

# New Strawn Notes

January/February 2020

## Register your pets

Animal licenses for 2020 need to be purchased at New Strawn City Hall by Jan. 31. Bring proof of rabies vaccination; you do NOT need to wait until it is time to have your pets vaccinated to register them. Simply bring in proof of the most recent rabies vaccination that shows your pet is up-to-date.

Some customers may be under the impression they have to wait until after the vaccination date to come in; however, that just results in an increased fee for the registration. You can drop off an updated vaccine record at City Hall later in the year.

Cost of registering your pet is: \$2 for animals that are spayed or neutered; \$5 for unaltered animals. Licenses are valid

for the 2019 calendar year. If you forget to do it in January, don't panic. You can still get your pet registered in February or March, but the cost of the license doubles for each month you are late: \$4 and \$10 in February, \$8 and \$20 in March.

REMINDER: Any owner or harbinger of an animal that is found to be without a current license may be fined up to \$500, plus any cost incurred by the city related to enforcing the animal code.

Tagging your pet is really more for your 'peace of mind' than anything. Even dogs and cats that live almost entirely in the house occasionally "escape" to the great outdoors and a tag makes it much easier to reunite an owner with an animal.

## New zoning administrator hired

Martha Newkirk's appointment as zoning administrator was approved by the council in November. She previously worked for the City of Burlington as zoning administrator and code enforcement officer for five years. Please contact City Hall for building permit applications. We welcome Martha! REMINDER: Building

permits are required before a project begins, whether, a new house, carport, shed, swimming pool, etc. After approved by the zoning administrator, the city clerk will assign a permit number. Applications are available at City Hall. For projects started before approval, a larger fee will be required.

## New code enforcement officer

Chris Allen's appointment as Code Enforcement Officer was approved by the council, effective Dec. 1. He wants to work with everyone and give previous violations a "fresh start" to comply

with the City's codes and rules. He has 17 years of experience in law enforcement.

We welcome Chris and his family to New Strawn!

## Snow and ice removal

Please DO NOT park vehicles in the city streets during inclement weather, especially along the "emergency routes" which are: Neosho Street to North 4th Street (ALL of 4th Street is an emergency route), Cherokee Street to Main Street and ALL of Main Street, including Arrowhead Drive.

Vehicles parked in the street make it difficult to effectively treat the streets

for icy conditions as well as impede snow removal. Snow removal will be limited if accumulation is less than two (2) inches.

Designated emergency routes and school bus routes will be addressed with either snow removal or salt and/or sand treatment, possibly both. Other residential streets will be addressed after the emergency routes and school bus routes are finished.

## Trout to be stocked in January

Approximately, 500 trout will be stocked in the New Strawn City Lake by the end of January, averaging more than three quarters of a pound each. New Strawn's

trout come from Southwest Missouri.

In addition to a current Kansas fishing

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## Strawnfest to celebrate town's 50th anniversary

Strawnfest 2020 will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary! It will be held Saturday, June 20 and promises to be filled with fun activities for all ages including a "FREE" breakfast and "FREE" dinner.

A T-Shirt design contest is underway for those who would like to submit a drawing. Sponsors can be listed on the back of the shirts at a cost of \$10.

Craft and small business vendors: Are you interested in having a booth during Strawnfest? The committee is looking to rent spaces for \$5 each; inside and outside if needed. Booths will tentatively open at 9 a.m. and can be open during the dedication of the newly remodeled portion of the Community Center and new playground equipment/park area at 4 p.m. If you would like to reserve a space, contact City Hall at (620) 364-8283.

## Strawnfest public planning meeting Feb. 4

The New Strawn Public Relations Committee along with other community leaders will be meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 4 at City Hall to discuss plans for the 50th Year of an Incorporated City Strawnfest Celebration. This meeting is open to the public and anyone interested in attending is encouraged to come. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. and last approximately one hour. If you are unable to attend but have ideas for the celebration, we welcome your thoughts. Please contact City Hall at 364-8283 if you would like to help.



# Trout

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license, a city fishing permit is required. The daily creel limit is two. There is a 'No Catch and Release' provision in effect as once they have been hooked, they will die. City fishing permits are sold with a trout stamp through May 1 at City Hall as well as at Casey's, and Coffey County Honda. We truly appreciate these businesses helping us sell the permits! Cost is as follows: Residents of USD 244 Burlington and New Strawn area – Adult \$10, Youth \$4. Residents living outside of USD 244 – Adult \$15, Youth \$6. Anyone at least 16 years old must also possess a Kansas state fishing license. The Rec Commission contributes \$1,500 annually to New Strawn for the purchase of the trout, and we truly appreciate their generosity! Please, do NOT attempt to venture out onto the icy lake to fish. Shoreline fishing is permissible, but ice fishing is not.

**LAWN OF THE MONTH:** New Strawn residents know how to spread Christmas cheer! It was difficult for the Council to choose just one recipient. The December 2019 "Lawn of the Month" was awarded to the Stukey residence at 1020 North Arrowhead Drive! There were many residents throughout New Strawn who had outstanding displays. The Council is considering adding prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place next year. They would like to thank everyone who made the effort to set up beautiful lights, fun displays and music for young and old alike to enjoy.

