



City of Chickasha Operational Update Week of July 25, 2016

Public Works

The drainage project at 4th Street and Chickasha Avenue is complete and the traffic control was removed this morning. We have seen how well this project works. MTZ Construction is the contractor and they are awesome.



Construction has started for the southbound left turn lane on 4th Street south of Grand Avenue. The frontage road has been removed and utilities are being located.

Staff contacted Pat Foster of the Stillwater Railroad regarding the crossing at Chickasha Avenue and 16th Street. He said that someone else in their office had misspoke about the repairs starting this summer. He informed us that they will have enough funds in hand at the beginning of 2017 to start the project. We are all very disappointed about the delay.

Police

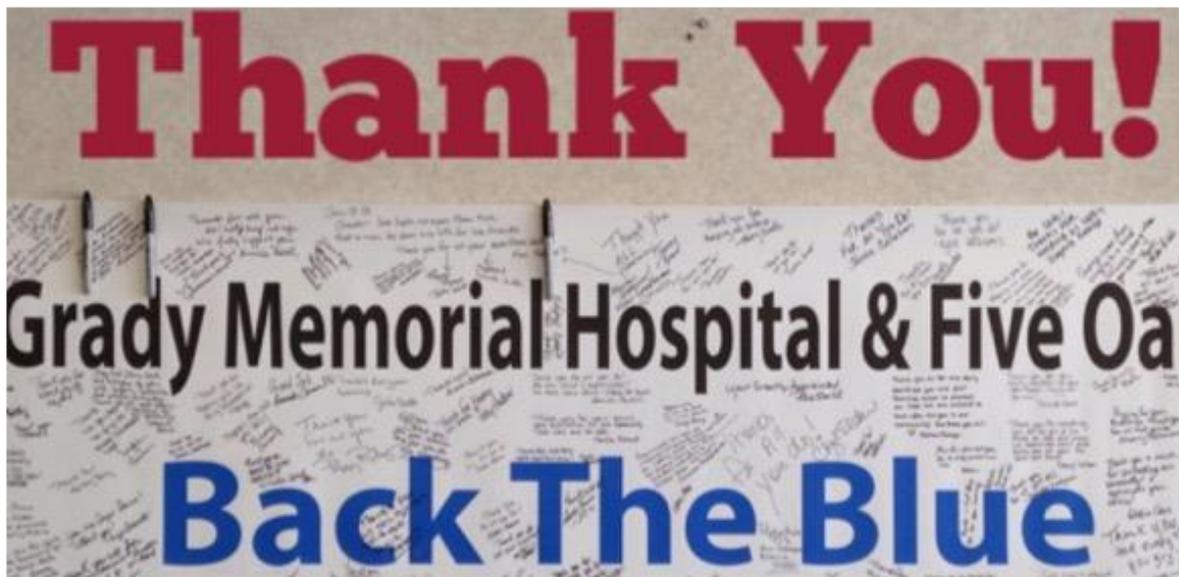
On Thursday, July 28th, Grady Memorial Hospital and Five Oaks Medical Group invited employees from all law enforcement agencies in Grady county, and their families, to a Law Enforcement Appreciation Luncheon at the Grady Memorial

Hospital cafeteria. We had a great time and appreciate how much effort they put into the event to make it special for all of us.



On Wednesday, July 27th, the Basic Narcotic Investigation for Patrol Officers training class was hosted at the Police Department.

On July 25th and 26th the Grant Writing USA Workshop was hosted at the Police Department. The City invited Ron Caudill to attend. Ron was at a recent council meeting has offered to assist the City with grant writing. We are ready to put him to work! Thank you Ron!



Fire

The Chickasha Fire Department has been busy completing the ISO survey. A city's ISO rating directly impacts insurance rates for property owners. The timing is good for Chickasha and this is a real opportunity. There are a number of elements tested in the community, but the addition of the Training Officer in last year's budget should help our scores significantly. Our current ISO rating is 4. We are going to work really hard to get it down to 3.

Kristal Kuhn graduated from FEMA's National Emergency Management Advanced Academy at the Emergency Management Institute in Emmitsburg, MD, after she completed the full curriculum that provides the strategic level training and education and the essential skills needed for emergency management professionals to manage dynamic and resilient emergency management programs on July 15, 2016.

