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Some residents willing to pay more

Debt burdens Bel Aire budget

By Matt Heilman

Before they get too deep into crunching the numbers, Bel Aire city leaders asked residents to give their input on the 2012 budget. They got what they asked for.

The council and city staff wanted to know what services residents felt were most important and what they'd be willing to spend to keep these services.

In large part due to the sale of about 70 acres for a new starter home development along 53rd North and Rock Road near the new USD 259 high school, Bel Aire has sold \$800,000 worth of land this year.

This year's sales put another dent in the \$19 million land debt, but there's a long way to go.

The city owes \$2,109,000 in debt payments for 2012. This includes

\$1,260,000 to pay the interest on the land debt, \$58,000 for the debt payment on the Central Park pool, \$568,000 in special assessments and taxes on land, and \$223,000 for debt payment on City Hall.

Bel Aire's debt management plan, presented by Mayor Harold Smith at the April 19 council meeting, calls for the city to dedicate 9 1/2 mills to the interest payment on land debt in 2012 and

allows proceeds from all land sales to pay off part of the principal.

Based on the conservative, worst-case scenario that projects zero land sales in 2012, Bel Aire would need to make up about \$800,000 in a \$4 million budget to meet the interest payment.

This means that if no city services are cut, residents can expect to pay

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Photos by Matt Heilman

American Legion ride captain Terry Houck (left) presents a plaque to Bel Aire's Lorna Geist (right) at a June 5 ceremony outside her home. The ceremony honored Geist's son, Sgt. Thomas Bohall, who was killed in Afghanistan on May 26. Joining Geist is her daughter, Leslie, and husband, Keith Geist.

Community honors soldier from Bel Aire

By Matt Heilman

On May 26, six soldiers were killed in the Kandahar Province of Afghanistan by an improvised explosive device. One of those soldiers was 25-year-old Sgt. Thomas A. Bohall, a Bel Aire native who graduated from high school in San Antonio.

Bohall attended seventh and eighth grades at Bel Aire's Sunrise Christian Academy and spent his first two years of high school at Wichita Heights before moving to Texas, his mother and Bel Aire resident Lorna Geist said.

Geist said one of her son's fondest memories at Sunrise was his trip to Israel with the



Bohall

school's principal, Dr. Robert Lindsted. Her son embarked on an even bigger adventure when he enlisted in the Army in 2005. Geist said she couldn't remember if her son was serving his third or fourth deployment when he was killed, but Sgt. Bohall served one tour in Iraq before deployments to Afghanistan.

He was assigned to the 4th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, 15th Combat Aviation Brigade, 101st Airborne Divi-

sion based at Fort Campbell, Ky.

Geist said her husband, Keith Geist, described Sgt. Bohall well, saying "Thomas' eyes were always on the horizon."

"He always wanted to go and do," Geist said. "He was very adventurous. That's the kind of kid he was. He loved not being tied down. We knew a long time ago he wasn't going to be someone who had an office job and would push papers."

Bohall's sister, Leslie, lives in Bel Aire with his mother and stepfather.

Geist said the last time she saw her son was during Thanksgiving when he was preparing to return to Afghanistan after he signed to stay on active duty.

"He said, 'Mom, I'm just do-

ing my job,'" Geist said.

Geist said she was originally taken aback when her son decided to join the Army, but she received some reassurance from family.

"I had a brother who said, 'Hey sis, you're gonna know where he's at and somebody's gonna be looking out for him,'" Geist said.

She said she had a couple of uncles who served in World War II and her family "isn't unfamiliar with the military."

"But it's different when it's your own son," she said. Bohall's death occurred one day after his grandmother died. Geist's mother, Vivian Stafford, died on May 25.

A little more than a week

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Work to begin on starter homes

Development near new school

By Matt Heilman

Progress continued on the city's newest residential development last month.

The Bel Aire City Council in June approved infrastructure improvements as well as the plat for the Rock Spring starter home subdivision, which is southeast of the new Wichita high school near 53rd North and Rock Road.

On June 21, the council approved six resolutions for construction on the development. In one extended motion, the council approved 53rd Street paving improvements, sewer improvements, water distribution system improvements, sidewalk improvements and water drainage improvements for Rock Spring, as well as paving improvements in the development.

The resolutions started the process to see the plans for the housing addition become a reality.

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Speed limit on I-135 increases to 75 mph

Starting north of 85th North

By The Breeze staff

The speed limit on several stretches of Kansas highways, including a portion of I-135, will be raised to 75 mph on July 1.

I-135 from one-half mile north of the 85th North interchange to I-70 near Salina will be raised from 70 mph to 75 mph.

The new maximum speed limit was passed by the 2011 Legislature, authorizing the secretary of transportation to consider any separated, multilane highway for the new speed limit. All of the routes chosen for the increased speed limit are freeways, which have controlled access and interchanges. No expressways, which have at-grade intersections with cross traffic, were selected. A total of 807 miles of roadway will have the 75-mph speed limit.

KDOT will begin placing aluminum overlays with the new 75-mph speed limit to the existing 70-mph signs on June 30.

The other highways include:

- I-70 from the Colorado state line to just west of Topeka in Shawnee County.
- I-35 from U.S. 50 just east of Emporia to a mile east of the Sunflower/Edgerton interchange in Johnson County.
- U.S. 81 from I-70 near Salina north to K-106.
- U.S. 69 from six-tenths of a mile north of the north junction of U.S. 54 in Bourbon County to the 199th Street interchange in Johnson County.
- The Kansas Turnpike from the Oklahoma state line to K-7 in Wyandotte County.



Hair bands invade Hartman Arena

Tawny Kitaen didn't do cartwheels on the hood of a car, but the show still went on, even though only a couple thousand of us witnessed it. On May 26, former hair band kings Whitesnake and Warrant played to about a one-third capacity crowd at Hartman Arena.

Accompanied by a friend from out of town who shares my first name, I arrived at Hartman at about 6:45 p.m. and had no trouble finding an empty parking space near the front of the arena. Not a good sign for concert promoters, especially since our tickets said the show was supposed to start at 7 p.m.

We went in to the arena after a minor delay from security and found our way to the booth where concert T-shirts were sold. My friend and I each got a sweet black and white Whitesnake shirt with concert dates on the back for their "Forever More" tour to support their new album.

