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City selects three-lane option

By Taylor Messick

On April 16, the Bel Aire City Council voted 4-1 in favor of a three-lane expansion of Woodlawn between 37th and 45th with a signalized intersection at 45th Street.

The city surveyed residents last month and got 60 percent more respondents than the last citywide election. The residents had two major choices: three lanes versus five, and a roundabout versus a signalized intersection at 45th Street. Residents favored the five-lane and signalized options based on the survey responses.

Council member Jim Benage motioned to accept those options, but the motion failed without a second. Benage has expressed a strong opinion that Woodlawn

expansion would bring retail business to the city, which would diversify the city's tax base and boost its economy.

Benage said he thought the survey results were a clear indication that the residents shared his vision. A five-lane road would handle a heavier traffic load and would also allow drivers to turn off of Woodlawn more smoothly and safely. Benage also cited the estimation that it would cost at least \$700,000 more to increase the road to five lanes at a later date than it would now. A traffic study has already projected that the road will need to be expanded to five lanes in about 20 years to handle the increasing traffic load.

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Residents ask for wall separating their yards from Woodlawn

By Taylor Messick

Growth is often a positive thing for a city, but it can leave some residents feeling left behind if it isn't what they had in mind.

With news of the Woodlawn expansion, residents along the road have started raising concerns. One resident came to a council meeting to say he didn't want to see retail development along the road.

Other residents who live between 44th and 45th on Woodlawn are concerned with the expansion for different reasons. They say the project presents a safety issue and are asking the city to do something about it.

About seven residents' backyards butt up to Woodlawn in that stretch of the road and some of them have young children. They say they are concerned because the backyard fences on their properties are just 25 feet from Woodlawn. They say they didn't expect Woodlawn to be expanded when they moved in and that for them. An expansion will

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Bel Aire Spring Festival



Bel Aire hosted its annual Spring Festival April 20 at the rec center. The event featured a petting zoo, crafts, kite flying, tattoos, children's games and, of course, an Easter egg hunt.

Photos by Taylor Messick



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Bel Aire council approves appointments

By Taylor Messick

The Bel Aire City Council met with a brief agenda April 2. The council unanimously approved a

pair of appointments.

The council voted to confirm its voting delegates for the Sedgwick County Association of Cities (SCAC) for 2019. Council

members Justin Smith and Jim Benage made the decision easy for the council as both already regularly attend the meetings.

Smith was confirmed

as the voting delegate to SCAC. Benage was confirmed as the alternate voting delegate.

The city proclaimed April Child Abuse Preven-

tion Month and Fair Housing Month.

A few residents spoke on the potential widening of Woodlawn and asked the council to consider putting

a fence between the road and their properties.

All members of the council were present and a 10-minute executive session was taken.

Bel Aire council moves through busy agenda

By Taylor Messick

The Bel Aire City Council had a full agenda April 16 and approved several agenda items.

One item that was unanimously approved was the revised fee schedule for the city in 2019. Council member Justin Smith recommended that the city remove its \$10 fee for registering a dog in the city each year. Beginning

Jan. 1, the \$10 fee will be gone.

A quote from Shelley Electric Inc. for \$46,917 was also accepted unanimously for the installation of a new sewer overflow meter at the 37th and Harding lift station. Competitive bids were not sought because the city worked alongside Wichita and used their preferred contractor. Shelley Electric is the most familiar with

Wichita's requirements for sewer meters.

The council unanimously approved a lease for a copier machine for the city from SumnerOne at \$495.90 per month. Staff prefers to lease the machines with maintenance agreements rather than owning them. The staff believes it is easier for the city to get repairs or replacements on its copiers under such an agreement

than it would be if the city owned its own equipment.

Also unanimously approved were a day camp agreement with the YMCA for 2019 and Mayor David Austin's appointment of Rebecca Armstrong to the Tree Board. Her term will expire in 2023.

In other business, the council:

Proclaimed April 27 Arbor Day.

Heard from Howard

Washburn about concerns with the Woodlawn expansion.

Unanimously approved a 10-foot bike and pedestrian path on the west side of Woodlawn.

Selected the Option 2 lane configuration for the Woodlawn expansion project with a 4-1 vote. It will be five lanes to the railroad tracks and three lanes to 45th Street with a signalized intersection at 45th.

Unanimously accepted a bid of \$459,265 from Bob Bergkamp Construction for storm drainage improvements in Sunflower Commerce Park 2nd Addition.

Unanimously adopted the mission, vision, values and slogan for the city of Bel Aire.

All members of the council were present. There was no executive session.

HIGHLIGHTS

Bel Aire artist's work on display

Artwork by Sam Figueiredo of Bel Aire is on display at Martin-Mullen Art Gallery for the "Annual Student Juried Art Exhibition 2019" in the Fine Arts Center now through May 11 at the State University of New York (SUNY) in Oneonta, N.Y.

Figueiredo's work includes Still Life with Kettle (graphite) and How to Save a Life (ink).

Featured artworks were chosen from an open jury process and works entered by the art faculty. Painting, drawing, sculpture, digital print, digital video, and an assortment of mixed media make up this year's offerings.

— The Breeze staff

Speeder claims emergency

It was a false alarm.

On March 16, a Bel Aire police officer stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 5000 block of North Oliver. The driver claimed her son called her in a panic and she needed to take him to the hospital.

The woman would not say what type of emergency her son was having, but she claimed her son could be dying.

The officer immediately sent another officer to the son's residence to do a welfare check. The officer found no emergency situation at the residence. Everyone there was kicked back watching television and cooking food, police said.

The woman was cited for speeding, expired license plate and driving with an expired driver's license.

— The Breeze staff

Police nab shoe thief in foot chase

Bel Aire police caught a suspected shoe thief in a foot chase.

On March 20, an officer assisted the Wichita Police Department with locating six females who ran away from a traffic crash in the 3600 block of North Woodlawn. The vehicle reportedly fled because the occupants were involved in a snatch-and-grab larceny on Rock Road.

Bel Aire police located one of the runners at the north entrance of Dillon's at 37th and Woodlawn. Police detained the woman and transported her back to the wreck scene. The female later admitted that she and five other females went into Famous Footwear and Shoe Carnival where they all took shoes off the shelves and ran out of the stores.

— The Breeze staff

Driving lesson ends badly

Here's a driving lesson that taught more than road skills.

On April 2, a Kechi police officer notified Bel Aire police that he observed people in a vehicle switch drivers twice.

The vehicle was stopped in the 7700 block of East 53rd, and the driver admitted to allowing her 14-year-old step-daughter to drive the vehicle on what she thought was a back road. The woman said she was trying to teach her how to drive.

The mother was cited for driving with no driver's license in possession, allowing an unauthorized person to operate a motor vehicle and for not having an ignition interlock device on the vehicle she was driving. Further, a records check confirmed the mother had an active bench warrant through the City of Wichita, so she was arrested and booked

into the Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility.

— The Breeze staff

Man enjoys getting dirty

This one is dirty.

On March 23, a Bel Aire police officer checked a white Dodge Ram pickup that was parked in the 5200 block of North Toler. The officer noticed the occupant of the vehicle was muddy, but his clothing was mostly clean.

When asked about why he was muddy, the man responded by saying he had been playing in mud. Police said the man admitted to being naked and achieving sexual arousal from playing in the mud.

He was issued a criminal complaint for trespassing and lewd and lascivious behavior.