**GRANT FOR \$50,000 RECEIVED:** In December, 2019 the Board of Coffey County Commissioners approved a \$50,000 grant payable to the City of New Strawn for the purpose of remodeling the kitchen and bathrooms at the Community Center! Abendroth Builders began work on the project and the expected completion date is on or before March 5. The building is not available for rent during January, February or the first week of March. Rental fees for the building are as follows: Half Day or less \$50, Full Day \$100, and For-Profit Venue/Event \$150 per day. The mayor and council thank the Coffey County Commissioners for approving the grant.

**TRASH SERVICE:** Normal residential trash collection occurs every Friday in New Strawn. If our vendor, Republic Services, has a designated holiday which occurs during the week, trash collection will be on Saturday instead. The trash truck driver may be in town very early, so it's important to have your trash sitting curbside by 7:30 a.m. Occasionally,

a missed pick-up may occur. If that happens, please call City Hall as soon as possible. The driver tries to check with our office before leaving town to ensure no one's trash is forgotten. If you arrive home later in the day and realize your trash did not get picked up, please notify City Hall. Republic Services is usually able to return on Saturday or the following Monday to make the pick-up. If that is not feasible, the City may grant you permission to use the dumpster at our city shop. However, it is NOT acceptable to dump your trash at the community building. That dumpster is reserved for those who rent the building.

**BURN PILE HAS NEW LOCATION:** The old burn pile is closed. For residents who live within city limits, please use the new burn pile located at the north end of Sorg Street. If you live outside city limits, please use Coffey County Landfill. Thank you!

**DUCKS UNLIMITED:** The John Redmond Chapter of Ducks Unlimited will be hosting a banquet/ fundraiser Saturday, March 7 at the New Strawn Community Building. Doors open and activities start at 5:30 p.m. This year's meal will be catered by Jumpin Catfish. Contact Bob Hammond for tickets: \$35 for a Single and \$45 per Couple. Bring the family and enjoy games, raffles, auctions and a delicious meal!

**NEW STRAWN LIBRARY NEWS:** Children: Story Time Tuesdays @ 11a.m.; Make & Take Craft: New craft every week, available any time during the day; Adults: Fiber Arts Tuesdays @ 5p.m., Healthy U Wednesdays @ 9:30 a.m., Book Club last Thursday of each month @ 10 a.m., Cricut Design: Jan. 25, Feb. 22, Mar. 21, Apr. 18, May 16 and June 27, Grocery Bingo: Feb. 11, Mar. 10, Apr. 14, May 12; Special Events: Pie Baking Contest Friday, Jan 24th; Introduction to Guitar with Robert Williamson Sat., Feb. 29; Meet & Greet with Robin of Angels Care Home Health Wed. Feb. 12 @ 9:30a.m.; Book Sale Week: Feb. 24 -29; Edible Book Contest: Thursday, Apr. 2; Spring Break: March 22-28-Crafts, games, and snacks. Check out the Facebook page for the New Strawn Library by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/new.strawn/> Please contact the library with any questions at (620) 364-8910 or online [www.cclibraryks.org](http://www.cclibraryks.org). The staff hopes to see you soon!

**BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER:** The New Strawn Fire Department will be holding a breakfast fundraiser Saturday, April 11 at the New Strawn Fire Station located at 301 West Lake Road starting at 7 a.m. Be sure to mark your calendars to attend this event and show support for our fire department!

**EASTER EGG HUNT:** The New Strawn Community Improvement Organization (NSCIO) will be hosting the annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 11 at the New Strawn Community Building. The time for the event is tentatively set for 10 a.m. This event is for children up to age 11. The Easter Bunny may 'hop in' for photo ops! If you would like to donate candy for this event, you may drop it off at City Hall by April 1. Contact is Brenda Klubek at (620)203-0115 for more information. Filling hundreds of eggs with candy and prizes is time-consuming and NSCIO always welcomes more volunteers!

**NEWSTRAWN.ORG** is the City Hall website where you can go online to pay your bill, read minutes, read city ordinances or check out upcoming community events. You can also find forms such as new account applications, community building reservation and other licensing forms. If paying your bill online, there is a 2.5 percent fee for credit cards and \$1.50 if paying with your checking account. To avoid these fees charges by KanPay (not the City of New Strawn); you can pay in person or use the night drop box. Check with your bank for their online options regarding bill pay.

## **CITY COUNCIL & STAFF:**

Mark A. Petterson, Mayor  
Council Members: Richard Croll, Jeanne Haas, Gary Haehn, Rhonda Taylor, and Jim Weeks  
Joni Hernandez, City Clerk  
Doris McBride, Asst. City Clerk  
Brenda Klubek, City Treasurer  
Ron Parkey, City Superintendent  
Steven Dwight, Maintenance  
Tom Robrahn, City Attorney  
Martha Newkirk, Zoning Administrator  
Chris Allen, Code Enforcement Officer  
Robert Williamson, Assistant

**MEETING NOTIFICATIONS:** The public is welcome to attend all city council and City planning meetings. City council meetings are conducted in the open on the second Thursday of each month. While the public does not participate in meeting business, a portion of each regular monthly meeting is designated for public comments. If you would like to be on our email notification list, leave your name and email address with the city clerk or assistance city clerk. If you have been on a past notification list, you must renew your request annually. NOTE: You must include your name with request to be added to our notification list. If City Hall receives a request via our website that seems suspicious or without all required information, you will not be added.

**CITY HALL HOURS:** City Hall regular hours are: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.