

All donations are tax deductible. The next meeting of the NNCF Board is Thursday, April 19, 7:00 to 8:00 A.M. in the North Newton City Hall conference room. The public is invited to attend all Board meetings.

WATER SUPPLY STUDY COMPLETED

At their March meeting, the Mayor and Council received a report on North Newton's current and future water supply. Louis Funk, an engineer with the firm of Bartlett and West reported that North Newton's wells provide adequate quantity of water, but the quality of water is deteriorating. Water from North Newton's wells is sent to Newton's treatment plant where it is blended with Newton's water and sent back to North Newton via Newton's pump station and water towers. The final blended water that comes to town is of very good quality.

North Newton will obtain adequate new and existing sources for future water needs. The question now becomes what we do with it after it is pumped out of the ground. The engineering study provides five options including continuing to send it to the Newton treatment plant, or constructing our own pipeline, treatment facility, and water tower. The long term cost of each option is included in the study.

The City Council is reviewing the study and will meet to discuss it at a work session before the April Council meeting. This is the most significant issue North Newton has faced in many years.

FERAL CAT PROBLEM

City staff has trapped about one dozen cats, most of them feral, in recent weeks. These cats are taken to Caring Hands Humane Society where it's determined if they are adoptable or not. They are euthanized if they are not adoptable. We urge citizens not to set food outdoors for these cats or household pets as this can attract a variety of critters.



Mark your calendars for Kidron Bethel Village Celebration Day, Friday, June 8 5:30 – 8:30 P.M. at 3001 Ivy Drive, North Newton.

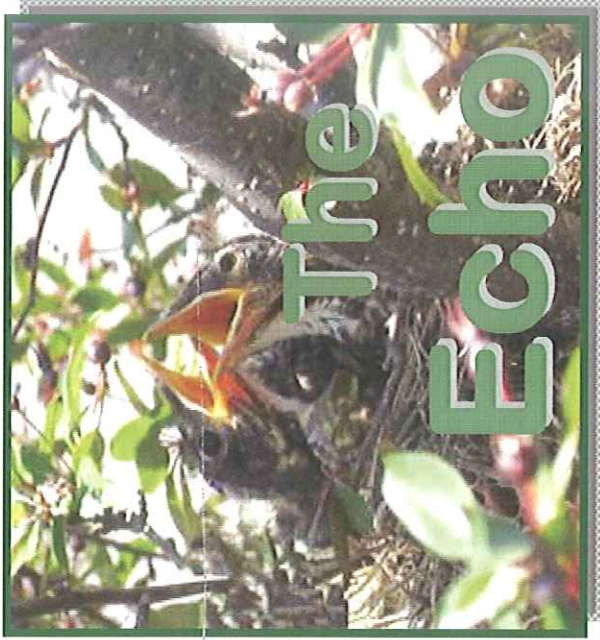
The event will include an auction, a wonderful meal and fun for all ages. For details, call 284-2900, ext. 237.

BITS & PIECES

- ❖ **Sewer consumption** was reaveraged this month and applied to residential customers' April bills. This sewer consumption figure will remain on your bills for the next year. Sewer consumption is based on the average water used from mid-November to mid-February (found on the January, February, and March bills).
- ❖ At times City Hall will be closed during the noon hour Monday through Thursday. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.
- ❖ City Hall will be closed Monday, May 28 for **Memorial Day**.
- ❖ The next three regular **City Council meetings** are April 9, May 14, and June 11 at 7:00 P.M. Citizens are welcome to attend and bring concerns to the attention of the council.



COVER PHOTO: This photo of a nest of young robins was taken by Cindy Hiebert. If you have a great summer photo, you may submit it to depcc@northnewton.org for consideration in the July ECHO.