— The Breeze staff

DEATHS

JAMES BURTON

James C. Burton, 78, of Bel Aire, died April 3, 2019. He was a retired machinist.



Burton

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Katie Burton; daughter Doris

McClendon; three sisters and two brothers. Survivors include his wife, Ann; sons Allen (Susan) Wise and Glen Wise; grandchildren Brian, Windy, Lindsay, Clay, Sara and Destin; great-granddaughter Taya; and brothers George and Kenneth Burton.

Graveside service was April 10 at Rose Hill Cemetery. Smith Family Mortuaries of Derby had charge.

THERESA DeLONG

Theresa M. (Dreiling) DeLong, 58, of Bel Aire, died April 22, 2019. She was a manager at Catherine's in the Eastgate Mall.

She was preceded in death by her father, Raymond Dreiling and infant brother, Jerome Dreiling. Survivors include her husband, Steven DeLong; mother Anna C. Dreiling of Wichita; brothers Greg (Kelley) Dreiling of Plano, Texas, and Patrick (Debbie) Dreiling of Wichita; 10 nieces and nephews; sister-in-law Theresa (Tim) Ralston of Andover; brothers-in-law Matt (Amy) DeLong of Wichita and Chris (Laurie) DeLong of Kansas City, Mo.; and mother-in-law



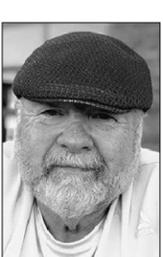
DeLong

Mary DeLong of Wichita. Memorial service was held April 26 at Downing & Lahey East Mortuary.

Memorials to Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice, 313 S. Market, Wichita KS 67202.

PATRICK HUMPHRESS

Patrick R. Humphress, of Haysville, died April 4, 2019. He was born July 18, 1953, in Swindon, England, to Edward and Sarah Humphress.



Humphress

He joined the Air Force in 1972 until retiring from McConnell Air Force Base and settling in Haysville. He was an officer with both the Haysville and Bel Aire police departments before going to work for Spirit Aerosystems.

He was preceded in death by his father. Survivors include his mother, wife Helen Humphress, son Jeffrey (Kellie) Humphress, daughter Brittny (Kyle) Boe, brother Michael (Janet) Humphress, six grandchildren, one great-granddaughter, and a large extended family.

Services were April 11

at Prairie Trail Cowboy Church, Haysville. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Kansas Wildlife, Parks and Tourism. 512 SE 25th Ave., Pratt KS. 67124. Smith Mortuary of Haysville had charge.

NORMA McCUE

Norma Lee McCue, 89, of Bel Aire, died March 29, 2019.

A longtime resident of Bel Aire, she was active in the Bel Aire Seniors and the Wesley Friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents Lester and Ruth Smith, husband

Glenn, grandson Jonathan McCue and brother-in-law Gene Rasch. Survivors include children Kris (Rex) Keith and Tim (Jennifer) McCue; grandchildren Erin Keith, Ainsley Keith, Lauren Keith, Jaden Keith, Jordyn McCue and Jamsyn McCue; sister Janice Rasch; niece Julie Bell; nephew Aaron Rasch and numerous cousins and friends.

Funeral services were April 4 at the Riverwalk Church of Christ, Wichita. In lieu of flowers memorials in her name to the Bel Aire Senior Center.

MARIE MERMIS

Marie Mermis, 97, of Bel Aire, formerly of Great Bend, died March 24, 2019.

She was born Sept. 12, 1921, at Catherine, to

Leo and Sophie (Staab) Pelzel. She married Clarence Mermis on Nov. 11, 1941, in Walker. She had lived in Great Bend since 1953. She was a member of Prince of Peace Parish at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Altar Society and the Daughters of Isabella.



Mermis

She was preceded in death by brothers Leo and Alfonso Pelzel; and sisters Beatrice Haas, Alice Brungardt, Clara Hetzel, Edna Goetz, Frances Koster and Irene Bollig. Survivors include sons C.J. (Patricia) Mermis of Great Bend and Ronald Mermis of Florida; daughters, Rose-Ann (Gerald) Burkhart of Wichita, Ruth (John) Maneth of Golden, Colo., and Kathy Richards of Wichita; daughter-in-law Susan Sayson of Manhattan; grandchildren Robbie Mermis, Brett (Kory) Mermis, Bryan (Ellen) Mermis, Dawn Reed, Anjie (Jamie) Weidman, Jeremy (Joni) Burkhart, Johnny (Angie) Maneth Kim (John) Lambertson and Kenzie Richards; 19 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and brothers Bill Pelzel of Hays and James (Valeria) Pelzel of Wichita.

Funeral Mass was March 29 at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Great

Bend, with interment at the Great Bend Cemetery. Memorials to the Holy Family School Endowment Fund or the Catholic Care Center, in care of Bryant Funeral Home, 1425 Patton Road, Great Bend KS 67530.

MARY SHULL

Mary Louise Wills McIntosh Shull, 76, of Bel Aire, died April 8, 2019.

She was born Feb. 19, 1946, in Sterling to Lawrence and Aurel Lea (Pallister) Wills. After losing both parents at the age of 3, she was adopted by her paternal aunt, Bessie Mae (Wills) McIntosh, and her husband, Daniel Elton McIntosh, Jr. of Clay Center. She graduated from Clay Center High School in 1964 and earned a degree in special education and speech therapy from Wichita State University in 1968. She studied at the University of Copenhagen during the spring semester of her sophomore year. She married Philip Arlan Shull of Dighton on July 7, 1968, lived in Denver and taught school for two years. Lived in Montana for 23 years where he worked for the United Methodist Church. She was a homemaker, taught school, worked as a model for a furrier in Great Falls, Mont., was a docent at the C.M. Russell Museum and worked at Jones & Co., a high-end apparel store in



Shull

Bozeman. They returned to Kansas in 1991 and she taught a year in Ellis. They had lived the last 15 years in Bel Aire. She belonged to the Alpha Phi sorority, Gamma Xi Chapter, at Wichita State; PEO Chapter GV; and The Junior League of Wichita and Great Falls.

Survivors include her husband; daughter Melinda (Mark) Merrill of Boise, Idaho; son Andrew (Danielle Unruh) Shull of Canby, Ore.; sisters Ann (Thomas) Adrian of Newton and Sue (James) Fawcett of Junction City; 10 nieces and nephews and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

A memorial service was held April 22 at University United Methodist Church, Wichita, with interment at Lyons Municipal Cemetery. Memorials to University United Methodist Church.

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Mayor's corner

By David Austin

On Saturday, I — and I would imagine most of you — was able to take advantage of the beautiful weather and spend time outside. Having my granddaughter meant there was more playing than yard work, but I am not complaining. In visiting with some of my neighbors that afternoon in my front yard, I was asked about the Woodlawn expansion vote.

My thoughts aligned with the majority of the council that making it a three-lane at this time makes the most prudent financial sense. These neighbors had not seen the most recent council meeting when we voted, so I shared it was a 4-1 vote. Not knowing their personal thoughts on the project, and without thinking, I said something to the effect of isn't it amazing that this decision is considered one of the biggest facing our city this year and how lucky we were to get to choose between the two, actually four, options.

Ten years ago, if you would have told me or anyone else on the council at that time this would even be a topic of conversation today, I would have said you were crazy. Talk about first-world problems, deciding between three or five lanes.

