to our department.

### **Library**

The Library Community Room flooring is complete. Summer reading program sign up was held in the room and there was a steady stream of young people. Games were set up around the room and the new floor worked very well with the games. Friday night, May 27<sup>th</sup> is Game Night for kids at the Library. There will be Wii U games such as Smash Brothers and Mario Kart 8, board games, snacks and lots of fun!



The mural in the Children's Area is also now complete. Much thanks to our artist, Carrie Chavers!

### **Administration**

The Council work session in June will be held at the bowling alley on S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Staff will be making a presentation regarding the proposed partnership with the owner and Chickasha Parks and Recreation. The meeting will start at 5:30.

On Tuesday, July 12 at 5:30, there will be a joint meeting of the City Council, the Chickasha Economic Development Council, the Chickasha Chamber of Commerce and Chickasha Public Schools at the former City Hall and Police building to discuss potentially reusing the building as a partnership center with all of the entities using the building. In addition, the facility has potential space for a small business incubator and a large meeting room for training.

The Chickasha Municipal Airport will be hosting a Fly-In on Saturday, June 18 from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM. Come on out and check out historic aircraft, a radio-controlled airplane demonstration, food, antique cars and much more. Plane rides will also be available.

### **Parks and Recreation**

Last Saturday, Shannon Springs Park was transformed into Renaissance England, complete with Shakespeare, turkey kegs and sword fighting. An estimated 2000 people visited Chickasha's first time Celtic Renaissance Faire. We had 10 vendors (who all had a very successful day), sheep-herding dog exhibitions, a rock climbing wall that had a line all day long, Celtic music and the big event of the day, Shakespeare in the amphitheater.

The drama school from USAO put on a production of the Taming of the Shrew. An audience of 450 were entertained and delighted by the "courtship" of Petruchio and Katherina. This event was a huge success and USAO is on board for next year.





## Community Development

There are a number of developments at various stages of the process. The color coded stages are represented by: Green – completed; Red – Halted; Yellow – In process; and Gray – Incomplete. The stages of the development are above the identified project.



Chickasha Travel Plaza – 2200 W Highway 62 – Permit has been issued and contractor has received ODEQ permit to begin moving dirt. Project is scheduled to commence June 1.



Grady County Fairgrounds Indoor Arena – Footing inspections continue. Block walls under construction.



Bordwine Development @ 4322 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street – Work has started in the building.



Teague Body Shop – 1305 E. Choctaw –Awaiting an electrician.



Fairfield Inn – 2816 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street – No movement. City manager has reached out to the owner. Awaiting a response.



Chisholm Trail Phase 1 retail area 200 E. Grand – Erecting steel. Sewer line inspection set for next Tuesday.



Reese Home Sales Office – 1105 W. Choctaw – Final trim underway.



Xpress Urgent Care Facility – 411 W. Grand Avenue – Main floor poured. Steel erection started.



Subway – 1525 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street – No movement. Staff will contact owner next week for update.



New restaurant (Legends) – 3525 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street- First interior steel framing Inspected.



New Life Christian Church – 1828 S. 13<sup>th</sup> Street - Permit picked up.



Billy Sims Restaurant – 1820 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street – Project close to completion. May open next week.



Grady Memorial Hospital – 2200 W. Iowa Avenue – Dry wall inspections completed this week.



Canadian Valley Technology Center – 1401 Michigan Avenue - Permit issued.



Bank of Commerce – 2401 Ponderosa Drive – No movement this week.



First Baptist Church – 324 W. Colorado Avenue – Asbestos abatement completed.



Escape Vape Lounge – 1726 S 4<sup>th</sup> Street – This business is relocating from the triangle at 4<sup>th</sup> Street and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to the Southland Shopping Center. Walls have been installed.



Bouncin' Around – 2409 Ponderosa – Permit application received.

Also, this week Community Development staff has been working with Maria's Restaurant who will be relocating from 3<sup>rd</sup> and Ada Sipuel to a downtown location. Another new restaurant, Hibachi Grill is scouting a location on Choctaw Avenue.

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