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City sinks more money into 53rd Street

Project a temporary, necessary repair

By Taylor Messick

The Bel Aire City Council unanimously approved repairs to 53rd Street North on Sept. 15. The work, between Oliver and Woodlawn, will improve the road for existing residences and new housing additions that are beginning construction. City engineer Anne

Stephens said the road is an ongoing problem for the city. Until the city is ready for a \$1 million replacement, temporary fixes like this will be necessary.

“With all the traffic travelling up and down that road under normal operations, and now adding additional for the development of Bristol Hollows, we’ve got areas that really

need to be repaired,” said Stephens. “We’re doing our best to maintain this road to the best of our ability. It really, really, really needs to be replaced.”

Council member Jeff Elshoff said he drove the road this week and noticed how much damage could potentially be done to a vehicle by potholes and other deficiencies. He said he

knows that 53rd is a high-priority project for the city in the coming years. He agreed that the city needs to keep the road repaired and in safe condition until the city can afford a replacement project.

The council selected a bid from PJP Construction at a cost of \$29,800. Another business declined to bid on the project.

Council member Joel Schroeder called the situation frustrating and said the city obviously knows the road needs to be replaced, but they are stuck sinking money into repairs at the moment. Council member John Welch asked about the possibility of charging some of the cost to the new

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Bel Aire Lions answer the community’s calls



Club looks to meet potential new members in October

By Taylor Messick

If you have ever been to a community event in Bel Aire, there’s a good chance you’re familiar with the local branch of the Lions Club. But what you might not know is how much this purple polo-sporting crew of friendly faces and helping hands actually does for the community behind the scenes.

“We’re trying to continue to grow the Lions Club in Bel Aire,” said president Gary O’Neal. “Anyone over 18 is welcome. It really doesn’t matter whether you’re 20 or 60. Most of us are getting pretty gray-haired and we want to find some new and younger members who want to get involved and serve the community. We could potentially even sponsor a sub-chapter of the club if we get another group of people who wanted to get involved.”

The Lions Club is a non-po-

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The Bel Aire Lions Club has been involved in several community service projects since its inception in 2009. Those have included projects at Isely Elementary School (TOP), a mobile health screening (ABOVE) and cleaning and fixing picnic tables, also at Isely (LEFT).

Courtesy photos



Deal precedes park and housing

By Taylor Messick

The city is moving forward with plans to build a new park.

The Bel Aire City Council approved a development agreement with David Key & Assigns on Sept. 15. The sale of 24 acres of land across from city hall was made.

The developer wants to move forward with the originally planned assisted-living facility along with some residential and commercial development. The agreement also specifies that the city will build the master park that has been talked about for a few years.

The sale price was \$31,250 per acre, which is the market value of the property. Mayor Jim Benage said the deal is a win for the city.

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Work on rec center parking lot approved

By Taylor Messick

On Sept. 1, the Bel Aire City Council unanimously approved parking lot repairs at the rec center. The item was tabled Aug. 18 because only one quote was received.

Bids for a slurry seal were originally sought but bids were instead solicited for a seal coat the second time around. Rec director Brian Hayes said the slurry seal would last longer but the seal coat would suffice.

“The whole intent of this is to preserve the parking lot to get it down the road,” said Hayes. “This parking lot is 25 years old and for the first 10 years of its life the residents used it as a road. There used to not be a second entrance to the rec center. So the neighborhood and school used the rec center parking lot as a street. It’s seen a little bit more wear than it should have and it’s not in real good shape. There is one spot that

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Mayor's corner

By Jim Benage

Some really good news. Council member Jeff Elshoff is back from his medical leave of absence. We thank the good Lord for bringing him through the liver transplant and restoring his health. He has also been re-instated as the city council president.

The city sold all the land across from City Hall, about 24 acres. This is a great win for the city. The current plan is to develop the assisted-living facility plus some residential and commercial. These developments will add to our tax base. This deal also requires the city build the park that has been discussed for many years. So, here is some of the detail.

•We will make one more, smaller payment for specials to close this deal but no more annual specials of \$130,000 through 2026. The specials will be paid off. That frees up about \$130,000 of revenue each year for other uses, like streets.

•The park will be developed in three phases. Each phase has some conceptual amenities to be included. Each phase is tied to comparable dollar investment by the developer. This helps us assure we are not just building a park with no corresponding development.

•This is an exciting sale and will greatly enhance the city as the development progresses. There is teeth in this deal. Our city manager, city attorney and council members did a great job putting this together.

On the issue of governance, when I was on the city council, I observed that the mayor had more voting power in the Land Bank (as its chairperson) than the mayor has with city council. This did not seem to be what the citizens expected. We updated the Land Bank bylaws so that the chairperson now has the same voting rights in the Land Bank as the mayor has on the city council.

With some weather delays, Wichita completed the work on Rock Road and 45th. This is a great safety benefit for Bel Aire and Wichita citizens.

Compliance on water back-flow preventer certifications in the city has much improved. Last report was less than 200 non-compliant customers. Some issues are being worked with certain customers.

Our fall fest is coming up this month on Oct. 17. Watch for details.

The citizens of Sedgwick County (including Bel Aire) continue to reduce the infection rate from the coronavirus. As of Sept. 18, 5.1 percent of those tested were positive for coronavirus. On July 23, that was 14.1 percent (as reported by Sedgwick County). So, we clearly are doing things right or we would not be seeing these improved numbers. But we cannot be complacent with this otherwise the trend will reverse.

Please continue to be safe. Wash hands often. Practice six-foot distance and wear a mask when in public. Let's continue to support each other.

It is an honor to serve as your mayor.



Ballot box

Courtesy photo

A secure ballot drop box has been installed by Sedgwick County at Bel Aire City Hall next to the city's utility payment drop off box. It will only be open 20 days before the election as an additional way for voters to return their advance mail ballots. Other ways to return advance mail ballots include dropping it off at Sedgwick County Election Office, dropping it off at any early voting location or by mail.



Manager recognized

Courtesy photo

Bel Aire City Manager Ty Lasher was recognized for his service as president of the Kansas Municipal Insurance Trust (KMIT) for 2019-20. KMIT provides workers' compensation coverage to cities and is dedicated to creating a safe workplace for city employees.

CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

Christ Lutheran-ELCA

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

Each Sunday we have two worship services. The 9 a.m. service is a contemporary service. The 10:30 a.m. virtual online service is more traditional.

As always, everyone is welcome at the Lord's Table in our worship services.