On stage, there was big sign for Warrant behind the drum kit that said "Rockaholic" underneath the band name. "Just great," I thought. "Why are these guys who haven't been relevant in 20 years trying to push a new album?"

I felt the same about Whitesnake of course, but by the end of the night, I concluded that their new stuff was slightly more bearable than Warrant's.

After finding my seat, I sat and prayed that Warrant and Whitesnake would limit the pain of having to listen to "new material," while a greatest hits album from Guns N' Roses played over the loud speaker.

As we waited for the lights to go down, I felt bad for both bands with a t-ball game-sized crowd in their seats at 7 p.m. when the show was supposed to start. About 40 minutes later, about 500 seats on the floor finally filled up and a scattering of people throughout the stadium



Heil on life

By Matt Heilman

seats ballooned the crowd to about 2,000 as the lights went out and the first chord from Warrant's guitarist commenced the show.

Sadly, original Warrant lead singer Jani Lane, perhaps better known now for his stint on Celebrity Fit Club, is no longer with the band. According to the guy in the seat in front of mine, who looked like he would have been about my age when Warrant was actually popular, Lane was unable to stay sober and wasn't fit to lead the band.

The new head singer from an obscure early '90s band called Lynch Mob took the microphone with an outstandingly mediocre presence. As I expected, the 40-somethings around me went wild with Warrant's old hits, "Down Boys," "Heaven," "Sometimes She Cries" and, of course, their famous sleaze anthem "Cherry Pie."

In between their staples, the new front man, Robert Mason, asked the crowd if they were "ready to hear something off our new album."

"Nobody cares about your new crap," a guy below me yelled to the approval of everyone within earshot.

Warrant concluded its set to moderate applause while the crowd around me discussed how the real show would start when Whitesnake took the stage. The band, known for introducing the world to 1980s video vixen Tawny Kitaen in the video for "Here I Go

Again on my Own" didn't have all of its original members, but the most important piece, lead singer David Coverdale, made it to Park City along with his golden locks of hair that extended down below his shoulders.

Coverdale had an energetic stage presence for a 59-year-old, complete with borderline-obscene gestures with the microphone stand. As was the case with Warrant, the crowd went wild to the old hits and simply clapped when a new song was played.

In the middle of a chorus to one of the new songs, Coverdale abruptly exited the stage and left his guitarists and the drummer to put on about 20 minutes worth of solos.

It started out cool enough, but as the drummer dropped his sticks and began to play with his hands, I started to suspect that maybe Coverdale had a stomach ailment.

After he emerged from backstage, he picked up where he left off, almost as if he hadn't disappeared for what seemed like half of Whitesnake's set.

After Whitesnake concluded its set with one of its classic hits, "Still of the Night," the modest crowd's approval reached a decibel level beyond its size.

When the show was over and no arrests were made, I tried to imagine how much different a Warrant and Whitesnake concert would have been 23 years ago. Back to a magical time of Nintendos and short-shorts, long before either band was considered "washed up."

I envisioned the 40-somethings with less weight and more hair losing control as a young Tawny Kitaen did cartwheels on the hood of a car. Sadly, I was born two decades too late.

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Heaping praise on those who volunteer

Most small towns across the United States are similar. Residents go about their daily lives without much thought of the communities in which they live. They pay their bills, take care of their families, have small talk with their neighbors.

There aren't many residents in small towns who have the time or interest to get involved with or even get to know the people around them or their communities.

We understand that life in northern Sedgwick County is busy. Our residents work hard to provide for their families. People are tired, they're stressed and they just want to be left alone.

We don't blame residents for not wanting to be bothered after a long day or week at work.

Fortunately, there are many who don't mind. We would like to commend the underappreciated handful of residents in Valley Center, Park City, Bel Aire and Kechi who are often just as tired and busy as their neighbors but still manage to work to make their communities better.

Each of these communities has several committees that help city leaders and staff with beautification, infrastructure improvements, financial advice and event planning, just to name a few contributions.

We see residents assist parks departments to keep our city parks aesthetically pleasing. We see the stresses of budget season alleviated with residential input on how to work through it. We see special events like this summer's Kechi Fair, Park City Salute to Freedom and the Bel Aire Music and Moonlight event as well the Valley Center Fall Festival in September seemingly carried out without a hitch, powered by a strong corps of volunteers behind the scenes who don't seek the spotlight.

Again, most of these volunteers are career-driven individuals who choose to carve out from their busy lives enough time to stay involved.

We don't blame folks who don't want to get involved in their communities. We just ask that you take a moment to thank those who do.

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Budget

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increased property taxes between 18 and 19 mills. Currently, the city's mill levy is 39.05 mills.

One mill is equal to about \$45,000, and costs the owner of a \$100,000 home \$11.50 per year. On June 18, Bel Aire held the first of its two scheduled town hall budget meetings.

Residents responded, filling the conference room on the first floor of City Hall. Mayor Smith, City Manager Ty Lasher, finance director Michelle Meyer and four of the five city council members were on hand to hear the input.

The first question from a resident was what would happen if Bel Aire lost its charter and was incorporated by Wichita. At one point last year, Bel Aire had discussed that possibility.

A few residents wondered if forfeiting the charter was still an option. After hearing the council no longer considered giving up the charter, residents wondered why not.

Speaking for the council, Lasher said they didn't want to lose their status as Bel Aire residents and didn't want

to give up what's been built over the last 30 years. Most of the residents in attendance seemed to agree.

Lasher also pointed out that forfeiting the charter would be a complicated process that wouldn't eliminate all of its debt.

Council member Gary Breault pointed out that Wichita has its own budget concerns and wouldn't want to bring on Bel Aire's debt.

"I don't even think Wichita's interested," he said.

After discussing the charter, residents began weighing in on city services, primarily the police department, Sedgwick County fire service and rec center. On a printed budget proposal available to residents, the city presented an outline of what kinds of cuts could be possible if property taxes aren't raised in 2012.

The first potential cut was the option for Bel Aire to switch its fire service from Sedgwick County to Wichita. Sedgwick County Station No. 37 is in the heart of Bel Aire in the 4300 block of North Woodlawn.

