



# City of Chickasha Operational Update Week of July 04, 2016

## Public Works

Capital projects are starting to be kicked off. The drainage project at 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Chickasha Avenue is well under way. Traffic control was set up on Tuesday, digging commenced Wednesday, pipe and the manhole were installed Thursday and concrete was poured Friday. MTZ Construction is the contractor and they are awesome. The east side will have to cure for about a week and then the operation will shift to the west side of the street. The west side of Chickasha Avenue at 4<sup>th</sup> Street will be closed for about 10 days.



Public Works crews addressed several water lines breaks this week. Public Works staff has been coordinating with USW staff to address some pressure issues and we believe those are resolved.

## Police

Sergeant Kori Brewer and Officers Clayton Hobbs and Andrew Peck were recognized at the July 5 City Council meeting for their life-saving efforts at an apartment fire in the 800 block of Chickasha Avenue. In addition, two sheriff deputies from Grady County were also recognized. Thank you officers for putting your lives on the line every day for this community!

CPD officers participated in a project promoting zero tolerance for bullying. Officers Colton Weger, Daniel Ramirez and Preston Hodge posed for calendar pictures to support anti-bullying efforts in Oklahoma. Thank you officers for taking on this important issue!



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.

## Library

Chickasha Public Library Summer Reading program welcomed Kelsey Philo of Kelsey Hoops to the program on July 7<sup>th</sup> there were 35 children in attendance. Kelsey did a LED hula hoop show and then taught the children to spin plates and to Hula Hoop. It was an action packed program, each child learned something new and had fun exercising.

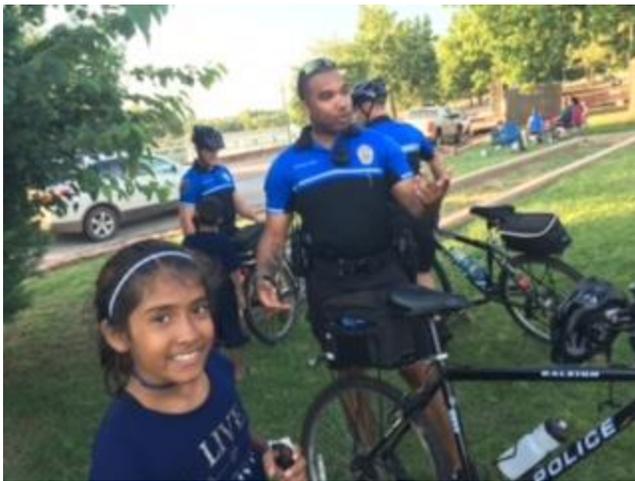


The landscaping at the Library continues this week. Drive by and see the transformation. It is about 50% complete. Thank you City Council for supporting this important beautification project.

The Library had 231 volunteer hours in May and 172 hours in June. These hours have a value of \$9,752 and is equal to 1.25 FTE. Thank you to our volunteers!

### Administration

Fourth of July at Shannon Springs Park was a big success. This family-friendly



event had something for everyone starting in the afternoon on Monday. The climbing wall and water slide were a big hit in the heat and all the food vendors did very well. The local bands played in the shade of the portable stage and following the fantastic fireworks show about 50 people stayed all the way through the movies in the park showing *Independence Day*.



A huge thank you to the fireworks sponsors including:

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On Thursday, July 7, Chickasha Public Schools, Alex Public Schools and the City of Chickasha hosted our first drum and bugle corps competition. The Madison Scouts, Pacific Crest and the Academy put on amazing performances entertaining a crowd estimated at 900. Drum Corps International, the umbrella organization for the event, was very impressed with the facilities and the efforts of our team. We are very confident that they will return next year and we are hopeful to grow the competition to include at least six bands.



## **Parks and Recreation**

Crews worked very hard at Shannon Springs Park to get ready for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks show. They have been making the rounds mowing all of the City's parks, facilities and rights-of-way.



After making adjustments to the plan to ensure the facility would be ADA-compliant, the contractor has gotten back to work on the pavilion at Centennial Park. The walkway around the pavilion was widened and rebar has been put in place in preparation for the concrete.

The shade structures have been installed at the Shannon Springs Park swimming pool. The structures cover the concessions seating and the kiddie pool. The YMCA and City staff have been monitoring the effectiveness of the new pump and we are in agreement that this is the first time in a number of years that the systems are working correctly. With this improvement, this will be the first time in several seasons that we will be filling the kiddie pool. This will be a welcome addition for the little ones.



## **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 continues. Holes being prepared for stormwater retention areas.



Grady County Fairgrounds Indoor Arena – The main steel beams continue to be erected. West wall beginning to take shape.



Bordwine Development @ 4322 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street – Temporary Certificate of Occupancy issued. Must install fire hydrant and laterals by Wednesday or will be revoked.



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



Chisholm Trail Phase 1 retail area 200 E. Grand – Framing inspection scheduled.



Reese Home Sales Office – 1105 W. Choctaw – Basically complete except the parking lot and landscaping. Contractor back from vacation.



Xpress Urgent Care Facility – 411 W. Grand Avenue – Insulation inspection complete. Dry wall work started. Brick work continues.



Subway – 1525 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street – Curbing and approach poured. Signage and appliances installed



New restaurant (Legends) – 3525 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street- Bids being taken for the parking lot.



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



Grady Memorial Hospital – 2200 W. Iowa Avenue – Fire sprinkler inspection completed. Above ceiling inspection completed.



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



Bank of Commerce – 2401 Ponderosa Drive – Permit issued.



First Baptist Church – 324 W. Colorado Avenue – Fire sprinkler system reviewed and approved.



Bouncin’ Around – 2409 Ponderosa – Framing started.



Best Western Plus – 400 S. Grand – Site plan submitted. Plat process started.

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.