For more information about the church and its activities, find us online at www.christ-lutheran.org, on Facebook, 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 Auburn.

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. Tuesdays.

Praise and worship is at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

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 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.

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.

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.

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.saintmichaelorthodoxchurch.com. Email inquiries to 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.godscloset.com or on Facebook (Gods Closet - Wichita).

For God's Closet, call 778-0474.

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Bel Aire completing sewer manhole rehab

By Taylor Messick

The Bel Aire City Council unanimously approved another round of sewer manhole rehabilitations on Sept. 1. This will complete the city's manhole rehabilitations and the focus next year will be on relining the sewers.

On Aug. 18 the council selected a quote from Util-

ity Maintenance Contractors for \$58,675 for sanitary sewer manhole rehabilitation in the Lawn Terrace, Bel Aire Village and Summit Hills additions. One other quote was received that was about \$18,000 higher.

City engineer Anne Stephens said the city was not able to get a sewer pipe rehabilitation proj-

ect put together because of COVID-19. She said the city was pleasantly surprised to find that it had grossly overestimated the cost of manhole rehabilitation. This approval covered about half of the manhole rehabilitations the city needs done.

The overestimation allowed the city to get the rest of the project complet-

ed. The Sept. 1 bid also came from UMC at an additional cost of \$65,530 and covers the other half of manhole rehabilitations needed in the city. Money for sewer repairs is contained in the 2020 budget. Stephens said this shouldn't need to be done again for 20 to 30 years.

In other business, the council:

- Unanimously approved the amended agenda and appropriations ordinance 20-16 in the amount of \$458,377.88.

- Held a public hearing for and unanimously approved an amended letter of intent and a resolution advising the issuance of taxable industrial revenue bond for Clinic in a Can.

- Unanimously approved a developer's agreement and land dedication for public purposes for Homestead Senior Residences.

- Unanimously approved an agreement with Garver LLC for professional services related to paving, sanitary sewer and water line improvements for Rock Spring Addition, Phase 7.

- Unanimously approved a bid of \$24,230 from PP&J Construction for repairs to the Bel Aire Recreation Center parking lot. All members of the council were present. There was a 20-minute executive session taken for consultation with the attorney to discuss legal assessment of certain negotiations.

HIGHLIGHTS

Area students graduate

Two area students completed degree requirements during the summer 2020 term at Fort Hays State University.

Joshua M. Knolla, of Bel Aire, earned a Bachelor of Science in geosciences (geography), and Annlice Wilson Kaaya, of Wichita, earned a Bachelor of Science in nursing.

Two area students received degrees after completing the summer 2020 semester at Emporia State University.

Amanda Hawkinson, of Bel Aire, received a Master of Science in special education with a concentration in high incidence special education.

Scott Truman, of Wichita, received an education specialist degree in school psychology.

Two Bel Aire students completed their degree requirements during the summer 2020 at Wichita State University.

Chloe N. Demitras earned a Bachelor of Business Administration, general business; and Anas A. Shargawi earned a Doctor of Philosophy, industrial engineering MS-Ph.D.

— The Breeze staff

Candidate forum set

A candidate forum for Kansas House Districts 85 and 89 elections will be 7 p.m. Oct. 10 at Church of the Resurrection, 4910 N. Woodlawn in Bel Aire.

The community is welcome to bring questions.

District 85 candidates are Republican Patrick Penn and Democrat Marcey Gregory.

District 89 candidates are Republican Robert Herrick Jr. and Democrat KC Ohaebosim.

— The Breeze staff

Police talk man out of apt.

Bel Aire police were able to subdue a man who said he considered "suicide by cop" Aug. 18.

Officers responded to 5650 N. Lycee where dispatchers said there was a suspicious character

with a weapon. The 911 caller reported there was a protection-from-abuse order in place and the suspect was not to be at the residence. The suspect was also reportedly armed with two handguns.

The suspect mentioned that he had considered "suicide by cop." Officers, with the assistance of COMCARE, successfully negotiated with the man until they were able to get him to meet officers downstairs. However, instead of coming out and walking down the stairs, the man climbed down the balcony railings from the third floor.

The man was transported to St. Joseph Medical Center for an evaluation.

The renter of the apartment allowed officers to go into the apartment to seize weapons and ammunition. The suspect was later federally indicted by the ATF on weapons charges and is awaiting trial.

— The Breeze staff

Vehicle left in pond

A driver was cited for leaving his vehicle submerged in water.

On Aug. 25, Bel Aire officers were dispatched to a call of a truck partially submerged in a pond in the 6900 block of East 45th. Officers found a brown pickup in the water. The truck's cab was just above the water line.

There were no driver or passengers on scene when the officers arrived. Fire personnel said a man came to the scene and picked up a younger man and left.

The Sedgwick County Fire Department scuba divers searched the pond for any possible victims and found none.

The following day, the driver of the truck came to the Bel Aire Police Department with his father. He was cited for leaving the scene of a traffic crash and failing to report the crash. There was approximately \$8,000 to \$9,000 damage done to a culvert. The man's insurance company will be contacted to pay for the repairs to the city property.

— The Breeze staff

Man runs from police twice

A man with warrants showed up at the same place twice and ran away from police both times.

On Aug. 17, a Bel Aire officer was driving in the 4500 block of North Rock Road when he saw a man wanted on warrants from multiple jurisdictions. The officer stopped to speak to the man and arrest him, but he ran down the railroad tracks into a wooded area and escaped.

A week later, an officer saw the same person walking in the same location.

As soon as the suspect saw the officer, he ran down the railroad tracks and into the wooded area as he had done before. Additional warrants have been issued for the man's arrest, police said.

— The Breeze staff

Wrong-way driver arrested

The driver of a vehicle traveling in the wrong lanes of two highways avoided a crash but was arrested on a charge of DUI.

On Aug. 31, a Bel Aire police officer saw a white 2009 Chevrolet Tahoe turn from Webb Road onto the eastbound lanes of K-254 driving west. The officer activated his vehicle's emergency lights and siren to warn other traffic and attempt to stop the vehicle while remaining in the proper lanes.

The vehicle continued in the wrong lanes through a work zone in Kechi. The vehicle exited onto I-135 and continued northbound. The driver caused multiple vehicles to leave the road to avoid collisions, police said.

The vehicle eventually stopped without incident, property damage or personal injury at mile marker 15.6 of I-135 (about 7300 N. I-135) in Park City. Thomas A. McNerney of Wichita was arrested on a charge of DUI.

