



City of Eastborough News Update

2015 City of Eastborough – SPRING CLEAN UP

Saturday, May 16th, 2015 -

10:00 am -2:00pm

Items must be brought to the street for curbside pickup
and set at curb prior to 10:00 am Saturday May 16th



Items to be collected;

General trash, small amounts of bundled brush or limbs, Furniture including, chairs, couches, tables, Appliances including, washers, dryers, dishwashers, microwaves, Small electrical appliances such as TV's, computers, mixers, blenders, Patio grills, patio furniture, push lawn mowers (free of gas & oil) and lawn trimmers, Mattresses and box springs

Items that CAN NOT be accepted;

Tires, car batteries, oil filters, fluorescent light bulbs, propane tanks, no asbestos materials, explosives, paint, no liquids such as pesticides, fertilizers, solvents, fuel or oils, antifreeze. No refrigerators, freezers, or air conditioners

No construction or remodeling debris. No loose trash or debris.

Details are posted on the website eastborough-ks.gov.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE – May 2015

It must be spring again since our annual newsletter is out. During the year we regularly communicate with our residents by email and website updates. Our newsletter gives council members the opportunity to tell you what they have accomplished and what to expect in the future.

We recently had an election and Stacy Moore and Greg Shelton ran for a 2nd term and Jerry Cohlma ran to replace Chris Owen who decided to step aside. I would like to thank Stacy, Greg and Chris for their past service and welcome Dr. Cohlma as our newest Council Member.

As a reminder each council member has specific responsibilities. Those are:

Greg Shelton: Council President, Parks, Trash Service and Long Range Planning
Cathy Tilma: Newsletter, Community Affairs Liaison and City Hall Maintenance
Stacy Moore: Finance, Budget & Accounting, Memorial Gifts, Zoning, Architectural Review and Insurance/Benefits
Danny Wallace: Code Enforcement, Home Business Licensing & Technology Liaison
Jerry Cohlma: Streets, Utilities & Fire Protection
David Anderson: Police, Legal and City Court Liaison

*Danny and Stacy work closely on most ordinance and zoning issues.

Jerry has agreed to be our "Street Czar" which includes Utilities and Fire Protection. Jerry has already been meeting with MKEC, our engineering consultant, to get up to speed on street repair projects and our plans for the future. Since he is new I will take this opportunity to give you an overview of what we have accomplished and what we hope to accomplish going forward.

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Last year the City of Wichita, who owns and maintains our water lines, completed the installation of new water mains on the south side of our city from Douglas to Kellogg. I hope you would agree that the contractor, Nowak Construction, did a great job in completing the project in a timely manner with minimal issues. This summer, if Wichita has the funds available, a similar project will happen from Douglas, north to our city limits. If not this year maybe 2016.

We completed a number of Valley Gutters south of Huntington this year which almost eliminated standing water in those intersections. These are the concrete sections that move water from one side of the street to the other in route to a storm drain. We will add several more in the future north of Huntington once the water line project is completed. It would be a waste of money to engineer new valley gutters now because when the streets on the north side are reengineered, the gutters may not be at the proper grade. We will delay any repair, sealing or major work on those streets, except for pot hole repairs, until the water line project is complete realizing that the heavy duty trucks may damage some of those streets. Once the project is complete, new road work will be engineered and completed.

Your council will consider several road projects this summer to insure that our streets do not deteriorate. If you are wondering why we are working on streets that appear to be in good shape while ignoring those that are in need of an overhaul, simply put, we want to make sure the streets that are in the best shape now remain at that level by sealing cracks and the surface to stop any water damage in the near future. The roads that are in really bad shape will not get any worse so those situations will be addressed later.

South Central Sealing & Paving, our primary street contractor, is in the process of filling pot holes throughout the city. If you see a pot hole that has not been taken care of please contact City Hall with the location. SCC & P is also repairing several storm sewer inlets that are in need of rebuilding. Two on Woodlawn just north of Douglas on the West side of the street, one at Hampton & Norfolk and one at the south end of Brookfield Dr. That drain will be converted to a natural above ground spillway into the creek.

It was discovered recently that West Eastborough was not a part of the Minneha Township. The rest of Eastborough is. Years ago West Eastborough was part of the Wichita Township which was dissolved and West Eastborough should have been absorbed into Minneha Township. When this was discovered the County Commission was petitioned to make that change which they did. All cities of the third class must be part of a township by statute. Minneha provides our street sweeping and some debris removal if needed.

Since the first of the year twelve (12) homes have sold in Eastborough and one is pending. This is good news for everyone!

I would also like to remind you that our City Council meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at 5:30PM. All residents are welcome to attend. If you want to address the council about an issue, please contact Barbara or Debra at City Hall to be placed on the agenda.

David J. Anderson
Mayor, City of Eastborough

A message from Police Chief Cox:

I hope this edition finds everyone well and safe. I am pleased to announce that our newest recruit officers, Michael Erwin and Alexis Hiser, are doing well since graduating from the Police Academy and completing their Field Training Officer Programs.

Severe weather season is upon us as I write this article today. While we cannot control the weather, we can take measures to keep ourselves and our property safe during severe storms.

1. Keep yourself informed of possible approaching storms by watching or listening to the areas weather forecast.
2. Be observant of the weather conditions while you are outside.
3. Have a plan in place for your household to follow during severe weather.
4. Designate a safe place in your home, such as the basement or an interior room on the ground floor that has no or few windows.
5. Keep emergency supplies in that area such as canned foods, bottled water, a battery powered radio, a flashlight, blankets and first aid kit. Also have a whistle available so you can alert first responders in case you get trapped under debris.

