

New Strawn Notes

November/December 2018

Christmas Open House

The City of New Strawn will be hosting a come-and-go Christmas Open House Dec. 6, 7 and 10 with refreshments at City Hall. We will have sign-up sheets for anyone who may be interested in volunteering to serve on community groups for activities such as Strawnfest 2019 and/

or Strawnfest 2020, Halloween Party, Community clean-up, etc. We will also be drawing for free fishing licenses with trout stamp.

Please stop in and say hello and have a snack as our thank you for being part of the community!

Register your pets in January

Animal licenses for 2019 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: \$2.00 for animals that are spayed or neutered; \$5.00 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.

Snow and 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.

Trout fishing expected by February

The city has plans to stock New Strawn City Lake with trout around late January. A city fishing permit is required to fish in the City's lake and can be purchased at City Hall as well as at Casey's General Store and Coffey County Honda. A valid Kansas state fishing license is also required.

City fishing permits are sold with a trout stamp through May 1 at the following cost: USD 244 (Burlington and New Strawn area) residents - Adult \$10, Youth \$4. Residents living outside of USD 244 will pay \$15 for an adult license and \$6

for youth. Anyone at least 16 years old must also possess a Kansas state fishing license.

Please, do NOT attempt to venture out onto the icy lake to fish. Shoreline fishing is permissible, but ice fishing is not. The City truly appreciates Casey's General Store, and Coffey County Honda in assisting us with the sale of City fishing permits. City Hall is not open on weekends and closes at 2:30 p.m., so these businesses offer would-be anglers a place to purchase a permit when City Hall is closed.

Lawn of the Month

New Strawn will once again be holding a "Lawn of the Month" contest for December. The winner will be awarded \$25 in Chamber Bucks and will host the "Lawn of the Month" sign in their yard. Judging will be Dec. 15-17 with the winner announced Dec. 21.

Community Building news

The Council approved installation of a new door at the Community Building in response to a State Fire Inspector's report. The new door should be installed by December 5th. A special "Thank You" to the New Strawn Fire Department and the wonderful group of volunteers who assisted members of the New Strawn Community Church, which hosted the annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Nov. 11!

Thank you to NSCIO

Members of the New Strawn Community Improvement Organization (NSCIO) informed the city it will not be hosting next year's Halloween Party. We would like to thank the NSCIO and volunteers who have worked so hard to host this 'spooktacular' event. The City of New Strawn appreciates each and every one of you! If there are any groups or volunteers who are interested in organizing for 2019, it would be great to see this event continue.

Asphalt work done

Asphalt work on the parking lots in front of City Hall and the Community Center have been completed as well as Third Street - Lake Road to Cherokee, Huron Circle at Cheyenne St., Choctaw Street - Arrowhead Drive to Mohawk, Osage - Neosho to First Terrace. Lines have been painted at the Community Center and will be finished soon in front of City Hall.

City Hall closings

Nov. 22 Thanksgiving
Nov. 23 Day after Thanksgiving
Dec. 24 Christmas Eve
Dec. 25 Christmas Day
Jan. 1 New Year's Day

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

NEW STRAWN LIBRARY NEWS: The Coffey County Library New Strawn Branch has something exciting for everyone! The library has a wide selection of items to check out like books, CDs, magazines and movies. If you want to watch that new release, get it for free at the library. The New Strawn Branch Library has activities going on throughout the month for all ages!

Children's Programming

- Storytime, Tuesdays 10:30 a.m.
- Lapsit, Thursdays 11:15 a.m.
- Discovery Time, Fridays 10:30 a.m.

Teen Programming

- Middle School After School Program, Tuesdays at 3:45 p.m.

Adult Programming

- Fiber Arts (Crochet, Knitting, Sewing), Tuesdays 5 p.m.
- Healthy You Chair Exercising, Wednesdays 10 a.m.
- Book Club, Nov. 29, The 19th Wife, by David Ebershoff

Santa Letters: Nov. 19 – Dec. 19. 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. 23 – Dec. 20. Tired of wrapping gifts? Take them to the library and let them wrap for you!