The closest Wichita stations are located at 17th and Woodlawn and K-96 and Webb Road. If Bel Aire were to switch its fire service, it

could save about 7 1/2 mills, Lasher said.

Bel Aire property owners pay about 18 1/2 mills for fire service from the county.

A few residents who spoke on the fire service issue voiced opposition to dropping Sedgwick County's service for Wichita's. Residents said they didn't want to see slower response times and pay higher insurance costs.

"We would definitely make sure the rates wouldn't go up before we did something like that," Lasher said of the option to switch the fire service.

Residents next discussed the option to cut the police department budget \$343,000 by reducing the fleet and eliminating four full-time positions. One resident asked how much the city could save by outsourcing police to Wichita or the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office.

Lasher said there wouldn't be much of a cost savings for county service and Wichita likely wouldn't be an option. Kent Koehler was one of a few residents who spoke in support of the police department.

"Cutting our police is not a good idea," he said. "I'm willing to pay the additional mills."

Economic advisory board member and resident Ken Lee agreed it was important for Bel Aire to keep its police department, but he didn't oppose making a few cuts.

He said that Bel Aire should have enough officers to keep daily patrol of the city, but didn't need "three or four officers just sitting around." He also doesn't want Bel Aire to have a reputation as a speed trap.

Resident Terry Newman said he has stayed in Bel Aire because of the police department, neighborhood fire service and the rec center, which arguably drew the most support at the June 18 meeting.

"That's the three reasons we've stayed here and that's the three biggest cuts I see on the sheet," Newman said.

Regarding the rec center, the city could save \$220,000 if they were to close the facility and sell the building and grounds. Last year, the option to close the rec center was met with opposition at an early August council meeting toward the end of the 2011 budget process.

The same group that spoke up 10 months ago made itself heard again June 18.

Rec center volunteer Scott Schul wondered why the op-

tion to close the rec center was even discussed with the 2012 budget after residents supported the facility last year.

Several residents discussed their belief that the rec center was part of the city's identity and said they were willing to pay the additional 4 mills to keep the facility open, even though its expenses exceed revenue by about \$160,000.

Lasher said there might also be options for the rec center to raise its user fees to bring in additional revenue.

The council emphasized that nothing has been decided with the 2012 budget and the first town hall meeting was intended to give them guidelines as they start the process. Most of the residents who spoke supported a tax hike to save city services, but didn't want to see the mill levy jump more than 9 or 10 mills. Koehler said he didn't like tax increases, but understands the city's financial situation and didn't oppose taking a slight hit in order for Bel Aire to someday put its debt behind it.

Residents thanked the council and staff for accepting the public input. Council member Dave Austin reiterated that the numbers presented to the residents June 18 were based on the worst-

case scenario and promised the council would do what it could to limit the tax impact without taking away services residents prioritized.

He admitted that for Bel Aire to keep its services intact, he'd likely have to break a promise he made three years ago when he first ran for a spot on the council on a platform of opposing tax hikes. Austin and resident Pat MacDonald urged fellow residents to stay positive and concentrate on Bel Aire's promising future rather than the "doom and gloom" of battling debt.

"Let's be amateur salespeople and talk up Bel Aire," MacDonald said. "It's a wonderful place. Instead of speaking doom and gloom, let's sell Bel Aire and bring more people here."

Residents will have another chance to weigh in at a second town hall meeting on June 28.

The city council will hold a budget workshop July 12. On July 19, the council will approve a draft of the budget and hold the first public hearing.

A second public hearing on the budget will be held Aug. 2, followed by an Aug. 8 workshop. The final 2012 budget will be adopted Aug. 16.

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NOTES FROM CITY HALL

RecycleBank will be available to Bel Aire residents beginning July 1. To earn rewards for recycling with Waste Connections go to www.recyclebank.com or call 1-888-727-2978 to enroll. For more information, go to www.belaireks.gov.

Bel Aire Recreation

5251 E. 48th North • www.belaireks.gov • 744-2700
Mon., Tue., & Thur. 8-8 • Wed. & Fri. 8-7 • Sat. 9-3

For more information on these or any Bel Aire Recreation Programs call 744-2700.

X-BOX CONNECT

A new X-Box Connect gaming system is now available for use at the Rec Center thanks to donations from the Bel Aire Lions Club, Sam's Club, and the Bel Aire Senior Center. The virtual video game is available during scheduled times for members and day fee users.

COED OUTDOOR SOCCER

This will be for ages 4-11. The registration deadline for Residents will be August 5, and Non-Residents may sign up on August 6 as space allows. Games will be played on Saturdays September 10 – October 22. Practices will be set up by the coaches on weeknights beginning the week of August 29.

COED FLAG FOOTBALL

Bel Aire will once again be teaming up with the Valley Center Recreation Commission for flag football. Practices will be held at the respective home location with games being played at both sites. Registration deadline for Residents is August 12 and Non-Residents may sign up on August 13 as space allows. Flag football is for boys and girls in the 3rd - 6th grades. Games will be played on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday evenings or Saturday morning. A weeknight practice will be set up by the coach beginning the week of August 29.

ZUMBA

ZUMBA is at the Bel Aire Recreation Center!

For more information on these or any Bel Aire Recreation Programs call 744-2700.

This is a Latin-inspired, dance-fitness class that incorporates Latin and international music and dance movements, creating a dynamic, exciting, exhilarating, and effective fitness system. A ZUMBA class known as a ZUMBA Fitness-Party combines fast and slow rhythms that tone and sculpt the body using an aerobic/fitness approach to achieve a unique blended balance of cardio and muscle-toning benefits. Classes are held on Mondays and Thursdays from 6:00-7:00 pm. You can join at any time! New spots have opened and the class will move to the gym beginning May 2nd.

TAEKWONDO

We are accepting registrations for ages 5 & up. Classes meet on Monday from 5:00-6:00 pm; Tuesday & Thursday from 7:10-8:10 pm.; and Fridays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. These are great classes for beginners to black belts.

YOGA

Classes are held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:10-7:10 pm. You will need to provide your own yoga mat.

