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## Election brings changes to government

Voters elect new mayor

By Taylor Messick

The results from the 2019 general election were finalized in late November and Bel Aire voters made some changes. Bel Aire had a large turnout with 1,464 voters and a couple of new faces will be

joining some familiar ones on the city council.

In the mayoral race, voters chose city council member Jim Benage over current Mayor David Austin. Benage received 839 votes (57.3 percent) to Austin's 616 (42.1 percent). Austin was first

elected in 2013 when he ran unopposed. He took over the seat of Harold Smith, who did not seek re-election. Austin defeated Andrew Uhl Schmidt with 78.4 percent of the vote in 2015; he defeated Patty Beamer with 75.8 percent of the vote in 2017.

Council member Betty Martine did not seek re-election. She was first elected in 2013 and won re-election in 2015.

Council member Jeff Hawes' seat was also up in the election. Hawes served a two-year term after being

elected in 2017. That seat was won by Ken Lee in 2015 but Lee resigned five months into the term. Austin appointed Diane Wynn to Lee's seat until the 2017 election. She

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## Clinic makers coming to city

Clinic In A Can buys property in Sunflower

By Taylor Messick

At Bel Aire's Nov. 19 city council meeting, three items were approved that will bring a unique business to Bel Aire. An ordinance authorizing the sale of the land, a letter of intent to issue industrial revenue bonds and a partial release and termination of release were unanimously approved.

The piece of land that was sold is a six-acre lot next to Empire Wall Systems on the south side of 50th North near Webb Road. The lot was bought for the asking price of \$25,000.

The buyer is Clinic In A Can. The Wichita-based business has outgrown its space and will move its warehouse and offices to Sunflower Commerce Park. City Manager Ty Lasher said the business was fond of the lot and its location.

Clinic In A Can builds customized and portable health-care facilities in shipping containers. The inside of the containers are essentially miniature medical clinics. They have water and electricity and are self-sustaining with solar panels. These clinics operate on less than 500 watts of electricity. They are energy efficient and utilize green technology and medical equipment.

The spaces are customized according to the buyer's specific needs. Multiple containers can be set up together to create a medical compound. The business offers customizable set-ups for emergency clinics, primary care clinics or infectious disease units.

The miniature clinics are sold to private entities and are leased in cer-

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## A Taste of Italy

Lions Club fundraiser has international appeal



The Bel Aire Lions Club hosted its annual Taste of Italy fundraiser Nov. 9 at Gospel Assembly Church. Supporters lined up to make a small donation in exchange for a homemade meal of Caprese salad and penne pasta with meatballs and marinara sauce. There was also a table full of treats for dessert. A silent auction was held for several items and gift baskets donated from local businesses. A pianist performed for diners.

Photos by Taylor Messick



## Speedway has been sold

By Randy Fisher

After more than 55 years of ownership by the Hall family, 81 Speedway in Park City has been sold.

Owner-operator C. Ray Hall has confirmed the Nov. 29 sale of the track to J.R. Sartain, former owner of Wichita-based Auto Craft Collision Repair.

Hall wasn't looking to sell the

speedway when opportunity came knocking a couple of years ago. He entertained two separate offers, but nothing happened. Unexpectedly, one of the parties resurfaced this July.

Although he still wasn't interested in selling, Hall realized that in 50 years no one ever offered to buy the track. Then the other party from two years ago came back to the table.

"What greater scenario than having two wealthy companies/individuals wanting to purchase the place," he said. "The more I thought about it, what happens in a year or two if I need to sell for whatever reason and there's nobody there, then what happens?"

Hall was able to hammer out an

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Randy Fisher

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**Mayor's corner**

By David Austin

My grandma, the late Alice Soby, would often tell me that I need to leave every place I visit better than the way I found it. It was one of the values she instilled in me as a young man and is something I have always tried to remember and to live by.

It was exciting to lead my final meeting Nov. 21 when the Land Bank officially agreed to sell 6.5 acres and 66 lots in the Landing to a private developer. For the first time ever, I am excited that we are no longer in the housing development business in Central Park. It is completely in the hands of a private developer, who made the major investment because of their excitement for the forthcoming gathering space, aka the park.

In fact, this park is what spurred them to make this move and they volunteered to donate \$75,000 for two pickleball courts in the park.

This is the prudent investment I have spoke about for a while as being needed to spur growth.

I was also excited that we sold six acres to Clinic in a Can in the Sunflower Commerce Park and the closing for Homes Plus is scheduled, too. This is another developer buying in Bel Aire because of the park.

On Dec. 3, the governing body will approve the final plat on 25 acres for Bristol Hollows. That's another 25 acres of development coming to Bel Aire. Also on the agenda for that meeting is approving the zone change for 20 acres for the Homestead Senior Housing organization.

This all made for a very exciting November.

So I leave as your mayor, very proud of the many accomplishments we enjoyed, including getting out of the residential land development, like drastically reducing the land debt, like significantly increasing funds for street improvements.

If my grandmother were here today, she'd ask me if I had left Bel Aire better than the way I found it, and I could honestly say yes.

November is best known for Thanksgiving. So in closing, I have to say a few thanks. I am forever thankful for having an amazing and hot wife, Keturah, by my side through this crazy ride called serving as mayor.

I am thankful to have served with some great council members and wish the incoming council nothing but the best. I am thankful to live in a city that is served by an amazing staff led by Ty Lasher, who has been the most open, caring and transparent city manager Bel Aire could have ever wished for.

I am also thankful for the six years you, the citizens, allowed me to serve as mayor. Thanks and God bless you all.

# City council amends sewer fund budget

By Taylor Messick

The Bel Aire City Council unanimously approved an amendment to its 2019 sewer fund budget Nov. 19. A public hearing for this action will be held at the city's Dec. 3 council meeting.

In 2018, some sewer fund budget replacement projects were not completed by the end of the year. The result was that funds rolled over into reserves. Since the 2019 budget was adopted without that money, council needed to make an amendment to carry the money over to the next year.