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ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN-UP

From April 16 through 20, the City Maintenance Department will provide its annual free curbside residential collection of materials. Different materials are picked up on different days subject to weather conditions and may take several days to complete. Please have all materials at your curb by Monday, April 16 and follow these guidelines:

➤ **KEEP PILES AWAY FROM UTILITIES AND METER PITS.**

➤ **OLD APPLIANCES (INCLUDING DEHUMIDIFIERS) MUST HAVE FREON REMOVED AND BE TAGGED BY A CERTIFIED TECHNICIAN INDICATING REFRIGERANT HAS BEEN REMOVED.**

➤ **MATERIALS MUST BE SORTED AND SEPARATED INTO GROUPS.**

C & D-examples

Mattresses
Box springs
Clay pots
Lumber
Dry wall
Furniture
Bricks
Toilets
Sinks

Junk-examples

Plastic pools
Wire fencing
Microwaves
Garden hoses
Books
Stereo equipment
Lamps
Toys
Vacuums

Limbs/Thorny Vegetation

Manageable quantities placed parallel to the curb.
(Contractors that YOU hire to cut down trees or limbs are required to haul them off.)

Bagged Yard Waste

Do not mix any trash in with compostable waste.
Thorny vegetation may be placed with limbs.

➤ **UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS FOR SPRING CLEAN UP**

Normal recyclable materials (set recyclables on the 17th away from clean up materials)
Day-to-day household trash (set household trash on the 18th away from clean up materials)
Hazardous wastes (motor oil, lead-based paint, car batteries, pesticides, etc.)
Liquids of any kind
Tires

Construction waste, such as large amounts of wood, concrete, etc. (Contractors that YOU hire for remodel or demolition projects are required to haul off the materials.)

EARTH DAY ADVENTURE WALKABOUT

Mark Sunday, April 22 on your calendar to get some exercise, tour new facilities, and learn of North Newton's history and achievements. The afternoon begins at 1:30 at the Kauffman Museum with a ribbon cutting for the new interpretive signage project. Then you are invited to celebrate Earth Day by walking the many trails in and near the community. Local interpreters will be at each of the eight new interpretive signs to assist you in understanding the significance of what each represents. This event is being co-sponsored by the City of North Newton and Kauffman Museum.



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NORTH NEWTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (NNCF) UPDATE

As reported in the January 2012 edition of *The Echo*, the NNCF was established on December 7, 2011 with Board members Jim Goering (Chair), Sher Klassen Neufeld (Vice-Chair), Kevin Geraci (Secretary Treasurer), Jake Goering, Ron Braun, Jennifer Vogts and Dalene White. The City of North Newton has designated \$5,000 as "seed capital" to be used as a one-for-one match up to the first \$250 of any donation allocated to the NNCF's Impact Fund. Any donor contributing at least \$250 within the first year of operation is designated as a "Founding Member of the North Newton Community Foundation". As of this writing, four donors have met this condition; their contributions have generated an additional \$1,000 from the City's seed capital. Thus, \$4,000 of the City's grant remains to be matched. In February the NNCF Board established the Vincent Hill Memorial Park and Playground Fund to honor the life and memory of the North Newton toddler who died of abuse in 2010.

At present the NNCF comprises three funds with a balance totaling \$9,247: 1) the Impact Fund with a current balance of \$8,694; 2) the Vincent Hill Fund with \$353; and 3) an Operating Fund with \$200. All are under the general management of the Central Kansas Community Foundation. The newly-developed mission statement of the NNCF proposes that its programs support community education, cultural enrichment, improved human health and improvement of the physical environment. Further information can be found through the North Newton CF link at the Central Kansas Community Foundation website (www.ckcf.net). Those wishing to donate to the NNCF should send checks payable to the North Newton Community Foundation to:

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CKCF
301 North Main, Suite 200
Newton, KS 67114

or to:

Jim Goering, Chair
NNCF
301 Bluestem Street
North Newton, KS 67117

YOUR NEW NEIGHBORS

- Darren & Summer Wheeler – 2905 Sumac
- Kent Peters & roommates – 600 Bluestem
- Peter & Melissa Roseberry – 304 Old Colony Court
- Terra Scott & roommates – 2305 Berry Avenue