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2017 SEWER & WATER RATES SET

In March, the City sets sewer rates for 2017 based on the water usage during the months of January, February and March. The readings for these months are averaged to determine the sewer rate for the rest of the year for residential customers as well as the debt service fee class. Additionally in March, a 1% increase is added to the base Sewer Rate as well as the base Water Rate. Those increases were set by the governing body in 2010.

City Wide Clean Up



The Spring City Wide Clean Up will be Saturday, April 15th.

This year's spring clean up will be different in that it will be a curb-side pick-up event. Waste Connection crews will be picking up items left at the curb beginning at 7:00am on Saturday.

Residents will need to have materials to the curb by that time. Once crews have gone thru a neighborhood they will not return. There will be no centralized collection area in the spring. Look for more details as the date approaches.

For the typical utility customer the base water rate will be \$12.94 with an additional charge of \$11.25 for 5000 gallons of water consumed. The average water portion of the bill is \$24.19. The sewer portion of the same bill would be \$27.68 with a base rate of \$22.68 and \$5.00 for usage. An additional \$15.00 is added for the debt payments on two bonds that the city issued for improvements at the sewer treatment facility. The original bond will be payed off in 2024 and after that the debt service fee will drop to \$7.22 for all users for the next two years.

Residents are reminded that they can pay their utility bill, view account history and past usage online. Customers will need their account number found on the utility bill to sign up and create an account. The link to the online utility information can be found at:

<https://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/clearwaterks>



NEW POOL SLIDE

The City of Clearwater, Clearwater Recreation Commission and Public Building Commission banded together this year for the purchase and installation of a new slide at the Clearwater Aquatic Center. The dual flume slide will replace the red dual flume slide. That slide was original to the center and over time has started to crack to a point that it was no longer safe to use.

The new slide will have the same color as before. The Public Building Commission also authorized funds for painting the pool itself as well as the blue slide and mushroom water feature. A new diving board will be installed as well this year.

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FIREMEN HELP OUT IN RENO COUNTY

The City of Clearwater Volunteer Fire Department assisted with the recent grass fires in Reno County. Six firemen and one vehicle responded to a call for assistance from Reno County and State Officials. The firefighters worked 12 hours shifts in fighting the fires that ultimately destroyed 10 homes and burned more than 5000 acres of grass land in the sand hills north of Hutchinson and injured two people.



The city will see plenty of road work this summer. City Crews and Contractors will be doing a variety of road maintenance projects consisting of; chip and slurry seals, narrow and wide crack sealing, and large patch repairs. The majority of work will be on 1st, Janet, Kansas, Nancy, Park, S.E. Drive and Wood Streets.

Additionally, the County will be doing mill and overlay work on Tracy and Ross. While a start date is yet to be determined, all work should be completed prior to August.

The firemen; Lt. Chad Sterrett and Firefighters Kolby Lauterbach, Trent Zimmerman, Jason Hecker, Josh Templin, and Matt Gibson were assigned to a company that was responsible for helping to extinguish grass fires in the area and search and rescue activities.

The officers received valuable insight in dealing with large scale fires as well as being able to learn alternate techniques to fighting grass fires and evaluate apparatus that other fire companies use in fight wildfires.



CITY COUNCIL ELECTION UPDATE

In 2017 there will be several changes to municipal elections in the State of Kansas and Clearwater. The local general election will now coincide with November elections. Because of this councilmembers terms have been extended to November where in the past they were up in April.

This year there are three seats on the City Council that will be up for election in 2017.

Candidates in the past have had the ability to get information and submit filing forms at City Hall. That has changed and all election information must go thru the county election office this year. Those wishing to run for City Council will have until noon on Thursday, June 1st to declare their candidacy. To be on the ballot residents will need to pay a filing fee or submit a nomination petition with 25 signatures of qualified electors.

More information on the election process can be found at sedgwickcounty.org/elections/