Finance director Ted Henry said this process actually began in 2017 when the city found a mop head in one of its lift stations that caused three stations to go down. The city decided to hold off with new sewer projects until it made sure none of the other lift stations were going to have issues. As a result, projects have been postponed and money has rolled over. Some of that planned work started earlier this year and the money the city has carried over will be used to pay for it.

In other business, the council:

- Heard from a resident who lives on Battin about the deteriorating road.
- Unanimously approved the consent agenda and appropriate

ordinance in the amount of \$807,462.41.

- Unanimously approved three items relating to Clinic In A Can acquiring property in Sunflower Commerce Park.
- Unanimously approved an ordinance detailing a franchise agreement between the city and Every Kansas South Inc.

All members of the council were present. There was a 20-minute executive session for contract negotiations regarding the acquisition of property.

# Council OKs financing for projects

By Taylor Messick

The Bel Aire City Council unanimously passed two resolutions and an ordinance related to paying off a temporary note, refinancing a bond, issuing a new general obligation bond and issuing a new temporary note Nov. 5.

An ordinance authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds and taxable general obligation refunding bonds was approved as was a resolution prescribing the sale of the

same bonds. A resolution authorizing and directing the issuance, sale and delivery of \$2,860,000 in the aggregate principal amount of general obligation temporary renewal notes was also approved.

Bids for bonds and temporary notes were received on Nov. 5. Six bids were received on the bonds. The best bid was 2.258 percent over 20 years from Country Club Bank. The best interest rate for the temporary notes was also from Country Club Bank at 1.5 per-

cent. The temporary notes have a three-year term. The city received seven bids for a bond refund. Robert Baird had the winning rate at 2.46 percent. Bel Aire will save between \$24,000 and \$32,000 per year from the lower interest.

The projects listed in one of the resolutions included water, paving and sewer for Rock Spring Third Addition. Recently, the developer submitted additional petitions. They have decided they want the improvements done

in phases and there was a last-minute change on the amount needed for temporary notes. The initial amount of the temporary notes for the project was reduced from \$3,540,000 to \$2,860,000.

The council:

- Unanimously approved the consent agenda and appropriations ordinance in the amount of \$2,441,755.19.
- Heard from a citizen who likes using the vacant lot southeast of Isely Elementary as a parking lot and drop-off point.
- Proclaimed Nov. 11 Veterans Day and November American

Diabetes Month.

- Unanimously approved sewer lift station and gravity sewer main petitions and resolutions determining the advisability of making improvements for an area identified by a benefit district established in said petition for parcels located along 53rd North and Webb.
- Unanimously voted to amend an item from the Oct. 15 meeting: accepting a quote to upsized the water mains from 39th and Parkwood at a cost of \$79,5000 from McCullough Excavation Inc.

All members of the council were present. There was a 10-minute executive session to discuss proposed contract negotiations.

## CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

### Christ Lutheran-ELCA

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

Worship services are held at 9 a.m. (contemporary) and 11 (traditional). Communion is offered at both services. Sunday School for all ages begins at 10:10 a.m.

Christmas Eve services will be held at 4:30 (contemporary) and 7 p.m. (traditional).

For more information about the church and its activities, find us online at [www.christ-lutheran.org](http://www.christ-lutheran.org), on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/CLCwichita/> or call 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](http://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 event 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.

### 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](mailto: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.

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### 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](http://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](http://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 Soye. 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](mailto:postmaster@risensavior.net).

Sunday morning services in our 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.

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Christmas Eve worship services will be at 6 p.m. Dec. 24 with candlelight service at 8.

Christmas Day worship service will be at 10 a.m. Dec. 25.

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

Find us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter — search RisenSaviorICT! Find out everything Risen Savior has to offer on our website [www.risensavior.net](http://www.risensavior.net).

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.

Our annual Festival of Lessons and Carols will be at 4 p.m. Dec. 15, followed by fellowship and light refreshments.

Christmas Eve service will be at 7 p.m. Dec. 24, with Holy Eucharist followed by a time of fellowship.

Worship with us Sunday Adult Class at 9 a.m., morning prayer at 9:45 a.m. and Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m., and Wednesday Holy Eucharist at 6 p.m.

Men's Bible study group meets at 7 p.m. on the first and third Monday.

Women's Bible study group meets at 10 a.m. on the second and fourth

Friday. Wednesday service is at 6 p.m.

Saturday Vespers are at 4:30 p.m.

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

For more information call 734-6248 or go online [www.saintmichaelortho-dox-church.com](http://www.saintmichaelortho-dox-church.com). Email inquiries to [jfflora@icloud.com](mailto:jfflora@icloud.com).

### 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.godsclot.com](http://www.godsclot.com) or on Facebook (Gods Closet - Wichita).

For God's Closet, call 778-0474.

Send your church's upcoming events and service times to [legals@arkvalleynews.com](mailto:legals@arkvalleynews.com) or call 755-0821.

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# Woman dies in wreck on 53rd Street

By The Breeze staff

A 28-year-old Wichita woman was killed in a two-vehicle wreck on 53rd North near Meridian Nov. 11.

Wichita police said Sierra Frost died at the scene of the wreck.

About 10:10 p.m., officers were called to a two-vehicle

wreck at the intersection of 53rd and Charles. Officers found a partially overturned silver Ford Escape and a black Honda Crosstour that had collided.

The Escape struck an electric utility pole and turned on its side. Officers found Frost unresponsive inside the Escape. EMS performed life-saving measures, but Frost died from her injuries. The

27-year-old male driver of the Escape was transported to a local hospital with serious, but non-life-threatening injuries.

The 72-year-old male driver of the Honda was uninjured.

Police said the Escape was traveling south on Charles Street and ran a stop sign at 53rd. The vehicle struck the Honda, which was traveling west on 53rd.



A vehicle rolls into a power pole at 53rd North and Charles Nov. 11. A passenger was killed in the wreck.

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## HIGHLIGHTS

### 'Jennifer' makes her getaway

A driver apparently made a quick getaway after a car stop in Bel Aire Oct. 15.