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CITY PARKS:

As I write we are enjoying our first and badly needed spring rain. Not only will the color in our parks continue to come out but the ponds at City Park are full again. With the change of season you can expect to see our partners at Echo Landscapes and Trim All hard at it to make and maintain our more than a dozen common areas attractive.

Like many of our citizens the City is working to clean up limbs and debris from the storm that blew through a little over a week ago. Our partners will continue their efforts and by the time you read this the work will be complete and our parks ready to enjoy.

Since last Fall it has been possible to address several drainage issues. There has also been significant work done to remove dead trees and limbs. Our North Park benefited greatly from doing so as we had very few down limbs during the recent storm.

The largest winter project was to drain the pond and rebuild several failed sections of the retaining wall around the pond. Now that the ponds have filled again we will be able to turn on the waterfalls and truly bring City Park to life for the summer.

We are extremely fortunate to have the many park areas that we enjoy as citizens. As you can imagine a great deal of work and investment is required to maintain these areas. As citizens, we can all share in protecting and enhancing our parks by keeping a few things in mind and helping to remind others that:

- Pets are to be kept on a leash as required by City ordinance #1088.
- When walking pets, be sure to clean up after them using the provided waste stations as provided by City Ordinance #1188.
- Collecting and removing leaves and limbs in yards keeps it from causing drainage issues.
- Feeding the wildlife is a violation of City Ordinance G11-01.
- If you see any park areas needing attention, please contact the office.

As communicated in the past, Eastborough must comply with the EPA Clean Water Act. As such we will be monitoring water quality entering and exiting our borders. The most significant way for us to impact water quality is to be cognizant of what we allow into the water. Things like excessive use of chemicals and fertilizers and allowing yard clippings into the street drains will have a negative impact. If you have a lawn service, please be sure to advise them that City Ordinance #1271 restricts the placing of yard waste in the street.

Finally, as you work to maintain your property, feel free to contact the office if you are in need of a referral for routine needs such as tree trimming/removal, stump grinding, tree spraying and fertilization, etc.

Thank you in advance for helping to keep our parks attractive and I hope you enjoy them this summer.

Greg Shelton, Parks Commissioner

A Special Thank You to Rick Lynn for sanding and painting the park benches in the north park for the City!

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Severe weather can occur anytime of the year but is more common in the spring and summer. It's not just high wind and tornados that injure people and claim lives. Lightening and flooding are just as dangerous. If you see lightening it is best to stay indoors until the lightening is over. Do not enter flooded areas by foot or in your vehicle. Flood waters claim more lives each year than lightening and tornados combined. Remember **"TURN AROUND—DON'T DROWN"**

If you want more information on weather safety you can visit the following sites:

Sedgwick County Emergency Management: www.sedgwickcounty.org/emergmt

National Weather Service: www.weather.gov/ict

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable spring and summer. Remember do not hesitate to call 911 to report suspicious persons, vehicles or activity. 911 is the fastest way to have our officers respond to any situation.

Chief Matthew Cox

Eastborough Police Department

NEWSLETTER:

Please respond to my email address below with any comments, questions or concerns regarding our city. It will help make Eastborough the best it can be for all residents.

Cathy Tilma, cathy.tilma@eastborough-ks.gov

FLOOD PLAIN UPDATED - INSURANCE UPDATES

2014 Accomplishments & 2015 Goals:

I am happy to report that 2014 was a successful year for the city of Eastborough and my office. My office covers many duties of the Council and I assist Danny Wallace in the Ordinance Management position. Two of the major items were the changes to the 100-year flood plain and the addition of a Kansas Water Pollution Control General municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit. If the MS4 sounds complicated it's because it is. There will be an added ordinance with associated enforcement and testing of water as required by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment in conjunction with the Environmental Protection Agency. What this means to you as a resident is be aware and cautious of anything that you dispose of in and around the city and be cognizant of the amount of fertilizer and other products that are used on and around your yard that could wash into the "Creek " and eventually the "Pond" in the main City Park.

For the Flood Plain requirement, a small number of residents will be affected specifically by this adjustment. These residents will be notified by letter and will receive specialized information regarding the possible new requirements. For the rest of the residents, you will now be able to purchase Flood Insurance. Previously the City of Eastborough had no houses in the flood plain and as a direct result did not have an ordinance allowing for the purchase of Flood Insurance. Now that will be updated

For the upcoming year I will be accomplishing an audit of our insurance requirements and the associated expenses in an attempt to lower our fiscal costs while maintaining an acceptable level of risk. We will also have to continue pursuing the goals outlined by the new MS4 permit. I look forward to the year being as productive as the last.

Stacy Moore
Council Member

Next City Council Meeting:

May 5th, 5:30pm

Some items to discuss:

- Variance Request - #21 Hillcrest
- MKEC to discuss 2015 Street Project
- Updates from Council Members

If you have a concern, observation, idea or questions, please reach out to your city council members. Their direct emails are listed below.

Input from Eastborough residents is important!

We Need Your Email Address!

In order to improve our communication with residents it is important that we have everyone's email address. There are circumstances that require immediate notification of residents by our police officers or notifications regarding street or utility work going on in our city. Please contact City Hall to update your records.

Please send your name, address and email address to barbara.kratzer@eastborough-ks.gov.

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