

New Strawn Notes

February/March 2021

Input sought from citizens

The Board of Coffey County Commissioners is supporting the development of Community Improvement Plans (CIP) for each city in Coffey County. The county is paying the cost for CFS Engineers to meet with city officials and citizens in each community to develop a CIP.

CFS Engineers kicked off the project in October by meeting with mayors and reviewing the project scope. Possible CIP topics were discussed: *Community Identity* - preserving historic and cultural resources; *Livable Built Environment* - mobility, infrastructure, utilities; *Harmony with Nature* - natural resources, sustainability; *Resilient Economy* - economic activity; *Healthy Community* - public safety, recreation and leisure; and *Community Design* - county land uses.

Jim Schuessler is taking the project lead for CFS Engineers. He met with city councils in November, covering the same topics. The next step is to hold an

open house to receive public input. The come and go open house will be held 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, April 1 at the New Strawn Community Building.

New Strawn citizens will be asked what they would like to see as far as community improvements. It can be anything from bike/walking trails, park improvements, solving drainage issues, street improvements ... whatever you think would make New Strawn a better place to live.

Schuessler will help the governing body prioritize the list into a plan. For larger projects, the city can pay engineering costs to develop project plans. CFS will provide information about possible matching grants the city can pursue to help fund projects.

Your input is important, so please plan to attend the come and go open house 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, April 1, at the New Strawn Community Building.

Trout stocked in city lake

On Jan. 18, trout were stocked in the New Strawn City Lake. In addition to a current Kansas fishing license, a city fishing permit is required to fish in the City Lake. 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 USD 244 Recreation Commission generously contributes \$2,000 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.

New businesses in New Strawn

Essential Bodywork by Kelsey Orr, Certified Massage Therapist and Rusty Coop Restorations are located in the same building at 203 N. Main St. Essential Bodywork by Kelsey Orr, CMT is owned and operated by Kelsey Orr of Gridley. In 2019, Kelsey was certified as a massage therapist through her training by John F. Barnes, PT. She offers a wide range of massage techniques such as myofascial tissue release, therapeutic massage, deep tissue and craniosacral therapy. You can view services, pricing or contact Kelsey on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/essentialbodyworkbykelsevorr/> or on Google at <https://g.page/essential->

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Kelsey can be reached at (620) 203-8733.

Laura Williams, Waverly, owns and operates Rusty Coop Restorations, a vintage and antique store. Laura has over 5 years' experience in repurposing new and old furniture, making other people's junk into a beautiful treasure for your home. You can shop for other items at RCR such as vintage jewelry, antique dish sets or vintage accents for your home or office. She offers custom restorations and can be reached at (785) 979-3728 or visit her Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/rustycooprestorations/> to message her directly.

Facebook Page

Check out our new Facebook Page called **City of New Strawn - City Hall**. We intend to use page as a message board for New Strawn residents and anyone interested in what is going on in New Strawn. If you haven't done so, make sure you like the page.

Spring Cleanup Week

Coffey County has designated April 12-17 as "Cleanup Week" in Coffey County. Coffey County residents are allowed to use the landfill at no charge during the week. The City of New Strawn will participate by offering to haul allowed items to the landfill on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Cleanup Week. Be sure to have items placed curbside by 8 a.m. Monday, April 12. No tires or household hazardous waste will be accepted.

Strawnfest

Strawnfest 2021 plans are underway. It will be held on June 12. A committee is being formed to plan the event this year. Please contact City Hall at 364-8283 if you would like to be on the committee.

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 generally 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, or click the link by going online to our website at newstrawn.org. 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.

GOVERNING BODY & STAFF:

Mark A. Petterson, Mayor
 Council Members: Rhonda Taylor,
 Richard Croll, Jeanne Haas, Gary
 Haehn, Jim Weeks

Lana Johnson, City Clerk
 Robert Williamson, Assistant
 Brenda Klubek, Treasurer
 Steven Dwight, Maintenance
 Martha Newkirk, Zoning Administrator

CITY HALL HOURS: City Hall regular hours are: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Contact by phone at (620) 364-8283.