I don't know why, but this impromptu conversation again was a reminder that Bel Aire is turning the corner. I am looking forward to seeing this major street improvement come to fruition.

I went to bed that evening reminded of how good we have it here. Then on Easter Sunday, I woke up to hear the terrible news in Sri Lanka. This hit home. My granddaughter's father moved here from Sri Lanka more than 10 years ago. His brother, too, moved here, to New York City first, but now lives in Bel Aire. Their mom and dad, grandparents and extended family are still there and were worshipping the resurrection that morning at their church.

We rarely have the television turned on when Elisebeth is visiting, and I certainly didn't want her to see this. That morning, our church prayed for all those affected by the bombings. Many friends called and texted Keturah and me, knowing Elisebeth's family is there, asking if they were OK and showing concern. Thankfully, almost as soon as church ended, I received news that their family is safe and weren't even that close to the attack area.

Later in the afternoon on Sunday, and while watching the news, I couldn't help, but think how lucky we are that our biggest concern this past week was how big to make a road.

I want to thank all of you who participated in the open houses, attended or watched the workshops, and shared your thoughts through the survey or via email or phone calls. We have much to celebrate in Bel Aire and a much smoother Woodlawn, hopefully, is just the beginning.

I also want to thank all the volunteers who helped make the Easter Egg hunt/roll Spring Festival a success. It is always so much fun seeing those youngsters race to pick up eggs or how excited they get that someone can paint their face.

Like I said, we have much to be grateful for. Now our attention turns to celebrating Bel Aire's 40th birthday.

City adopts vision, mission, values and slogan

By Taylor Messick

At the April 16 council meeting, Bel Aire adopted a vision, a mission, values and a slogan for the city. The recommended items were unanimously approved

by the council. "We've been branding and marketing quite a bit, especially the last couple of years," said Austin. "I felt it was important to have a statement, primarily a slogan. Staff has been working with the

governing body and taking public input to create the vision, mission and values before us."

Bel Aire's vision statement reads: "Make Bel Aire a Hometown for Everyone."

They included three

mission statements: "Create a friendly and responsive environment," "Cultivate attractive growth and safe living" and "Foster a connected community."

The city listed its five key values: "Small

Town Pride, Regardless of Size," "People First," "Working Together," "Creativity and Innovation" and "Inclusion."

And finally, a slogan was chosen: "Life's better on the Edge!"

CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

Christ Lutheran-ELCA

Christ Lutheran is at 53rd North and Hillside, across from Wichita Heights High School.

Sunday worship services are at 9 a.m. (contemporary) and 11 (traditional), with communion at both services. Sunday school for all ages begins at 10:15 a.m.

For more information about the church and its activities, find us online at www.christ-lutheran.org or call us at 744-1242.

Chad Langdon is the pastor.

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 at 8 a.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Resurrection Catholic School has students from preschool through eighth grade.

The parish/school website is www.resurrectionwichita.com, and the telephone number is 744-2776.

The Rev. Michael J. Schemm is the pastor.

Community Bible Chapel

Community Bible Chapel is located at the corner of 45th North and Arlene.

If you have any questions about our church, please call Amy Smith at 323-2819.

Cornerstone Christian

Cornerstone Christian Church is at 5531 E. 37th North, Wichita KS 67220-2037. The phone number is 686-0208.

Sunday worship is at 10:15 a.m. A nursery is provided.

Wednesday study groups at 6:30 p.m. include adult studies, youth and Awana.

Cornerstone Christian Church will host a free family fun even from 4 to 6 p.m. the third Saturday of each month. See you there.

Pastor is Jim Rackham, and youth pastor is Tate Strasner.

Fairmount United Church of Christ

Visit the church at 1605 Fairmount in Wichita, one block south and one block east of 17th North and Hillside.

Sunday worship is at 10:30 a.m., which includes children's church. Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m.

For more information, call 682-1597 or visit at www.fairmountucc.org. Steve Bridwell is the minister.

Gospel Assembly

Located at 4230 N. Oliver in Bel Aire, Sunday services are 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Prayer service is at 7 p.m. Tuesday. Praise and worship is at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Youth activities are on the first Saturday evening of each month.

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

Greenwich United Methodist

Greenwich UMC at 5500 N. Greenwich Road is one mile south of K-254 and five miles north of 21st North.

Sunday worship is at 9 a.m. with Life Studies for all ages from 10 to 10:30.

Pastor Paula Scott is available at the church each Wednesday for prayer and fellowship.

United Methodist Women meet at 10 a.m. the first Wednesday of each month and host a church brunch quarterly.

Special events are announced on the church sign, Facebook and by mailings. Please call to be added to our mailing list or email shagemeister@sbcglobal.net.

Greenwich UMC missions support large local charities like Open Door, Grace Med or Youthville, as well as small charities like Flint Hills Therapeutic Riding Center and Wichita Children's Home, to name a few.

Like us on Facebook at Wichita Greenwich

United Methodist Church. Call us at 744-0203.

Kechi United Methodist

Located at 4533 E. 61st North in Kechi.

Sunday worship is at 9:03 a.m. (contemporary) and 11 (traditional), with Sunday school at 10.

Bingo is at 1 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month.

Men's Bible study is at 6:30 a.m. Wednesdays.

Our pastor is Michelle Gowin. Find us online at www.KechiUMC.org and "Like" us on Facebook.

The church phone number is 744-1221.

LifePoint

A fellowship of the Assemblies of God, LifePoint is located at 400 S. Abilene in Valley Center.

Life University/Sunday school meets at 9 a.m., with Kids Church at 10:30. There is no regular Sunday night service. For special activities, check online at www.lpcag.org.

Wednesday evening's Launch children's program is at 6:30 p.m., with Velocity Student Ministries for youth meets at 7.

Adult small groups meet throughout the community.

Senior pastor is Steve Rains. Youth pastor is Jacob Soyez. Children's pastor is Nathaniel Thurman. Call the church at 755-2331.

Risen Savior Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

Located at 6770 E. 34th North in northeast Wichita.

You can reach us at 683-5538 or via email at postmaster@risensavior.net.

Sunday morning services in our new Worship Center are at 8 and 10:30, with a nursery and Children's Church during the 10:30 service. We provide adult Bible classes and children's Sunday school beginning at 9:15 a.m.

During the Lenten season, the Wednesday

Evening Ministries is from 6:30 to 7:10 p.m.

Lenten services will be from 7:15 to 7:45 p.m. on Wednesdays, April 3 and April 10.

On April 14 we will have Palm Sunday services at 8 and 10:30 a.m. and Easter Family Fun from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Maundy Thursday service is at 7 p.m. April 18.

Good Friday service is at 7 p.m. April 19.

Easter Sunday services are at 8 and 10:30 a.m. April 21.

A blood drive will be held at the church from 8 a.m. to noon March 31. Please contact the Red Cross at 1-800-REDCROSS or log on to redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment.

Each month we provide options to participate in a variety of Bible studies, fellowship and service opportunities for all ages.

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Senior pastor is Tom Harmon. Assistant pastor is Nick Cordt.

Saint Michael Western Orthodox Christian

Saint Michael's Orthodox Christian Church is at 2710 E. 61st North, Park City. It is a congregation of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America.

Sunday worship has Matins at 9:45 a.m. and Divine Liturgy (Mass) at 10. Adult class at 9 a.m. studies the Biblical Jour-

ney of Faith. Saturday Vespers are at 4:30 p.m.