FITNESS CENTER (ages 16 & up)

The Fitness Center consists of elliptical cross trainers, treadmills, recumbent bike, multi-station weight machine, and free-weights. There is no charge for pass holders, or it is available with the purchase of a daily pass.



Elvis in the Moonlight

Bel Aire resident and Elvis impersonator Marshall Matthews puts on a show for the June 18 crowd at the Music and Moonlight event. Matthews, who travels across the country performing as Elvis, plans to put on a full, free concert for fellow Bel Aire residents at a later date.

Bel Aire Budget Schedule

- July 12 — Budget workshop
- July 19 — Approve draft of the budget and hold the first public hearing
- Aug. 2 — Second public hearing
- Aug. 8 — Final budget workshop
- Aug. 16 — Adopt the 2012 budget

Bel Aire Senior Center

All events are held at the Bel Aire Senior Center, 7651 E. Central Park Ave., unless otherwise noted and are for ALL SENIORS living in or near Bel Aire. The center is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and has library books to check out, places to study or do research and computers for use.

For more information about the center and its activities, contact Rick Eberhard, Senior Director, at either 744-2451, extension 121, or reberhard@belaireks.gov. Beginning Jan. 1, Officer hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Thursday (Excluding holidays, special events or senior-related meetings.) Any senior can belong to or attend more than one senior center/club in Sedgwick County

Central Park Swimming Pool

7350 E. Central Park Ave. 744-7331

FEE INFORMATION

Summer Passes
Individual (ages 12 and over)
\$50 remaining season
Family (2 adults & dependent children residing in the home)
\$75 remaining season
Daily Fees
Under age 12 (must be accompanied by adult)
\$2/day
Over age 12
\$3/day

POOL HOURS

WEEKDAYS
Swim Lessons 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Open Swim 1 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Swim Lessons 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
WEEKENDS
Saturday & Sunday
Pool Hours 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.
POOL HOURS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

POOL RENTALS

Have your next party at the pool! Rental packages are available after normal business hours. Rentals are subject to availability. Up to 25 patrons — \$40/hr
Over 25* patrons — \$60/hour
*Limit of 50 patrons

GROUP SWIMMING LESSONS

Members — \$30/session
Non-Members — \$37.50/session

MORNING SESSIONS

Session Dates: 7/5-7/15, & 7/18-7/29
Times: 11 - 11:45 a.m. & 12 - 12:45 p.m.

EVENING SESSIONS

Session Dates: 7/5-7/15, & 7/18-7/29
Time: 7 - 7:45 p.m.

PRIVATE SWIMMING LESSONS

Private swimming lessons are available by appointment and are subject to availability.

Sr. Breakfasts Friday, 9 a.m. except on Breakfast & Learn Days, McDonalds 3527 N. Rock Rd. Buy your own breakfast.
Men's Fellowship Coffee Every Monday, 10 a.m. Bel Aire Sr. Center, all men over 55 invited
Bridge Every Tuesday, 1 p.m.
Aerobics NEW TIME Every Wednesday, 9 a.m.
Oil Painting Classes Every Thursday, 1-4 p.m., Cost

Be watching for more details and sign up today for weekly electronic news and events by contacting Sr. Director Rick Eberhard @ reberhard@belaireks.gov

- July 4th — Enjoy the holiday with family members and friends. No potluck dinner – see event on July 11th.
- July 6th — Senior Advisory Board Meeting at 6:30 PM
- July 7th — Kansas Forum on “Medicaid Reform Seminar” @ 1:30 PM – location TBA by KS Governor's Office or contact Sr. Directors Office.
- July 8th — Special Breakfast & Learn event @ 9 AM at Senior Center – Guest Speaker Kathy Udelhofen with Faith Home Care discussing a fun and preventative program about “The Risk of Falling, Fracturing and Hospitalization.”
- July 8th — Senior Fun Night @ 7 pm in the Senior Center. Bring your favorite card or board game/s and some finger food or snacks to share. Complimentary drinks will be provided.
- July 9th — Senior Red Hats Society Meeting – Call 744.0217 for details.
- July 9th & 10th — American Indian Festival at Century 2 Expo Hall in downtown Wichita. Call Senior Director for car pooling or ride information. Tickets - (Cost)
- July 11th — Bel Aire Sr. Ctr. Intergenerational Summer Family Picnic @ Sedgwick County Park – 6501 West 21st St. North @ Horseshoe Shelter House from 5 PM to 9 PM. RSVP's are needed in advance as the meat (only) will be catered. Supper served at 6:30 PM – each family is asked to bring a large covered dish (for 8 people) to compliment fried chicken. Ice tea and water provided.
- July 11th — Central Park HoA Board Meeting @ 7 PM at the Senior Center.
- July 12th — TOPS Club meeting @ 10 AM with special speaker Sarah Taylor, SG CO Extension Agent discussing “Getting a Good Nights Sleep.” Public is invited. TOPS Membership Drive starts July 1st – be watching for details.
- July 16th — “Dinner with Friends” @ 5:30 PM at Savute's Italian Restaurant located at 3303 North Broadway in Wichita.
- July 19th — “Drums Across Kansas” a Drum & Bugle Contest @ 7 PM @ WSU Cessna Stadium – Tickets cost \$10.00 in advance. Performances by nationally known drum and bugle corps – RSVP by July 13th to Sr. Director for ticket purchases from Starkey.
- July 22nd — Light Sr. Supper @ 6 PM for \$6.00 pp with a RSVP to Sr. Director; at 7 PM our monthly Senior Pitch Party will start, bring a snack or finger food to share with others. Complimentary drinks will be provided.
- July 26th - @ 12 Noon to 4:30 PM a special workshop “Take a Walk in the Shoes of the Chronologically Gifted” will be presented at the SG. CO. Extension Center located at 7001 W. 21st St. North in 4H Hall. For more info visit www.cpaaa.org or call 316.660.5120.
- July 27th — Senior Bunko Games @ 7 PM in the Senior Center.

Special Events Coming Up in August at the Senior Center:

- August 3rd - A Special T-Shirt Quilt Class @ 1 PM by SG. CO. Extension Agent.
- August 15th - A special Class of the Beauty & History of Buttons by SG. CO. Extension Agent.
- August 17th - Red Cross Community Wide Blood Drive from 12 Noon to 6 PM.