A police officer saw a white 1999 Lincoln Continental stopped at the intersection of 48th and Oliver for an extended period of time with no other traffic around. As the officer turned around to check the vehicle, the driver turned off the car lights and pulled to the side of the road. The driver's seat was unoccupied but the passenger door was open and the seat was occupied by a man who said a female named "Jennifer" had been driving, but she ran from the Lincoln after stopping. The man did not admit to driving.

The registration for the Lincoln had expired in 2017. Since the man was not the owner of the Lincoln, and the owner could not be reached, the vehicle was removed by Kidd's Towing. The man was released to find a ride home, and "Jennifer" was never located.

— The Breeze staff

### Dog urinates downstairs

The neighbor's dog has no manners.

On Oct. 24, a woman in the 5600 block of North Lycee called police to report that her neighbor was yelling at her about her dog.

The woman with the dog lives in an upstairs apartment. The neighbor was mad because her upstairs neighbor's dog urinates on the upstairs porch and it drips down onto her porch. The management of the apartment complex was contacted and will administratively deal with the tenant issue.

— The Breeze staff

### Battery suspect gets away

Police searched for a man in late October who allegedly hit a woman while in a vehicle near Bel Aire.

On Oct. 26, Bel Aire police were dispatched to a domestic violence disturbance in the 4500 block of Westlake Court. While on the way, an officer saw a maroon Nissan Frontier pass him on Woodlawn going north.

Shortly after, 911 dispatchers updated the call text saying the suspect left toward K-254 on Woodlawn in a maroon Nissan Frontier.

The Bel Aire officer was able to catch up to the suspect vehicle and contact the calling party. The woman said she was drinking at Club Rodeo where she used to work with her boyfriend. The boyfriend is a registered sex offender so the bouncers at Club Rodeo began giving the woman a hard time for dating a sex offender. This caused an argument between the woman and her boyfriend.

On their way back to Bel Aire, additional arguing took place that ended with the boyfriend getting physical and striking and pushing the woman in the face with an open palm while still in Wichita. When they reached Bel Aire, the boyfriend held the passenger door closed so the woman could not get out of the truck. The woman said when she tried to get out, her boyfriend began striking her in the mouth with his elbow and held the door closed. Another passenger in the vehicle reached from the back seat and grabbed the boyfriend's arm so the

woman could get out of the truck.

Both the woman and the passenger got out of the truck and the boyfriend left. A search was done for the boyfriend, but he was not located in Bel Aire or in Wichita. The investigation is ongoing.

— The Breeze staff

### Fisherman skips school

This was only a half fish tale.

On Nov. 5, a boy came to the Bel Aire Police Department to report he found pliers while he was fishing. The pliers were submitted as found property.

Police contacted the boy's parents to find out if they knew why their son was out fishing when he should be in school. The parents said he had been reported to the school as sick.

— The Breeze staff

### Deer wrecks reported

Deer are causing problems on roads in north Sedgwick County.

The Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office responded

to five wrecks involving deer in the area during the past week, including three in one day. No injuries were reported.

On Nov. 5, a vehicle struck a deer in the 6100 block of East 47th North near Bel Aire. On Nov. 7, a vehicle collided with a deer in the 2000 block of East 85th North. On Nov. 9, there were wrecks in the 8300 block of North Oliver, the 4500 block of West 85th North and the 15500 block of East 63rd North.

— The Breeze staff

### Juvenile scares burglars

Two men allegedly posing as Cox service personnel got a scare in Park City when a young resident fired a shotgun into the ceiling after the men banged on the resident's door trying to get in.

Police were called to a burglary in the 1200 block of East 61st North Nov. 6, where a juvenile reported that two men were trying to enter the residence. The juvenile fired a shotgun into the ceiling, and the men ran away. Two days earlier, police responded to the residence where two men in what was described as a white Cox van drove up to the house. The homeowner did not order any Cox

service, police said. Police were unable to locate the van.

— The Breeze staff

### Wreaths event set for Dec. 14

The public is invited to attend the Wreaths Across America ceremony at noon Dec. 14 at Kechi Township Cemetery. This ceremony honors deceased veterans. The six branches of the U.S. military plus POW/MIA, 22 A Day and Gold Star Family will each have a ceremonial wreath and flag presented at the ceremony. This event will be conducted at the columbarium/gazebo at the north end of the cemetery. Little Arkansas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will conduct the ceremony. For more information, contact LittleArkansasDRA@gmail.com or 512-1073.

— The Breeze staff

## DEATH

### PATRICIA SIMMONS

Patricia Ruth (Wells) Simmons, 88, of Bel Aire, died Nov. 3, 2019.

She was born Jan. 5, 1931, in Ft. Madison, Iowa, to Paul R. and Beatrice M. (Howell) Wells.

She grew up in Ft. Madison and worked at the Sheaffer Pen Company. She married Kenneth E.

Simmons in 1954. They lived in several locations before moving to Chanute in 1959. She was the administrative assistant for the nursing program at Neosho County Community College for 16 years, retiring in 1993. They moved to Wichita in 2014. She was a longtime member of the First United Methodist Church, active in women's link groups, and was a member of the Red Hat Society.

She was preceded in

death by her husband, parents, two sisters and a brother. Survivors include sons Michael (Deborah) Simmons of Bel Aire, Dennis (Brenda) Simmons of Wichita and Kipp Simmons of Kansas City, Mo.; grandchildren Sarah (Buck) Bradley of Swansboro, N.C., Rachel (Kevin Griess) Simmons of Gret-

na, Neb., Annie Simmons of Wichita, Grace (Travis) Irion of Wichita and Jake Simmons of Wichita; seven great-grandchildren and sister Nancy Lampkin of Paris, Tenn.