— The Breeze staff

Rough day for two dogs

Aug. 31 was a rough day for a couple of Bel Aire dogs.

Police officers and fire-

fighters responded to the report of a dog stuck in a drain in the 6800 block of East Perryton. Officers discovered there was also a skunk in the drainpipe with the dog. After several attempts to free the animals from the drainpipe, a metal grate was removed and the skunk climbed out.

After the skunk left the drainpipe, two dogs climbed out of the open grate and fled into the neighborhood. The skunk had sprayed the dogs.

Police said the dogs had escaped from a dog-sitter and got stuck. They were later reunited with their owner.

— The Breeze staff

Police find theft suspect

A Bel Aire police officer attempting to help a stranded motorist ended up finding a suspect in a possible string of thefts.

On Aug. 31, the officer stopped to assist a motorist in a red Chevrolet truck that was parked on the side of the road without its hazard lights activated in the 3800

block of North Oliver.

The occupant of the truck said a fuel can spilled in the bed of the truck. The 911 dispatcher told the officer that the license plate on the truck was reported stolen through Wichita. During the investigation, the officer discovered the truck was stolen from Wichita.

The truck was full of luggage, clothes, wiring and tools. The owner of the truck responded to the scene and towed the truck away.

Several debit cards and two driver's licenses that didn't belong to the suspect were also found in a purse in the vehicle.

The investigation is ongoing.

— The Breeze staff

Kids playing spur fire call

There was no fire, just a kid playing.

On Sept. 2, Bel Aire police officers responded to a call of a suspicious character in the 5700 block of North Lycee. The initial call was of an apartment on fire and a child running from

the building. The officers discovered there was not a fire and that it was a child spraying a fire extinguisher.

— The Breeze staff

Woman falls for DEA scam

A Bel Aire woman fell for a costly DEA scam.

On Sept. 10, a woman from the 5100 block of North Cambridge reported a man who claimed he worked for the Drug Enforcement Agency called her and told her somebody had her Social Security number. The fake agent said that he needed \$1,000 in gift cards from Dollar General to fix the issue.

The woman went to Dollar General and bought the gift cards. She then scratched off the numbers and texted the fake agent the pictures of the numbers. She also gave the fake agent the last four numbers of her Social Security number.

Police gave the woman some advice on working with her bank and credit companies to lock down access to her accounts.

— The Breeze staff

DEATHS

CYNTHIA BIRD
Cynthia Dean "Cindy" Bird, 62, of Park City, died Sept. 4, 2020.

She was born Feb. 27, 1958, in Lawton, Okla. She worked in the medical field, first as an EMT and later with several different doctors.

She was preceded in death by her son, James M. "Jimmy" Bowers; brother Tony Sly, maternal and paternal grandparents, and several aunts and uncles. Survivors include her parents, Mike and Trudy Sly, of Bel Aire; brothers Michael (Christina) Sly of Cheyenne, Wyo., and Dave (Jamie) Sly of Edmond, Okla.; sister Laura Mewes

of Park City; aunts Bettye Russell of Lawton and Kathy (Gary) Palmer of Silver Lake, N.H.; uncle Merrill (Audrey) Kenyon of Los Alamos, N.M.; many nieces, nephews, cousins and several lifelong friends.

A private family memorial has been held. Baker Funeral Home of Valley Center had charge.

RICHARD RELPH
Richard William Relph, 64, of Bel Aire, died Sept. 12, 2020.

He was born April 13, 1956. He graduated from Wichita Heights High School and worked for more than 30 years as a machinist for the Boeing modification group.

Survivors include his wife, Lyly; children Benjamin (Audra) Relph of Bel Aire, Jennifer (John) Riddel, Katie (Chase) Tip-ton, Christina (Nicholas) Kreutzer, all of Wichita, Michael Relph of Hous-



Relph

ton. Hwina Yu of Bel Aire; 16 grandchildren; parents Roger and Patricia Relph

of Bel Aire; sisters Trisha (Dan) Peters of Independence, Mo., and Mary Hope of Wichita; brothers Ron (Kelly) Relph of Waynesboro, Miss., Bob (Beverly) Relph, Randy (Mary) Relph, Ray (Joan) Relph, all of Wichita; and 30 nieces and nephews.

Funeral Mass was Sept. 19 at the Church of the Magdalen. Memorials with Church of the Resurrection and Hirshberg Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research, in care of Downing & Lahey East Chapel.

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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.

Locations

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

Weekly Events

- Bel Aire Walkers** — Monday through Friday, 8 to 9 a.m., Rec Center
- Pickleball** — Monday and Friday, 9 to 11 a.m., Fridays 5 to 7 p.m. Rec Center, \$2/person or Rec membership
- Line Dance** — Monday and Friday, 1 p.m., City Hall, Community Room
- Zoom Line Dance** — Monday and Friday, 1 p.m., contact Sarah at 744-2700 or schristenson@belaireks.gov for more information
- Sew 'N' Sew More** — Monday, Wednesday & Friday, noon, Rec Center.
- Dynamic Aging** — Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m., Rec Center. \$40 for four weeks or \$5 per class. Chris at 620-640-2104 for more info.
- Low Impact Aerobics** — Wednesday, 9 a.m., Rec Center
- Open Sewing** — Wednesday, 10 a.m., Rec Center

Monthly & Special Events

- Oct. 1**, 10:30 a.m., Active Living Every Day Session 2, Rec Center
- Oct. 5**, 11:30 a.m., Bring a lunch & autumn craft, Rec Center, please RSVP
- Oct. 6**, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Walgreens flu shot clinic, City Hall
- Oct. 8**, 10:30 a.m., Active Living Every Day Session 3, Rec Center
- Oct. 13**, 1 p.m., Caregiving talk (Comfort Keepers), Senior Center, RSVP
- Oct. 15**, 10:30 a.m., Active Living Every Day Session 4, Rec Center
- Oct. 20**, Medicare open enrollment, Senior Center, RSVP required, contact Sarah at 744-2700 or schristenson@belaireks.gov to sign up
- Oct. 21**, 1:30 p.m., Book Club meeting, Senior Center
- Oct. 22**, 10:30 a.m., Active Living Every Day Session 5, Rec Center
- Oct. 23**, 2:30 p.m., Name that Song, Senior Center
- Oct. 27**, 2 p.m., Halloween BINGO, Rec Center
- Oct. 29**, 10:30 a.m., Active Living Every Day Session 6, Rec Center

Election 2020 Deadlines

Oct. 13 — Last day to register to vote; **Oct. 27** — Applications due for Advance Mail Ballot. **Voting Info:** Call the Sedgwick County Election Office at 660-7100 or go to www.sedgwickcounty.org/vote

DID YOU KNOW?