DUCKS UNLIMITED: The John Redmond Chapter of Ducks Unlimited Banquet fundraiser will be held Saturday, **March 6** at the New Strawn Community Building. Doors open and activities start at 5:30 p.m. Contact Bob Hammond (620) 203-0668 for tickets: \$35 for Single and \$45 for Couple. Bring the family and enjoy games, raffles, auctions and a delicious meal!

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 fee 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 beside the front door.

SNOW & ICE REMOVAL ON CITY STREETS: Please **DO NOT** park vehicles in the street during inclement weather, especially along the emergency routes which are: Neosho Street to North Fourth Street (ALL of Fourth 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.

REGISTER YOUR PETS: Animal licenses for 2021 need to be purchased at New Strawn City Hall. 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 2021 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 STRAWN LIBRARY NEWS: The

Coffey County Library - New Strawn Branch has a wide selection of items to check out. They have books, CDs, magazines and movies. If you want to watch a new release, get it for free at the library. They have activities for all ages.

Children's Programming

Story & Snack Time Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Adult Programming

Adult Crafts March 16 @ 6 p.m., April 15 @ 6 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion Feb. 25 @ 5:30 p.m., March 25 @ 5:30 p.m., April 29 @ 5:30 p.m.

Check out the Facebook page for the New Strawn Library by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/newstrawn/>

Contact the library with any questions at (620) 364-8910 or online www.cclibrarvks.org.

NEW STRAWN BUSINESS DIRECTORY

ADVANTAGE AUTO BODY
 145 N MAIN ST (620) 203-8273

ARROWHEAD HILLS TRAVEL SVC
 Susan Croll (620) 364-5871

BAHR STORAGE
 Chris Bahr (620) 364-2689

BRI'S DANCE STUDIO
 Bri Birk (620) 343-5125

BUDDIES BAR & GRILL
 255 N Main St (620) 364-5550

BUILDERS CHOICE CONCRETE
 220 Industrial Rd (620) 364-2707

CASEY'S GENERAL STORE
 129 N Main St (620) 364-5513

CITIZENS STATE BANK
 407 Arrowhead St (620) 364-8871

COFFEY COUNTY HONDA
 105 S Main St (620) 364-5600

COFFEY COUNTY RURAL WATER DISTRICT #3
 235 N Main St (620) 364-8099

DAVIS LOCK & KEY
 Jerry Davis (785) 493-4709

ESSENTIAL BODYWORK
 Kelsey Orr (620) 203-8733

FRAME UPS
 Janet Harkrader (620) 490-0268

GREAT PLAINS DESIGN CENTER
 308 INDUSTRIAL RD (620) 364-2007

HARKRADER MOWING & SNOW REMOVAL
 ROBERT HARKRADER (620) 490-0258

HOMETOWN PIE COMPANY
 219 N MAIN ST (620) 344-0160

INTERIORS BY JERI
 JERI CARPENTER (620) 490-0024

JEFF'S TOWING & RECOVERY
 110 W DECKER (620) 213-1669

KAN-SEAL
 1905 US HWY 75 (620) 364-3300

LAKESIDE LIQUORS
 217 N MAIN ST (620) 364-8929

LEGACY FINANCIAL
 RICHARD CROLL (620) 364-9232

MC MURRAY DENTAL
JAMES H MCMURRAY DDS
 209 N MAIN ST (620) 364-8453

MERAKI SALON
 205 N MAIN ST (620) 490-0057

MID WEST FIRE TRAINING
 CHERYL TREPTOW (620) 364-2832

NEWKIRK SALES
 RICHARD NEWKIRK (620) 203-0065

NEW STRAWN BRANCH
COFFEY COUNTY LIBRARY
 365 N MAIN ST (620) 364-8910

NEW STRAWN - STATION #8
COFFEY COUNTY FIRE DIST. #1
 301 W LAKE RD (620) 364-8258

SWANK HEATING, COOLING & PLUMBING
 117 N 4th St (620) 364-8258

VICTORY EXCAVATING
 345 N MAIN ST (620) 364-6317

VAUGHN - ROTH
LAND BROKERS
 CAMERON ROTH (785) 917-0867

WOLF CREEK NUCLEAR OPERATING CORP.
 (620) 364-8831

WOLF CREEK RESORTS
 400 W LAKE RD (620) 364-8910