Graveside service was held Nov. 8 at Kechi Township Cemetery, Wichita. Donations to the NCCC Foundation

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## 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., Friday 5 to 7 p.m., Saturday 9:30 a.m. to noon, 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

### Community Events

- Dec. 3** — City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall
  - Dec. 4** — Chamber of Commerce, noon, City Hall
  - Dec. 4** — Municipal court, 7 p.m., City Hall
  - Dec. 7** — Christmas in Bel Aire, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., City Hall
  - Dec. 11** — Lions Club, 11:30 a.m., Gospel Assembly Church
  - Dec. 12** — Planning Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall
  - Dec. 16** — Utility Advisory Committee, noon, City Hall
  - Dec. 19** — Municipal court, noon, City Hall
  - Dec. 19** — City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall
  - Dec. 24 & 25** — City offices closed for Christmas
  - Dec. 31** — New Year's Eve, city offices close at noon
  - Jan. 1** — New Year's Day, city offices closed
- More information about events can be found at [www.belaireks.gov](http://www.belaireks.gov).*

### Monthly & Special Events

- Dec. 2, 6 p.m.** — Potluck dinner and program, WSU Public & Policy Management Center, 2020 Senior Activity Planning, City Hall
- Dec. 4, 10 a.m.** — Volunteer library work time, Senior Center
- Dec. 5, 1 p.m.** — Hand and foot canasta, Senior Center
- Dec. 7, 5 p.m.** — Christmas in Bel Aire
- Dec. 12, 1 p.m.** — Open card and board game play, Senior Center
- Dec. 17, 6 p.m.** — Ladies dine out, call Anita 744-2840 for info
- Dec. 18, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.** — Blood pressure check, Rec Center (sponsored by Catholic Care)
- Dec. 18, 1:30 p.m.** — Book Club meeting, Senior Center
- Dec. 19, 1 p.m.** — Hand and foot canasta, Senior Center
- Dec. 24** — Christmas Eve, City Hall and Rec Center closed
- Dec. 25** — Christmas, City Hall and Rec Center closed
- Dec. 26, 1 p.m.** — Open card and board game play, Senior Center
- Dec. 31** — New Year's Eve, City Hall and Rec Center closed

### Bel Aire Recreation

#### HELP WANTED

We are accepting applications for Dance and Tumbling instructors. Classes are held on weeknights or Saturdays. Contact Ashley Sherwood at [asherwood@belaireks.gov](mailto:asherwood@belaireks.gov) if interested.

#### 3 on 3 Basketball (grades 1/2 & 3/4)

Separate boys and girls divisions begin practice in December with games scheduled to begin in January. This is a joint league with Valley Center Rec with games played at both locations. Practices will be held at Bel Aire Rec. Registration deadline has passed but limited openings remain.

#### Holiday Craft Series

Create a holiday craft and make a seasonal treat. \$8 per session for adult and child or \$20 for three sessions. \$3 for each additional child. Dec. 14 and Feb. 8 at 9 a.m.

#### Holiday Hoops

Kids! Grab an adult and sign up for this free throw contest! Winners of each age group will get a FREE holiday ham. Age groups are 8 & under, 9 to 12 and 13 to 17. Event is at 2 p.m. Dec. 14.

#### Taekwondo (ages 5 & up)

Classes meet Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30 p.m. These are great classes for beginners to black belts.

#### Dynamic Aging

Geared toward individuals age 50. Practice a variety of movements in a safe environment. Classes meet Tuesday and Thursday at 9 a.m.

#### Adult Pickleball

Mondays 9 to 11:30 a.m.; Thursdays and Fridays from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and

5 to 7 p.m.; Saturdays 9:30 a.m. to noon in the Rec Center Gymnasium. \$2 drop-in fee.

#### Yoga

Classes held Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. Participants need to provide their own yoga mat. Teens & adults can join at any time.

#### 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. Meets Wednesdays from 9 to 10 a.m.

#### Fitness Center

Need a place to work on your New Year's resolutions? Check out our fitness center. The Fitness Center consists of 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, blood pressure checks and more! Talk with Tasha for more information.

#### Upcoming Youth Programs

Happy Feet, Happy Hoops & TGA Golf.

*For more info about any Bel Aire rec program, call 744-2700 or visit [www.belaireks.gov](http://www.belaireks.gov). Follow us on Facebook @BelAireRec.*

## DID YOU KNOW?

**Increased water use this winter, due to leaks or holiday guests, could increase your sewer rate for all of next year!**

Your monthly sewer rate is reset every year based on your *winter average*. Your *winter average* is an average of your monthly water consumption in December, January and February. Winter months are used for this calculation because, during these months, most water is being used inside the home and discharged into the sewer system. State and federal authorities consider this a fair way to charge for sewer wastewater usage.

**So repair leaking toilets or faucets now to save on sewer charges next year!** Toilets are a common source of leaks. Free toilet leak test kits are available at City Hall, 7651 E Central Park Ave. Call 316-744-2451 for info.

*Next Month: Learn how leaks affect your water bill*

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

### Volunteers Needed!

Tree Board volunteers needed. Visit [www.belaireks.gov/treeboard](http://www.belaireks.gov/treeboard) to apply.

# Merry Christmas

CHRISTMAS IN BEL AIRE  
@ BEL AIRE CITY HALL

## SAVE THE DATE!

DECEMBER 7TH  
5:30 - 7:30 PM  
MEET SANTA,  
EAT TREATS  
AND MAKE  
CRAFTS!

# Thank you!



**For being our 2019 Annual Sponsors.**



# BEL AIRE POLICE REPORTS

**Oct. 15** — A man reported finding an injured dog in a ditch in the 8900 block of East 53rd North when returning to his residence from an appointment. Officer Steele arrived on scene and observed the dog had significant injuries to its head. The dog appeared to be exhausted and was generally unresponsive. Steele and Sedgwick County Sheriff Deputy Rolston transported the dog to Heartland Animal Hospital. Sedgwick County Animal Control Officer Orebaugh responded and transported to Ark Valley Animal Hospital for treatment. The dog was later transferred to the El Paso Animal Hospital and later to the Veterinary Emergency & Specialty Clinic of Wichita because of the seriousness of the wounds. The dog succumbed to the injuries.

**Oct. 15** — A woman in the 5700 block of East 39th North reported she put outgoing mail in her mailbox, and the next day she saw the flag on her mailbox was raised and the mail she had placed inside was gone.

**Oct. 15** — A man from the 5900 block of Forbes arrived at the Bel Aire Police Department to report that his son's grandparents were concealing his child. Officer Trumbull spoke to the grandparents who said the child was with his biological mother. The father of the child is concerned because of heavy drug use by his ex. All parties were advised to contact District Court or obtain the advice of an attorney with regards to custody of the child.