Kuhn completed the four one week resident courses in the Advanced Academy including: A Survey of Advanced Concepts in Emergency Management, Assessment and Application of Professional Style in Emergency Management, Advanced Concepts and Issues in the Emergency Management Organization and Advanced Concepts and Issues in the Emergency Management Community and Profession. Below, Kristal receives her diploma from Academy Superintendent Tony Russell.



FEMA's National Emergency Management Advanced Academy reinforces the qualities needed to manage emergency management programs, provides relevant management theories and concepts, and utilizes appropriate case studies. Advanced

Academy participants work within a collaborative environment on projects and establish a network of their peers. The Academy is designed for Emergency Management mid-level managers wanting to advance their skillset. Students learn skills critical to performing emergency management responsibilities, such as: program management and oversight, effective communication at all levels,

integrated collaboration, and strategic thinking, along with completing a Research Project one month prior to attending the final course. The Advanced Academy provides students the opportunity to demonstrate their critical thinking ability through a guided research project. Students apply the key learning concepts from the Advanced Academy curriculum relative to their own skillsets and abilities within their organizations, and their own performance environments. Congratulations Kristal!

Library



Caroline James, a local performer, and children's author brought a story to life through songs and games for the preschool Story time children on Wednesday morning. There were 34 children in attendance.

Summer Reading concluded on Thursday, July 28th with awards and give aways. Victoria Criss won the attendance drawing for the Children's group, Braylee Walley won the attendance drawing for the YMCA group, and Layne Paul won the attendance drawing for the Teen group. Awards were presented today in both the children's and the Teen groups. More details next week.



The lighting of the torch to open the Chickasha Library Youth Olympics 2016 directly followed the Children's Summer Reading group Thursday morning. There were 23 children in attendance. They passed the torch around the room then Madeline Mitchell lit the big torch. Let the games begin. (It is not real fire I promise, it just looks good.)

The Chickasha Library Youth Olympics will be held next week. The Memory Challenge for ages 4-7 will be on Tuesday August 2nd at 2pm; the Spelling Bee will be on Wednesday August 3rd at 2pm for ages 8-12 and 4pm for ages 13-16; Sports for ages 4-16 on Thursday August 4th at Shannon Springs Park starting at 3pm; and Trivia on Friday August 5th at 10am for ages 8-12, and 2pm for ages 13-16. Medals will be awarded.

Administration

Next weekend things will be hopping at the Rock Island Depot. Friday night, Legends Pub will be presenting Scott Stapp, the voice of Creed, who will be performing on a 46-foot stage in front of the Depot building. This is a ticketed item so check the Legends website for more information. Staff has been working with Legend's owner Fred McNatt on this concert to assist while he completes his building, the former Eduardo's, on 4th Street.

Saturday, August 6, the second annual Bands, Brews and Q will be held at the Depot. Cooking contestants will be providing ribs, chicken and brisket, and pulled pork, along with wide sauce and sides, will be tasted for the People's Choice Awards. There will be the kid's area with a climbing wall and bounce house and Spaghetti Eddie is back to entertain kids and families at 3:00. The main stage will open with Small Town Sound at 5:15 and featured artist Jared Deck will cap off the night at 6:15. The Interurban food truck will be there and will operate the beer garden again. Other vendors will be available with funnel cakes and Kona Ice. Come on out for great BBQ and bands. We will have large tents to provide shade (learned that lesson) and lots of fun for people of all ages.

Finance

As of July 28, 2016 we have 5,860 completed installed meters on the Automated Meter Reading (AMR) system! We are almost there. We have had some ups and downs. But what a cleanup process for the City and learning experience for all that have been involved. The Utility Billing staff and the installation team are helping customer everyday with their water account increases or questions. An estimated 90% of the leaks identified with the new meters are due to commodes operating improperly.

One customer thought their sprinkler system was turned off, but the system showed readings at two and four o'clock in the morning every two days and it was

easy to show them that there was usage and that the sprinkler system was still on.

