



City of Chickasha

Operational Update

Week of June 13, 2016

Public Works

We held a Media Day at the water plant and wastewater plant and invited the local newspapers and radio station to come see the improvements that have been made in our utility systems. USW staff provided a before-and-after slide show of various parts of the operations and a guided tour of both facilities. As we get closer to the chloramine switchover we will be contacting channels 4, 5, 9 and 25 for a similar program. Staff will continue to get the word out there about the investments being made in the water and sewer systems.

A pre-construction meeting was held for the 4th and Chickasha drainage project. Representatives from MTZ Construction, Public Works and Jay's Jewelers were present. The project will start with traffic controls set up on July 5 and actual construction starting July 6. The contractor will complete one side of 4th Street at a time, with each side taking about a week to complete. Total time of the project is expected to be about 21 days. Access to each side of Chickasha Avenue will be restricted as that side of 4th Street is worked on.

Police

Chickasha Police Department and Grant Writing USA will present a two-day grants workshop in Chickasha, July 25-26, 2016. This training is for grant seekers across all disciplines. Attend this class and you'll learn how to find grants and write winning grant proposals.

Beginning and experienced grant writers from city, county and state agencies as well as nonprofits, K-12, colleges and universities are encouraged to attend. Multi-enrollment discounts and discounts for Grant Writing USA returning alumni are available. Tuition payment is not required at the time of enrollment. We are excited to offer Oklahoma Association of Chief of Police a special tuition rate of \$425 which includes everything: two days of terrific instruction, workbook, and access to our Alumni Forum that's packed full of tools, helpful discussions and more than 200 sample grant proposals. Please use discount code "OKASSN" to

receive this \$30 discount off full price at registration. Seating is limited, online reservations are necessary.

Assistant Chief Shanon McClain has attended the second 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.

Lt. Music has been in conversation with local pastors who are requesting information about active shooters in Houses of Worship. Plans are in either July or August we will invite all the local “church officials” to attend one meeting to discuss their individual plans and to provide some training. A light meal and refreshments are being planned. So far the idea has been greatly received. We will be inviting clergy and one elder from all of Chickasha’s churches. The invitations will include an RSVP and only those who RSVP will be allowed to enter the training due to the sensitivity of the topic. We look forward to partnering with our local churches and working to make our community safer. More details to follow when the date is locked in.

Fire

Chris Dennis, Training Major, has been selected as the City of Chickasha employee of the quarter. Chris has truly proven to be a “utility” member of the Fire Department and for the City of Chickasha. Chris constantly creates a higher standard in his work whether it be as the Fire Department Training Officer or serving on various committees. Chris has taken the lead on our public education and has done a great job interacting with the schools, city employees, and healthcare facilities.



Chris has proven to be a team player; by his actions, and by how he promotes the City of Chickasha and the Chickasha Fire Department. Additionally, Chris is helping to set up a Metro Training Officers meeting that brings together training officers from other Fire Departments in the area. Congratulations Chris!



The City of Chickasha Employee of the Quarter is a new program that was



suggested to the City by Dennis Linam of KOOL 105.5 who is taking our materials and preparing the on-air presentations. Thank you Dennis and KOOL 105 for sharing with the community about our great employees here at the City of Chickasha.

Firefighter Tyler Tompkins has completed his firefighter training and received his pin Friday. Tyler's parents attended the ceremony and his father pinned his badge on while his mother took pictures. It is a great day when we welcome a new member of our public safety family. Welcome Tyler!

Library

Summer Reading is going great. There were 45 kids on Thursday, June 16, 2016 in the morning and 10 for Teen time. Today's subject was dance, you should have seen those kids dancing and Courtney, too. Next week the Oklahoma City Zoo is visiting Summer Reading. Storytime yesterday was about dance, also. April Kyle, local dance teacher, came to visit. It was pretty adorable to watch a room full of toddler's dancing.



The Library is a great place for kids but also for adults for example the Library has a display called Picturing America which exhibits reproductions of masterpieces of American art. To learn more about this exhibit, visit this website

<https://picturingamerica.neh.gov/>. Come and view the display which changes every 2 weeks. Also for adults there is Literary Trivia Tuesday, June 21st at 3pm and adult coloring June 27th at 6pm.

Administration

Don't forget, 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.