**Oct. 15** — Officer Forman saw a white 1999 Lincoln Continental stopped at the intersection of 48th and Oliver for an extended period of time with no other traffic around. As he turned around to check the vehicle, the driver turned off the car lights and pulled to the side of the road. Upon reaching the Lincoln the driver's seat was unoccupied but the passenger side door was open and the seat occupied by a man who said a female named "Jennifer" was driving and ran from the Lincoln after stopping. The man did not admit to driving. The registration for the Lincoln had expired in 2017. Since the man was not the owner of the Lincoln, and the owner could not be reached, the vehicle was removed by Kidd's Towing. The man was released to find a ride home, and "Jennifer" was never located.

**Oct. 17** — A woman arrived at municipal court and it was discovered she had an active Sedgwick County probation violation warrant. Melissa Hernandez of Bel Aire was arrested, transported and booked into the Sedgwick County Jail without incident.

**Oct. 17** — A man was driving up and down Oliver in his Chrysler Town and County van. Numerous callers reported the man was driving under the influence, almost struck multiple vehicles, crossed over the centerline, stopped in the road, made at least three U-turns and was driving 17 mph. Officer Gibson stopped the driver in the 4600 of North Krueger and realized the man was having a medical issue. EMS was called. The man agreed to be transported to Wesley for treatment of existing medical issues.

**Oct. 18** — Officer Forman saw a dark gray 2008 Chevrolet Cobalt traveling south on Webb with no working tail lights. Forman stopped the vehicle in the 5100 block of North Webb. The driver provided him with a Kansas ID card and proof of insurance. A check of the woman's driver's license showed it to have expired in 2014. The woman was issued a citation.

**Oct. 18** — A woman in the 4100 block of North Auburn came to the Bel Aire Police Station to report a neighbor behind her was allowing her children to break down their fence, feeding the woman's dog items that make it sick, leaving knives, clothing, cell phones and other items in their backyard. The Bel Aire code enforcement officer was notified.

**Oct. 18** — An unknown subject in the 4400 block of Fritillary entered a locked pick-up through the passenger side rear window by breaking the window with an unknown object. It appeared as if the subject just leaned into the vehicle and removed six packs of soda from the back floorboard. There were no other items displaced (including a large amount of tools in the bed under a cover) and no fingerprints located. The owner is unsure of when it occurred as he left it parked in his driveway overnight.

**Oct. 18** — A two-vehicle wreck was reported in the 4200 block of North Oliver. A driver was cited for following too closely.

**Oct. 18** — Officers were dispatched to a burglary in progress at Isely Elementary School in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn. After officers cleared the school, a subject was found in the parking lot of the school with his father. The young man stated he was upset with his father, so he ran to the school. He said he found



Courtesy photo

## Trunk or Treat

**On Oct. 30, Officers Crice and Smithwick passed out candy at the Catholic Care Center's Trunk or Treat event.**

an unlocked door and entered the school. The alarm sounded, and then he became scared and attempted to figure out how to turn off the alarm. BOE security did not wish to pursue criminal charges.

**Oct. 19** — Officer Forman saw a red 2002 Chevrolet Impala traveling west in the 7400 block of East 45th at a speed of 52 mph in a posted 40 mph zone. Forman detected an odor of burnt marijuana. The driver provided a driver's license that was found to be suspended. A search of the vehicle yielded trace amounts of a green, leafy substance consistent with marijuana. The man was issued a citation for speed and driving with a suspended driver's license.

**Oct. 19** — Officer Forman observed a white 2009 Dodge Ram 3500 traveling west through the 5900 block of East 37th at a speed of 50 mph in a posted 40 mph zone. When Forman turned on his lights, the driver did not stop, but drove to his residence on Clarendon. The man fled his vehicle and went inside his residence with Forman in pursuit. During the contact, the driver was uncooperative and eventually reached into a cabinet and grabbed a bottle of liquor and took a drink. Derek Chandler Brumitt of Bel Aire was arrested and booked into the Sedgwick County Jail on charges of DUI, fleeing and eluding law enforcement officers, interference with a law enforcement officer, transporting an open container of alcohol and driving with an expired driver's license.

**Oct. 19** — A man in the 4000 block of North Farmstead reported a subject on his block had physically punished his dog on his front porch. He claimed the man lifted the dog off the ground by the collar. The subject and his wife were contacted regarding the incident. The dog was checked and there were no apparent injuries observed that were consistent with what had been reported. The owner of the dog was found to be in violation of several city ordinances regarding running a kennel, vaccination records and registration of animals.

**Oct. 19** — A woman in the 5800 block of East Hanover reported her dog being "mauled" while on her back porch by the next-door neighbor's dog after the neighbor's dog went through an unsecured picket in the fence. The owner of the attacking dog was given a uniform criminal complaint for a nuisance animal due to the dog bite.

**Oct. 19** — A resident from the 4300 block of Eagle Lake reported that while home alone two known male subjects were persistent in their efforts to get her to open the door. The two were going door-to-door soliciting, without a permit, the two were selling magazines for a company out of Kansas City. The door-to-door solicitors decided they would leave until they were able to obtain a permit.

**Oct. 20** — An Uber Eats delivery driver reported finding a man unconscious on his living room floor in the 4300 block of North Woodlawn Court. Officers were able to wake the man and he refused EMS.

**Oct. 20** — Officer Steele assisted EMS with a medical call in the 4500 block of North St. James.

**Oct. 22** — An anonymous person contacted 911 to report a wanted person who was at the Catholic Care Center in the 6700 block of East 45th. The subject was located, arrested and taken to the Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility where he was booked on the Sedgwick County warrant.

**Oct. 22** — A vehicle was stopped in the 7800 block of East 45th for a shattered front windshield. The man was unable to produce a driver's license or proof of insurance. A

search confirmed the man had a non-driving license out of South Dakota. The driver was cited.

