



City of Chickasha Operational Update Week of October 17, 2016

Public Works

Street Department Projects:

Millings

The Street Department has been finishing the temporary road for the airport so that they can begin their road reconstruction project. They have completed making the temporary road and parking lot this week.



Grand Avenue, 4th Street to 29th Street

T&G Construction, Inc. will finish seal coating the turn lane on October 25, 2016. This will be done overnight so that traffic will not be interrupted. Then they will stripe the lanes on October 28, 2016 and perform the final adjustments that need to be made for the traffic signals. In addition, when the traffic is back opened, T&G Construction will fix any issues concerning manhole lids, wash boarding, or any other issues that need to be addressed.



US-81 and Grand Project

The Traffic Poles have come in ahead of schedule. They are scheduled to be installed next Wednesday. Once the poles have been erected, they will have to remove the old lights from the old poles and install them on the new signal poles. After this is complete, Rudy Construction will start working on reconstructing the center medians for the extra turn lane. They plan to have all the lanes finished before Festival of Light starts.

Intersection Replacement

MTZ Construction has currently removed all of 2nd and Missouri intersection and has already started reconstruction it. In addition, MTZ has removed the intersection of 2nd and Washington.



Railroad Crossing

The railroad has begun reconstructing the railroad crossing at Georgia near 22nd Street.



Demolition

Crews helped with Community Development in removing a house at 1010 S. 2nd St.



Line Maintenance Depart. & Water Projects:

Line Maintenance

There was a sewer break at the corner at 5th and Colorado. Due to the complications there, it was determined that the sewer lines were back up clear back to Chickasha Avenue. Once the sewer lines were cleaned out, the flow along Chickasha Avenue were heavily reduced and hopefully has addressed the problem of odor along Chickasha Avenue.

USW Replacing Water Pressure Valve

USW is helping the City of Chickasha replace two pressure reducer valves. The City of Chickasha has 2 pressure systems that are intertwined together. When they connect, there needs to be a pressure reducer valve so that the High Pressure System does not blow up the Low Pressure System. This water pressure valve is across the street from the Waste Water Plant along Grand.



4th Street 12" Water Line Replacement – Almar to Tennessee

Marsau Enterprise Inc. has been melting the pipe together and pulling it back through the bore and the sleeve that is underneath I-44. They are currently boring near the old Staples building and completed installing the pipe underneath I-44.



4th Street 8" Water Line Replacement – Tennessee to Kansas

W.E.B. Construction Inc. has bored the waterline from Missouri to Florida. They are currently pulling boring for the waterline.



Line Maintenance and Wastewater Projects

Sewer Basin Replacement

Krapff Reynolds Construction Company has mobilized their supplies to the area and has drilled wells to remove the water so that they can dig about 20 feet down to replace manholes and replace sewer lines. They have begun installing the sewer line at Cottonwood Drive.



Police

October 17th Panel Discussion



Dr. Tonnia Anderson, assistant professor of history of American studies, has gathered a diverse group of panelists to continue the dialogue on race relations in America. In addition to Dr. Anderson, panelists will include:

USAO Associate Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies Dr. Zach Simpson

Black Lives Matter Oklahoma Representative Rev. Sheri Dickerson

Civil Rights Specialist Jesse Orange



Chickasha Police Department Supervisor L.R. Alexander

The discussion was moderated by Dr. Raushan Ashanti-Alexander, a member Chickasha City Council and president of Chickasha's National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

You can view it on Youtube <https://youtu.be/m8tREnPM4PI>

National Walk to School Day

The Police and Fire Department participated in the National Walk to School Day today. Fire's mascot, Spot, was there.

No Shave November

The Chickasha Police Department is excited to announce that our officers will participate in **"No Shave November"** and carry on until the end of December in honor of Chickasha resident, Ardina McConnell. Ardina is a young wife and mother with five children. In 2015, Ardina was diagnosed with Stage 3 Melanoma. Since then, Ardina has underwent radiation and chemo treatment in addition to surgery. Ardina's battle is not over. A few months ago, Ardina discovered she would need yet another surgery. As you can imagine, Ardina and her family are scared. Both Ardina and her husband are working, but her medical expenses are increasing. All proceeds



received from this No Shave November Campaign will go directly to her medical expenses. Our department challenges all businesses and citizens to join forces with us to help Ardina. In order to participate, our officers must contribute at least \$25 per month and may start now with a prorated rate, as well. Any contributions are welcome. We would like to present the donation to Ardina mid-December. Donations can be dropped off to the Chickasha Police Department
RE: No Shave November C/O Chief Steele.

Here is to helping save the life of a young mother! Consider your participation and contribution today.

