



City of Ozawkie Newsletter May 2013

Around the Corner...

Memorial Day is just about a week away, the City Office will be closed all of Memorial Day. The City Office would like to wish all a happy and safe Memorial Day!

City News...

Governor Brownback signed HB 2128 on April 17th, 2013 which will exempt ALL information regarding residential utility customers from disclosure under KORA. *This does not apply to information regarding commercial or industrial customers. This law will take effect on July 1, 2013.



Please Note:

The email address for Patti Croy with KDHE Bureau of Water Supply Section (Ozawkie Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), has changed to: pcroy@kdheks.gov

Who's That???

Are you scratching your head and wondering who that is working in the city office? The City of Ozawkie has a new City Clerk. Michele Mowder, rural Ozawkie, comes to us after spending almost 8 years with the Kansas National Guard Headquarters in Topeka, KS where she worked as the Federal Human Resource Office Administrator/Office Manager. Michele has almost 18 years of various office experience from Receptionist up to Paralegal. She studied Law from 1998-2000 and has an Associates of Applied Science in Legal Office Assisting degree through Topeka Technical College. Michele is married to Brian Mowder, originally from Williamstown, KS. Michele has two children, Aron, who is 20 and Alyssa who is 18. Michele looks forward serving the residents of Ozawkie and thanks everyone for their patience as she learns all the aspects of the city clerk and settles into her new position.



Yard Light Committee News:



The Ozawkie Yard Light Committee was totally restructured in February 2013. We sent out the first inoperative yard light notices April 15, 2013. We sincerely appreciate and thank our friends and neighbors for their almost unanimous positive response and support of our effort. They exemplify citizens that are concerned about home security and safety during the hours of darkness. They also help to preserve the very unique aesthetic beauty of our city. The Yard Light Committee is one volunteer citizen short of a full membership. Anyone interested, please contact the Yard Light Committee directly at ozawkiyardlights@yahoo.com. Thanks again, have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Points to Ponder

Hopefully it will not snow this month. I wish to thank Scott Gibson and Sam Mowder for keeping our streets cleaned off during the bad weather. We were cozy at home, but they were not.

Since I last wrote to you, I have learned a lot about our waste water system. One point to make is Scott Gibson, our city maintenance man, has his waste water certification and is working on completing his water certification. Sam Mowder is now working on earning his waste water certification. Together, they are working to keep our not only beautiful, (mowing), but what you don't see is all the hard work that they do. Honk and waive hi to them as you see them around town.

This month I went with our city engineer, Brian Kingsley, John Tillman with Smith and Loveless, and Scott Gibson to Burlingame to see their city maintenance man and their new above ground waste water pump. We were able to see the new site and their new pump. It is very interesting to see the whole system work. The next day, Brian, Scott, and Joe Augestine, with Pump and Power, and I went to Tonganoxie to see their city maintenance man. There we saw their new submersible waste water pump. I now know what the pumps look like, work and differ. We are now in the process of discussing the pros and cons of both pumps. There will be a lot to consider what is best for our city. Brian Kingsley is receiving information from both the pump companies and we hope to have a report to take to the city council in June 2013. Please come to the city council meeting, I am planning to have an open session to show in detail what needs to be done for our city, before we make any decisions.

Our gates at our lagoons are still a work in progress. One gate down and one to go. The process that Mel Armstrong and Scott Gibson

have to do to get the gate ready is not a simple task. The area around our lagoons is being mowed and some repairs need to be done to the sides of our lagoons.

Our water is holding its own. As of now, there is water to water your lawns. Other cities I have talked to are not as fortunate as Ozawkie. Also, the grass clippings in our streets doesn't look good.

A point to ponder—If you have ever looked down to our lift stations and see our lagoons, one might think twice what they put down their drains.

Thanks for your help and support.

Council Woman: Nancy Leek

Notice to All City Residents:

We would like to remind all city of Ozawkie residents with warmer weather upon us now, to keep in mind the following ordinances will be enforced:

Health Nuisances, Code 8-201, Article 2:

Summarized: Any element detrimental to health, safety, and peaceful habitation of others within the city.