**Oct. 22** — A woman in the 4400 block of North Westlake reported a dog at a nearby residence continuously barks, and has been doing so for over a month and a half. Upon arrival to the residence, Officer Smithwick could hear the dog barking. On Oct. 11, Smithwick had provided the dog's owners with the City of Bel Aire's animal ordinance, and issued a verbal warning regarding the dog's continual barking. After the warning and education, Smithwick issued a notice to appear in court for having a nuisance animal.

**Oct. 23** — A wanted subject was located by Officer Crouse in the 3700 block of North Rock Road. Aaron Earl Rahn was arrested on a charge of failure to appear in court.

**Oct. 24** — A vehicle was stopped for speeding in the 5400 block of North Webb. The driver was cited for having no valid license.

**Oct. 24** — A woman from the 4400 block of North Rushwood Court called 911 to report she and her mother were involved in a disturbance at their residence. After speaking with both parties, it was determined that the argument was over a misunderstanding of an overheard conversation.

**Oct. 24** — A woman in the 5600 block of North Lycee called in reference to her neighbor yelling at her about her dog. The woman with the dog lives in an upstairs apartment over the suspect. The suspect is mad because her upstairs neighbor's dog urinates on the upstairs porch and it drips down onto her porch. The management of the apartment complex was contacted and will administratively deal with the tenant issue.

**Oct. 25** — Officer Manuel saw a green Ford F350 pickup driving east on 45th and then turn to go south on Woodlawn. The truck only had one operational headlight. Officer Manuel turned around to follow the truck and saw the truck turn west on 44th without using a turn signal. The driver did not have a driver's license. He was cited.

**Oct. 25** — Officer Manuel saw a white GMC Sierra traveling north on Rock Road at 60 mph in a 45 mph zone. The vehicle was stopped in the 4900 block of North Rock Road. The driver was cited for driving with a suspended license out of Texas.

**Oct. 25** — A woman in the 4800 block of North Glendale reported her neighbor's dog bit her. She stated she walked outside and saw it walking free with a leash attached to it. The dog ran up to her with its tail wagging, and then bit her on her left wrist and right thigh. Officer Smithwick observed a small bruise on her left wrist and right thigh. Smithwick spoke to the mother of the owner of the dog. The owner was not around so the dog was taken to the Wichita Animal Shelter. The owner of the dog was cited at a later date.

**Oct. 25** — A man was found passed out in a vehicle in the eastbound lane of 37th, west of Oliver. Upon further investigation, the man diabetic and was having a medical issue.

**Oct. 26** — Officer Manuel was dispatched to a domestic violence disturbance in the 4500 block of Westlake Court. While on the way there, Manuel saw a maroon Nissan Frontier pass him on Woodlawn going north. Shortly after, dispatch updated the call text saying the suspect left toward K-254 on Woodlawn in a maroon Nissan Frontier. Manuel was unable to catch back up to the suspect vehicle and contacted the calling party. The woman said she was drinking at Club Rodeo where she used to work with

her boyfriend. The boyfriend is a registered sex offender so the bouncers at Club Rodeo began giving the woman a hard time for dating a sex offender. This caused an argument between the woman and her boyfriend. On their way back to Bel Aire, additional arguing took place that ended with the boyfriend getting physical by striking and pushing the woman in the face with an open palm while still in Wichita. When they reached Bel Aire, the boyfriend reached over and held the passenger door closed so that the woman could not get out of the truck. The woman said when she tried to get out of the truck, her boyfriend began striking her in the mouth with his elbow and held the door closed. Another passenger in the vehicle reached from the back seat and grabbed the boyfriend's arm so the woman could get out of the truck. Both the woman and the passenger got out of the truck and the boyfriend left. A search was made for the boyfriend, but he was not located in Bel Aire or in Wichita. The investigation is ongoing.

**Oct. 26** — A woman in the 3800 block of North Woodlawn reported she was stopped waiting to turn left when a maroon Toyota Sienna struck her maroon GMC Acadia. After speaking with the owner of the Toyota, he stated he looked down due to a ball being under his brake pedal and rear-ended the Acadia. The driver of the Toyota was issued a citation for following too closely. Both vehicles were driven away from the scene.

**Oct. 27** — Officer Manuel saw a vehicle fail to stop at the stop sign at 45th/Woodlawn. While trying to catch up to that vehicle for a traffic stop, he saw a black Hyundai Sonata driving south on Farmstead with the trunk wide open. He continued with his original traffic stop. While talking to the driver, he heard a scraping noise. He turned to see the same black Hyundai Sonata traveling east on 45th with something stuck under and dragging under the vehicle. He released the driver of his car stop and followed the black Hyundai Sonata east on 45th. There was an orange traffic cone under the car. It eventually came out from under the Sonata. The driver of the Sonata was having difficulty maintaining a single traffic lane. When stopped, the driver was in a costume and said that he was coming from a Halloween party. Bradley Trenton Wiseman of Wichita was arrested on a charge of DUI.

**Oct. 27** — A two-vehicle wreck was reported at 45th and Woodlawn. No injuries were reported.

**Oct. 28** — An employee with the Kansas Department for Children and Families came to the Bel Aire Police Department to report fiduciary abuse of two adults who reside in Bel Aire.

**Oct. 28** — A man in the 4300 block of North Rushwood reported a dog running around his cul-de-sac. He was worried because his son was due home from school. The Australian cattle dog belonged to a known individual. Since this was the second time in less than a week the dog was running at-large, the owner was cited for the violation.

**Oct. 28** — A man in the 5900 block of East Memphis reported finding his embezzled Chevy Truck in the driveway of a known suspect. The suspect refused to answer the door at his residence or give back the key to the vehicle. The registered owner was called to the scene. The owner elected to have the vehicle towed by Kidds Towing. The circumstances of the vehicle embezzlement are suspect.

**Oct. 29** — A man in the 4700 block of North Krueger was contacted regarding his missing trailer license plate.

**Oct. 30** — Officer Manuel was parked at the entrance to the cemetery at 7200 E. 45th operating radar for eastbound and westbound traffic. He stopped a vehicle for speeding and discovered the driver had a suspended license. The driver was cited for driving with a suspended license and speeding.

