

CITY OF DWIGHT

MARCH 2012

PRIDE/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

COMPLETED PROJECTS

With the help of a TCT grant, the Community Building and Library both have new attractive metal signs. New guttering has been installed on the Community Building. With the help of the following volunteers: John Traynor, Chris Stewart, Jack York, Jean Johnson, Galen Johnson, Kenny Kaluhiokalani, Ronnie Gallaway, Donald Glessner and Lisa Lee a new metal roof was installed on the maintenance shop and the awning was replaced on the Community Building during the Community Work Day in November.

NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Dwight City Wide Cleanup Day – May 5th

The Annual City Wide Cleanup Day will be held May 5th. Please take this opportunity to tidy up your property. Last year's cleanup was a success, both in the amount of debris hauled away and in the number of volunteers who helped collect the items as well as feed the tired and hungry workers. Let's do it again! Please see the flyer enclosed with information about the cleanup.

Community Garden

A Community Garden Grant has been applied for. If we are awarded the grant, a community garden is planned for the Dwight Community. The garden will be located at the school in Dwight. Watch for more details.

Summerfest

Plans are underway for the celebration of Dwight's 125th Anniversary. The celebration will be held August 18th and 19th. During the two-day event, numerous fun events are being planned including a parade, car and antique tractor shows, bingo, kids games, quilt show and a community church service. More details will be available soon. If you are interested in helping with the Summerfest, the next planning meeting is scheduled for April 5th at 7 PM at the Community Building.

DOG CLINIC

The annual dog clinic will be held on Saturday, April 21st from 9 – 11 AM at the Dwight Fire Station. This will be the only dog clinic held this year! Pursuant to Ordinance No. 200D: 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. The annual dog registration fees are \$3.00 per neutered male or spayed female dog and \$5.00 per unneutered male or unspayed female dog. If you are not able to attend the clinic, you may purchase your tags from the City Office.

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.

SOFTBALL/BASEBALL/T-BALL

Calling all youth interested in playing softball, baseball or t-ball this summer...it's time to get signed up! The forms were sent home from school with students attending Prairie Heights. If you did not receive a form, please contact the Alta Vista City Hall. The Alta Vista/Dwight Baseball Commission enrollment forms are due to either the Dwight City Office or Alta Vista City Hall by April 1st. Don't miss this opportunity!

SEWER CLEANING

The regularly scheduled maintenance of the sewer will take place on April 19th. The City is divided into three sections pertaining to sewer cleaning that are cleaned in a three-year rotation. This year, the southeast section is scheduled. If the sewer main servicing your property will be cleaned, you will be notified a few days before with instructions

WEBSITE

The City website, Dwightks.net, is still a work in progress. Items are being added to the community calendar and City Council minutes are being posted. If you have items you would like posted, please let the City Office know.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the planters on Main Street have been donated by Neosho Gardens to help beautify our downtown. If you see Eric, make sure to tell him thank you!

EASTER EGG HUNT

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 7th at 10 AM at the City Park.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

To continue the effort to revitalize the City of Dwight, City Council passed Resolution #2012-1-30 which established the Housing and Community Development Corporation of the City of Dwight. The City is in need of interested persons from Dwight and the surrounding communities to fill the following positions within the newly formed organization. Additionally, people are needed to work within the organization to serve as support and to serve on various committees.

The initial organizational structure will include the following "Acting" positions with commensurate responsibilities:

Chairman – Responsible for overall direction and coordination of various directorates in accomplishment of Revitalization Plan. Provides specific guidance and direction, establishes priorities, and resolves conflict.

Co-Chairman - (Mayor) Acting in the absence of the Chairman, with same responsibilities as Chairman. Primarily functions as liaison between City Council and Community Development Organization.

Director of Plans & Operations - Responsible for the development and integration of long range community development plans and alternative courses of action based on changing situations and future requirements.

Director of Finance & Accounting – Responsible for general oversight and management of funding and compliance with various accounting and tax regulations.

Director of Housing Development - Responsible for the actions specifically related to development, acquisition, renovation, construction and management of private and public housing.

Director of Urban Development and Infrastructure – Responsible for actions specifically related to development, acquisition, renovation, construction and management of commercial properties and urban infrastructure.

Director of Logistics – Responsible for acquisition and management of materials and labor.