Cookie Swap: Dec. 16, 3:30 p.m.

Pajama Storytime with Santa: Dec. 16, 5:30 p.m.

Grocery Bingo: Dec. 4, 6:30 p.m. Call the library for special details!

5th Annual Pie Contest: Jan. 25, 3:30 p.m.

Book Sale: Feb. 11-16.

Edible Books Contest: Feb. 18.

Spring Break Activities: March 11-15

6th Annual Drive-In Movie: Aug. 3.

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

Contact the library with any questions at (620) 364-8910 or online www.cclibraryks.org. The staff hopes to see you soon!

BUSINESS CLOSINGS IN NEW STRAWN: We are sad that a few of our businesses closed this year. Thank you to the following for your years of dedication and being an asset to our community: Circle B Lumber, Farm Bureau Insurance, Prairie Winds Golf Course, Skillman Construction (now operating under new ownership as Victory Excavating).

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 click the link by going online to our website at newstrawn.org. If you have been on a past list or are currently on our notification list, you must renew your request annually on or after Jan. 1. NOTE: You must include your name with any requests 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.

STRAWNFEST: June 22 is the date set for the 2019 Strawnfest. In 2020, it will be the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the City of New Strawn! The City is forming a Strawnfest Committee and would like involvement from patrons to help in planning. There will be a sign-up sheet at City Hall during our Christmas Open House. We'd like to hear your ideas on how we can make this annual event more fun for all ages! We encourage anyone who would like to be involved with planning to sign up or please contact City Hall at (620) 364-8283 to have your name added to the list.

NEWSTRAWN.ORG: City Hall has a website where you can go online to pay your bill, read minutes, peruse city ordinances or check out upcoming community events. You can also find forms such as new account applications, community building reservation forms and other licensing forms.

If paying your bill online, there is a 2.5% fee for credit cards and \$1.50 if paying with your checking account. To avoid these fees charged by KanPay (not the City of New Strawn), you can pay in person or use the night drop box next to the City Hall entrance.

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

NEW STRAWN BUSINESSES ARE APPRECIATED: Not only is Buddies Bar & Grill THE place to be for Taco Tuesdays and Wing Wednesdays, it is now open on Sundays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Watch their sign out front for other specials and events.

Dental Office of Dr. James H. McMurray located at 209 Main is open on Mondays and Thursdays and can be reached at 364-8453.

Hometown Pie Company is located at 219 Main and would like to thank the community of New Strawn and Coffey County for their continued support. The business continues to grow and still distributes to retail stores as well as taking special orders for the upcoming holidays. Please call (620) 344-0160. Thank you to Wanda and Chad for choosing New Strawn for your "hometown" business!

Meraki Salon is located at 205 Main. Stylist Heather Bryan can be reached at (620) 490-0057 by calling or texting for appointments. Walk-ins are welcome! We are happy she chose New Strawn!

MT Networks is offering a special limited time promotional sign-up for New Strawn internet customers now through Dec. 31 with half-price installation. They can be reached at 364-3222.

New Strawn Business Directory

ADVANTAGE AUTO BODY,

145 N Main St 620-230-8273

ARROWHEAD HILLS TRAVEL SVC

Susan Croll 620-364-5871

BAHR STORAGE

Chris Bahr 620-364-2689

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 CO. RURAL WATER DIST. #3

235 N Main St 620-364-8099

DAVIS LOCK & KEY

Jerry Davis 785-493-4709

FRAME UPS

Janet Harkrader 620-490-0268

GREAT PLAINS CONSTRUCTION

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

MIDWEST FIRE TRAINING ASSN.

Cheryl Treptow 620-364-2832

NEWKIRK SALES

Richard Newkirk 620-203-0065

NEW STRAWN COUNTY LIBRARY

365 N Main St 620-364-8910

NEW STRAWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

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