

Bel Aire Citizens:

This is an update on the status of Woodlawn. We are frustrated with the slow progress, but we need to be very intentional on how we proceed. Not doing so, could cause the City even more problems. Questions are being sent to us. Below, are a group of questions with answers.

Q: What is going on with the progress of the construction?

The work on the asphalt road north of the tracks to 45th street has been suspended pending an on-going investigation into the failure of the east lanes. The wheel paths in the east lanes are deforming, cracking, slipping, and sinking. The City is leading an investigation into why this is occurring.

Q: When will the soil studies be completed?

In August, the City retained Terrecon to collect five coring samples. Those samples showed what was installed under the asphalt. The samples confirmed that the correct materials were in place, but raised concerns about weathered shale soils, the amount of AB-3 rock installed, and high moisture levels. This led the Project Engineer (MKEC), with the agreement of the City, to retain GSI to perform soil bearing capacity/strength testing at 24 different locations concentrated in the east lanes between the rail road tracks and 45th Street. Some testing was done south of the tracks and in the west lanes for comparison purposes. GSI also installed piezometers to start the process of measuring the depth and amount of ground water that may be present. GSI performed this testing on October 16-18. We are currently waiting for the GSI data to be released and to obtain GSI's preliminary report regarding the stability of the sub-grade under the east lanes.

Q: When will results be presented?

The GSI results will be evaluated by MKEC, KDOT, and the City's engineer. Then a plan will be developed for repairing the east lanes and finishing the project. As soon as this plan is developed and put in place, it will be shared with the public.

Q: The weather has turned cold, and the window has closed to lay down asphalt. Will we have to live with the mess till Spring?

Based on what we know right now, unfortunately, it is likely that fixing the east lanes will require the project to be pushed into the spring. Based on the results of the testing, temporary fixes will need to occur to provide a safe route during the winter season, e.g., patching holes, etc.

For now, we will continue north bound traffic in the middle lane with traffic cones. Our engineers advise us that we should not move traffic back to the east (northbound) lanes with the current condition of the roadbed. Since we are still working with traffic cones and not permanent stripping on the pavement, the traffic light at 45th will continue to be a four way stop.

Like I said, we all want this finished. But we also want a quality road that will last us for years into the future. That demands the City be very deliberate in how we proceed. The additional pain we all feel, will pay off in a quality road for the long term.

Mayor Jim Benage

BEL AIRE HIGHLIGHTS

IMPORTANT REQUEST FROM YOUR WATER SUPPLIER

Dear City of Bel Aire Water Customer,

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently announced changes to drinking water regulations which require water suppliers to identify all materials used in the construction of the water system. These changes aim to identify and remove all lead pipes and lead materials used in the drinking water system. The water supplier must identify ALL construction materials used in both the supplier's AND customer's side of the water meter (including private in-home plumbing materials), which means that we will need your help!

The City of Bel Aire needs this information as soon as possible. If the required information cannot be gathered promptly, from the homeowner, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) may require city staff to go door-to-door to collect the required information from residents or require city employees to excavate customers' yards to identify materials, making the process very time-consuming and expensive.

The City of Bel Aire needs your help to complete this requirement. Please complete the included survey as soon as possible. The survey will need to be returned along with a photo of the water line coming into the building. You can email completed surveys and photos to watersurvey@belaireks.gov.

To encourage compliance and reduce the need for door-to-door visits, the City of Bel Aire will be offering a credit of \$50 to one active utility account each month between October and February for those who complete the survey.

Alternate ways to return the completed survey and required photo:

- Online, scan the QR code or visit www.belaireks.gov/OnlineWaterSurvey
- Hand deliver to Bel Aire City Hall, 7651 E. Central Park Ave., Bel Aire, KS 67226
- Mail to: City of Bel Aire, 7651 E. Central Park Ave., Bel Aire, KS 67226
- Drop in city payment dropbox at Bel Aire City Hall

For more information on this survey and a guide to identifying plumbing materials, visit the city website at www.belaireks.gov/WaterLineInformation.

Thank you for your assistance!

LEAD AND COPPER PROJECT INITIATIVE



Online Water Survey

UPCOMING EVENTS



HOLIDAY HOOPS

A FREE THROW CONTEST
December 2nd 1 pm
Winners get a FREE HAM!

Three Age Groups: 8 & under, 9-12 and 13-17
Must have parent to participate with contestant.
Each teammate will get 10 free throws.
Registration Deadline: November 26th

Visit www.belaireks.gov/recreation for more information or to register online.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES:

November 23-34

Thanksgiving

Dec. 12, 11:30-1:30

Staff Holiday Luncheon

December 25-26

Christmas

January 1

New Year's Day

Presented by the City of Bel Aire &
Bel Aire Area Chamber of Commerce



Holiday Celebration

**SANTA, REINDEER, TREATS,
CRAFTS & HOLIDAY LIGHT SHOW**

December 2nd 5:30-7:30 PM

Bel Aire City Hall

7651 E Central Park Ave

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