For more information, call 734-6248, go online at www.saintmichael-orthodoxchurch.com or email inquiries to jflora@cox.net.

The Very Rev. Dr. John Flora is archpriest and pastor. The Rev. Father Basil Anderson is deacon. Frank Tritschler is head chanter. Readers are Moses Rothenberger and James Finneran. Mrs. Sally Buxon is organist.

Wichita Three Angels Seventh-day Adventist

Located at 4558 N. Hydraulic, Wichita.

Birger Draget is pastor. Sabbath school at 9:30 a.m. with worship service at 11.

For more information, go online at www.godscloset.com or on Facebook (Gods Closet - Wichita).

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City of Bel Aire



Bel Aire Seniors

All SENIORS 55+ are cordially invited to all events listed below. The Senior Center and library area are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. The library has a wide selection of books to check out with neither cost nor time restraints and computers are available for study or research. Any senior can belong to or attend more than one senior center/club in Sedgwick County.

The Bel Aire Senior Center will be closed for all programs when USD 259 schools are closed due to inclement weather. For more information, please call 744-2451, Ext. 135.

Locations

Senior Center/Community Room
7651 E. Central Park Ave.
744-2451
Recreation Center
5251 E. 48th North
744-2700

Weekly Events

- Pickleball** — Monday, Thursday, Friday 9 to 11:30 a.m., Rec Center, \$2/person
- Bel Aire Walkers** — Monday through Friday, 8-9 a.m., Rec Center (indoors)
- Line Dance Class** — Monday and Friday, 1 p.m., Community Room
- Sew & Sew More** — Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 1 p.m., Rec Center
- Dynamic Aging** — Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m., Rec Center. \$40 for four weeks or \$5 per class. Call Chris at 620-640-2104 for more info.
- Bridge Games** — Tuesday, 1 p.m., Senior Center, must RSVP.
- Low Impact Aerobics** — Wednesday, 9 a.m., Rec Center
- Open Sewing** — Wednesday, 10 a.m., Rec Center
- Senior Breakfast** — Fridays, 9 a.m., various locations

Bel Aire City Hall will be closed Monday, May 27, in observance of Memorial Day.

Community Events

- May 1** — Chamber of Commerce, 11:30 a.m., City Hall, Community Room.
 - May 1** — Municipal Court, 7 p.m., City Hall
 - May 3** — Bel Aire Recovery Center open house, 4 to 7 p.m., 4699 N. Tierra Lakes Parkway
 - May 4** — E-recycle & Shred Day, City Hall, 9 a.m. to noon.
 - May 4** — Ready, Set, Bike; Rec Center, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 - May 7** — Council meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall
 - May 8** — Bel Aire Lions Club, 11:30 a.m., Gospel Assembly Church
 - May 9** — Planning Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall
 - May 11** — City brush site open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 53rd North, between Rock & Webb. Free mulch and compost available to Bel Aire residents. Must load yourself.
 - May 16** — Municipal Court, noon, City Hall
 - May 20** — UAC, noon, City Hall
 - May 21** — Council meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall
 - May 22** — Bel Aire Lions Club, 11:30 a.m., Gospel Assembly Church
 - May 27** — Memorial Day, City Hall closed
- More information about events at www.belaireks.gov.*

Monthly & Special Events

- May 1, 10 a.m.** — Volunteer library work time, Senior Center
- May 2, 1 p.m.** — Game Day, Rec Center
- May 2, 1 p.m.** — Hand and foot canasta, card game, Senior Center (RSVP)
- May 4, 6:30 p.m.** — Potluck dinner & program, Wesley Friends, Community Room
- May 9, 2 p.m.** — Coloring and Conversation, Senior Center
- May 10, 10 a.m.** — Foot care, Hermes Health Care (RSVP required), Community Room
- May 13, 1 p.m.** — Genealogy group, open to everyone, Senior Center
- May 15, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.** — Blood pressure check (sponsored by Catholic Care), Rec Center
- May 15, 1 p.m.** — Book club, Senior Center
- May 16, 1 p.m.** — Hand and foot canasta, card game, Senior Center (RSVP)
- May 18, 1 to 5 p.m.** — JAM session, Community Room
- May 20, 2 p.m.** — Troop group meeting
- May 20, 6 p.m.** — Covered dish dinner & program, Rec Center
- May 21, 6 p.m.** — Ladies dine out, Call Anita for info, 744-2840
- May 22, 10:15 a.m.** — Senior Brunch, Cracker Barrel, Park City
- May 23, 2 p.m.** — Coloring and Conversation, Senior Center
- May 29, 7 p.m.** — Bunco (RSVP required)
- May 31, 7 a.m. to 8:15 p.m.** — Pioneer Woman day trip to Pawhuska, Okla.

Bel Aire Recreation

- TGA Golf**
Grades K through eight. Teach, grow and achieve in this golf class. Make sure you choose the Bel Aire location when you sign up at <http://centralkansas.playtga.com>
- Happy Feet**
Ages 2 through 5 learn the basics of soccer. Sign up at <https://wichitahappysoccerfeet.configio.com>.
- Happy Hoops**
Ages 2 through 5 learn the basics of basketball. Sign up at <https://www.wichitahappyfeet.configio.com>.
- Rec baseball, softball & T-ball**
Practice begins May 13; games start after Memorial Day. For girls ages 5 through 12 and boys ages 5 through 11. Sign-up deadline has passed but limited openings remain.
- Basketball Camp**
Co-ed basketball camp for ages 5 through 12. July 15 through 18.
- British Soccer Camp**
Challenger Sports' British Soccer Camp from July 15 to 19. Join over 150,000 players who will learn the Challenger way this year for fun kicks and awesome accents. For ages 3 through 16. Register @ challengersports.com
- Girls on the Run Camp**
A one-of-a-kind opportunity for girls in third through fifth grades to enjoy building friendships in a fun and inclusive setting. With interactive lessons, being psychically active and expressing creativity. Sign up at www.girlsontherun.org. From 8 a.m. to noon June 10 through 14.
- Summer Day Camp**
The Wichita YMCA offers a state-licensed day camp through the rec center for elementary-age children. Activities include arts & crafts, games, sports, swimming, field trips, and much more. Call the Y at 264-1610.
- Taekwondo**
Ages 5 and up. Great classes for beginners to black belts. Classes meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.
- Central Park Swimming Pool**
Opens Saturday, May 25. Swimming lesson enrollment and pool rental requests also will be accepted beginning May 25.
- Dynamic Aging**
Geared toward individual age 50 and over to practice a variety of movements in a safe environment. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9 a.m.
- Adult Pickleball**
Held Monday, Thursday and Friday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Starting in May, from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday and 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday. Rec Center gymnasium.
- Yoga**
Teens and adults can join at any time. Participants need to bring their own yoga mat. Classes are from 6 to 7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.
- Barn Quilt Workshop**
Bring the beauty of quilts to the city. No skills needed for this class. You will take home a finished project. Space is limited; please call to reserve a spot. First Saturday morning of each month.
- Senior Aerobics**
Includes fat burning cardio aerobics. Low-impact exercises designed to reduce stress on your joints and back while using all major muscle groups. Class meets 9 to 10 a.m. Wednesdays.
- Fitness Center**
Need a place to work on your new year's resolution? Check out our fitness center. The center has elliptical cross trainers, free weights, multistation weight machine, recumbent bike and treadmills.
- FREE Senior Programs**
Line dancing, senior aerobics, Bel Aire walkers, gameday, potluck dinners, sewing, a matter of balance, blood pressure checks and more. Talk with Tasha for more information.

