



Newsletter

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AIRPORT

Runway Extension Project. The runway is operational; however, we will be scheduling a one-day closure to do some repair to the runway markings. This will be scheduled sometime in the next couple of months. The procedures and REIL lights will be flight checked this weekend. We are currently in the process of getting a flight check scheduled for the PAPI lights.



2018 Fly Kansas Air Tour. This is the fifth consecutive year for the Fly Kansas Air Tour, and once again, the tour will begin at the Wellington Municipal Airport. Please join us on Thursday, September 27, at 8:00AM.

PUBLIC WORKS

Downtown Trees. Several months ago, Staff provided the Governing Body information concerning the 71 tree wells located downtown, specifically on Washington, between 9th Street and 4th Street; and Harvey & Lincoln, between Jefferson and C Street. Staff removed damaged curb around two tree wells in 2016 and noticed a significant increase in the number of damaged sections last year. Staff identified 23 tree wells with damaged or raised curbs of at least 1/2 inch. The damage is being caused by roots of trees too large for their environment and searching for water. The roots will begin raising or cracking the sidewalk soon if not addressed.



Staff has contacted Unity Tree Service to remove these 23 trees, and we will kill the stumps and plant smaller trees or shrubs at a future date. Letters were sent to the business nearest to each tree last week, notifying them of the work to be done. Something else worth noting, the City contracted with Precision Concrete Cutting in 2010 to trim eighty-one (81) trip hazards in the downtown area (\$3,094) and again in 2014 for eighty-eight (88) trip hazards (\$8,115). These were caused by a combination of typical settling and tree roots.



Downtown Sidewalk. Staff is contacting potential contractors for repairs to the sidewalk along the south side of Security State Bank. The sidewalk settled several years ago, probably due to poor compaction during the downtown renovation project. Staff would prefer to use a mud-jacking system if financially feasible, to decrease the time of inconvenience in the area.

Sanitation. E-Waste Collection Day at the City of Wellington Recycling Center, Saturday, September 8, 2018, between 9:00 AM and 12:00 PM. Collecting unwanted, working and non-working electronic devices. For more information about the operating hours, please contact Jeremy Jones, Public Works Director, at 620-326-7831. For questions concerning specific items to be collected or data destruction, please contact Pete at 316-305-6896 (evenings) or Julian at 316-305-6895 (evenings). NO CRT monitors, NO old tube-type TV's.

Landfill. The backhoe is on its way to Wichita again for repair. There is a leak in the fuel system, a simple gasket or tightening of bolts on a part, however, several fuel lines and engine components will need to be removed to access the part for repair. One of the Street Department loaders is at the landfill until the backhoe is returned.

UTILITIES

Electric Distribution. After 38 years of service, Dale Miller will be retiring. Dale's last day will be September 28, 2018. Mark your calendar for Dale's Come & Go Retirement Reception- September 28, from 2:00pm - 4:00pm in the conference room at the City Administration Building, 317 S. Washington.

Water Distribution. Staff completed and sent off the State Turbidity - Disinfection - CT Report and sent the Total Organic Compound (TOC) samples to KDHE. The Plant has been having issues with loss of the power alarm to the chlorine scrubber. Electric Distribution has been out to check the system, the backup battery was bad, a new one has been ordered and will be installed when received. Plant staff cleaned sock filters on the lime silo, cleaned out alum chute and replaced lime suction line from the slurry tank to the chemical pump.

Water usage for the week of August 31st to September 6th.

Water treated: 8,907,150 gallons Daily Avg.: 1,272,450 gallons

Water sent to town: 8,035,000 gallons Daily Avg.: 1,147,857 gallons

Lake level: 1208 or 8" low

River flow: 852cfps

River pump: Off

River water pumped for the week: 0

River water pumped for the year: 300,261,264 gallons

Wastewater. Staff at Wastewater was busy with daily maintenance and repairs this week. Staff pulled the gear box off the north roto-screen to get the seals & bearings; pulled Hayward RAS pump to get bids for replacement of the seals & bearings; cleaned back flows on the plant lift station; greased and changed the oil on the north bio-tank mixer; finished changing seals and oil out of the last bio-tank under water mixer; and greased the boom and other areas on the Vac Truck.

MISCELLANEOUS

Meetings. The next regular City Council meeting will be held on September 18, 2018.