Bel Aire Senior Club

Activities are held at 4551 N. Auburn unless otherwise noted. Those 55-plus are welcome to participate. For information on programs and services for seniors, contact Vicki Shepard, Tri-City Senior Director, at 744-1199. The club is self-governed and activities benefit all participating seniors.

- Free computer class Monday 10:00 AM Park City Senior Center
- Free Line Dance lessons Wednesday 2:30 PM Park City Senior Center
- Square Dance Lessons and Dancing 6:30 PM every Thursday (except 3rd Thursday of the month) Park City Senior Center
- Dances—Saturdays 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 5th Saturday of each month At Park City Senior Center. Call Vicki at 744-1199 for details
- NEW Dances 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month with Kenny Pruitt Band for information call 755-9849

- July 5, 8:30 AM Breakfast at Jimmie Egg Rock Rd & 21st
- July 11, 10:00 AM Board Meeting
- 11:30 AM Lunch at MBCC—Salad Bar & Grill
- 2106 N. Amidon, Suite 20A
- July 20, 10:00 AM Men's Coffee at Braums
- July 20, 2:00 PM Ladies Tea/Coffee at Braums
- July 25th, 6:00 PM Covered Dish Dinner
- Hosts: Vyrn & Chris Slaby
- Program: “Preparing for Miss Kansas”

For information on senior activities or resources contact Tri-City Senior Director Vicki Shepard at 744-1199

POLICE REPORTS

June 17 — Detective Pentecost conducted a traffic stop at 5000 E. 37th North. A person was cited for driving with a suspended license.

June 17 — Detective Pentecost arrested Russell E. Bennett on a charge of driving with a suspended license and on a Wichita Police Department warrant at 3800 N. Woodlawn.

June 17 — Officer McGuire responded to an alarm in the 4100 block of Edinburg. The building was secure.

June 17 — Officer Steele responded to the report of vandalism in the 4400 block of North Auburn.

June 17 — Officer McGuire responded to a burglary in the 6200 block of East 37th North.

June 17 — Officer Brandewiede conducted a traffic stop in the 5500 block of East 37th North. Derrick L. Matthews was arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended license and on two City of Wichita warrants.

June 17 — Officer McCaslin assisted Sedgwick County Fire Department in the 4200 block of North Country Lane.

June 16 — Officer Brandewiede responded to a larceny in the 5900 block of East 37th North. A vending machine was damaged.

June 14 — Officer Brandewiede responded to an alarm in the 6600 block of East Summerside. The alarm was false.

June 14 — Detective Pentecost took the report of a semi knocking down a stop sign in the 7900 block of East 53rd North. City crews put the stop sign back.

June 14 — Detective Pentecost responded to an alarm in the 6000 block of East Summerside Place. The alarm was false.

June 14 — Detective Pentecost responded to an automobile accident in the 3700 block of North Woodlawn.

June 13 — Detective Pentecost responded to the report of larceny from a vending machine in the 4000 block of North Woodlawn.

June 13 — Officer Swanson responded to the report of larceny from an automobile in the 600 block of Quail Ridge.

June 13 — Officer Hutton responded to the report of a hit-and-run accident at 5910 E. 37th North.

June 13 — Officer Steele issued citations to two people for possession of marijuana at 5700 N. Webb.

June 13 — Officer Toomey assisted Sedgwick County EMS and Fire Department in the 6800 block of East Odesa.

June 12 — Officer Brandewiede responded to the report of cattle at large at 5500 N. Woodlawn. The owner was on scene and the cattle were placed back into the pasture.

June 12 — Officer Brandewiede arrested Monica Chanel on a charge of driving with a suspended license at 6200 E. 37th North.

June 12 — Officer Swanson took a message that Wichita police arrested Sue Scott on a Bel Aire warrant.

June 12 — Officer Steele arrested Kevin J. Frankamp on two citation warrants through the City of Wichita at 5600 N. Webb.

Bel Aire police completes Click it or Ticket campaign

The Bel Aire Police Department participated in the 2011 Click it or Ticket campaign along with other law enforcement agencies from across the state. The program aims to reduce the number of preventable deaths and injuries that occur when unbelted drivers and passengers are involved in traffic crashes. The Click it or Ticket campaign was from May 23 through June 5.

The 2011 Click it or Ticket campaign was successful in educating the motoring public on the importance of seatbelt usage, Bel Aire police said.

The Bel Aire Police Department had three officers volunteer to work a total of 31 hours on the campaign, which is funded by the Kansas Department of Transportation. A total of 59 traffic citations were issued — 39 adult seatbelt violations, 15 violations categorized as other and five speeding violations.

A number of motorists were stopped during the campaign for violation of the newly adopted primary seatbelt law, which carries a fine of \$5 for adults in the city.

— The Breeze staff

June 11 — Officer McGuire assisted Derby police with checking for a subject in the 6500 block of East Rodeo. Officer did not locate the person.

June 11 — Officer McGuire assisted Sedgwick County EMS in the 4000 block of North Eagle Lake Drive.

June 11 — Officer Foxx assisted an off-duty Wichita police officer by stopping a person driving erratically in the 4300 block of North Webb.

June 9 — Officer McGuire responded to the report of domestic violence in the 6500 block of East Rodeo.

June 9 — Officer McCaslin took a miscellaneous report in the 5800 block of East Perryton.

June 9 — Officer Foxx responded to an audible alarm in the 5000 block of East 61st North. The building was secure.

June 9 — Officer Foxx assisted EMS in the 4800 block of Chapel View.

June 8 — Detective Pentecost assisted EMS in the 4200 block of St. James.

June 8 — Officer Swanson responded to the report of a suspicious person in the 4800 block of East Willow Point. Officer contacted a person who lives in the area. Everything was OK.

June 7 — Officer McCaslin received a wallet found by a city employee at 4300 N. Woodlawn. The owner was located and the wallet and contents were returned.

June 7 — Officer Swanson took the report of a trash dump at 4057 N. Woodlawn.

June 5 — Officer Brandewiede responded to an alarm in the 7800 block of Turquoise. The alarm was false.

