SECOND QUARTER UPDATES

- Passing of Larry Becker, former City Treasurer for 30 years.
- Passing of Jim Goering, former City Councilman for 20 years.
- Annual Spring Clean Up resulted in 18 load of tree limbs, 16 loads of bagged yard waste and 13 loads of trash.
- Sewer cleaning and scoping in the Campus Woods neighborhood.
- Celebrated City Clerks Week, Public Works Week, and National Police Week.
- Circle C Paving completed crack sealing in preparation to chip seal several streets in town.
- City was awarded $163,500 from KDOT Cost Share Program to construct additional sidewalks in town. The total construction estimate is $218,000 and includes additional sidewalks from Thresher Stadium to 30th Street, a crosswalk at 30th and Main, with sidewalks extending from 30th to North Woods Plaza, along 30th to Ivy Court and the Kidron Bethel campus. The plans also include extending the sidewalk along Anderson Road from Wildwood Way to Goldenrod Road.
- Knudsen, Monroe and Co. performed our 2021 audit. They reported a clean audit; the City has healthy balances and is in a good financial position.
- City Clerk Pat Redding celebrated ten years working for the City.

FROM THE POLICE CHIEF'S DESK

Scams targeting American citizens above the age of 60 surged during and after the pandemic. According to FBI statistics, there were upwards of 92,000 victims in 2021 alone. Older citizens gave scammers $1.7 billion. This is a 74% increase from 2020! These numbers only reflect those victims who chose to report to law enforcement. Scammers continue to find creative ways to get money from victims. One scam involves the caller identifying themselves as a DEA agent. The caller tells the victim that his/her bank records were found in a vehicle containing a large quantity of illegal drugs. Then the caller tells the victim to send them cash to avoid legal trouble. Law enforcement agencies rarely, if ever, call people and request money, especially if the caller identifies himself as someone representing a law enforcement agency. NEVER give out personal information over the phone such as date of birth, social security number, or bank account numbers. You can always call the police department if you have questions or concerns.

MAINTAINING PROPERTY RIGHTS-OF -WAY

City ordinance requires property owners or residents maintain the rights-of-way on their property. Areas beyond fence lines, that could include alleyways or to the curb/road edge, are to be maintained by the owner or resident. Please do your part to ensure these areas are being maintained appropriately.

HOUSE NUMBERS

First responders and public works staff must be able to find your house. It is recommended that house numbers be displayed in a position that is plainly legible and visible from the road fronting the property. These numbers shall contrast with their background and be a minimum of four inches high.

2023 BUDGET IN PROCESS

The City Council began the 2023 budgeting process with a work session on June 21. A reminder to all residents, beginning this year, the County Clerk is required to provide notice if a taxing authority wants to exceed their revenue neutral rate. If North Newton or any other taxing authority should choose to exceed the revenue neutral rate, you will receive a mailer with more information about each entity's proposed increase.

NORTH NEWTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION HANDS OUT AWARDS

North Newton Community Foundation, an affiliate of Central Kansas Community Foundation, announced their 2022 grants on June 13 at city hall.

$11,000 was granted to nine community non-profit agencies: SafeHope, Community Playschool, Kauffman Museum, Peace Connections, Newton Meals On Wheels, Newton Public Library, Newton Mid-Kansas Kansas Symphony Orchestra, Harvey County United Way and Prairie View.

The foundation is a grant-making public charity that is dedicated to improving the lives of people who live in North Newton. We bring together the financial gifts of individuals, families and businesses to support nonprofits that serve our community.

Foundation board members are: Chair Bill Hake, Vice Chair Nathan Murphy, Secretary Thomas Jackson, Mark Janzen, Kathy Campbell, Ray Olais, John Torline, Ray Penner and Pam Tieszen.

Currently foundation assets total approximately $1.4 million.

A neighborhood fox with one of her kits.
-North Newton Resident Max Voran, Photographer

ADDITIONAL REMINDERS…

↠ Class C, or common **FIREWORKS**, can be discharged in North Newton only on July 4th between 10:00 a.m. and midnight. CLEAN UP YOUR FIREWORKS DEBRIS PLEASE!

↠ The **TRASH/RECYCLING** contractor reminds everyone to remove lids from plastic bottles and containers before placing them in the clear recycle bag. Make sure your recyclables are clean and free of residue or food. Set recyclables out only when a bag is full and tie all bags securely.

↠ **PEDDLING** (door-to-door sales or canvassing) is allowed from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. in the City of North Newton. Outside of those hours, peddlers should not be coming to your door, unless invited. Peddlers should show you their City of North Newton permit upon asking. If you are suspicious about someone coming to your door call 9-1-1. If you want to make sure they are approved to be going door-to-door, please contact City Hall or the North Newton Police Department.

↠ The next three **CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS** are July 11, August 8, and September 12 at 7:00 P.M. Citizens are given an opportunity to make comments at the opening of the meeting.

↠ **CITY HALL IS CLOSED:** July 4 and Labor Day, September 5.

USD 373 SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Families New to USD 373

Enroll your pre-kindergarten through 12th grade student using the New Family Online Registration Portal at https://usd373-ks.schoolloop.com/enroll.

Existing & Returning Families

Access enrollment application online through your Parent Portal. Contact your student's school for assistance or visit the Infinite Campus Portal page.

https://usd373-ks.schoolloop.com

PRIMARY ELECTION
(Federal, State, County & a constitutional question on abortion)
Tuesday, August 2, 2022

GENERAL ELECTION
(Federal, State, Co & Local)
Tuesday, November 8, 2022

ADVANCE VOTING BY MAIL

- Registered voters may apply for an Advance Ballot by Mail at https://www.HVCoKSvote.gov.
- A separate form is required for each election. Ballots begin mailing 20 days prior to election.
- Requests must be submitted by July 26 & Nov 1.

EARLY VOTING IN-PERSON

- Begins on Tuesday two weeks prior to each election day (July 19 & Oct 25).
- Located at Harvey Co. Courthouse Community Room, 800 N Main.
- 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mon-Fri until Noon on Monday prior to each Election Day.

IN-PERSON VOTING ON ELECTION DAY FOR REGISTERED VOTERS OF NORTH NEWTON

- Held at North Newton City Hall building – East entrance
- 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Photo ID is required.

For more information:
Harvey County Election Office – (316)284-6840 ◆
https://www.HVCoKSvote.gov ;
https://www.ksvotes.org for online voter registration and advance ballot information

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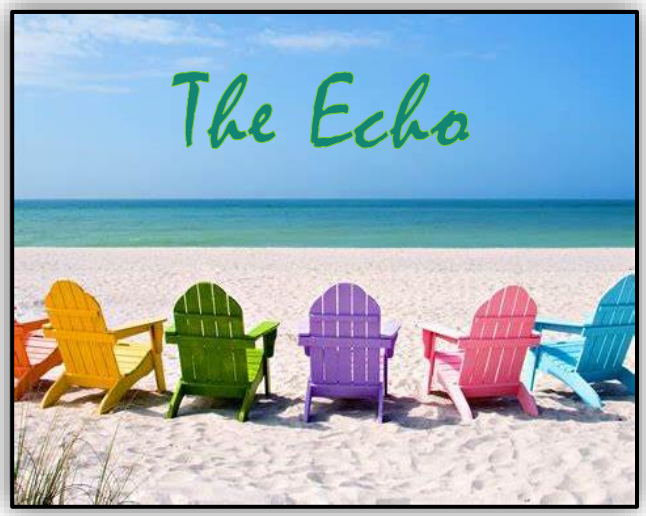

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