

CITY OF DWIGHT
APRIL 2011

DOG CLINIC

The annual dog clinic will be held on Saturday, April 23 from 9-11 at the Dwight Fire Station. Pursuant to Ordinance No. 200C: Any dog over six months of age owned and kept within the City must be annually registered with the City Clerk. A current completed certificate of immunization against rabies is required for registration. A \$25 fine will be assessed if dogs are not registered within 30 days of this clinic. Annual dog registration fees are \$3.00 per neutered male or spayed female dog and \$5.00 per unneutered male or unspayed female dog.

Dr. Mona Metzger will be available to administer rabies shots. If you need other immunizations, please make prior arrangements with her so that she can be prepared. If you are not getting shots for your dog at the clinic, bring paperwork from your vet showing that your dog is current on shots. If you wish to have a complete copy of this ordinance, please contact the City Office.

EASTER EGG HUNT

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 23 at 10 AM at the Dwight City Park. If anyone is interested in donating candy, please call Christy Claypool at 785-482-3434.

WATER PROJECT

If you have a property that you would like to have a water meter pit installed on, this will be your last chance to be included with the project. Service lines are currently being installed on the north end of town. As a reminder, Larson Construction will install a shutoff valve on the residence side of the meter for those who do not currently have a shutoff. Each property owner would need to make arrangements with Larson to install the shutoff and would be responsible for payment arrangements with Larson prior to the shutoff being installed.

CAUTION!!!! Please stay away from the open pits! It is very dangerous to be near the construction site.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

On March 21st, a joint meeting was held with Alta Vista City Council and Dwight City Council concerning economic development and working together with Ft. Riley. The room was filled with interested citizens from both communities.

Col. Brown from Ft. Riley provided a regional summary of Ft. Riley. The most populous group of soldiers (E4 – E6) is also the group with the greatest current shortfall in affordable housing. There is a potential need of 1,000 – 2,700 places to live such as apartments, row houses, town homes, duplexes and single family homes. Two bedroom dwellings are the greatest need. The basic housing allowance for an E-4 to E-6 soldier is near \$1,000 to cover rent, utilities and renters insurance. There is an off post housing shortfall which is projected to continue through at least 2015. Ft. Riley's economic impact on the Central Flint Hills Region has grown by \$1.2 billion since the return of the 1st Infantry Division to Ft. Riley, which is an increase of 135%.

Ty Warner from the Flint Hills Regional Council explained the benefits of membership in the Flint Hills Regional Council. The cities of Dwight and Alta Vista are both members of the Council. The Council was established as a unified voice for key regional issues affecting Ft. Riley and its environs, particularly in the areas of housing and transportation.

DWIGHT COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION WORKING GROUP (PRIDE):

Several meetings have been held to work toward developing a "Community Revitalization Strategic Plan". The meetings have been well attended and have been held at various locations in Dwight. The next meeting will be held at the Dwight Community Building on Monday, April 25th at 7 PM. Everyone is encouraged to attend to help shape the plan for the future of Dwight.

DWIGHT CITY WIDE CLEANUP DAY

The group has begun to work on several projects. The first major project will be the Dwight City Wide Cleanup Day to be held on May 7 from 8:00 – 11:30 AM. See the enclosed flyer to see what items can be picked up. If you are not physically able to get your items to the curb, please contact Pam Goss at 785-223-2491 or 482-3580 prior to May 7th.

Those who would like to help with the cleanup, should sign the signup sheets around town or let the City Office know. Volunteers will meet at the Community Building at 7:30 AM to organize into groups and get

instructions. Coffee and donuts will be provided at 7:30 AM and a small lunch provided at noon for the volunteers who have signed up.

MARKETING

A new three-fold brochure for the City is currently being printed. It is a very nice brochure designed by Angela Moore.

The City's first website is up and running. We are looking at revamping it to include more information and functionality. It may be viewed at dwightks.com.

Email Addresses Requested: If you would like to get updates on City information by email, please provide your email address to the City Office. This method has come in handy lately to receive last minute notice that the water would be turned off or that a meeting or event has been scheduled.

HOUSING

Housing is an issue that the group will be working on. It continues to be an issue in Dwight. The City Office has been receiving calls even more frequently in recent weeks inquiring about available properties in Dwight and the outlying areas. Families want to enroll their children in Prairie Heights but cannot locate housing. If you have a property that you would like to have on the housing list that is being compiled, please contact the City Office. An opportunity may also exist with Ft. Riley. Ft. Riley is looking for property within 20 miles/ 30 minute commute to the front gates of Ft Riley. More information will be available soon.

ELECTION

We had a 30% turnout of registered voters at the recent election. Pam Goss, Melissa Ellis and Eddie Vineyard were elected and began their terms at the last City Council meeting. The Council accepted Joyce Gallaway's resignation as a member of the Council. Mayor Galen Johnson will appoint a citizen to fulfill her remaining term. Thank you, Joyce, for all of your years of service on the City Council!

The Council is currently comprised of:

Galen Johnson, Mayor	482-3536	Melissa Ellis	556-9933
Pam Goss	482-3580	Eddie Vineyard	482-3283
Andy Anders	482-3344		

ORDINANCE SPOTLIGHT

Spring is upon us. With spring comes the beginning of mowing season. Please do your part to keep your property mowed and the City looking nice.

Ordinance No. 1102: An ordinance pertaining to weeds

Section 1. WEEDS TO BE REMOVED. It shall be unlawful for any owner, agent, lessee, tenant, or other person occupying or having charge or control of any premises to permit weeds to remain upon said premises or any area between the property lines of said premises and the centerline of any adjacent street or alley, including but not specifically limited to sidewalks, street, alleys, easements, right-of-way and all other areas, public or private. All weeds as hereinafter defined are hereby declared a nuisance and are subject to abatement as hereinafter provided.

Section 2. DEFINITIONS: Weeds as used herein, means any of the following:

- (a) Brush and woody vines shall be classified as weeds;
- (b) Weeds and grasses which may attain such large growth as to become, when dry, a fire menace to adjacent improved property;
- (c) Weeds which bear or may bear seeds of a downy or wingy nature;
- (d) Weeds which are located in an area which harbors rats, insects, animals, reptiles, or any other creature which either may or does constitute a menace to health, public safety or welfare;
- (e) Weeds and grasses on or about residential property which, because of its height, has a blighting influence on the neighborhood. Any such weeds and indigenous grasses shall be presumed to be blighting if they **exceed 8 inches** in height.

Contact the City Office for a copy of the entire ordinance.

CITY OFFICE HOURS

City Office is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 8:15 – 10:15.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 23	Dog Clinic, Fire Station 9-11 AM
April 23	Easter Egg Hunt, Dwight City Park, 10 AM
April 24	Easter
April 25	Pride Meeting, 7 PM Dwight Community Building
May 7	Dwight City Wide Cleanup Day
May 8	Mother's Day
May 16	City Council Meeting, 7 PM
May 30	Memorial Day
June 11	Symphony In The Flint Hills
June 20	City Council Meeting, 7 PM

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