

SAND CREEK TRAIL RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Word has been received that the Sand Creek Trail has been designated a National Recreation Trail by the U.S. Dept. of Interior. Such a designation by the Secretary of Interior is to "recognize exemplary trails of local and regional significance."



The Sand Creek Trail was initiated in 1997 through the efforts of local citizen Jacob Goering and the late Larry Voth, then Director of Development at Bethel College. The wood chip trail is now a two mile loop that begins at Memorial Grove near Bethel College maintenance shed. It is governed by a volunteer board of directors and maintained by volunteer as well as paid employees. A significant endowment with Central Kansas Community Foundation is in place to ensure the maintenance in perpetuity.

Richard Rempel, trail manager, was instrumental in receiving the designation for the trail. "I saw there was such a thing as NRT designation. I went on the internet and thought that we could meet the requirements. So I asked the committee for approval and they gave it."

Sand Creek Trail is one of 41 trails in 17 states receiving the designation on June 2nd.

NORTH NEWTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION?

Interest is growing about the creation of a North Newton Community Foundation or community endowment. The mission of such a foundation or endowment is to create and preserve wealth for the long term benefit of the citizens of the community. If a resident wishes to make a current contribution or to remember his or her community in their estate planning, a community foundation is a logical vehicle to be the recipient of the bequest. Also, the foundation is enabled and directed to carry out the specific wishes of the benefactor.

Foundations and endowments are similar in many ways. An *endowment* is a "pot" of money that is invested. Only the investment earnings are used to further the goals of the endowment. Simply stated, a *foundation* is a collection of endowments or less restrictive funds, each of which has its own accounting and disbursement procedures.

Several area communities have created community foundations, including Hesston, Halstead, Hillsboro,

Goessel, Peabody, and Florence. All have had gratifying results to date. The Hillsboro Community Foundation has been in existence for about eight years and has raised and retained approximately \$1,000,000 in permanent endowments.

Each of the above cities is an affiliate of Central Kansas Community Foundation and work under the umbrella of that foundation's tax-exempt status. CKCF provides investment management and back office support. CKCF has full-time staff and is based in Newton. For more information contact North Newton City Hall, or Sandi Fruit, Executive Director of Central Kansas Community Foundation at 283-5474.

WATER CONSERVATION 101

Things you can do to save water outdoors:

- Water lawn only when it needs it, even if you water from a well. If you step on the grass and it springs back when you move, it doesn't need watering yet.
- Deep-soak. A light sprinkling every day is worse for your lawn than a deep soak several times a week.
- Water during the cool of the early morning.
- Check sprinklers heads and position so they don't water driveways and streets.
- Plant drought-resistant trees and plants and mulch around them.
- Don't hose off driveways and sidewalks--use a broom. Don't leave hose running when washing vehicles.
- Check for leaks in pipes, hoses, faucets, and couplings.

Things you can do to save water indoors:

- Use your dishwasher and automatic washing machine for full loads only.
- Don't leave faucet running when rinsing dishes or cleaning vegetables.
- Keep a bottle of drinking water in the refrigerator instead of running taps until water turns cool.
- Check faucets and pipes for leaks. Replace washer rings. Even the smallest drip from a worn washer can waste 20 or more gallons a day.
- Check toilets for leaks. Put a little food coloring in your toilet tank. If the color begins to appear in the bowl without flushing, you have a leak.
- Install water-saving shower heads or flow restrictors.
- Take baths or shorter showers.
- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth or shaving.

-----Excerpts courtesy of American Water Works Association



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A quarterly newsletter for
the people of North Newton

The community is invited to a free fireworks show at Kidron Bethel Village, 3001 Ivy Drive

July 4

Hotdogs, chips and pop served for a small charge in main parking lot beginning at 7:30 p.m. Watermelon is free! Fireworks show will follow at dusk. Bring lawn chairs or blankets and come enjoy the show!

For those who need help completing the Application for Free and Reduced Meals, help sessions will be held at Newton High School on the dates and times listed below. Please enter through the main entrance. Spanish translators will be available at all help sessions.

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July 25-8 A.M. to 7 P.M.; July 26-8 A.M. to 5 P.M.

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USD 373 ENROLLMENT

Enrollment packets will be mailed out to returning USD 373 students on July 12, 2011 and are due back no later than July 27. If you do not receive a packet in the mail by July 16, please call 284-6280, ext. 1122. Applications for free and reduced meals will be mailed on July 19. The Applications for Free and Reduced Meals should be completed and returned to USD 373 in the same envelope with completed enrollment forms. A convenient drop box is located outside the front (south) doors at Newton High School.

For students who are new to USD 373 only, One-Stop Enrollment for all schools will be held on Tuesday, August 2, at Newton High School, 900 W. 12th Street, in Willis Gym, from 7:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and 4:00 to 7:00 P.M. Use the north entrance to the school. Kindergarten students who did not pre-enroll in the spring are considered new students and should attend One-Stop Enrollment.

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At their June meeting, Council approved a water rate increase for higher water consumption effective July 1. The minimum of \$11.65 for the first 300 cubic feet has not changed. Usage above minimum will increase by 20%. Not only do we expect an increase in water treatment fees by Newton, there is a declining balance in our Water Fund. We also need to be putting money aside for anticipated capital improvements. We expect that this increase will be sufficient for a minimum of a year.

ANNUAL WATERMELON SOCIAL



North Newton residents are invited to the annual Watermelon Social on **Tuesday, August 16 at 7:00 P.M.** It will be held at Memorial Grove on the east side of the Bethel College campus. It is being sponsored jointly by the Sand Creek Trail Committee and the City. You are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and mosquito repellent.

In case of rain, the event will be held **Thursday, August 18 at 7:00 P.M.** at Memorial Grove.

FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT...

Thefts are on the rise in Harvey County. The majority of items taken are power tools and small electronic devices. Thieves can get fast money for these. It is very important that people record the make, model and serial numbers of these and other items in a home inventory. This aids law enforcement in the recovery because information on stolen items is placed in a database system.



Criminals are also out to steal credit cards. If your cards are ever stolen or missing, immediately cancel them and report it to the police department where the incident likely occurred. Most

criminals will use credit cards within 30 minutes of taking them. Take the necessary precautions to secure your valuables.

YOUR NEW NEIGHBORS

- ◆ Roland & Vermetta Funk – 305 West 23rd Street
- ◆ Nathan & Sylvia Bartel – 2916 Wildwood Way
- ◆ Harley & Shelly Nickless – 2809 Goldenrod Rd.
- ◆ Doug & Brenda Toffeland – 305 Witmarsum W.
- ◆ Grant Phares & Kara Nantikes – 2310 Edgemore
- ◆ Katie Crump – 2903 Sumac

TAKE NOTE...

* The City accepts American Express, Discover, and MasterCard **credit cards** for payments. However, you will see a 3% transaction fee on your credit card statement. We are not set up to accept VISA or debit cards at this time, but hope to offer more options in the near future. Automatic bank draft is available for your utility bills.

- * The next three regular **City Council meetings** are July 11, August 8, and September 12 at 7:00 P.M. Citizens are welcome to attend and bring concerns to the attention of the council.
- * Lost anything in a city park or other public place in town? Check **Lost and Found** at City Hall.