International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Conference

This conference was held in San Diego, California from Friday October 14th through Tuesday, October 18th. There were many classes but from the Chief's perspective the three key highlights of the conference included 1.) Critical Issues Forum moderated by CNN reporter Deborah Feyerick. Panel members included Chief Jarrod Burguan San Bernadino Police Department, Catherine De Bolle Commissioner General Belgian Federal Police, Michael Edmonson Superintendent Louisiana State Police, Eddie Johnson Superintendent Chicago Police Department, Chief John Mina Orlando Police Department, and Emile Perez Director of International Cooperation Department French National Police, 2.) A Discussion with FBI Director James Comey. His delivered speech was about leaders and included a question/answer discussion from the audience, and last, but not least 3.) Keynote speaker Simon Sinek. The information provided was relevant to professional development and useful to leading a department. Last, The Chief's wife and son attended the Companion Track and now have a better understanding of their role as the wife and son of a police chief and their supportive role in law enforcement. Chief Steele also attended the following classes:

- 1.) When the headline is you
- 2.) Bridging the gap between the Police and the Communities we serve
- 3.) Focusing on the Fundamentals: How to strengthen Community-Police Relations
- 4.) Beyond the Triad: An evidence-based proactive approach to officer PTSD, Suicide, and chemical dependency
- 5.) Weeding out Morale Killing Behaviors
- 6.) Implementing the 21st Century Policing Task Force, Recommendations: IACP's Evidence-Based Blueprint
- 7.) Transforming Communities through Intelligence-Led Policing
- 8.) Assessing and Improving Operations in Small Law Enforcement Agencies,
- 9.) Over a 100 exhibits of law enforcement relevant technology and tools.

Chief Steele is looking forward to the next conference and other upcoming training opportunities and thanks the City for allowing him the opportunity to do so.

Fire

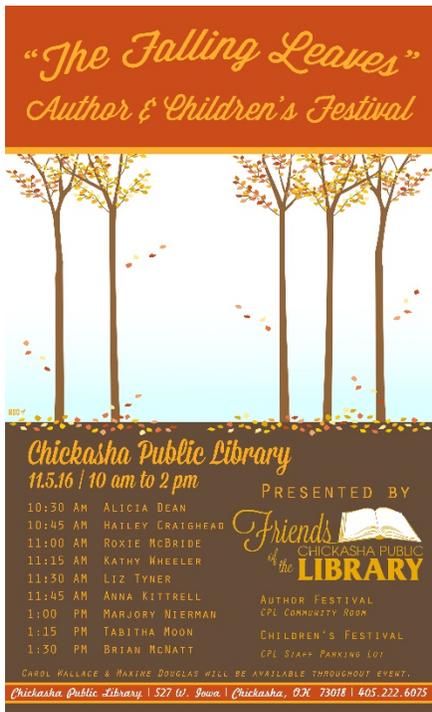
Chief and his staff had the City's ISO inspection on Thursday, October, 20th. In addition, CFD has been busy visiting various classes at Chickasha Public Schools to discuss fire safety. October is "Fire Awareness Month" and they have worked with various groups to really encourage fire safety at all times.



It's time for the Friends of the Library's Fall **Used Book Sale** Oct. 20th – 23rd. Thurs. 4:30-8pm for Friends Members; Fri. 10-7; Sat. 10-3; Sun. 1-3.

Also, the last portion of the landscaping and CPL upgrade is complete with the addition of bike racks and a bench for patrons.





There are numerous events coming up such as a The Falling Leaves Author and Children’s Festival on Nov. 5 throughout the day, World War I presentation on Nov. 9th at 6:30pm and a Genealogy Workshop on Nov. 12th 2-4pm.

Please check the CPL website often for updates on monthly programming. The Library has lots for citizens to do during the cold, winter months.

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 – Building framing continues.



Bordwine Development @ 4322 S. 4th Street – West addition finishing up.



Reese Home Sales Office – 1105 W. Choctaw – Lacking parking lot striping and landscaping. No activity this week.



Grady County Fairgrounds Indoor Arena – 25% of roofing installation has been installed. New electrician contractors are in place.



Chisholm Trail Phase 1 retail area 200 E. Grand – Permits have been picked up by Jimmy’s Egg



Chisholm Trail Phase 2 retail area 2121 S. 4th Street – Building entering final stages for tenant finishes



New restaurant (Legends) – 3525 S. 4th Street- No movement. Awaiting fire line installation.



Cotton Patch Café – 2135 S. 4th Street – Permit picked up



Ice House – 521 Grand – No movement



Bank of Commerce – 2401 Ponderosa Drive – Foundation poured



First Baptist Church – 324 W. Colorado Avenue – First wall framing up and electrical and mechanical



Bouncin' Around – 2409 Ponderosa – Ready for occupation after a few inspections



Best Western Plus – 400 S. Grand – Architecture under review



Grady Memorial Hospital Expansion – Construction trailer on site



Taco Bueno – 2121 4th Street – Tile is being installed, project moving right along



O'Reilly Auto Parts – 1520 S. 4th Street – Building Permit being processed



Fairfield Inn – 2816 S. 4th Street – Project has been reactivated. Waiting on DOT.

Recently Finished Project: Taco Bell



Tourism

Reding Farms features live music performances every weekend. This agri-tourism event brings in over 8,000 people, with the majority traveling from out of town to our City during the month of October and the first half of November. This past weekend they experienced the most local audience in the history of “The Maize”.



“Sip and Stroll” on 3rd Thursday was a little light later in the evening on visitors, but had a strong audience early in the evening. A lot of this can be attributed to fall break as well as senior night at the football game, which was played on Thursday as opposed to Friday due to break. Several businesses featured various promotions as well as ciders and sweet treats. Creek Bottom Burgers featured fried onion burgers, Vivian’s Pie (from Verden) and pulled pork sandwiches.

Also, several Church groups are having Fall Festivals the weekend of the 22nd. Neewollah will be on October 31st from 5 pm to 7 pm in Downtown Chickasha.