**Oct. 31** — A white Chevrolet Malibu was stopped for speeding in the 5800 block of East 53rd. The driver was cited for driving with a suspended license, speeding and expired license plate.

**Oct. 31** — A woman in the 5600 block of North Lycee reported her son has been living at her apartment since July. She wanted him to leave, but he refused. When she gave him a deadline to move out, there was an argument. The adult son said he would move, given a number of demands and conditions were met. It was discovered that the son had moved a previously declared dangerous dog into the apartment in July against city ordinance. He was given creative options regarding possible incarceration. He chose to remain out of jail and gathered his things and left his mother in peace. The apartment complex maintenance crew changed the locks on the woman's doors.

**Oct. 31** — A two-vehicle wreck was reported in the 4300 block of North Oliver. A driver was cited.

**Oct. 31** — A man in the 5700 block of North Cypress Circle reported unknown subjects struck his mailbox. The mailbox was bent and partially broken off its wooden post.

**Nov. 1** — A black Dodge Ram tow truck was observed parked in a driveway of a residence with its flashing amber lights on in the 8800 block of East Chris. The driver explained he was attempting to repossess a vehicle. A repossession order was displayed. The man at the residence said he did not wish to relinquish the vehicle and would inquire with the bank why it was being repossessed.

**Nov. 1** — A woman in the 5300 block of North Rock Springs Court reported her ex-boyfriend refused to return her 2013 black Kia Rio. The woman reported allowing her boyfriend to use the vehicle and explained a verbal agreement ensued when the vehicle was not returned at the time and date of the agreement.

**Nov. 1** — A man in the 4900 block of North Farmstead reported a dog at a neighbor's home barks continuously throughout the day disturbing his peace. He said the barking had subsided for a while. However, it continued again and had been going on for the past two weeks. The man was willing to sign a complaint. Officer Smithwick spoke with the owner of the dog later in the evening. The woman showed Smithwick a no-bark collar, and said she had been home all day. No citation was issued.

**Nov. 1** — A man reported being jumped while attending a party in the 5300 block of North Cypress. He didn't remember what led up to him being beaten up. During the investigation and while speaking with witnesses as well as watching a video of the fight, it appeared the victim was held down and kicked. The beating stemmed from the man claiming to be a gang member to some actual gang members. The victim admitted to smoking marijuana and taking other illicit drugs. The victim was also confirmed to be a runaway from Butler County. He was released to his mother.

**Nov. 1** — A young man reported seeing a man driving down the street with a ski mask on. He provided the license plate of the vehicle. Officer Gibson made contact with the driver of the car down the street. The man was at his girlfriend's house. The man said he was driving down the street earlier with a hat on his head due to it being cold and he works outside. Officer Gibson

**Nov. 2** — Officer Manuel stopped a vehicle for driving on the wrong side of the road in the 4800 block of East 37th. The vehicle continued east on 37th and turned to go south on Woodlawn. In the process, the vehicle ran the red light. The driver had a suspended license. She was cited.

**Nov. 2** — A man reported someone removed items from his unsecured vehicle while it was parked in front of his residence in the 4400 block of North Westlake Court.

**Nov. 2** — A man reported someone had gone through his unsecured vehicle while it was parked in front of his residence in the 4400 block of North Westlake Court.

**Nov. 2** — A man in the 4100 block of East Clarendon reported his unsecured vehicle had been ransacked. The steering column was also broken and there was what appeared to be a piece of metal broken off in the ignition.

**Nov. 2** — Officer Manuel stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 7200 block of East 45th. The driver had a revoked

license and failed to provide proof of liability insurance. She was arrested, cited and booked into the Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility.

**Nov. 3** — A gold Toyota Avalon was stopped in the 4900 block of North Rock Road for failing to maintain its lane and failing to signal at the intersection of Cypress and 53rd. The driver did not have a driver's license. He was arrested, transported to the Sedgwick County Adult Detention facility and booked for his violations.

**Nov. 3** — A vehicle was stopped in the 4700 block of North Rock Road. The driver was cited for driving with a suspended license, driving on an expired registration, and displaying a self-made temporary registration plate on his vehicle.

**Nov. 4** — An employee at Acell Construction LLC in the 4000 block of North Woodlawn reported that a woman attempted to cash a fraudulent check in Cape Girardeau, Mo. Regions Bank contacted Acell Construction LLC to report the suspicious check for \$1,850. The woman reported she had received the check for payment for a modeling job and was asked to keep a portion of amount and send the remainder back to the agency in the form of gift cards. It was a scam.

**Nov. 4** — A woman in the 4900 block of Willow Point Court reported that during the weekend, an older female arrived at her residence stating that she was homeless. She was asking for money and food. The woman gave some money. She attempted to give the woman food, but she refused. The female then gave the reporting party a religious pamphlet.

**Nov. 5** — A young man came to the Bel Aire Police Department to report he found pliers while he was fishing. The pliers were submitted as found property. The young man's parents were contacted to see if they knew why their son was out fishing when he should be in school. He had been reported to the school as sick.

**Nov. 6** — Officers responded to a call of an injury accident K-254 and Rock Road. The officers assisted with traffic control while the Kansas Highway Patrol worked the crash.

**Nov. 6** — The police clerk received a call of an animal that was following someone to their residence in the 4100 block of North Danbury. Officer Steele located a large dog in the area and was able to get it into his vehicle. He opened his door and the dog jumped in. He transported the dog to the Wichita Animal Shelter. It was checked for a microchip, but there was none. There was no ID on the dog.

**Nov. 7** — A two-vehicle wreck was reported in the 3700 block of North Oliver. No injuries were reported.

**Nov. 9** — Officer Manuel stopped a vehicle for speeding at 53rd and Woodlawn. The driver initially would not talk to Manuel. Eventually, the man said he had too much to drink and just wanted to go to jail. Manuel put the man through the process and obliged him. Tyler J. Boswell of Garden Plain was arrested on a charge of DUI.

**Nov. 10** — Officer Steele responded to a dispatched call of a disorderly conduct report at 5650 N. Lycee. He contacted half of the disturbance and discovered the issue was regarding the children and their adult neighbor in a different apartment.