For more info about any Bel Aire rec program, call 744-2700. Follow us on Facebook at BelAireRec.

Community Electronics Recycling & Shredding Day

SATURDAY, MAY 4TH | 9AM-12PM

- Microwave Ovens
- Printers/Scanners
- DVD/VCR Players
- Cell/Land-line Phones
- Cameras/Camcorders
- Fax Machines
- Gaming Consoles
- House Hold Appliances
- Computer Monitors
- Modems/Routers
- Hard Drives
- Televisions
- Stereos/Radios/CD Players
- (Add'l charge for Cathode Ray Tube - \$1.00 per diagonal in)

Bel Aire City Hall
7651 E. Central Park Ave
(North Parking Lot)

****Open to Bel Aire residents only****



DID YOU KNOW?

Bel Aire's history of recycling began in 1995, which was one of the earliest in south central Kansas, if not the entire state. Recycling at that time was a highly successful team effort comprising city administration, Weyerhaeuser Recycling, an army of volunteers, and enthusiastic citizens.

One Saturday each month, Bel Aire's Maintenance Building on Woodlawn was cleared and readied with large cardboard bins for the deposit of sorted recyclables. Citizens in their vehicles lined up on Woodlawn to drop off recyclables. Volunteers and citizens worked together to sort. Weyerhaeuser Recycling picked up the bins the following Monday. City staff would then return the Maintenance Building to its intended purpose.

Problems developed that caused change, such as traffic congestion on Woodlawn and involvement of non-Bel Aire citizens. Operating costs also became a concern, as Weyerhaeuser decided to not pay any value for the recyclables, while Bel Aire was compensating staff to accommodate recycling.

Bel Aire then turned to South Central Recycling of Newton for curb side recycling once per week. Citizens sorted recyclables into color coded bags, except for glass which was placed into a provided white tub. This recycling continued until the current contract for recycling with Waste Connections.

Next Month: Learn about back-up of sewer water into your home.

*****Brought to you by the Utility Advisory Committee*****

ready set... bike!

SATURDAY, MAY 4TH
11 A.M. - 1 P.M.
BEL AIRE
RECREATION CENTER

Bring your own bikes.

Bike Obstacle Course
Bike Wash Station
3-Mile Family Fun Ride
(starts at 12:30 p.m.)
Community Info
Free Hot Dogs



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BEL AIRE POLICE REPORTS

March 15 — A Bel Aire woman picked up her two pit-bull dogs from the Wichita Humane Society after they had been found running around in the area of 4100 N. Woodlawn. Later, the dogs escaped again in the 4400 block of North Edgemoor because they were not adequately secured. The woman returned to the Wichita Humane Society to retrieve the animals.

March 15 — Sgt. Davis stopped a car for speeding in the 4800 block of North Rock Road. The driver was found to have a Kansas ID card only. He was cited for having no driver's license and speeding.

March 15 — Officer Forman stopped a white Mazda 3 for failing to stop at the stop sign at 53rd and Webb. The driver was a 14-year-old with no driver's license or permit. The girl was driving her friend home from a party. Family members were called to come pick up the girls and the car. The driver was issued a citation for her traffic violations.

March 15 — Sgt. Davis saw a vehicle driving about 25 mph in the 4100 block of North Woodlawn. The vehicle failed to maintain its lane and crossed the centerline multiple times. Davis stopped the vehicle. The driver was upset. She was somewhat disoriented from a recent car accident. The woman was transported to her residence in Wichita for her safety and the safety of others.

March 16 — A woman in the 4500 block of Frittillary Court reported she was given a ride by a known person and she thought she left her wallet containing her driver's license, Social Security card, debit card and about \$20 in cash in the person's car. She said she canceled her debit card and spoke to the woman, who denied that she has found the wallet.

March 16 — A man in the 5800 block of East 48th Circle North reported his greenish gray Covercraft vehicle cover disappeared sometime March 12. The man reported the tie-down straps were broken on the vehicle cover, and the loss was reported at about \$400. There were wind gusts of up to 30 mph during the time the cover disappeared.

March 16 — Officer Trumbull stopped a white GMC Yukon for speeding in the 5000 block of North Oliver. The driver claimed her son called her in a panic and she needed to take him to the hospital. The woman presented an expired Oklahoma driver's license and said she knew the tag on her vehicle and her license were expired. The woman would not say what type of emergency her son was having and claimed her son could be dying. Trumbull immediately sent Officer Gibson to the son's residence to do a welfare check. Gibson found no emergency situation at the residence. Everyone there was kicked back watching television and cooking food. The woman was cited for speeding, expired license plate and driving on an expired driver's license.

March 17 — Officer Forman was dispatched to a barking dog complaint in the 5600 block of North Lycee Court. The calling party said the neighbor directly behind his residence has three dogs outside and they were barking. Forman could hear the dogs barking. He was unable to contact the owner of the dogs after attempting for several minutes. The calling party did not wish to be contacted.

March 17 — Officer Trumbull was dispatched to the Bel Aire park, 4300 N. Woodlawn, for two dogs chasing and barking at children. He arrived and located the dogs, which ran up to him aggressively barking and growling and followed him. He retreated with a weapon drawn. The dogs were called into a house by two young males and the owner. The owner was interviewed and said he was unaware the dogs had gotten loose and were chasing children in the park. The mother of one of the frightened children provided a handwritten statement. The dog owner was given a criminal complaint for the nuisance animals running at large, threatening people.

March 17 — Officer Gibson stopped a white Mazda 5 in the 4200 block of North Oliver for a vehicle defect. The driver was found to be driving with a suspended driver's license. She was cited for the vehicle defect, driving without proof of insurance and driving with a suspended license.

March 19 — Officer Crouse stopped a gray Ford Escape for speeding in the 5500 block of North Webb. The driver was cited for speeding and driving with a suspended license.

March 19 — Officer Steele arrested a man in Wichita on a Bel Aire warrant and transported him to the Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility, where he was booked in on the warrant.

March 19 — The manager of Great Clips at Bel Pointe Plaza in the 6200 block of East 37th North reported a customer made an employee feel uncomfortable and frightened for her safety. The patron was later contacted and told he was not welcome in the business in the future.

March 19 — A woman in the 4100 block of North Clarendon reported a male associate was refusing to give her some of her son's property.

March 20 — A man in the 5200 block of East 37th North reported his trailer license plate was either stolen or lost. The license plate was entered into NCIC.

March 20 — Officer Trumbull assisted the Wichita Police Department with locating six females who fled on foot from a

traffic collision at 3600 N. Woodlawn. The report was that the vehicle fled after the occupants were involved in a snatch-and-grab type larceny at Famous Footwear on Rock Road. Trumbull located one of the runners at the north entrance of Dillon's at 3707 N. Woodlawn. Trumbull detained the female and transported her back to the traffic collision scene. The female later admitted that she and five other females went into Famous Footwear and Shoe Carnival where they all took shoes off the shelf and ran out of the stores. The in-custody female was turned over to the Wichita Police Department.

March 21 — Officer Smithwick observed a man and his juvenile son shooting BB guns at items in the dumpster southwest of their residence. Smithwick educated the father and son on the city ordinance of Bel Aire.