June 5 — Officer Swanson took the report of a found BB gun at 3847

N. Oliver. The gun was returned to the owner.

June 5 — Officer McCaslin responded to the report of a civil disturbance in the 5900 block of East Clarendon.

June 5 — Officer Steele conducted a traffic stop at 45th North and Greenwich.

June 5 — Officer Toomey assisted Sedgwick County EMS at 6000 E. Danbury.

June 4 — Officer Brandewiede took the report of larceny from an automobile in the 6300 block of East 44th North.

June 5 — Officer McGuire issued citations to a person on charges of driving with a suspended license and a seatbelt violation.

June 3 — Officer McGuire took a report of larceny from an automobile on East 41st North.

June 3 — Officer Foxx issued citations to a person for driving with a suspended license and failing to secure a load at 4800 E. 37th North.

June 3 — Detective Pentecost ar-

rested Anthony C. Zieman on an Augusta Department of Safety warrant at 5500 E. 37th North.

June 3 — Officer Hutton responded to the report of domestic violence in the 5700 block of East Memphis.

June 3 — Officer Steele responded to the report of possible street racers at 9800 E. 37th North.

June 3 — Officer Hazelwood arrested Ashley Dutton on a City of Bel Aire warrant at 7651 E. Central Park.

June 2 — Detective Pentecost took the report of a lost Kansas license plate decal in the 5300 block of Ashton.

June 2 — Officer Hazelwood assisted EMS in the 6400 block of East Rodeo.

June 2 — Officer Hazelwood took the report of vandalism to an automobile at 5700 E. Hanover.

June 2 — Officer Hazelwood responded to an automobile accident at 3700 N. Woodlawn.

June 2 — Lt. Spencer responded to an automobile accident at 3700 N. Woodlawn.

June 2 — Lt. Spencer responded to an alarm in the 6000 block of East 37th North. The alarm was false.

June 1 — Officer McCaslin arrested Jason E. McAdam on a Bel Aire court commitment at the station.

May 31 — Officer Brandewiede arrested Dominique L. Payne on a charge of driving with a suspended license in the 5500 block of East 37th North.

May 31 — Officer Swanson took the report of a vehicle parked in front of a mailbox in the 5700 block of East Hanover.

May 31 — Officer Foxx issued traffic citations at 4400 N. Woodlawn.

May 31 — Officer Foxx conducted a traffic stop at 4400 N. Edgemoor.

May 30 — Officer Hutton conducted a traffic stop at 6900 E. 45th North. Brent Allen was arrested on a Park City Bench warrant.

May 30 — Officer Hutton conducted a traffic stop in the 3600 block of North Oliver. Officer issued traffic citations for driving with a suspended license and no proof of insurance.

May 29 — Officer Brandewiede transported a person to the Sedgwick County Jail and issued a citation on a charge of driving with a suspended license at 4700 N. Krueger.

May 29 — Officer Hutton responded to an alarm in the 4500 block of North Westlake Court. The alarm was

false.

May 29 — Officer Toomey responded to the report of a lost adult in the 4000 block of North Westlake Court. Officers located the person.

May 28 — Officer McGuire arrested Israel Loranzo-Lamora on a charge of driving with a suspended license and an insurance violation at 5000 N. Woodlawn.

May 28 — Officer McCaslin responded to an alarm in the 3800 block of North Hillcrest. The alarm was false.

May 28 — Officer Hazelwood responded to an audible alarm in the 6300 block of East 37th North. The alarm was false.

May 28 — Officer Hutton arrested Kevin Ikou on a charge of DUI in the 4200 block of North Oliver.

May 28 — Officer Foxx issued traffic citations for no insurance and driving with a suspended license at 4600 N. Woodlawn.

May 27 — Officer McGuire responded to an alarm in the 5800 block of East 53rd North. The alarm was false.

May 27 — Officer Hutton cited a person on a charge of driving with a suspended license at 3800 N.

Woodlawn.

May 27 — Officer Steele assisted EMS at 4500 N. Woodrow.

May 26 — Officer McGuire responded to an alarm in the 6500 block of East Danbury. The alarm was false.

May 26 — Officer McGuire responded to the report of a disturbance at 4200 N. Westlake Drive.

May 26 — Officer Foxx responded to the report of a disturbance in the 4300 block of Eagle Lake.

May 26 — Officer Foxx responded to the report of a suspicious person in the 4400 block of North Rushwood.

May 26 — Officer Steele responded to an alarm in the 6300 block of East Crestmark Street.

May 26 — Lt. Griggs responded to the report of a person driving the wrong way in the 3800 block of North Edgemoor. Officers checked the area and did not locate the vehicle.

May 25 — Detective Pentecost assisted the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office in the 14700 block of East 45th North with an audible alarm.

May 25 — Officer Swanson responded to the report of a burglary in the 4700 block of North Oliver.

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HIGHLIGHTS Longtime council member 'will be missed' PEOPLE

Motorcyclist hurt in wreck

An 18-year-old Bel Aire motorcyclist was hurt in a crash May 31 on I-135.

The Kansas Highway Patrol said Christian T. Banzhaf was taken to Wesley Medical Center with injuries after his motorcycle went out of control and struck a concrete barrier wall near the Pawnee exit.

The wreck happened about 7 a.m. Banzhaf was wearing a helmet.

— The Breeze staff

Council OKs utility policy

The Bel Aire City Council approved in June a revised city utility policy. With the revised policy, the city's staff has the discretion to waive the \$150 reconnection fee for utilities in extenuating circumstances where otherwise dependable customers either forget or are unable to pay a bill.

The revised utility policy was also adjusted for trash fees with Waste Connections and will allow customers more than one trash or recycle cart if needed. A 95-gallon cart is \$13.55 per month, while a 65-gallon cart costs residents \$11.65 per month. Residents are not permitted to have trash outside of their carts if they have 65-gallon carts. Recycling fees were reduced from \$4 per cart to \$3.75 per cart.

— Matt Heilman

By Matt Heilman

A longtime city servant died June 20, setting a somber mood to the June 21 Bel Aire City Council meeting. Longtime resident and 12-year council member Carolyn Marlier lost her fight with cancer, two months after falling short in her bid to win a fourth term on the council.