**Nov. 11** — A man at Perryton and Edgemoor reported he was traveling north upon Edgemoor using cruise control when his vehicle struck a parked car on the other side of the street. He was issued a traffic citation for failing to maintain a single lane and inattentive driving, and both vehicles were removed by Kidd's Towing. He didn't admit to being on his phone.

**Nov. 11** — A man in the 4200 block of North Oliver reported a known disruptive person attempted to come into the church and was denied. There was no active trespass warning on the man.

**Nov. 12** — A two-vehicle wreck was reported at 45th and Woodlawn. No injuries were reported.

**Nov. 12** — A school nurse reported to the school resource officer possible child abuse. A Department for Children and Families report was made.

**Nov. 13** — A two-vehicle wreck was reported in the 4000 block of North Woodlawn. No injuries were reported.

**Nov. 13** — A two-vehicle wreck was reported in the 5300 block of North Webb. A driver was transported to the hospital with neck and back pain.

**Nov. 13** — A vehicle was stopped for speeding in the 4300 block of North Woodlawn. A 15-year-old driver was cited.

**Nov. 14** — A two-vehicle wreck was reported at 9700 E. K-254. A woman and her infant were transported to Wesley Hospital for treatment.

# Sewer station to be built at 53rd and Webb

By Taylor Messick

The Bel Aire City Council unanimously approved four items that will bring a new sewer lift station to the area of 53rd North and Webb Nov. 5. Petitions and resolutions were approved by the council.

The developer of Rock

Spring Third Addition is ready to move forward with new homes. In order for the 60-acre parcel to be served with a sewer utility, a new sewer lift station and gravity sewer main will have to be installed.

The area this lift station can serve is roughly 220 acres. About 160 acres

are owned by the Bel Aire Land Bank. Council member Justin Smith asked whether the potential area the station could serve was larger than what these plans allow. City Manager Ty Lasher explained that the city didn't want to overspend in the short term.

"Obviously, if we want

to create a larger lift station it is going to cost more," said Lasher. "Putting this lift station here will service this area and additional areas. When an additional area wants to come on and use that, there will be some upgrades that are needed. They're going to build it so that those upgrades can be

done in the future. Our idea was to get this area served with as little cost today as we can. But we know that down the road, we want this to serve more area and we want to expand this one."

The special assessments will be spread to the entire benefit district in

2023. Mayor David Austin said the station will help improve the marketability of the land owned by the land bank. Their goal is to sell all or part of the parcel before the special assessments kick in. The lift station will look similar to the one at 37th North and Harding.



## Girls on the Run stop and share

Courtesy photo

The Isely Elementary School Girls on the Run fall team shared cookies and cards with all three shifts at Sedgwick County Fire Station No. 37. This outreach was part of their Community Impact Project. Other parts of their project this season included picking up trash around the run route at their school and making placemats with encouraging statements for ongoing work with inmates preparing for their release at El Dorado Correctional Facility.



## Lion recognized

Courtesy photo

Bel Aire Lions Club member Andy Horner received Lions Service Chevrons from Lion President Ken Fischer on Nov. 13. Horner has served the Lions in various state, district and Bel Aire positions for the past 30 years.

## Track

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agreement to sell the track. He understands the new owner has a lot of plans for the track. That will result in many changes Hall never had the capital to make.

"They're going to invest a lot of money in the place. I always had to do it the hard way," he said. "They want the experience to be nicer for the fans. That tells me they're going to spend quite a bit of money."

Originally built in 1954 as Robbins Speedway, the track was sold in 1958

to O.L. Douglas, who renamed it 81 Speedway.

In 1961, C. Ray's parents had the concessions at the track. He had a full-time job and worked there on weekends. Two years later, his parents purchased the track. C. Ray took over operations in 1971 and later became owner.

"I was working for Phillip Morris USA and decided it wasn't enough of a challenge, so I tackled me a real challenge, not realizing what kind of a challenge it would be," he said with a laugh.

Just because the 75-year-old Hall is selling the track should not be construed as he's retiring.

Not by any stretch of the imagination.

He will continue to operate the National Championship Racing Association (NCRA), a historic regional touring series of sprint car, late model, modified and modified lite racecars. Two long-time employees from 81 Speedway, Mylisa Powers and Warren Hardy, will work with him at the NCRA's new office in Kechi.

"When I signed the agreement, I ... said to Hardy and Mylisa, it's not a fun day but it's a good day," Hall said. "I enjoy doing what I'm doing, and that's why I want to continue. I still feel as enthused today as I did five

## Clinic

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tain situations. FEMA, missionaries and other groups have used the clinics in response efforts for floods and disasters. They can be moved in the

same way that standard shipping containers are transported and are easy to set up. The finished interior floor space of a 20 foot clinic is 17 feet by 7 feet or 119 square feet.

The Bel Aire headquarters is set to be the business' new and only

location. It currently has clinics in Barbuda, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Haiti, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Kenya, South Sudan, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, the Philippines and the United States.

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was unseated after being selected by just 9.6 percent of voters.

However, voters changed their minds this time around and Wynn was elected to one of the two open seats. She received 644 votes to beat John D. Welch for the city's second vacancy on the council by only one vote. This time, Wynn received 25.6 percent of the votes. Hawes was not re-elected after receiving 21.9 percent of the votes, which was the lowest percentage of the

four candidates. Hawes addressed the city at the Nov. 19 council meeting after hearing the final results.

"I'd like to start by saying how thankful I am," he said. "I thank my beautiful wife for supporting me. I am honored and privileged to have been able to work with this amazing staff of Bel Aire and being able to serve the citizens for the past two years. I hope someone is able to take the reins on the things I started — talks with USD 259 and the K-254 Corridor Development Association. I look forward to the ideas Mayor Benage has

on selling the land that he has not been able to come up with for the last two years on the council. I hope Mayor-elect Benage's commitment to transparency includes telling the entire story on the issues and not just the half-truths that support his views, as he has done the previous two years."

The top vote-getter in the council election was Joel Schroeder. He was selected by 26.3 percent of the voter. Benage's election to mayor created a third opening on the council, which will be filled by Welch.

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