

March 30, 2012

City of Concordia

Special points of interest:

- McDonalds Remodel
- Housing Rehabilitation Grant
- New CAD/ Radio Systems



“April show-
ers bring forth
May flowers!”
~proverb

O’Connor Animal Shelter Remodel

On Thursday, October 6th, the City Manager arranged to have the City of Concordia Street Department and Water Department crews complete the important repairs at the Animal Shelter necessary to pass our inspection. The crews began their work on Wednesday, October 12th.

Certainly after 26 plus years, the makeover comes with a welcome.

The construction crews completed the shelter repairs in mid-January, 2012. Through monetary donations from NCK PAWS, public and private individuals, and fundraisers, the shelter now has new inside kennels with isolation panels, grooming tub, washer/dryer combo, hot water heater, and new walls. A new fence was constructed with steel posts cemented in the ground to help block the wind and snow. Interior walls were replaced as there was mold found in the wood and sheet rock.

“This project definitely was worth the wait. All the hard work the Street and Water department workers did really has made a big difference with the new walls, grooming tub, washer and dryer and the new fence. When animals arrive and they are full of matts, stickers, and/or dirty, the grooming tub is such an asset. No more trying to bathe a dog in a two sided sink, or bathing them outside with no hot water. The new walls and insulation help keep the dog kennels warmer, as does the fence, which blocks the wind better. The mold is gone and everything seems to be much better for the animals, staff and volunteers.” (Statement made by Animal Control Officer Heather Acheson)

The shelter was inspected by the state on January 11, 2012, and passed with no deficiencies found.

Calendar

<u>April</u>	
Commission Meetings	4 & 18
Airport Advisory Board	10
Housing Authority	10
<u>May</u>	
Commission Meetings	2 & 16
Housing Authority	8
City Hall Closed	28
<u>June</u>	
Commission Meetings	6 & 20
Housing Authority	12



McDonalds Remodel



Expected finish date is the beginning of May.

Updates to McDonalds are:

- ◇ Completely new building, with a new design
- ◇ New driveway and parking.
- ◇ New drive through design, which includes two places to order.
- ◇ Added another window throughout the drive through.

Recreation Sports

K-18, Pee Wee, & Girls Softball Registration deadline is Friday, April 6th.

T-Ball Registration deadline is Friday, April 20th.

There will be a fee of \$10 when registering, and a late fee of another \$10 if after the deadlines.

City Pool

City pool opens May 26th!

- ◇ Hours will be 1-7 with adult swim at noon.
- ◇ Family pass \$100
- ◇ Single pass \$50
- ◇ 10 hole punch card \$15
- ◇ Purchase passes only at City Hall, punch cards can be purchased at City Hall or the pool.

“Spring is when you feel like whistling even with a shoe full of slush”
~ Doug Larson

Housing Rehabilitation Grant

The City of Concordia has been awarded a \$341,800 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant from the Kansas Department of Commerce for housing rehabilitation. The City has been working with the North Central Regional Planning Commission for the past year preparing the application for this grant. The target area of East 5th and 6th streets between highway 81 and Drake street

was selected due to its high visibility and need for rehabilitation as well as a number of demolition projects. Owners and tenants were notified through letters, and flyers were distributed throughout the area. A Public information meeting was held and pre-applications were received. Representatives from the Department of Commerce walked the target area and interviewed City representatives as part of the review process. On January 6, 2012

the City was informed it was one of four cities out of eight applicants to receive this grant. The grant administration process will start very soon by meetings with individual applicants and rehabilitation work is expected to progress throughout the summer and fall. If you have any questions about this housing rehabilitation grant you may contact Bruno Rehbein at City hall: 785-243-2672.



Before



After

2012 Commissioner Candidates

Christy Hasch

Charles Johnson

Years lived in Concordia?

"I moved to Concordia in 1985. I have lived in this area for 27 years."

Occupation?

"Currently, I work for the Learning Cooperative of North Central Kansas. I have held this position for nearly 27 years."

Issues that made you interested in City Commissioner?

