# City of Cheney

# **Cheney Chatter**



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# Administrator Report by Danielle Young

It seems as though the summer is quickly flying by as we've been busy with several projects since our last newsletter in May. This summer has been packed full of community events sponsored by the City, including a night at the Diamond Dawgs Baseball game, our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event at Cherry Oaks Golf Course, an outdoor movie, and our upcoming Neighborhood Block parties on August 17<sup>th</sup>.

We have several block parties registered for our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual National Night Out Block Party event. There are 37 cities participating in the event across Kansas. The national event was designed to promote police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our community safer. City officials and police officers will visit each block party to build relationships in an effort to strengthen our community.

"The best way to build a safer community is to know your neighbors and your surroundings. National Night Out triumphs over a culture that isolates us from each other and allows us to rediscover our communities." -Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

The summer months also bring forth discussion and work on next year's budget. The City Council will hold a public hearing on the 2020 Budget at the August 8th meeting. The budget continues to include funds to tackle projects at the Sports Complex on South Main, street and sidewalk improvements, equipment purchases, and setting aside transfers to fund larger projects in future years.

In obtaining funding for projects, it is crucial for citizens to participate in the upcoming 2020 Census. Data gathered from the Census guides the distribution of federal funds to state and local governments. It also helps the City with eligibility requirements for funding projects by setting criteria for grants, interest rates, and priority rankings. In 2016, Kansas received \$6,054,507,586 through 55 federal spending programs guided by data derived from the 2010 Census. (Counting for Dollars 2020 Report) So please be sure to participate in the upcoming Census!

We hope you enjoy the rest of your summer and please stop by City Hall, call 316-542-3622, or send an email to dyoung@cheneyks.org if you have any questions or concerns.

#### **Reflective Bands**

Stop by City Hall to pick up a free reflective band to wear on your arm/leg when outside running/walking/biking.

# **Police Department**

Greetings from the Cheney Police Department. We hope everyone is enjoying the summer. If you are driving around Cheney, please continue to be mindful of those out walking, riding bikes and driving golf carts. If you're one of those driving the golf carts, please remember to watch for vehicles traveling around you. A reminder to drivers, we've experienced some recent comments about stop signs being disobeyed and concerns about failing to yield at uncontrolled intersections. Please do your part to know the rules of stopping and yielding. And last but not least, the start of school is just around the corner. The school zone areas will get very busy so please help us keep the school areas safe. As always, please call us anytime with questions or concerns. Thank you for your continued support!

Chief Ken Winter

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#### City Departments

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## Sidewalk Grant

Do you have a sidewalk that needs repaired or replaced? Or do you wish to install a new sidewalk? The City of Cheney offers a \$750 sidewalk grant (per frontage).

Apply at City Hall!

Another round of great local programs coming up! Tae Kwon Do, Youth Soccer and Volleyball, Pickleball, Color Fun Run, Cheer Clinic, Basketball programs and much more. All programs can be viewed and registered for online at <a href="https://www.cheneyrec.com">www.cheneyrec.com</a> or contact the office with questions, 542-0010.

brent@cheneyrecreation.com

# **Cherry Oaks Golf Course**

The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Friends of Cherry Oaks benefit golf tournament, held July 7th, was very successful! Thank you to all who played, sponsored and volunteered time and energy to make this event possible. The proceeds of this annual tournament will build new restrooms on the course.

The heat has ramped up and so has the golf. We encourage everyone to make a tee time in advance by calling 316-540-0133 or by visiting our website: <a href="www.cherryoaksgc.com">www.cherryoaksgc.com</a>.

**Turf tip:** Be careful not to over water your lawn during the high heat and humidity! A combination of high temperatures, high humidity, and moisture can lead to many turf diseases. Also, now is the time for insect control, grubs can be very destructive!

Director of Golf Kevin Fowler

kfowler@cheneyks.org

# **Maintenance Department**

It is that time of the year where we begin slurry sealing streets. Please watch the marque and our Facebook page for possible start dates and locations. If you receive a note on your front door, this indicates we will be working on your street within the next day or two. Cones will be set up to block entrance/exit to that particular street. Please do not move or drive around the cones. Once the street is ready for traffic, (usually around 5 or 6 PM) we will remove the cones. Please park your vehicles on the nearest street the night before unless you will be leaving your residence before 7 AM. Keep in mind the weather plays a huge factor in street work and we will do our best to get your street open as soon as possible. We appreciate your assistance in this matter.

We are approximately two-thirds of the way done with installing the new water meters and setting up the new auto-read system. Thank you for your patience while the change-outs are being done. We are excited to report that the new auto-read system has already allowed us to notify several residents about water leaks on their property. Please be sure to give City Hall your updated phone number so we have a way to contact you in case of a leak.

Brad Ewy bewy@cheneyks.org

# Cheney Public Library

Thank you all who participated in the Summer Reading Program, "A Universe of Stories." If you signed up, come on in for a container of SLIME!

Please come join us for the next Book Club meeting on Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. The chosen book is Louisiana Longshot by Jana Deleon. Please contact the library for more details

Come check out our overflow of books in the book sale vault!

Susan Woodard, Director cheneylibrary@gmail.com cheney.scklslibrary.info

## \*\*\*\*\*\*Utility Payment- IMPORTANT! \*\*\*\*\*\*

Please be sure to include the utility payment voucher when paying your utility bill. The voucher is important in ensuring the payment is applied accurately and efficiently.

We would like to congratulate to the following employees on hitting milestones in 2019 and thank them for their years of service:

Brad Ewy, Fire Chief, 40 years
Karlous Molyneux, Firefighter/EMT, 25 years
Norman Rajewski, Firefighter, 25 years
Kevin Fowler, Director of Golf, 15 years
Sharon Winter, PT Golf-Assistant, 15 years
Sara Walty, Librarian, 10 years
Rodney Scheer, PT Golf-Assistant, 10 years
Kenneth Winter, Police Chief, 5 years
Jeffrey Cole, PT Police Officer, 5 years
Mario Martinez, Police Sergeant, 5 years

#### **Swimming Pool**

Join us Wednesday nights from 6-8pm for Family Swim on August 7th! Admission is \$1.50/person (half price!)

The pool will be closed August 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, for the start of school, and will reopen for the weekends August 17-18<sup>th</sup> and August 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>. August 25<sup>th</sup> is the last day the pool will be open in 2019.

Bring your dog to "Dog Days of Summer" on Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup> from 6-7pm. Admission is \$2 per dog. Proof of vaccinations required and dogs must be on a leash when they are not in the pool. Prizes for Competitions: Dog Race, Long Jump, Fastest Fetch.