Saturday, October 10, is the date for 3 great clean-up events!

Curbside Clean-up - For residential Waste Connections customers. Disposables must be curbside before 7 am. You may use your trash cart IF other disposables are OUTSIDE the cart. Two people must be able to handle large/heavy items.

- **ACCEPTED ITEMS:** Furniture, bed mattresses, Electronics, Empty & dried paint cans, Lawn & garden items with NO oil or gas, Bundled tree limbs in 3-foot lengths, Loose trash in boxes or bags, Appliances that have no refrigerant (contact EPA certified repair service for refrigerant removal and tagging).
- **NOT accepted:** construction debris, batteries, oil filters, tires, fluorescent light bulbs, propane tanks, hazardous liquids/ chemicals, explosives, oil, flammable liquids, items with asbestos, appliances containing refrigerant

E-Recycling & Shredding Day - 9 am to noon, north parking lot at City Hall
City Brush Site - 9 am to 1 pm, 53rd St N, halfway between Rock and Webb

Questions? See www.belaireks.gov/UpcomingEvents or call 744-2451

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Bel Aire Recreation

Activstars Cheerleading
Cheer this fall at the Bel Aire Rec. For ages 4 through 15 on Tuesday evenings. Classes start Oct. 13. Sign up at www.mw.activstars.com. 9 to 11:30 a.m. and Fridays from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Rec Center gymnasium. Just \$2 drop-in fee or membership!

Activstars Tumbling
Tumble this fall at the Bel Aire Rec. For ages 4 through 15 on Wednesday evenings. Classes start Oct. 13. Sign up at www.mw.activstars.com

Taekwondo (ages 5 & up)
Classes meet on Tuesday & Thursday at 6:30 p.m. These are great classes for beginners to black belts.

Dynamic Aging
Is a class geared toward individuals aged 50+ to provide opportunities to practice a variety of movements in a safe environment. Classes meet on Tuesday and Thursday at 9 a.m.

Adult Pickleball
Held Mondays and Fridays from

Yoga
Classes are held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Participants need to provide their own yoga mat. Teens and adults can join at any time.

Fitness Center
Check out our fitness center, which consists of elliptical cross trainers, free weights, multistation weight machine, recumbent bike and treadmills.

FREE Senior Programs
Line dancing, Bel Aire Walkers, sewing and more. Call Sarah for more information.

For more info about any Bel Aire rec program, call 744-2700, visit www.belaireks.gov or follow us on Facebook @ BelAireRec.

Community Events

- Oct. 6** — City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall
- Oct. 7** — Grand Opening of Cypress 45 (4615 N. Cypress) Bel Aire Chamber ribbon cutting at 11:45 a.m., followed by tour and lunch, RSVP to terhune@belaireks.gov.
- Oct. 7** — Municipal Court (scheduled appearances), 7 p.m., City Hall
- Oct. 10** — Curbside Cleanup, items must be at curb BEFORE 7 AM.
- Oct. 10** — E-recycle & Shred Day, 9 a.m. to noon, City Hall north parking lot
- Oct. 10** — City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall
- Oct. 14** — Bel Aire Lions Club, 11:30 a.m., Gospel Assembly Church
- Oct. 14** — Utility Advisory Committee, 3 p.m., City Hall
- Oct. 15** — Municipal Court (scheduled appearances), 12:30 p.m., City Hall
- Oct. 15** — Planning Commission meeting, 6 p.m., City Hall
- Oct. 17** — Fall Fun Day, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Rec Center, 5251 E 48th North
- Oct. 20** — City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall
- Oct. 26** — Tree Board, 6 p.m., City Hall
- Oct. 27 to Oct. 31** — Early Voting, City Hall, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, noon to 7 p.m.; Wednesday noon to 5 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Oct. 28** — Bel Aire Lions Club, 11:30 a.m., Gospel Assembly Church
- Nov. 3** — Election Day, 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., Bel Aire City Hall, Bel Aire Rec Center (see your registration).

More information can be found at www.belaireks.gov.

7th Annual Fall Car Show

October 17, 2020 11am-2pm

5251 E 48th St N Bel Aire, KS

Food Trucks, Music, Vendor Booths & Family Fun

\$5 Entry Fee - Drawings for prizes & Dash Plaques for all Trophies

Peoples Choice- Truck, Peoples Choice- Car, Best Display, Mayor's Choice, Police Department Choice & Participants Choice

In the interest of public safety, please be advised that all Bel Aire Rec programming may be subject to modification, change, or cancellation to reflect current State and local COVID-19 orders, with or without notice. Masks are required when unable to social distance.

Registration starts @ 11:00 **Rain or Shine** **Awards @ 1:30**

Contact Ashley @ asherwood@belaireks.gov or 316-744-2700

FALL FUN DAY!

FREE ADMISSION

VENDOR BOOTHS FOOD VENDORS
VIEW ZOO CAR SHOW
FAMILY ACTIVITIES DIGITAL CONTEST

12:00 Digital Costume & Pumpkin Contest Awards
1:30 Car Show Awards

Vendors Needed please contact Ashley

OCT 17 2020 11AM - 2PM @ BEL AIRE RECREATION

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BEL AIRE POLICE REPORTS

Aug. 17 — Officer Haines assisted a Sedgwick County sheriff's deputy with a vehicle stop at the intersection of Woodlawn and Tigua in Kechi. The deputy conducted a search of the suspect's vehicle and found marijuana, drug paraphernalia and one open alcohol container. The driver was cited for possession of marijuana and driving with a revoked license.

Aug. 17 — A Mexican driver's license and miscellaneous other cards were found in the city drop box. Several attempts were made to locate additional contact information on the owner of the wallet, but they were unsuccessful.

Aug. 17 — Officer Steele was driving in the 4500 block of North Rock Road when he saw a man wanted on warrants from multiple jurisdictions. When Steele stopped to speak to the man and arrest him, the man fled down the railroad tracks into a wooded area and escaped.

Aug. 17 — Officer Crice was contacted by a woman in the 4900 block of North Highland regarding a past case. Photos were obtained of the enclosure and submitted to evidence.