After she lost her re-election bid to Moe Terre-

bonne in the April 5 council election, Marlier said she planned to stay active in her community and keep tabs on the decision-making of her former colleagues on the council.

On June 21, Mayor Harold Smith and four council members expressed their appreciation for Marlier's service and sadness of her death.

"Carolyn loved this city and was committed to making it an even better commu-

nity," Smith said. "...I'd like to say, 'Carolyn, you have many friends who appreciated what you did for the city and we will miss you.'"

Terbonne said he met Marlier several years ago when he served on his first term of the city council and was impressed with her attention to detail and genuine concern for her city.

Terbonne said his thoughts and prayers are with Marlier's family.

Council member Dave Austin, who sat next to Marlier for two years at council meetings, said he appreciated her history in Bel Aire, which goes back further than the city's incorporation.

"She will be missed," Austin said.

Similar messages were shared by council members Gary Breault and Dave Sly. Council member Peggy O'Donnell was absent from the June 21 meeting.

Newman University officials have announced the students on the Dean's List for the spring semester of 2011. To qualify for this achievement, a student must complete 12 credit hours and have attained a grade point average of 3.5 or better. The following Bel Aire students have been named to the list: Abbera Baig, Kimberly Brandt and Ton-Vinh Nguyen.

Pittsburg State University has released the spring 2011 Honor Roll. The following Bel Aire students are included: Amanda Orloske, all-A scholastic honors; Hannah Hunsinger, dean's scholastic honors; and Lauren Smith, all-A scholastic honors.

Matthew Sondergard has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in the Boy Scouts of America. He is the son of Rod and Kimberly Sondergard, Bel Aire, and the grandson of Dorothy Sondergard, also of Bel Aire. He is a member of Troop 524 at Eastminster Presbyterian Church and is a senior at Trinity Academy.

Blood drive at City Hall

To assist the American Red Cross, the Bel Aire Senior Center hosted a community-wide blood drive June 10 at Bel Aire City Hall. Senior Center director Rick Eberhard said he hoped the space at City Hall, which serves as a meeting place for seniors, could be used as a routine site for blood donations, giving residents of northeast Sedgwick County a place to donate without having to drive to downtown Wichita.

"We've got an excellent facility here to do this," Eberhard said.

Before the June 10 blood drive at the senior center, Eberhard said there was a blood drive at Bel Aire's Catholic Care Center in December and a blood drive in Kechi in May.

— Matt Heilman



Bel Aire City Manager Ty Lasher donates blood for the American Red Cross June 10 at Bel Aire City Hall.

DEATHS

VIVIAN STAFFORD

Vivian Ruth (Martin) Stafford, 92, died May 25, 2011. She was born in rural Madison, Kan. to Charles Lorenzo Martin and Cora Myrle (Joy) Martin.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Stafford; daughter, Janet Lone Stafford; brothers, Ralph and Charles Martin; sisters, Helen Honeycutt, Dorothy Jones and Zella Baysinger.

Survivors include her children, Gerald (Joan) Stafford of Omaha, Neb., Eugene



Stafford

Martin of El Dorado, and Howard Martin of Dumas, Texas; 11 grandchildren, 20

(Bronna) Stafford of Goddard, Leslie (Robbin) Stafford of Wichita, and Lorna (Keith) Geist of Bel Aire; brothers, Clyde (Gail)

great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren. Visitation was May 31 at Baker Funeral Home, Valley Center. Service was June 1 at Fairview Cemetery, Olpe, Kan.

Memorials may be designated to AgapéCare Cradle, P.O. Box 704, Wichita, KS 67201. Baker Funeral Home of Valley Center has charge.

CAROLYN MARLIER

Carolyn A. Marlier, 72, died June 20, 2011. She was a retired home

economics teacher and former Bel Aire City Councilwoman. She was married to Donald Marlier July 5, 1964.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald; parents, Weldon and Stella Settle; infant brother, Delbert.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Craig and Cindy Marlier of Wichita; daughter, Cathy Marlier of Wichita; brother and sister-in-law, Leon and Char Settle of Red Wing, Minn.; sister and brother-in-law, Joan and Duane Shufelberger of

Topeka; grandchildren, Tyler Marlier and Michelle Habash; great-grandchild, Justin Turner; unborn great-granddaughter, Lillyanna Habash; many nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews and cousins.

Visitation and celebration of life service was June 24 at Pine Valley Christian Church. Memorials to Pine Valley Christian Church, 5620 E. 21st St. N., Wichita, KS 67208 and Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice, 313 S. Market St., Wichita, KS 67202-3805.

CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

Christ Lutheran Church

Sunday contemporary guitar service with communion is at 8:45. Traditional service with communion first and third Sunday is at 10:30. Adult classes are at 9:45 a.m. There is no children's Sunday School during the summer.

The church is located at 5356 N. Hillside (53rd North and Hillside) across from Heights High School.

Find the church online at www.christ-lutheran.org; e-mail office@clc.kscmail.com. Call the office at 744-1242 for more information.

Church of the Resurrection

Church of the Resurrection (Roman Catholic) is located at 4910 N. Woodlawn in Bel Aire.

Masses for the Lord's Day are 5:30 p.m. Saturday and 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday. Weekday Masses are 8 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; also at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Resurrection Catholic School has students from preschool through eighth grade.

The parish/school website is www.resurrectionwichita.com. Phone number is 744-2776. Rev. Sherman A. Orr is the pastor.

Community Bible Chapel

The church is located at 4551 Auburn, south of 45th North between Oliver and Woodlawn, in Bel Aire.

Worship service and breaking of the bread are at 9 a.m., with Bible study and Sunday school at 10:30 on Sundays.

Wednesday prayer and

Bible study are at 7 p.m.

For more information, call Melvan Adair at 744-7091.

Crossroads Friends Church

Crossroads Friends Church meets at Stucky Middle School (east from 45th North and Hillside) at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday.

The church has Crossroads Kids and Crossroads Cribs ministry areas, as well as contemporary music, relevant Bible teaching and a laid-back, friendly atmosphere.

Lead pastor is David Norman and associate pastor is Jeff Mullen.

Call the church office at 361-0407 or visit it online at www.crossroadswichita.com.

Fairmount United Church of Christ

The church welcomes a new minister, Rev. Larry Young.

