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STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMUNITY INPUT OPEN HOUSE

Earlier this year, the City of Clearwater in conjunction with Wichita State University initiated a process to create a Strategic Plan for the City of Clearwater. This process will take approximately one year and will help the Governing Body and staff in decision making especially with respect to how and where we spend funds over the next five to ten years. The Strategic Plan will serve as a roadmap for our future.

A key part of the plan is citizen involvement and input. WSU has met with various local groups and organizations in the community to identify themes that will shape the plan. Additionally, the Strategic Planning Committee will be hosting a Come and Go Open House on Tuesday, November 29th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the Clearwater Executive Center, 226 E Ross.

Residents will be asked to provide ideas and inputs on six key areas identified in the initial meetings. Those key areas are;

- What will create an environment to sustain and grow local businesses;
- How can Clearwater expand housing options to ensure affordable and available options for all current and potential residents;
- How can Clearwater enhance public infrastructure and public spaces to support sustainable growth
- What are ways Clearwater can retain and engage young people to ensure sustainable community leadership for future generations
- How can Clearwater market our community to increase awareness and promote a positive community image
- What events, places, services and activities can connect citizens to the Clearwater community

We encourage all of Clearwater to come and be a part of this process.



Vacation Watch Forms

Heading out of town for the Holidays? Contact the Clearwater PD for a Vacation Watch Form. This helps officers on patrol identify residences that are vacant and keep a watchful eye on your property.

Other tips to keep you safe include;

Have your mail, newspapers, and packages held or picked up by someone you trust.

Use timers on lights while gone.

Have deliveries made to your work address so packages are not left during the day.

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EMS BILLING

For the first time since it's inception, Clearwater EMS will begin billing for services in 2017. A study done on the Fire and EMS Service for the City of Clearwater found that the current model of not charging for services was unattainable for the near and long term sustainability of the department. The City Council looked at several options including turning the Fire and EMS service over to Sedgwick County for operation. Of all of the options considered, an independent volunteer service operated by the city that charges for the services provided was the most cost effective to all residents. The city has selected a third-party that will handle all of the billing of runs thru insurance and Medicare or Medicaid. A graduated fee scale based on the severity of the run will be established to help meet the costs associated with operating a volunteer fire and EMS department and ensure the long term sustainability of the department.



Winter Driving Tips

It is that time of year to start thinking about winter weather. Some Tips to Keep you Safe

- Clean Debris from your vehicle
- Allow more stopping distance
- Be mindful of black ice
- Know Skid and Slide Recovery Techniques
- Pack a Winter Weather Kit for your car
- Stay Alert

The City is also in the process of hiring a full time Fire and EMS Director, who will be tasked with managing the day to day operations of both departments as well as recruiting, training, and coordinating volunteers to ensure proper and adequate Fire and EMS response.

CHISHOLM TRAIL SPORTS COMPLEX WALKING TRAIL

Earlier this year, the city was awarded a \$40,000 grant to install a walking trail in the Chisholm Trail Sports Complex. The trail will connect the existing sidewalk on 4th Street between Park Glen and School Property and the sidewalk on Ross just west of the drive to the sports complex. Funding for the grant is in conjunction with the Sunflower Foundation: Health Care for Kansas, a Topeka-based philanthropic organization with the mission to serve as a catalyst for improving the health of Kansans, the City of Clearwater and the Clearwater Recreation Commission. The trail should be completed later this year.