Aug. 17 — Chief Atteberry reported stopping a previously reported stolen vehicle at the LaCrosse Apartments at 3650 N. Woodlawn. The vehicle was reported stolen by the registered owner to the Wichita Police Department on Jan. 28. There was no suspect listed on the case. Several attempts were made to contact the registered owner with no success. The vehicle was released to the driver, who was the reporting party's son.

Aug. 17 — A woman in the 4200 block of North Oliver reported someone claiming to be from Apple Tech Support contacted her and she provided them her Social Security number.

Aug. 18 — Officer Crice was sent to the Bel Aire Recreation Center in the 4700 block of East 48th about a juvenile that was supposed to be doing community service. The rec center director said the juvenile subject had been hard to find during the day and was not doing the community service work he was assigned. The information was passed on to the juvenile's probation officer.

Aug. 18 — Chief Atteberry, Lt. Fox, Officer Crice and Officer Steele responded to a dispatched call of a suspicious character with a weapon at 5650 N. Lycee. The caller reported there was a protection-from-abuse order in place and the suspect was not to be at the residence. The suspect was also reportedly armed with two handguns. The suspect mentioned that he had considered "suicide by cop." Officers, with the assistance of COMCARE, successfully negotiated with the man until they were able to get him to meet officers downstairs. Instead of coming out and walking down the stairs, the man climbed down the balcony railings from the third floor. The man was transported to St. Joseph Medical Center for an evaluation. The renter of the apartment allowed officers to go into the apartment to seize weapons and ammunition. The suspect was later federally indicted by the ATF on weapons charges and is awaiting trial.

Aug. 19 — A man in the 4000 block of North Woodlawn reported an unknown male entered his unlocked 2010 F250 without his permission. The man said when he saw the suspect in the truck he yelled at him and the suspect ran south on Woodlawn.

Aug. 20 — Officer Haines stopped a silver 2000 Honda Accord doing an illegal turn and failing to maintain a lane in the 5400 block of North Lycee. Officer Haines detected the odor of both raw and burnt marijuana. There were two juvenile passengers. A search was conducted on the vehicle and multiple grams of marijuana and various items of drug paraphernalia were seized. The driver was issued a notice to appear in court on the charges. The two juveniles were released to guardians and informed that criminal charges would be referred to the District Court.

Aug. 20 — A woman reported her son getting upset with her over him losing \$3,000 somewhere in their house in the 5600 block of North Lycee Court. The woman finally found the money and told her son she would hold on to it. The son became upset and destroyed the stair banister, tore up multiple things in the house and kicked a wooden door, causing damage. The son was arrested for the destruction of the property. He was booked into the Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center for criminal damage to property and disorderly conduct.

Aug. 21 — A woman in the 4500 block of North Hillcrest reported that she had previously applied for handicap permits for her vehicle. The permits were sent but she moved before their arrival. The Sedgwick County Tag Office required a report before new ones could be issued.

Aug. 22 — Officer Gibson assisted a Kechi officer with arresting a subject for a Kechi warrant in the 5300 block of North Rock Spring.

Aug. 23 — Officers received a call of a disturbance between a man, woman and the woman's son in the 6500 block of East Rodeo.

Aug. 23 — Robert M. James of Bel Aire was transported from the Bel Aire Police Department to the Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility for two warrants through the City of Wichita.

Aug. 24 — Staff at the facility in the 4900 block of Tierra Lake Parkway reported a woman arrived intoxicated and made remarks regarding wanting to harm



Back the Blue

Bel Aire Chamber Of Commerce President Gary O'Neal presents a Back the Blue flag to Bel Aire Police Chief Darrell Atteberry at the chamber of commerce meeting on Sept. 2. This was to show the chamber's support for the Bel Aire Police Department.

Courtesy photo

herself. The woman agreed to go to St. Joseph Hospital for evaluation.

Aug. 24 — Officers were sent to the 4600 block of North Hedgerow to standby to prevent a disturbance. It was an ongoing, civil court, landlord-tenant issue.

Aug. 25 — Officers were dispatched to a call of a truck partially submerged in a pond in the 6900 block of East 45th. Officers found a brown pickup truck, partially submerged in the water with the truck cab just above the water line. No driver or passengers were on scene when the officers arrived. Fire personnel said a man came to the scene and collected a younger man and left the scene. The Sedgwick County Fire Department scuba divers searched the pond for any possible victims and found none. The following day, the driver of the truck came to the Bel Aire Police Department with his father. He was cited for leaving the scene of a traffic crash and failing to report the crash. There was approximately \$8,000 to \$9,000 damage done to a culvert. The man's insurance company will be contacted to pay for the repairs to the city property.

Aug. 25 — A man in the 4300 block of North Edgemore reported someone entered his unsecured 2008 Chevrolet Cobalt without permission and rummaged through the glove box. No items were removed from the car. However, the ignition had been tampered with and a small flathead screwdriver was inserted into the ignition, damaging the ignition.

Aug. 25 — An officer saw a wanted subject walking in the 4500 block of North Rock Road. It was the same person who ran from officers a week prior. As soon as he saw the officer, he ran down the railroad tracks and into the wooded area as he had done before. Additional warrants have been issued for the man's arrest.

Aug. 25 — A man in the 4800 block of East Ashton reported his 11-year-old son swung a stick at him and threw shoes at him. The father did not wish to pursue charges.

Aug. 26 — Officers responded to a theft report in the 4300 block of North Edgemore. A homeowner wanted to report her son stealing her prescription. Officer Toomey spoke with the victim and learned that her 30-year-old son took nine of her prescription medications.

Aug. 27 — Officers responded to a two-vehicle wreck in the 4500 block of North Webb. A tan Nissan Rouge failed to yield at the stop sign to a southbound silver Hyundai Elantra. The impact caused the Rouge to flip to its driver's side coming to rest on the west side of the intersection. The driver of the Rouge was cited for inattentive driving. No injuries were reported.

Aug. 27 — Officers responded to an injury accident in the 5400 block of East 37th. A man was driving a 2020 GMC Elevation west on 37th Street when the driver of a 2003 Honda Accord southbound on Parkwood, stopped at the stop sign and pulled out onto 37th street into the path of the westbound truck. Minor injuries were reported. The driver of the Honda was issued a citation for failing to yield to the right of way from a stop sign.

Aug. 28 — A woman in the 4800 block of East Ashton reported her son became upset and aggressive. She wanted him transported for evaluation. The youth was already calm when officers arrived. They were educated about their options.