"I have been interested in running for city commission for several years, but this is the first time that I believed I would have enough time to do a good job. I really don't have an agenda, but would be honored to be a part of the team that makes decisions to help Concordia move forward."

Years lived in Concordia?

"Eight Years."

Occupation?

"Retired from farming and as an agricultural engineer."

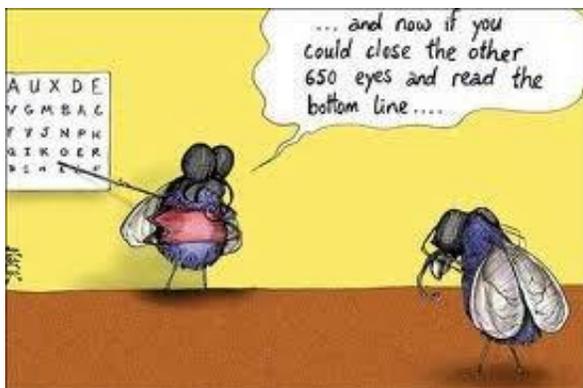
Big issues facing Concordia in the next 5 years?

"Budget Management-maintaining an affordable tax levy and refunding the budget carry-over. Economic Development- enticing industries to locate in Concordia, most probably smaller industries, 5 to 10 employees. Maintenance of the city's infra-structure- streets, water supply and distribution system, waste disposal system and storm sewer system."

The Water Dept. have changed 2234 meters. And have 241 left to go!

Top 10 Time Management Tips

1. Start with a plan.-Start the day with a clear concept of what needs to get done.
2. Focus on quality, not quantity.
3. Tackle difficult tasks in the morning.
4. Skip the settling-in routine. Start the day by digging straight into work, not wasting time drinking coffee and reading headlines.
5. Eliminate distractions.
6. Beat Procrastination.
7. Scale Back.- You may be taking on one to many tasks.
8. Delegate (whenever possible).
9. Choose the right communication medium.- Is email or phone quicker?
10. Plan your schedule two days ahead.





Newest Employee

Rick Simpson

Rick started with the Water Dept. on January 1st, 2012. His title is Municipal Service Worker, and his jobs entitle maintenance at the WWTP, hauling sludge, mows, jets and works the camera for the sewer mains.

“Spring is nature’s way of saying, “Let’s Party!”~ Robin Williams

CPR Class

The City of Concordia does encourage everyone to get CPR certified. Most of the city employees received their certification on Feb. 28th. The next Class will be at the beginning of May. CPR classes usually last about seven hours long with a hour lunch during the day. If you would like to get CPR certified, contact either Thea McMillan or one of the firefighters, to get your name on the list. (785)243-2670



Coping with Stress

Coping with Stress at Home!

- * Laugh at yourself
- * Don’t forget to breathe.– Consider taking Yoga
- * Slow Down!
- * Compartmentalize.– Try to approach the things that stress you out in a different way.
- * Get Exercise!
- * Picture a happier you.

Coping with Stress on the Job!

- * Make time for breakfast!
- * Talk about it.– Discuss the problems at work.
- * Sleep on it!- Everyone needs at least 7 to 8 hours of sleep.
- * Give yourself time to refocus.
- * Listen to music.
- * Think positive!

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City Scrapbooks

Now on the website is the City of Concordia's scrapbooks. These scrapbooks date back to 1954!

Check them out at www.concordiaks.org

Happy Birthday!



April

Doug Thoman~19th

May

Rick McWhorter~ 9th
Tim Halfhide~ 14th
Ken Davis~27th

June

Jeremy Arnold~5th
Michael Nelson~6th
Amber Farha~14th
Robert Miller~30th

City Commissioners



Lyle Pounds, Commissioner Charles Johnson, Commissioner Marsha Wentz, Mayor Tim Parker, Commissioner Gary Fraser, Commissioner

Would like something added to the newsletter? Contact tmcmillan@concordiaks.org

Management Team

Larry Uri, City Manager
Stacey Crum, City Clerk
Amber Farha, Finance Director
Ron Copple, Public Works Director
Chad Buckley, Utilities Director
Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector
Tom Gennette, Recreation Director
Larry Eubanks, Fire Chief
Chris Edin, Police Chief