

New Strawn Notes

October/November 2019

Animal registration and tag renewal

REMINDER: Any dog or cat over six months of age shall be annually registered with the city clerk. Fees of \$2 for each neutered male and spayed female and \$5 for each unneutered male and unspayed female are due in January. Fees will double in price for each month's delinquency, i.e.: February, \$4 and \$10; March and beyond up to a

maximum of \$8 and \$20. Tagging your pet is also for your "peace of mind." Even dogs and cats that live almost entirely in the house occasionally escape outdoors and a tag makes it much easier to reunite an owner with an animal. Any owner or harbinger of an animal that is found to be without a current license may be fined.

Community center remodel

The Council is working on a remodeling project of the kitchen and bathrooms with hopes of starting in January. If all goes as planned, the building will not be available for rent in January

and February. The rental fees for the Community Center for 2019 are as follows: Half Day or less \$50, Full Day \$100, and For-Profit Venue/Event \$150 per day.

Halloween party

The Halloween party will be held 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Oct. 31 at the Community Building. The fun will include a costume contest starting at 7 p.m. The hayrack rides begin at 5:30 p.m. There will be cosmic putt-putt and other fun games. There will also be

food and LOTS of candy! Admission is \$2 per person ages 4 & up. Be sure to bring your trick-or-treat bags! They are asking for donations of candy for the event. If you would like to contribute, you can drop bags of candy off at City Hall.

Christmas open house

The City of New Strawn will be hosting a come and go Christmas Open House Dec. 10 with refreshments. We will have sign-up sheets for anyone who may be interested in volunteering to serve

on the Strawnfest 2020 Committee. We will be drawing for free fishing licenses with trout stamp. Stop in, say hello and have a treat as our thank you for being part of the community!

Golf course update

As of the last newsletter, the New Strawn City Council was exploring the possible purchase

of the former Prairie Winds Golf Course. The council has decided not to pursue the purchase.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

The New Strawn Christian Church will be host of the community Thanksgiving dinner on Sunday, Nov. 17. The dinner will be held at the New Strawn Community Building at 5:30 p.m. Main dishes will be provided; however, you are welcome to bring a side-dish of veggies, salad or dessert. This is an opportunity to 'give thanks' with friends and neighbors. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Thank you to the New Strawn Christian Church for hosting this event each year!

Veterans Banners

Banners are displayed within the New Strawn Cnty limits along Main Street for one month in conjunction with Veterans Day activities. Thank you to residents who purchased a banner in honor or memory of their loved ones. Thank you to all the veterans for their service!

Vote!

The general election is Tuesday, Nov. 5. New Strawn residents who are registered may vote at the Community Building. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

New Strawn Branch Library News

The Coffey County Library New Strawn Branch has something for everybody! The library has a wide selection of items to check out like books, cd's, magazines and movies. If you want to watch that new release that just came out, come get it for free at the library. The New Strawn Library has activities going on throughout the month for all ages!

Children's Programming Includes:

Storytime – Every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.

Lapsit – Every Thursday at 11:15 a.m.

Teen Programming Includes:

Middle School After School Program – Every Tuesday at 3:45 p.m.

Adult Programming Includes:

Fiber Arts –(Crochet, Knitting, Sewing, etc.) Every Tuesday at 5 p.m.

Healthy You – (Chair Exercising) Every Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Book Club – Last Thursday of every month at 10 a.m.

Programs to look forward to:

Grocery Bingo – Nov. 12 at 6:30 p.m.

Santa Letters – Nov. 25 - Dec. 20. Write a letter to Santa and bring it to the library. Make sure to add a return address so Santa can write you back!

Gift Wrapping – Nov. 29 - Dec. 20. Tired of wrapping gifts, bring them to the library and we will wrap them for you!

Grocery Bingo – Dec. 10 at 6:30 p.m. Call the library for special details!

Pajama Storytime with Santa – Dec. 17 6:30 p.m.

6th Annual Pie Contest – Jan. 24 at 3:30 p.m.

Book Sale – February 2020

Edible Books Contest – Feb. 18

Please contact the library with any questions at (620) 364-8910 or visit their website at www.cclibraryks.org. Also, check out their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/new.strawn/>

New Strawn Library Hours:

Monday/Wednesday/Friday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday/Thursday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday: 9 a.m. to noon

CITY COUNCIL & STAFF: Mark A. Petterson, Mayor; Council Members, Rhonda Taylor, Richard Croll, Jeanne Haas, Gary Haehn, Jim Weeks; Joni Hernandez, City Clerk; Doris McBride, Assistant Clerk; Brenda Klubek, Treasurer; Ron Parkey, City Superintendent; Steven Dwight, Maintenance; and Robert Williamson, Assistant.

LAWN OF THE MONTH CONTEST WINNER: The "Lawn of the Month" contest winner will receive \$25 in Chamber Bucks. Thanks for all who participated. Please look for the announcement on our website at newstrawn.org.

NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT: The city council approved the purchase of new playground equipment for the community park that was scheduled for installation in October. It replaces the former, wooden equipment near the community building. The new equipment includes a Geo-Wave climber, crawl tube, twister slide, tetherballs, triple hoop, triple shoot out, and swings.

NEW SIGN: A new sign will be erected at Jones Park to replace the one damaged in the wind storms.

HOLIDAY PIE ORDERS: Home Town Pie Company is taking holiday pie orders. Please contact Wanda at (620) 344-0160.

MERAKI SALON: For your hair and nail appointments, please contact Heather at (620) 490-0057.

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 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.

STRAWNFEST 2020 - 50TH ANNIVERSARY: Strawnfest 2020 plans are underway. It will be held on June 20, 2020 in honor of New Strawn's 50th anniversary! A committee is being formed to plan for the occasion. Please contact City Hall at (620) 364-8283 if you would like to help organize events for the celebration!

CITY HALL CLOSINGS

Veterans Day, Nov. 11

Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28

Day after Thanksgiving, Nov. 29

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24

Christmas Day, Dec. 25

New Year's Day, Jan. 1

City Hall normal business is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.