Director of Marketing and Community Relations – Responsible for development and execution of a coordinated marketing plan which includes advertising, public relations and communications.

Director of Tourism and Recreational Activities – Responsible for the actions specifically related to the development and hosting of signature events and other recreational activities aimed at increasing tourism and improving the general quality of life for the community at large.

If you are interested in serving or know of anyone who may be, please contact Mayor Galen Johnson at 785-482-3536 as soon as possible. Thank you for helping in the revitalization effort.

WEATHER SAFETY

Severe weather season is upon us as evidenced by the tornado that struck Harveyville last month. We need to be prepared. The tornado siren in Dwight is controlled by the Morris County Emergency Management. It will be sounded only when rotation has been sighted or the National Weather Service has issued a tornado warning for our particular area. Once the siren has been sounded, you have less than five minutes to take cover. The siren is meant to warn you when you are outside. Please take precautions inside by listening to your radio or television for watches or warnings. After the siren has sounded, you can find out if all is clear by listening to your radio. A second siren **DOES NOT** mean all clear – it means that another storm is approaching! You should be prepared with an emergency supply kit.

Storm spotter training for Morris County will be conducted on March 29th. The meeting will be held in the Courthouse basement in Council Grove beginning at 7 PM. This meeting would be beneficial to anyone who would like to know more about storms. You are not required to become a storm spotter simply because you attended the meeting.

UTILITY PAYMENTS

The City Office has had several inquiries as to whether credit or debit cards were accepted for payment of utility bills. Currently, the answer is no. If you would possibly be interested in this payment method, please indicate so on the bill payment stub when you pay your next utility bill. Currently, your bill may be paid by cash, check, money order, autodraft from your Farmers State Bank account, or an autodraft you have set up with your bank.

RECYCLING

Correction: In the last newsletter, items were listed that the Morris County Recycling Center would accept for recycling. A few of the items are not to be dropped off at Dwight's Recycling Center; they must be taken directly to the Morris County Recycling Center in Council Grove. Electronics, waste motor oil, scrap metal, batteries and scrap aluminum must be taken to Council Grove. The items accepted in Dwight are: newspaper, magazines, phone books, white and colored paper, tin cans, #1 clear plastic, #2 plastic (milk jugs), #2 colored plastic (laundry soap bottles), film plastic (grocery bags), and cardboard. Please rinse milk jugs and tin cans. Styrofoam cannot be recycled at either place.

COMMUNITY BUILDING USAGE

The Community Building is used by numerous community groups as well as for private functions. It is the community's building to use but also to respect and keep clean. Remember to leave it as you find it. If you spill something, mop it up. Take your trash with you. Make sure the bathrooms are clean. The new reservation form can be found in this newsletter. The fees will remain the same.

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.

The City will be enforcing Ordinance No. 1102 which pertains to weeds. The Ordinance states that 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.

(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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 29	Storm Spotter Training – Morris County Courthouse Basement - Council Grove, 7 PM
April 1	T-Ball/Softball Signup Deadline
April 3	PHES Vocal Music Program, 7 PM
April 5	Summerfest Meeting – Community Building, 7 PM
April 7	Easter Egg Hunt – Dwight City Park, 10 AM
April 8	Easter
April 13	PHES Kindergarten Roundup
April 14	PH PTO Carnival - PHES, 4 PM
April 16	City Council Meeting, 7 PM
April 19	Sewer Cleaning
April 21	Dog Clinic, Dwight Fire Station, 9 - 11 AM
May 1	PHMS Vocal Music Program – Alta Vista , 7 PM
May 5	Dwight City Wide Cleanup Day, 8 – 11:30 AM
May 13	Mothers Day
May 20	CGHS Commencement, 3 PM
May 21	City Council Meeting, 7 PM PHMS Promotion – Alta Vista, 7:30 PM
May 22	PHES Kindergarten Graduation, 11 AM PH Field Day – PHES, 12:45 PM
May 24	Last Day School
May 28	Memorial Day
June 2	Dale Roberts Memorial Softball Tournament, Dwight
June 17	Fathers Day
June 18	City Council Meeting, 7 PM
July 4	Independence Day
July 16	City Council Meeting, 7 PM
August 16	First Day of School – USD 417
August 18-19	Dwight Summerfest – 125 th Celebration

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