We experienced a straight pipe incident at an address that had not had service since 2014. Another resident took a video of their neighbor's water hose hooked-up to her outside faucet and stealing her water. We could see every time they were helping themselves to her water.

One customer said that they have a house that is not occupied and shouldn't have very much usage except for maybe when they checked on the house. We were able to confirm the dates and times that the customer went to check on the house. They were satisfied with the amount on their water bill.

Utility Billing Clerk Juliana Buckmaster was looking at Gina Snedeker's water account and asked if the Snedekers got up every day at around 6:00 o'clock. Proudly, Gina replied yes, that she or Glenn unlocked the lodge at the RV Park at 6:00 AM every day. She said the system showed that we had usage every single day at that time at our house. OMG! Just amazing. We are just finding out all kinds of interesting events. And these events were just in one week.

Some of our existing meters have been in service for many years and might not been recording water usage accurately. This new system uses the latest technology and is designed to last many years. AMR is a method of using communication technology to read meter without having to access the customer's property. The fixed network system transmits readings periodically to city hall thus enabling City staff to receive readings as needed.

If your current meter is old there is a possibility that mineral deposits on the moving parts have made it less than accurate, so it may be reporting lower water usage. We call this a "dead" meter.

With AMR technology, the utility staff can collect meter reading much quicker. The new meters will continue to assist customers in detecting large water leaks and utility staff in detecting malfunctioning or tampered meters. Additionally, timely information – coupled with analysis – can help both utility staff and customers better manage the City's water usage and keep cost down.

We know this is a significant investment on the part of the Chickasha Municipal Authority, but Chickasha citizens should be very proud of the decision to make this purchase. Thank you from the Finance Department staff!

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. Underground retention complete.



Aerial view of the stormwater detention being placed underground at the Chickasha travel plaza.



Grady County Fairgrounds Indoor Arena – The main steel beams continue to be erected. West wall beginning to take shape and the roof support is going up.



Bordwine Development @ 4322 S. 4th Street – Fire hydrant installed.



Chisholm Trail Phase 1 retail area 200 E. Grand – Bricking started. Underground gas lines installed. The façade of Jimmy’s Egg below.



Chisholm Trail Phase 2 retail area 2121 S. 4th Street – Footings poured. Underground plumbing started.



Reese Home Sales Office – 1105 W. Choctaw – Basically complete except the parking lot and landscaping. Sidewalk forms started.



Xpress Urgent Care Facility – 411 W. Grand Avenue – Insulation inspection complete. Dry wall work started. EFIS complete. Picture below.



Subway – 1525 S. 4th Street – Certificate of Occupancy ready to be issued.





New restaurant (Legends) – 3525 S. 4th Street- Rough-in plumbing and electrical underway. Front dining area poured.



Cotton Patch Café – 2135 S. 4th Street – New permit received. \$900,000 project.



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



Ice House – 521 Grand – Permit received. Need drainage plan



Taco Bell – 1782 S, 4th Street - Remodel permit – Need elevation certificate.



Bank of Commerce – 2401 Ponderosa Drive – Permit issued.



First Baptist Church – 324 W. Colorado Avenue – Fire sprinkler system install started.



Bouncin' Around – 2409 Ponderosa – Rough-in electrical completed.



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



Maria's Restaurant relocation – 305 W. Chickasha Avenue – Fire separation underway.

Inactive Projects – This is a new category for projects that have been sitting with no movement for a period of time. Most of these projects have received permits or are under review, but for some reason have been inactive.

New Life Christian Church – 1828 S. 13th Street – Requested an extension.
Fairfield Inn – 2816 S. 4th Street
Grady Memorial Hospital Expansion – Reviewing site plans.

Other CD news - Republic Chemicals has moved into the former Delta Faucet building on US 62. They are updating the sprinkler system which will be monitored. The Cottonwood Creek Golf Course made an inquiry this week about adding miniature golf and outdoor batting cages. Staff is reviewing the request to determine if it will require re-zoning. This would be a welcomed addition in Chickasha, but this may be spot zoning in this case should we need to proceed with caution.

The Hampton Inn also made an inquiry this week to see about adding accent lighting on their building. This is also under review.

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