March 21 — A Kechi officer observed a black 2008 Chrysler 300 speeding 90 mph in the posted 40 mph zone between Oliver and Woodlawn. The vehicle was stopped and Officer Forman and the Kechi officer contacted the driver who thought the officers would believe that he just didn't realize he was driving that fast. The driver was cited for speeding and reckless driving.

March 21 — Officers were dispatched to a disorderly conduct report in the 4700 block of North Woodlawn. The reporting party said she was contacted by a man about her winning the Publisher's Clearing House grand prize. The woman said the man requested she give him money so she could claim the grand prize of \$2.1 million — \$7,000 per week for life — and a 2018 Mercedes Benz. The woman recognized the scam and did not provide any personal information, nor did she offer to provide the caller with money.

March 22 — A woman in the 4100 block of North Clarendon reported that while raking leaves in her front yard, a neighbor's dog barked incessantly at her. The owner of the dog was given a copy of the city ordinance regarding barking, whining or howling in an excessive fashion. The owner of the dog said that she would take care of the problem.

March 22 — A woman in the 4300 block of North Stratford reported a man she is familiar with contacted her several times via cell phone. The woman reported the man was agitated and made threatening statements toward her.

March 22 — The Wichita Police Department requested assistance from the Bel Aire Police Department to check for a man who was wanted on multiple felony charges in the 5700 block of North Lycee. The man was located in front of his apartment, cutting grass on his riding lawnmower. Maurice Bell Jr. of Bel Aire was arrested on charges of aggravated assault, aggravated burglary, aggravated domestic battery, aggravated kidnapping, contempt of court, criminal threat and failure to appear in court.

March 23 — Officers were dispatched to the report of a domestic disturbance with a weapon in the 5800 block of East Flagstaff. The calling party said his roommate was making a lot of noise and when asked to keep it quiet, the roommate came at the caller with what the caller believed to be a knife. The caller said the roommate had been talking to himself loudly and the caller knocked on the bedroom door to ask him to quiet down. The roommate admitted to opening a knife and extending it toward the calling party in an attempt to scare him away from his room. While discussing the incident, the roommate yelled loudly, grabbed the knife off the dresser and motioned toward officers in a threatening manner. The roommate realized the error of his ways when he saw the response from the officers who he was threatening with the knife. The roommate, Zachary Tyler Wood, was arrested on a charge of aggravated assault.

March 23 — Officer Forman conducted a check of a white Dodge Ram pickup in the 5200 block of North Toler. He made contact with the occupant of the vehicle and noticed he was muddy, although his clothing was mostly clean. When asked about why he was muddy the man responded that he had been out "playing mud." The man admitted to being naked and achieving sexual arousal from playing in the mud. He was issued a criminal complaint for trespassing and lewd and lascivious behavior.

March 23 — Officer Trumbull stopped a Chevrolet Trailblazer with an expired tag in the 5200 block of North Rock Road. While speaking with the driver, Trumbull could smell the odor of burnt marijuana coming from the vehicle. No marijuana was located in the vehicle. The man was cited for driving with an expired license plate and driving without proof of liability insurance.

March 24 — Officer Trumbull was dispatched to a disorderly conduct report regarding barking dogs in the 5600 block of North Lycee Court. The calling party said the neighbor directly behind his residence had dogs outside and they had been barking. Trumbull could hear a dog barking and identified the animal in the yard nearby. He contacted the owner who said he does not normally leave the dogs out so late and promptly put them inside. The dog owner was given a copy of the city ordinance regarding nuisance animals and barking dogs. The calling party did not wish to be contacted.



Courtesy photo

Thank you

Local youngsters Evie and Holden stopped by to say thank you to the Bel Aire Police Department and to share a handmade poster and bag full of donuts on April 19.

March 25 — Officer Crouse was dispatched to a suicidal person call in the 4800 block of North Battin. The man who had called 911 reported being suicidal with a plan and means to harm himself. The man was transported to the Veteran's Administration hospital without issue.

March 25 — Officer Gibson saw a bronze Dodge Journey drive the wrong way down Prestwick on the roundabout from Central Park. The driver was cited for one-way roadways, expired driver's license and no proof of liability insurance.

March 26 — Chief Atteberry cited a driver for following too closely and for speeding in the 5000 block of North Oliver. The driver advised she was in a hurry to get to an appointment with a female ward from a group home.

March 26 — A man from the 6900 block of East Summerside Court came to the station to report that he rented a car while in Orange County, Calif., in January. On Jan. 26, the man returned the rental vehicle and forgot he had placed his handicap placard in the glove box of the rental. The man contacted the rental company once he returned to his residence in Bel Aire. The rental company was unable to locate the placard. The man needed a case number to have the placard replaced.

March 26 — A woman reported that while driving south on Webb, a vehicle pulled away from the stop sign and into the path of her vehicle. During the collision, two passengers in the southbound vehicle sustained minor injuries. The vehicle that pulled into the path of the other vehicle was cited. Both vehicles were driven from the scene.

March 27 — A dark blue Chevrolet Camaro was observed traveling west in the 6000 block of East 37th with a vehicle defect. The driver was found to be operating the vehicle while her license was revoked. Chirre Lynn Hellyer of Wichita was cited and then arrested and transported to Sedgwick County Jail and booked on a Greenwood County warrant.

March 27 — A red Toyota Rav4 was observed parked near the new construction area on Colonial Street. A female was observed in a newly constructed residence that was up for sale. The builder of the residence advised the woman had permission to be in the residence.

March 27 — A woman in the 4600 block of North Farmstead Court reported her husband grabbed her by the collar of her shirt and placed her in a headlock. There were visible marks located on the right side of the woman's neck, on her upper chest, and on the back of her neck. The husband departed the residence but was later located and placed under arrest, transported and booked into the Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility on a charge of domestic battery. The suspect's name was not available.

March 27 — Officer Trumbull located a maroon vape-type smoking pipe in the 3800 block of North Edgemoor. He collected the item and submitted it as found property. Officer Trumbull

March 28 — A man pulled in front of the Northeast Magnet High School with his vehicle stereo loud enough to shake the windows of the school in the 5500 block of North Lycee. The man was issued a citation for violation of noise ordinance.

March 27 — A man went by his former residence in the 5800 block of East Flagstaff, took his belongings, which were piled up inside, and placed them outside. The man left his old roommate a note that stated "Sorry 4 everything, door was unlocked will be back." Per the arrest booking form, the old roommate is to have no contact with the resident due to a no-contact order.

March 28 — A woman reported there were suspicious characters banging on her door, and walking around her residence in the 4500 block of North Westlake. Officers found the suspicious characters to be fugitive recovery agents looking for a person with warrants.

March 29 — Officer Forman stopped a white Chevrolet S10

for failing to stop at the intersection of 45th and Oliver. Forman detected an odor of burnt marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. The driver admitted to having smoked marijuana about five minutes before the traffic stop. Both admitted to having marijuana with them. The driver agreed to do standard field sobriety testing. The driver was placed in custody for DUI drugs. Raul Antonio Valenzuela of Wichita was arrested on charges of DUI and possession of marijuana.

March 29 — A woman in the 4600 block of North Danbury reported sometime between December 2018 and March 29, unknown person(s) cut the padlock on her gate and damaged a board on her fence. She had no idea who or how this would have happened.