Aug. 29 — Officer Haines located three juveniles — ages 14, 13 and 12 — walking in the 9000 block of East 53rd Street past curfew. All of the youth were returned to their homes. They were educated about the consequences of violating Bel Aire curfew laws. All parents denied any knowledge of the children leaving their homes.

Aug. 29 — Officer Steele was traveling through Broadstone Villas when he observed a city code nuisance violation. Steele contacted the management company about rectifying the situation.

Aug. 29 — Officer Steele stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 5100 block of North Rock Road. Steele checked the driver's license status and discovered the

man's license was suspended. The man was issued a citation speeding and driving with a suspended driver's license.

Aug. 29 — Officer Toomey was dispatched to Sedgwick County Fire Station No. 37 in the 4300 block of North Woodlawn to pick up a found wallet. A firefighter said a woman came into the station and said she found it nearby. Officers attempted to contact the owner but had no success so the wallet and contents were turned into evidence.

Aug. 30 — Officers got a call of shots fired in the area around the 5700 block of North Lycee. Officers checked for expended casings, but none were located.

Aug. 30 — A bicyclist reported finding rifle and pistol shell casings in the 5600 block of North Webb. Officer Smithwick located 17 rifle shell casings and seven pistol shell casings on the shoulder of the roadway. Officers did not observe any damage to property. The casings were collected so they can be submitted for examination.

Aug. 30 — A man reported his neighbor walked to his residence and began yelling at him about his truck being parked too close to his mailbox in the 4000 block of North Edgemore. The truck was legally parked. Officers spoke with both parties on civility and about being good neighbors.

Aug. 30 — A man and woman reported a juvenile female had been found walking on 45th Street and brought to their home. The couple assisted in locating the juvenile's foster mother, and the juvenile was transported and released to the foster mother.

Aug. 31 — Officer Haines observed a white 2009 Chevrolet Tahoe turn from Webb Road onto the eastbound lanes of K-254 driving west. Haines activated his emergency lights and siren to warn other traffic and attempt to stop the vehicle while remaining in the proper lanes. The vehicle continued in the wrong lanes through the work zone in Kechi. The vehicle exited onto I-135 and continued northbound. The driver caused multiple drivers to leave the road to avoid collisions. The vehicle eventually stopped without incident, property damage or personal injury at mile marker 15.6 of I-135 (about 7300 N. I-135) in Park City. Thomas A. McNeerney of Wichita was arrested on a charge of DUI.

Aug. 31 — Officers responded to the report of a dog stuck in a drain in the 6800 block of East Perryton. After arriving with Sedgwick County Fire Squad No. 37, officers discovered there was also a skunk in the drainpipe with the dog. After several attempts to free the animals from the drainpipe, a metal grate was removed and the skunk climbed out. After the skunk left the drainpipe, two dogs later climbed out of the opened grate and fled into the neighborhood. The skunk had sprayed the dogs. The dogs had escaped from a dog-sitter, but were reunited with their owner.

Aug. 31 — A woman in the 5700 block of East Odessa called the Bel Aire Police Department to have a welfare check done on her next-door neighbor.

Aug. 31 — Officer Smithwick stopped to assist a motorist in a red Chevrolet truck that was parked on the side of the road without its hazard lights activated in the 3800 block of North Oliver. The occupant of the truck said a fuel can spilled in the bed of the truck. As Smithwick was out with the truck, the dispatcher advised the license plate was reported stolen through Wichita. During the investigation, it was discovered the truck was stolen from Wichita. Officers found the truck to be full of luggage bags, miscellaneous clothes and miscellaneous wiring and tools. The owner of the truck responded to the scene and towed the truck away. The property was collected and submitted. Additionally, several debit cards and two driver's licenses not belonging to the suspect were found in a purse in the vehicle. An investigation is ongoing.

Sept. 1 — Officers received a call of a subject walking in the area of the 6700 block of East Bethany yelling and screaming at nothing in particular. Contact was made with the woman. She was found to have a City of Wichita warrant. Nichole L. Walden of

Wichita was arrested on a warrant.

Sept. 2 — Officer Manuel saw a vehicle with only one functioning headlight in the 5000 block of North Rock Road. The driver had a suspended driver's license. The driver was cited for the violations. Kennedy R. Bates of Wichita was also arrested on a Sedgwick County warrant.

Sept. 2 — Officers Crice and Steele responded to a call of suspicious character in the 5700 block of North Lycee. The initial call was of an apartment on fire and a child running from the building. The officers discovered there was not a fire and that it was a child spraying a fire extinguisher.

Sept. 3 — A man reported that he heard approximately 15 gunshots from the southwest of his residence, possibly from the area of 48th and Oliver. No suspect or evidence were found in the area.

Sept. 3 — A woman in the 6600 block of East St. James reported missing some of her medications. Officer Crice

Sept. 5 — Officer Haines stopped a driver for erratic driving and failing to use a turn signal in the 6500 block of East Danbury. The driver admitted to having consumed too much alcohol before driving. After submitting to field sobriety tests, Robert T. Weisbrodt of Wichita was arrested on charges of DUI, no driver's license and expired registration.

Sept. 5 — A man in the 3900 block of North Cozy Drive reported an unknown man pulled into his driveway and asked for "Kevin." The unknown man later left.

Sept. 6 — Officer Toomey stopped a driver for speeding in the 10100 block of East 53rd North. The driver was driving with a suspended driver's license and had two warrants for his arrest through Sedgwick County and the City of Kechi. Jaquaul D. Dixon of Bel Aire was arrested on the warrants.

Sept. 7 — Officer Trumbull stopped a blue Lexus for speeding in the 5000 block of North Rock Road. The driver was cited for driving with a suspended license, illegal license plate and speeding.