Next Saturday, June 25 the City will be hosting the first annual Railroad Roots Live! at the Rock Island Depot celebrating our railroad and transportation heritage. The Farmers Market will start the day at 7:00 AM and go until noon. At noon the Kid's Station opens with bounce houses, art stations and a slip and slide to help cool off. The Union Pacific line is providing a locomotive on display and folks can wander in the depot and check out its history. There will also be vendors and food trucks. The music starts at 2:00 with the kid's band, the Sugar Free All Stars over in the kid's area. Starting at 3:45 the music moves to the main stage with a local band starting things off. John Calvin Abney will be up next and finishing off the day will be Shane Henry and his band. Shane graduated from Chickasha High School and was featured last year at the Bands, Brews and Q Rib Festival. He and Maggie McClure also opened for the Festival of Light. Come and celebrate Chickasha's history, then finish your day off at the rodeo at the Grady County Fairgrounds. Who says there isn't anything happening in Chickasha?

Parks and Recreation

Parks crews at the Sports Complex have been working feverishly to get the fields in shape for the big tournament this weekend sponsored by USAO. Over 40 teams are expected to participate. Last week the Fire Department charity softball tournament was held and was very successful until the skies broke open and the storms came Saturday afternoon.

Chickasha Parks and Recreation held a soft opening for our "Movies in the Park" series Thursday night at Washita Valley Park, located off Henderson Street. The event featured a mystery guest reveal, the Chickasha Squirrel, who arrived by police escort in a shiny yellow Mustang convertible courtesy of our sponsor, Charles Allen Ford. Attendees enjoyed free popcorn, drinks, giveaways and a

great movie choice for the unveiling, “The Nut Job”. The new park personality, which is a larger than life size version of a squirrel, was the idea of Steve Chapman, Parks and Recreation Director. The squirrel, which is yet to be named, much like its furry counterparts, will become a staple at various park and recreation events around the city. City parks are constantly being upgraded. The squirrel is a playful way for the City to interact with our next generation of citizens as we unveil new features and park improvements.

The contest to name the squirrel will run until July 1. The official naming announcement will come at a later date and most likely at a park event.

In addition to the Fly-In and Railroad Roots Live! there are a number of events on deck including the traditional 4th of July fireworks show at Shannon Springs Park, which will be enhanced with food trucks and bands starting at 3:00 in the afternoon and playing until dusk and patriotic music being played during the fireworks show; and July 7, Chickasha High School will be the host of the Drum and Bugle Corp competition with some of the premier drum and bugle corps teams in America presenting their shows in a judged performance. This is a ticketed event with all the proceeds going to local band programs.

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 – Dirt work has started!



Grady County Fairgrounds Indoor Arena – The main steel beams are starting to be erected.



Bordwine Development @ 4322 S. 4th Street – Drywall inspections completed.



Teague Body Shop – 1305 E. Choctaw – Electrical work completed and inspected.



Fairfield Inn – 2816 S. 4th 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. Stormwater drainage system partially installed.



Reese Home Sales Office – 1105 W. Choctaw – Basically complete except the parking lot and landscaping. Contractor on vacation this week.



Xpress Urgent Care Facility – 411 W. Grand Avenue – Framing inspections completed.



Subway – 1525 S. 4th Street – Work starting on the parking lot.



New restaurant (Legends) – 3525 S. 4th Street- Interior electrical roughed in.



New Life Christian Church – 1828 S. 13th Street - Permit picked up.



Billy Sims Restaurant – 1820 S. 4th Street – Now July 1 revised expected opening date.



Grady Memorial Hospital – 2200 W. Iowa Avenue – Fire sprinkler inspection scheduled for Monday.



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



Bank of Commerce – 2401 Ponderosa Drive – Permit scheduled to ready for pick up next week.



First Baptist Church – 324 W. Colorado Avenue – Plumbers on site to start new restrooms.



Bouncin' Around – 2409 Ponderosa – Permit issued.



Best Western Plus – 400 S. Grand – **Site plan submitted!!!**

You may be aware that the City has been enforcing its updated code enforcement regulations that include codes related to the exterior of houses. As a result, we issued more than 500 letters to residents and landlords giving them 180 days to bring such issues into compliance. As part of this cleanup efforts we have offered income-eligible home owners to apply for assistance. If they are eligible we can offer them paint and supplies and volunteer assistance in bringing the property up to code. We have received more than 20 applications so far and we are in the process of evaluating each one.

We have several volunteer groups signed up and a number of solo volunteers as well. We are designating the following Saturdays as Paint Days: July 16, July 23, August 13 and August 20. The City will supply all the paint and supplies. If you would like to volunteer and you have some carpentry skills, please let me know because we have a few houses that need a little more than paint. We also need for you to bring ladders to the event. You may also invite family members or friends to assist, too.

Please contact the City Manager's office or Community Development if you are interested in participating. Let us know if you are signing up as an individual or as a team. Finally, let us know which date works best for you (and your team) and we will get you set up with the right project.

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