Visit the newly renovated building at 1605 Fairmount in Wichita (1 block south and 1 block east of Hillside and 17th N.).

Sunday worship is at 10:30 a.m. which includes Children's Church. Sunday School begins at 9:30.

For more information, call

682-1597 or visit at www.fairmountucc.org.

Gospel Assembly Church

Located at 4230 N. Oliver in Bel Aire, service times are 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. Bible study is 7 p.m. Monday. Prayer service is 7 p.m. Tuesday. Praise and worship is 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Phone number is 744-1502. Rev. Gary D. Green is the pastor.

Greenwich United Methodist Church

Sunday worship service is at 9 a.m. Fellowship and coffee following the service.

Pastor Natalie can be reached at 773-2300 or 744-0203.

Pastor Natalie is at the church from 5:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays.

Visit the church online at Greenwichsumc.org.

The church is located about a mile south of K-254 on Greenwich Road.

Kechi United Methodist Church

Located at 4533 E. 61st North in Kechi, the Rev. Guy E. Rendoff is the pastor. Church phone number

is 744-1221, its website is www.kechiumc.org and its e-mail address is kechiumc@sbcglobal.net.

Sunday praise band and worship are at 9:03 a.m. Sunday school is at 10. Worship is at 11.

Park City Church of the Nazarene

Sunday school for all ages is at 9:30 a.m. Worship and children's church are at 10:45. Wednesday Bible study for adults begins with sandwiches and chips at 6:15 p.m.

The church is located at 2100 E. 61st North in Park City.

Pine Valley Christian Church

The church is located at 5620 E. 21st North. Sunday school is at 9 a.m. with worship at 10:15. For more information call 685-2421.

True Life Church

True Life Church meets at Circle Greenwich Elementary (just north of K-96 on Greenwich Road). Coffee, juice and donuts are served early Sundays. There are activities with the TLC Kids Zone from children from birth through fifth grade. True Life Church has gospel-centered contemporary music and biblical messages delivered by Norm Duncan.

For more information, call 978-9292 or visit www.experienceTLC.com.

University United Methodist Church

The church is located across from the Wichita State University campus at 21st and Yale.

Sunday activities include adult and youth educational classes at 9:15 a.m., tradi-

tional service at 10:30 and youth group activities from 4 to 6 p.m.

E-mail uumc2220@uumc.net; phone 686-6765. Rev. Phil Shull is the pastor.

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Soldier

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after Bohall was killed, about 70 Wichita-area members of the American Legion Riders parked their motorcycles outside his mother's Bel Aire home on June 5.

American Legion Riders

sergeant at arms, ride captain and Patriot Guard Kansas state captain Terry "Dark-horse" Houck led a ceremony where he presented Bohall's mother, his stepfather and his sister with a plaque, challenge coin, certificate and embroidered flag.

Houck said the Legion riders, which include military

veterans, wanted to reach out to part of Bohall's family "to honor and respect his sacrifice to his country."

Houck said it was also important to remember the other five soldiers who were killed alongside Bohall. After Houck called out each of the six names, a fellow rider responded by saying, "Here,

in spirit."

Bohall's body was buried June 8 at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio. Geist said her son had a lot of friends in San Antonio, where he lived with his father while he finished his last two years of high school.

Geist said the American Legion contacted her to send

their condolences shortly after she learned of her son's death. Although the funeral was three days away in another state, the Legion honored Bohall June 5 with what his mother called "a condolence ride."

"Whereas the funeral wasn't going to be held here, they still wanted to offer

some support of tribute to him," Geist said. "And, of course, they're all vets. This was more moving than I ever could have imagined. ... It has blessed my socks off. It's been an amazing evening."

In recognition of Bohall and his sacrifice, flags were flown at half-staff June 7 and 8.

Houses

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The next step is for projects to go out for bids.

Lasher said Rock Spring developer Gene Vitarelli hopes to start construction on the first homes this fall.

On June 7, the council approved the plat for the Rock Spring Development.

Development engineer Ken Lee of Ruggle and Bohm addressed the council on June 7. He said Vitarelli proposed a 70-lot phase.

"He's confident enough to take that big of a step," Lee said.

Lee, also part of Bel Aire's economic advisory board, said about 35 lots would consist of duplexes with the remaining lots consisting of single-family homes. In February, Vitarelli said the homes would likely be sold in the \$130,000 to

\$150,000 range.

"The duplexes will be built as fast as we can get them up," Lee said.

Once final plans are finished, construction can begin, he said.

"You'll see a lot of houses by next spring," Lee said.

Lee said there are also plans to include commercial lots with Rock Spring Development at the southeast corner of 53rd North and Rock Road, to the northwest of the residential lots.

He said Vitarelli would wait to see what the market presents and specific plans would be brought to the council for consideration before they are finalized.

The council approved the plat for Rock Spring Development 5-0. The council then approved a developer's agreement for Rock Spring.

The developer's agreement goes into more depth about the development and outlines how

Vitarelli would handle any concerns that may arise with the development. The council also accepted petitions for water, sewer, storm water treatment and streets in the development and approved a petition for hot mix asphalt on 53rd North, extending a little less than half a mile from the new high school to the development.

The hot mix is expected to cost about \$82,000 and is expected to be paid off in special assessments by future homeowners in Rock Spring. Finally, the council approved an agreement with Ruggles and Bohm for engineering of Rock Spring Development.

Also related to the project, the council approved a supplemental agreement with Schwab-Eaton for 53rd

North extension engineering to include an entrance to Rock Spring off of 53rd.

Also in June, the council:

- Heard Ty Lasher announce that the Bel Aire citywide cleanup day is set for 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 25 at the city's public works facility just north of the railroad tracks on Woodlawn, across from the Heartland Animal Hospital.
- Approved the re-appointments of Carl Bush and Ramona Becker to the

Economic Advisory Committee. The motion passed 3-1 with council member Moe Terrebonne opposed. Terrebonne wanted more information on the committee and wondered what their role for Bel Aire was beyond input on budget matters.

- Approved revised storm and street petitions for Rock Spring Development.
- Approved an extension of the

special-use permit for temporary lighting of football games at Sunrise Christian Academy.

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