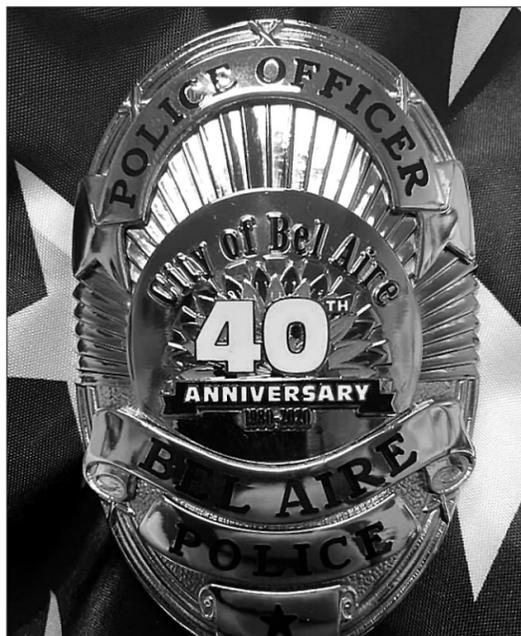
Sept. 7 — Officer Trumbull was dispatched to an unknown call for police in the 4100 block of North Parkwood, where a male was heard yelling for someone to call 911. A man who told Trumbull he heard his truck door shut in his garage. He ran outside and saw a young Hispanic male inside his vehicle. The man attempted to detain the male and was unsuccessful in apprehending him, but he did apprehend the suspect's backpack. The suspect ran to a waiting red and white older model Ford short-bed pickup and departed the area. The man reported he found his weed eater and several items from inside his vehicle "staged" by the street. The backpack contained a flashlight, a knife, baggies of what appeared to be methamphetamine and marijuana. Multiple agencies searched for the suspect's vehicle, but it was not located.

Sept. 8 — A power washer, chainsaw, leaf blower, air compressor and gas can were found near the street in the 4100 block of North Parkwood. They belonged to a nearby resident. The owner said the items had previously been located in an unlocked shed in his backyard. He checked the shed and found no other items missing. The items were documented and returned to the owner.

Sept. 8 — Officers Crice and Steele were contacted by the code enforcement officer who told them people were trespassing at a residence that had been placarded for no entry in the 5600 block of East Denise. The code enforcement officers said she would contact the property management of the residence and explain that permits are required before entry can be made at the property.

Sept. 8 — A man from the 4200 block of North Woodlawn called about a vehicle burglary. He said that sometime during the night an unknown subject had entered his unlocked 2017 GMC Yukon rummaged through the glove box and interior. Several items were taken.

Sept. 8 — A woman from the



40 years old

Courtesy photo

During 2020, the City of Bel Aire has been celebrating its 40th anniversary since becoming a city. The police department has issued every officer a commemorative badge to wear through the end of the year in honor of the anniversary.

4900 block of North Woodlawn reported a gray Chevy Impala struck a mailbox and continued driving. The woman said she followed the driver to an address on Rushwood Court. Officer Smithwick located the vehicle parked in the driveway, made contact with the residents and located the suspect in the hit-and-run. The suspect said she nodded off and struck the mailbox. Smithwick observed damage to the passenger side windshield. The passenger side mirror was hanging by wires. The suspect was cited.

Sept. 9 — A woman came to the Bel Aire Police Department to turn over a firearm she had located in her residence after her husband died. After speaking with officers, she decided to take the firearm to a reputable business and sell it.

Sept. 10 — A woman from the 5100 block of North Cambridge reported a male who claimed he worked for the Drug Enforcement Agency called her and told her somebody had her Social Security number. This fake agent said that he needed \$1,000 in gift cards from Dollar General to fix the issue. The woman went to Dollar General and bought the gift cards. She then scratched off the numbers and texted the fake agent the pictures of the numbers. She also gave the fake agent the last four numbers of her Social Security number. Officer Gibson gave the woman some advice on working with her bank and credit companies to lock down access to her accounts.

Sept. 10 — A woman from the 4700 block of North Hillcrest called the Bel Aire Police Department to report that contractors she hired had taken items from her garage without permission. She had given them permission to take some things, but not other things. Officer Toomey got in touch with the contractor and he returned the things the woman wanted back. Toomey also called Adult Protective Services to see if a social worker would check on the woman and do an assessment.

Sept. 10 — Sgt. Davis saw a white passenger car traveling north on Woodlawn fail to stop at the stop sign and turn west on to 45th Street. He stopped the vehicle and found the driver was driving with a suspended license and illegal tag. The woman was cited for the violations.

Sept. 11 — Officer Haines and Sgt. Davis were dispatched to a report of suspicious characters walking in the 4500 block of Fritillary. They located two individuals, both from Wichita. They said they were just out walking around. They had driven to Bel Aire in a white 1995 Ford Ranger pickup. They parked it next to the park in the 4300 block of North Gunnison. Both men were carrying large knives (10 to 18 inches in length) for self-defense. Also in the vehicle was a cane sword and another long blade sword. Due to the similarities in suspect physical description and vehicle description to recent Bel Aire auto larcenies, both men were questioned extensively and later released without charges.

Sept. 12 — Officers Steele and Toomey were dispatched to a vicious dog call in the 4200 block of North St. James. When they arrived, they saw an elderly man holding a wooden rake against two large threatening pit bull dogs. The dogs were not backing off as the man held the rake. Steele approached the barking dogs trying to coax them away from the man and back toward a fenced backyard. There were holes in the fence. The dogs finally retreated through the open hole and then stuck their faces back through the opening and continued barking. Toomey went to an address on Odessa and spoke to people there about covering the holes and making repairs to the fence. The officers took photos of the backyard wooden fence. The owner of the dogs was cited for allowing them to run at-large.

Sept. 12 — Officer Haines stopped a black 2016 Jeep Compass for failing to maintain a single lane of traffic in the 5000 block of North Rock Road. Officer Haines smelled strong odors of consumed alcoholic beverages and marijuana. He also saw a

marijuana pipe in plain view. The driver was arrested on multiple charges. The suspect's name was not available.

Sept. 13 — Officer Manuel saw a white F-150 traveling south on Oliver at 53 mph in the 40 mph zone. The vehicle then ran the stop sign at 45th Street. Manuel stopped the vehicle and contacted the driver. The man exhibited signs of intoxication and submitted to standard field sobriety tests. The driver was arrested on a charge of DUI. The suspect's name was not available.

Sept. 13 — Officer Steele responded to a call of vandalism in the 5900 block of East Denise. A car had driven through a newly laid yard, leaving mud ruts. The calling party reported followed mud tracks down the roadway, and located the vehicle a few houses north on Farmstead. Officer Steele contacted the residents. Through the investigation, the suspect was identified and he was cited for the vandalism.

Sept. 13 — Officer Toomey stopped a woman for speeding in the 4900 block of North Oliver. The woman claimed she left her driver's license at home. Toomey cited the woman for speeding and for driving with no driver's license in possession.

Sept. 14 — Bel Aire officers received a call from Wesley Woodlawn about a child abuse. It was later discovered the abuse occurred in Wichita. Bel Aire officers conducted the preliminary investigation with the Sedgwick County Exploited and Missing Child Unit. The child was taken to the main Wesley Hospital and admitted for treatment for injuries.