Abandoned Vehicles, (Nuisances Unlawful), Code 8-303, Article 3:

Summarized: Motor Vehicle Nuisance is any motor vehicle which is not currently registered or tagged pursuant to K.S.A. 8-126 to 8-149 inclusive, as amended; or parked in violation of city ordinance, incapable of moving under its own power, or in a junked, wrecked or inoperable condition.

Animals: Running at Large (Code 2-111), Noisy Animals (Code 2-108), Vicious/Aggressive Animals (Code 2-110).

Summarized: Please keep your animals leashed, behind fences or inside, control barking/howling, and if you have an aggressive animal please do not leave them unattended outside where they could get lose and bite or chase those walking.



Dear New Neighbors,

Welcome to the city of Ozawkie. We hope that you will find out community pleasant, our services helpful, our leadership capable and our residents friendly. Ozawkie is a small, fairly new community established when Perry Lake covered over the old town of Ozawkie. Many of the original townspeople or members of their families continue to live here and feel a great affinity for the city. We hope that you too will gain an appreciation and an interest in the people, ambiance, beauty and care of this city.

The city's garbage pick-up service starts early on Mondays with exception to holiday changes. The city has provided a burn area on the western edge behind our maintenance building for landscape refuse such as grass clippings, leaves, branches and non-treated wood. Our city maintenance workers do a good job of plowing streets, trimming trees and keeping the city property nicely maintained.

We do have some city ordinances common to most cities and some uniquely belonging to the city of Ozawkie. One of the unique ordinances we would like to inform new residents about is Yard Lights. In order to spare the new city the cost and maintenance of street lights, the original framers required each house to have a Stand-Alone outside Yard Light, and also that the Yard Light be turned on at dark. Besides lighting a path to your home, it provides for more safety in the neighborhood and help drivers maneuver more easily through the curvy and hilly streets. We also have ordinances for pets and nuisance ordinances that endeavor to keep our city safe, clean and preserve its value.

Ozawkie has a city council and a planning and zoning committee that invest their time, talents and energy to keep Ozawkie a safe, attractive, progressive community and a great place to live. Ozawkie, a third class municipality, has ordinance and zoning restrictions. Building permits are required for structural modifications and for auxiliary structures. For example, garden sheds, fences and swimming pools. Permits are also required for placement of any new structures, for example, storage sheds on your property. If you have questions or are planning any changes to your property please contact the city office at (785) 876-2550. Our city clerk will be happy to assist you, or direct you to the person who can answer your questions.

Again, welcome neighbor! We hope this will be helpful to you as you settle in and become comfortable in your new home and surroundings.

Respectfully, The City of Ozawkie

Helpful Phone Numbers

City of Ozawkie Office (785) 876-2550 (water, sewer, trash billing, building permits, rental of town hall room, pet registration, city complaints)

City of Ozawkie Maintenance Emergencies (785) 608-3547 (Scott Gibson)

(785) 640-1194 (Sam Mowder)

City of Ozawkie Mayor Steve Stanton (785) 876-2908

Burn Permits (Township Fire Dept.) (785) 220-8327 (Michelle Farris)

City of Ozawkie (Volunteer) Fire Dept. (785) 876-2200

S.M. Ball Trash Service (785) 393-1051

KS Gas Service 1-800-794-4780

The Vindicator Paper (785) 945-3257

Century Link PO Box 2961, Phoenix, AZ 85062-2961

Pay by phone: 1-866-712-1996

Customer Service & Repairs 1-800-786-6272

Jefferson County Residents in need of home delivered meals (Heidi Pickerell) (785)-295-3980

Jefferson County Clerk's Office (785)-863-2272

Jefferson County Treasurer's Office (785)-863-2081

Burger Paradise (785) 876-2741

Casey's General Store (785) 876-2723

Kramer Agency, Inc. Insurance (785) 876-2493 Fax (785) 876-0132

Dog Complaints(contact Jefferson County Sheriff's Dispatch Office) (785) 863-2351

Abandoned Vehicles Please contact Council Man Don Schaefer (785) 250-8206



*Let me know if you want a specific number added to this list. Thanks, Michele.