March 29 — Officer Crouse

stopped a gray Chevrolet Tahoe for speeding in the 4200 block of North Oliver. The operator was driving in violation of his driver's license permit. He was released to his mother.

March 30 — A woman reported she was at her residence

in the 6400 block of East Perryton when she and her husband began to argue. She reported being blocked from leaving the residence by her husband. There were no injuries and no witnesses to corroborate the report.

March 30 — A man reported he had been concerned about a Kansas registered offender who resided in his neighborhood in the 5300 block of North Rock Springs. The man said he was concerned about his children as well as children reportedly at the residence of the offender. The conditions of the offender's release were checked. The man was compliant and no violations were found.

March 31 — Two teens were observed in a parked vehicle in a neighborhood in the 5800 block of East 37th. Both were found to be in violation of curfew, and they were released to their parents. Officer Crouse

March 31 — A silver Chevrolet Trailblazer struck a tree in the front yard of a home in the 5500 block of East Falcon. The driver was operating a vehicle without a valid license or permit. A passenger allowed the teen to operate the vehicle knowing the driver had no license or permit to do so. They were both issued citations for the traffic violations.

March 31 — A woman in the 5700 block of East Memphis reported her son had been absent from the residence since the previous morning.

March 31 — Two old roommates in the 5700 block of North Lycee were having an argument about property.

March 31 — Officer Trumbull assisted the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office with a non-injury rollover crash in the 13000 block of East 53rd North. The driver of the crashed vehicle was traveling east in her vehicle when she drove over soft dirt, causing her to lose control of her vehicle. She overcorrected, resulting in the vehicle going into the ditch and rolling at least two times.

April 1 — A brown Toyota Camry was stopped in the 4900 block of North Rock Road for speeding and a defective front headlight. The driver was found to not have a valid driver's license. The vehicle's Texas registration was expired. The driver was issued a citation for the violations.

April 1 — A woman from the 5700 block of North Lycee reported she had been attempting to retrieve her property from an old roommate when she discovered her inoperable green, 2003 Volkswagen Passat was missing.

April 2 — A state worker reported a nursing home resident in the 6700 block of East 45th North was in arrears over \$7,000. The state worker reported it was believed the woman's daughter was using the nursing home resident's money to pay off her own bills. The investigation is open.

April 2 — An unidentified fe-

male turned in property she had found near Flagstaff Street.

April 2 — A mother from the 5700 block of North Lycee reported her incarcerated ex-husband's girlfriend took the mother's daughter from the bus stop without her permission. The daughter was located and returned to her mother.

April 2 — Officer Trumbull was contacted by a Kechi officer who said he was following a vehicle and observed people in the vehicle switch drivers on two occasions. The driver admitted to allowing her 14-year-old step-daughter to drive the vehicle on what she thought was a "back road." The woman said she was trying to "teach" her how to drive. The mother was cited for driving with no driver's license in possession, allowing an unauthorized person to operate a motor vehicle and for not having an ignition interlock device on the vehicle she was driving. She was given a Bel Aire Municipal Court date. A records check confirmed the mother had an active bench warrant through the City of Wichita and she was arrested and booked into the Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility. The suspect's name was not available.

April 3 — A black Mercedes was observed with a tag that was not assigned to the vehicle in the 6100 block of East 53rd North. The decal on the tag was assigned to the vehicle. The driver was issued a citation for driving with a suspended license and improper display of a license plate.

April 4 — A woman said she was waiting to turn south from eastbound 37th onto Woodlawn due to a bicycle in the crosswalk. Another vehicle attempted to go around her to continue east and hit the driver's side rear bumper of her vehicle.

April 5 — A light blue Honda Odyssey was stopped in the southbound curb lane in the 3800 block of North Woodlawn waiting for the light to change. A black Honda Accord was in the center lane of Woodlawn and attempted to merge into the curb lane and did not wait for the Odyssey to vacate the space his Accord was trying to occupy. The Accord struck the Odyssey. Functional damage was suffered by both vehicles. The driver of the Accord received a citation.

April 5 — A man in the 5100 block of North St. James reported his 27-year-old sister had not returned home. He stated his sister was supposed to be in school at 10 a.m., but did not show up, and her cell phone went directly to voicemail. While the man was making the report, his sister contacted him and said she was OK and that her cell phone died.

April 5 — A woman in the 5600 block of North Lycee reported a woman knocked on her apartment door trying to get her to come out and fight. The suspect and the victim both left prior to the officer's arrival.

April 6 — Officer Steele discovered a wallet with a driver's license belonging to a Bel Aire resident. He was unable to contact the owner by telephone, and the wallet was submitted to temporary evidence storage.

April 6 — A Wichita resident reported he was trespassing on private property while driving a four-wheeler in the 9110 block of East 45th. He had a passenger. He said he was coming down a hill and hit the front brake instead of the back brake and he and his passenger both flew over the front of the four-wheeler. The passenger suffered injuries and was transported to Wesley Medical Center for treatment.

April 6 — Officer Steele received a message that indicated the caller, who was in the 4700 block of North Indian Oaks, had intercepted a text message that the son of his deceased spouse was attempting to have someone change his garage door code while he was out of town.

April 6 — Officers responded to a domestic violence disturbance in the 4400 block of North Edgemoor. A man reported his live-in girlfriend slapped him in the head and pulled his beard. The woman spontaneously confessed. The woman was arrested and transported to Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility and booked. The suspect's name was not available.

April 6 — A woman in the 6600 block of East Rodeo Court called 911 saying that she doesn't want to live at her house anymore and that kids from school are rude to her. After speaking with the woman, she agreed to take her sleep medication and go to bed.

April 7 — A gray Toyota Corolla was stopped for speeding in the 5300 block of North Oliver. The driver was found to be driving with a suspended driver's license. She was given a citation.

April 7 — A woman in the 4400 block of North Edgemoor reported a friend unlawfully accessed her social media and bank account online. She said she gave him access to her social media accounts in the past. She

reported no loss regarding her bank account.

April 7 — A man in the 4700 block of North Glendale reported someone entered and rummaged through his vehicle sometime during the night. A Garmin device valued at \$50 was stolen from the car.

April 7 — A woman reported that while working in her backyard in the 4500 block of Westlake Court, a drone flew over her several times. She never saw the drone operator nor did she see where it landed. The drone never got close to her home.

April 7 — A man in the 5500 block of East Falcon Lane reported parking his vehicle for the night in the driveway. In the morning he discovered somebody had gone through his vehicle and took a bottle of Motrin and a bottle of ibuprofen. The vehicle was unlocked.

April 8 — A white Dodge Journey was stopped in the 6800 block of East 53rd for an illegal license plate. The driver was found to be driving with a suspended driver's license. She was issued citation.

April 8 — A woman in the 4400 block of North Auburn reported two pitbulls got into her backyard and fought with her dog. The two dogs had no tags or information regarding their owner; they were transported to the Humane Society without issue.

April 9 — Officer Trumbull stopped a silver Lexus for speeding in the 5600 block of North Webb. The driver's license was expired. The driver was cited for speeding, driving with an expired driver's license and driving with an expired license plate.

April 10 — Officer Forman stopped a black 2012 Chrysler 300 in the 9700 block of East 53rd North for failing to maintain a lane of travel by crossing over the yellow center line. He made contact with the driver and sole occupant, who admitted to video chatting with a friend while driving. When asked for a driver's license, the man produced a foreign license. He then told Forman he already has a court date in Bel Aire for his license. The man did not have current valid vehicle liability insurance. He was issued a citation.