Sept. 14 — Officer Trumbull was traveling north on Rock Road when a vehicle traveling south failed to dim its high beams. He stopped the vehicle and spoke to the driver. She told him she simply forgot to turn off her high beams. The driver also informed Officer Trumbull that her insurance lapsed and that her driver's license was suspended. After confirming the information, the woman was cited for the violations.

Street

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developers. Stephens said most of the damage was done before their arrival and she would not recommend it.

Stephens said the city only knows two entities that will perform satisfactory large repairs like the ones needed on 53rd Street. The council selected a bid from PPJ Construction at a cost of \$29,800. Another business declined to bid on the project.

In other business, the council:

- Approved the agenda, consent agenda and appropriations ordinance 20-17 in the amount of \$200,069.01.

- Was presented a \$1,000 donation from Betty Martine on behalf of the Senior Club.

- Unanimously approved a development agreement with David Key & Assigns.

- Unanimously approved a sub-recipient grant agreement with Sedgwick County to reimburse expenditures incurred during COVID-19.

- Unanimously approved statements of final costs for a number of projects, the setting of hearing dates, authorization of publication and approval of initial assessment rolls.

- Confirmed Jeff Elshoff as council president for the remainder of the year with a 3-0-1 vote.

- Executive sessions of 15 and 5 minutes were taken for consultation with the attorney for proposed contract negotiations. Council member Diane Wynn was absent.

Lions

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litical service organization that was formed in Chicago in 1917. The Bel Aire chapter was formed June 5, 2009.

During October, the club will give folks the opportunity to learn what the club is all about. The Bel Aire Lions Club is inviting community members to its Oct. 28 regular meeting and luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Everyone is also invited to a meet-and-greet social with refreshments at the Bel Aire Recreation Center the following evening, Oct. 29, from 7 to 8 p.m.

There isn't a way to categorize the types of things the Lions Club does for Bel Aire. The only common denominator is that the things this club does make the community a better place, according to those who have benefited from the club's service.

Time and time again, when the city, its organizations or its residents have run out of options, the Bel Aire Lions Club has stepped up.

If there's a public safety need that isn't being met — the Lions Club steps up. If local organizations need help with a project — the Lions Club steps up. If a child needs money for school supplies during the school year or gifts during the holiday season — the Lions Club steps up. Club members are on the lookout for a good cause and ideas are presented and voted on regularly. Any member



Gary O'Neal is presented a pin for growing the club's membership.

of the club can present a project or cause they feel is worthwhile. "Each of us is here because we like to help people," said O'Neal. "If someone needs us, we will help in any way we can. It's all about serving the community."

The club recently helped refurbish benches at Isely Elementary and has also helped with art and science projects and the school's annual book fair. Lions donated the pavilion and flag pole at the rec center and have even helped paint the building. They bought a portable defibrillator for the swimming pool, reflectors to keep active community members safe and body cameras for the police department.

Community members, including Police Chief Dar-



Ty Lasher talks about the Lions Club's positive impact on the community

rel Atteberry, rec director Brian Hayes and City Manager Ty Lasher, showed up to the club's Sept. 23 meeting to praise their various efforts throughout the years.

"It is so important for smaller cities to have

organizations like the Lions Club," said Lasher. "The city's goal is to provide essential services, but we get calls from people with other needs. Someone can't pay their utility bill because they were laid off



Chief Darrell Atteberry thanks the Lions Club for providing body cameras to officers and being dedicated to make the community safe.



Brian Hayes shares some of the projects the Lions Club has assisted with at the recreation center.

from COVID or people are living on fixed incomes and their houses are deteriorating. They have no one to call. We need someone in the community who wants to help, because we can't. And that's why the Lions Club is such a great service organization."

With the city's population increasing and new development set to start there will be ample opportunity for new folks to get involved and make a difference.

"When you can step back and see that something you've done has really helped someone it makes it all the more worthwhile," said O'Neal. "Especially if you didn't do it for recognition, you just did it because it was the right thing to do."

Anyone looking for more information about the club can contact Lion Jackie at 744-2735 or Lion Gary at 655-5502.

Park

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"That's a good deal in that it will be the last payment we make on those specials," said Benage. "Not taking this deal guarantees we will continue to pay over \$130,000 a year through 2026. This is a big win for the city."

There are three phases for the park and each phase is tied to a comparable dollar investment the developer needs to make. Benage said the deal allows some flexibility and that the location and shape of the park could change dramatically. The city will review the project during each of the three phases to determine necessary changes.

"Since we do not know whether the entire development will occur in one year or 10 years, we do not have that crystal ball to say this is what we want to do," said Benage. "These types of parks are important for

the development's success. However, they need to be designed and built with the developer otherwise we run the big risk of limiting what the developer can build to meet market demand."

The developer needs to develop an estimated \$5 million in commercial and \$5 million in residential to generate enough tax revenue to pay for the park. Benage said this deal involves risk, but that it's less risk than doing nothing.

"We must stress that they do have targets they have to meet before we build anything in the park, which is better than the agreement we had before," said council member John Welch. "And to get to those targets they will have to have put in roads and sewer and water and other things before they can actually build. ... So they're going to have a pretty hefty commitment to this project by the time we start building the park."

The original version of this deal was with Silver Cottages and came about in August 2019. Benage adamantly opposed that deal.

"It is worse than a fire sale," said Benage in 2019. "The cost to the city is over a million dollars. The traffic count ... is insufficient to support retail development. ... The best-case revenue scenario — a \$5 million assessed value investment of that property — would take 30-plus years to return tax revenues

to pay for that \$1 million investment that the city is trying to do. If we could get a \$15 million assessed value investment for 20 acres, the tax revenues would take about 10 years. That would probably be a decent deal to do. But the way the contract is right now, this is very expensive."

The council approved another development agreement with Homestead Senior Housing on Sept. 1. In August 2018, the council heard from Tom Bishop.

He proposed the construction of an affordable 60-unit residential community and community center for seniors located at the southeast corner of 53rd and Oliver. He said he hoped to put an additional 60 units on the lot in the future. Bishop said those could either be four-plexes or duplexes and some might have garages.

Lot

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is going to have to be replaced but other than that, we feel we can rehab it."

The contractor who bid on the slurry seal had a price about \$9,000 lower for a seal coat. The council unanimously voted in favor of the low seal coat bid of \$24,230 from PP&J Construction.

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