

City of Cheney

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Cheney Chatter

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Administrator's Report by Randall Oliver

As the first quarter of 2014 comes to close, I would like to share some wonderful news with our constituents. The City requested a Standard & Poor's credit rating for the City's 2014 refunding bond issue. S&P assigned the City of Cheney an "AA-" rating with a "stable outlook". This rating reflects the sound financial management of the City and the strength of the reserve accounts. The City is very proud of this rating as it is well above average for cities in Kansas and throughout the country. We had estimated the savings prior to the bond rating of \$65,000 and received a total savings of \$118,563 because of the AA- rating.

The City will also continue their effort to improve sidewalks within the city limits by offering sidewalk grants to homeowners. It allows a 50% cost share up to \$500 for street frontage per homeowner for the replacement or installation of new sidewalk. Applications are available on our website or at City Hall and must be received by October 1, 2014.

The City would also like to share the information we have been given regarding the changes to the National Flood Insurance Program. The Biggert- Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 (BW-12) reauthorized the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and outlined reforms to make the program more sustainable, including the removal of long-standing subsidies. The first phase of rate increases affects many policyholders who own homes built before the community adopted its first Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). Many of these policyholders historically have paid subsidized rates that do not reflect the property's true risk. Beginning October 1, 2013, pre-FIRM subsidized rates changed and premiums will increase 25 percent each year until reaching full-risk rates. Floodplain areas within the City are also changing. A draft map with the floodplain changes is available for review at City Hall.

Employment Opportunities

Lifeguards
Pool Manager
Golf Shop Assistant (cart barn)
Apply at www.hrepartners.com

Online Burn Permits

Each year those wishing to burn outside the city limits must stop by City Hall or go online to obtain a new permit. The online permit allows the applicant to print the permit from their home computer. Kingman County Burn Permits can no longer be obtained through the City of Cheney. All Kingman County burn permits are available online at www.kingmancoks.com.

Celebrate Cheney- 130 years
May 31, 2014
Live Band-Food-Inflatables

Contact Information:

Elected Officials:
Mayor Linda Ball
542-3732

Council Members
Jeff Albers 542-9873
Judy Lehner 542-0555
Greg Kampling 540-6145
Carl Koster 542-0353
Phil Mize 542-3830

City Departments
City Hall 542-3622
Maintenance 542-3815
Library 542-3331
Fire Dept. 542-3155
Police Dept. 542-3173
Cherry Oaks 540-0133
Emergencies 911

Retirement Party

Please join us on
April 4, 2014 at
City Hall from
2-4 pm in honoring

Police Chief
Howard Bishop
on his
retirement.

Cheney City Wide Garage Sales

May 29, 30, 31st
(Notify City Hall if you are interested in having your garage sale listed on the map (\$2 charge).

Goodwill Truck
Drop-off your donated items
May 31st from 2-5 PM at
Cheney High School

City-wide Clean-up Date
June 7th
Curb-side large item
disposal by WC

Maintenance Department

Spring is upon us once again. This is the time when most people do their annual Spring cleaning around the house. Houses get cleaned; yards are raked to remove dead grass/leaves and trees are trimmed of dead or overhanging branches. As a reminder, the brush site at 3361 S. 359th St W. is open year round to allow disposal of **brush only**. Building materials, grass clippings, leaves or old wooden fences are **NOT** allowed at the Brush site. Please obey the rules of dumping as there are regulations the City of Cheney has to follow for brush sites. There is also **free mulch** at the site for anyone to use. Help yourself to as much as you want! If you have trees along your street, be aware that there is a **14 ft** height clearance to maintain for overhanging branches. This is the responsibility of the home owner to keep these trimmed to the required height.

Cheney Public Library

The Cheney Public Library is excited to reveal that we will be extending our Tuesday hours on a trial basis from April 15th – June 19th, in hopes of providing more time for families to take advantage of their library in the evenings. The Tuesday hours will be from 9:00am-1:00pm and 2:00pm-7:00pm. The Thursday evening hours have changed from 3:00pm-7:30pm to 3:00pm-7:00pm. Whether you are utilizing the WiFi, one of the four high speed internet computers, checking out books, sipping down a cappuccino or socializing, make your library the spot to come! For more information, visit www.cheneypubliclibrary.org or connect with the library on Facebook and Twitter.

Cherry Oaks Pro Shop

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The weather is finally warming up and it's time to dust off the clubs and start playing golf.

Cherry Oaks has many opportunities to play for golfers of all levels. The following leagues will start in April:

Men's League- Thursday evenings at 5:30 p.m

Ladies League- Tuesday evenings at 5:30 p.m

Senior League- Wednesday morning at 8:30 a.m.

On June 10th, the popular Junior Golf Program for ages 8 – 17 will begin and run for 5 weeks. The fee is \$65.00 per child.

Individual and group lessons are offered at the course for all levels of golfers. Also, we have a very nice practice range and putting green for those wishing to work on their game.

If you have a group or organization interested in an outing or fundraiser, we have tournament dates available for groups of all sizes.

Annual Memberships are available for students, juniors, ladies, seniors, couples, and individuals. Please go to the web site at cherryoaksgc.com for the pricing.

Spring merchandise is arriving at the golf shop, so be sure to stop by and check out our nice selection and competitive prices.

Cherry Oaks Turf Tip:

Spring is right around the corner and now is the time to begin thinking about that dreaded weed, crabgrass. Crabgrass is a summer annual weed that germinates in the spring, drops seed in the summer, and dies with the first frost in the fall. The best defense against this nasty weed is healthy turf. The keys to healthy turf are: proper mowing height, overseeding to keep the turf thick, correct timing of fertilizer applications, and proper irrigation.

Recommended mowing heights

Tall fescue 2-3 inches

Bluegrass 1.5-2.5 inches

Bermudagrass 1-1.5 inches

It is also recommended to use a pre-emergent (also known as crabgrass preventer) in the spring prior to weed germination. Crabgrass germinates when the soil temperature reaches 55-60 degrees F for 5 consecutive days. If you do not want to monitor soil temperature, apply when the Eastern redbud trees reach full bloom, usually no later than April 15.

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