April 10 — Chief Atteberry and Officer Steele went to a residence in the 5900 block of East 45th to check for a person wanted on bench warrants. Niki Jo McGuire of Bel Aire was arrested on a charge of failure to appear in court.

April 10 — Bel Aire officers went to a residence in the 4500 block of Westlake Court to assist the Wichita Police Department with a child welfare check.

April 10 — A woman's puppy got through a hole in her fence and got into a neighbor's yard in the 5900 block of East 45th. Two dogs in the other yard fought the puppy and it succumbed to her injuries.

April 13 — A woman called 911 and reported her son had a gun and was trying to get into her residence in Kechi. The son also called 911 and stated his mom had locked him out of the residence. It was determined during the investigation that no gun was involved in the incident. The son and his fiancé agreed to stay somewhere else for the evening.

April 13 — A red Chevrolet Astro was observed parked in the road up on a jack stand in the 4000 block of North Woodlawn Court. The vehicle had an illegal license plate. The vehicle was removed by Kidd's Towing, and the illegal license plate was removed and submitted.

April 13 — A man in the 4500 block of North Auburn reported getting into a road rage incident with another vehicle as the two vehicles were traveling through Bel Aire.

April 13 — A woman in the 5700 block of North Lycee reported that the music from another apartment was vibrating the floor of her apartment. The offending apartment resident was contacted and the music was turned down.

April 13 — Officer Smithwick stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 4900 block of North Oliver. The driver said she was not paying attention to her speed. The driver provided a Kansas ID card. When a check was done for a driver's license it was discovered her driver's license was suspended. She was cited for speeding and driving with a suspended license.

April 13 — Officer Crouse stopped a red Pontiac G6 for failing to maintain a single lane of travel in the 4700 block of North Rock Road. The driver did not have a valid driver's license. He was cited.

April 14 — A white Chevy Silverado was stopped for speeding in the 3900 block of North Oliver. The driver was arrested and transported to Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility where he was booked for the offenses.

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Principal receives national recognition

By The Breeze staff

Cindy Graves of Bel Aire, principal at McLean Science and Technology Magnet Elementary School in Wichita, received national recognition from Magnet Schools of America.

Graves was named Region VI Principal of the Year last month. The award recognizes magnet school principals in eight regions across the country who have demonstrated a strong commitment to

learning opportunities through themed-based education, while setting high expectations for students and staff. She is in the running for the National Magnet School Principal of the Year. "I am honored to receive this recognition on behalf of McLean and our great magnet program," said Graves. "Leading a long-standing magnet program involves being innovative as technology changes, and I'm so proud of my teachers and staff



Courtesy photo

Cindy Graves (third from right) is recognized for receiving the Region VI Principal of the Year.

that work diligently to promote our magnet theme every day. We live by the motto 'Curiosity Leads

to Learning' and we will continue to strive to make learning relevant for our students."



Relief after fire

After Ericka Torres and her family of six lost their house in a fire April 16, the Bel Aire Lions Club gave the family five Walmart Gift Cards. The donation was made possible through a grant from the Kansas Lions Alert Team that provides help to individuals who have lost their homes or possessions through disasters.



Courtesy photo

For the kids

Bel Aire city staff collected donations through April to drop off at the Wichita Children's Home. They filled up tubs with everything from sports equipment to clothing.



Earth Day celebration

The Bel Aire Lions helped the kindergarten classes at Isely Elementary celebrate Earth Day on April 4. The classes participated in worm composting, painting a Lady Bug rock character, saw some raptor birds, worked on planting at the entrance sign, and prepared flowers to take home to be planted. The Lions assisted in these classes and learned along with the students.



Courtesy photos



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Tree City again

Gary Northwall (center) of the Bel Aire Tree Board receives a plaque designating the city as a Tree City USA. This is the 23rd year the city has received the designation.



Just checking

LEFT: Nick Norris of the Bel Aire Recreation Center accepts a check from the Bel Aire Lions Club to cover the cost of two scholarships that will be used to sponsor a special activity for two students. RIGHT: Lions Club President Jerald Peterson presents a check to Bel Aire Chief of Police Darrell Atteberry to cover costs for a reflective belt project sponsored by the police department.



Courtesy photos

Street

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Council member Justin Smith said it was also his preference to expand Woodlawn to five lanes. However, Smith didn't believe he could support the move based on the city's financial situation. The five-lane option would add about \$1.3 million to the cost of the project at this time. Benage said he thought there was a good chance WAMPO could provide additional funding to assist with the project, especially since it would also benefit the city of Wichita. He proposed dipping into the city's reserves to fund the additional cost of the project that WAMPO wouldn't cover. The city currently has \$1 million in excess reserves

on top of its 30 percent contingency. One concern Smith expressed with the three-lane option was access for emergency vehicles. The three-lane option would put curbs on the sides of the roads — instead of shoulders — which would make it more difficult for emergency vehicles to navigate traffic. He asked that a raised median be removed from the plans in as many places as possible to allow for better access, and the rest of the council agreed. The railroad crossing is required to include a raised median and is also required to be five lanes wide. Council member Betty Martine pointed out that a decorative median could be costly and time-consuming for city crews to maintain. Council member Jeff

Hawes supported the three-lane option and pointed out that the city has other road projects looming. He said it's possible some of the city's other roads will need to be expanded before Woodlawn needs five lanes to handle its traffic load. He also stated that some of the project will benefit Wichita as well as Bel Aire and that he would like to see the city focus on selling the land it owns first. Mayor David Austin was in favor of the three-lane expansion with a signalized intersection. He was adamant that the city should not dip into the reserves to fund the project and encouraged the council to be fiscally responsible. "Our current land debt is going to expire in 15 years," said Austin. "And that's if we don't sell one

single blade of grass between now and then. That's the worst-case scenario. So 15 years from now — when we're out of debt — that's when the traffic study stated it would possibly need to be expanded. The construction has been designed to easily add these lanes if it's needed in the future. ... You can't go from a five- to a three-lane, but you can go from a three to a five." A representative from project engineer MKEC said there is a possibility that extra turning lanes can be added in the future to allow for better access to residential areas. It will depend on the cost of the project and whether excess funds are available. Smith said he liked that idea and thought it could give the city some of the benefits of a five-lane road without some of the

additional immediate costs. One other specification the council chose unanimously was to put a 10-foot bike path on the west side of Woodlawn and a sidewalk on the east side. That decision lines up with residents' preference on

the matter from the survey. MKEC will now work from its preliminary design for the project to develop a full and complete design based on the council's comments. The final design will determine the final cost.

Wall

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remove the drainage ditch and put traffic even closer to the area where their children often play. "That ditch is the only barrier between a car and our backyard," said one resident. "Look at Kansas

City last weekend. A guy's brakes went out in Overland Park and he jumped the curb, took out 80 feet of fence and killed a 14-year-old girl." The residents said they weren't asking for too much. "One of those basic brick walls like you see anywhere," suggested a

resident. "Everyone has got them if you look around town on any busy street that has a residential neighborhood backing up to it. They all have walls. We don't think it's asking too much to put up a six-foot wall to protect us from traffic." City Manager Ty Lasher said the city has discussed a barrier, but all aesthetic de-

isions are about six months down the line. KDOT likely won't fund aesthetic additions. Those will be up to the city.

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