

IN MEMORY OF SHER NEUFELD.....



City Clerk, Sher Neufeld, passed away the morning of June 13 after battling a long illness. Sher began working for the City in 1993 as the Deputy City Clerk. In 2002 she assumed the role of City Clerk.

Many of you will remember her vibrant personality and loyalty to North Newton. Her presence will be greatly missed.



☞ Don't forget that in North Newton Class C, or common fireworks, can be discharged only on July 4th between 10:00 A.M. and midnight.



USD 373 ENROLLMENT



Enrollment packets will be mailed out to returning USD 373 students on July 10, 2011 and are due back no later than July 25. If you do not receive a packet in the

mail by July 14, please call 284-6280, ext. 1119.

The 2012 Free & Reduced Application release date is July 18, 2012. On or after July 18, households may apply for Free & Reduced Meals using one of three ways:

1) Apply online using the Infinite Campus Parent/Student Portal. The online application process is quick and easy! The portal is located in the upper left hand corner of the Newton USD 373 website, at www.newton.k12.ks.us. In order to apply online, parents must have an established portal account. The parent portal is also a great resource for monitoring student grades, assignments, attendance, lunch accounts, etc. To establish a parent portal, call 316-284-6223.

2) Download and print the 2012 Free & Reduced Meals Application and the Waiver of Confidentiality. These forms can be found in the Enrollment area on the district website. Submit the Application and Waiver of Confidentiality with enrollment forms by June 25. Forms may be submitted by mail or by using the drop box at the south entrance of Newton High School.

3) Pick up the Free & Reduced Meals Application and the Waiver of Confidentiality at Newton High School. Submit these forms, along with enrollment forms by July 25, 2012. Forms may be submitted by mail or by using the drop box at the south entrance of Newton High School.

For students who are new to USD 373 only, One-Stop Enrollment for all schools will be held on Tuesday, July 31, 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.

For those who need help completing the enrollment paperwork, help sessions will be held at Newton High School on the dates and times listed below. Please enter through the main (south) entrance. Spanish translators will be available at all help sessions.

July 18–8 A.M. to 5 P.M.; July 19– 8 A.M. to 7 P.M.
July 20–8 A.M. to 3 P.M.; July 23– 8 A.M. to 7 P.M.



WATER ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED

Mark your calendars for 7:00 P.M. on Monday, August 13. At their regular meeting the City Council and interested citizens will hear a presentation from Louis Funk of the engineering firm of Bartlett and West regarding North Newton's options for its future water supply.

For some time we have been reporting that the water quality in our two municipal wells is deteriorating. We need to locate new water sources and sink new wells, pumps, and construct a new pipeline. The question at hand is whether we continue to send our water to the Newton Mission Plant for treatment and transmission, or send the water directly to North Newton and construct a treatment facility and new water tower.

Come to the Council meeting and learn about the advantages and disadvantages of all of the options that are available.



ANNUAL WATERMELON SOCIAL

North Newton residents are invited to the annual Watermelon Social on **Tuesday, August 14 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 16 at 7:00 P.M.** at Memorial Grove.



MEET PATRICIA REDDING— NORTH NEWTON'S NEW CITY CLERK

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Patricia Redding as North Newton's new City Clerk. Pat is a graduate of Berean Academy and Tabor College. She has spent the last seven years as office manager for the Woods Law Office in Hesston. Her duties in North Newton began June 13. Pat and her husband, Keith, reside in Hesston. Stop by City Hall and welcome Pat to North Newton.



Kidron Bethel Village invites North Newton residents to a free fireworks show, Wednesday July 4, on its main campus at 3001 Ivy Drive. Free watermelon will be available starting at 7 p.m. Hotdogs, chips, pop and water will be available for \$1 each. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy an evening of fellowship and fireworks with your North Newton neighbors! Fireworks begin at dusk.

Kidron Bethel Village maintenance staff and friends annually fund and present the fireworks show for the benefit of Kidron Bethel residents, their families and the community.

BILL HAKE RESIGNS FROM CITY COUNCIL

Bill Hake and his wife Rosie are moving from North Newton to Sand Creek Station in Newton. He is no longer eligible to serve on the North Newton City Council and has submitted his resignation effective July 1. Bill has served on the Council since 2005 and has always been diligent, observant, and helpful. He will be missed. Mayor Braun will nominate Bill's replacement to serve the remainder of his term. The Mayor's nomination is subject to the ratification of the City Council.



FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT...

During summer we see more bicycles and foot traffic on our streets. I would like to remind you of the importance of the safety of our citizens. When walking please use sidewalks if available. If walking along streets, face oncoming traffic. At night wear reflective clothing or carry a light. Bicycles ridden at night must have a front lamp that emits a white light at least 500 feet. Motorists, be aware of bicycle riders and pedestrians. Be courteous and considerate. North Newton remains a wonderful place to live. Let us try to keep it safe for all. –Police Chief, Ray Classen



NEW NEIGHBORS AROUND TOWN

- ◆ Alvin & Nadine Peters – 8 Jasper Court
- ◆ Dan & Tamara Casey – 2905 Wildwood Way
- ◆ Kelven & Brenda Mays – 2607A Goldenrod Rd.
- ◆ Aaron & Carey Austin – 2427 College Avenue
- ◆ Ramon Espana – relocated to 2911 Sumac
- ◆ Patrick Bollin & Carlee East – 2921 Sumac



TAKE NOTE....

- * City Hall **holiday closings**: Wednesday, July 4 and Monday, September 3.
- * Got a **photo ID**? Remember to take it to the polls August 7th! It is now required.
- * Pay attention to The Newton Kansan this September and your October ECHO for further details on the City's fall **Tree Program**.
- * The next three regular **City Council meetings** are July 9, August 13, and September 10 at 7:00 P.M. Citizens are welcome to attend and bring concerns to the attention of the council.

NORTH NEWTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION UPDATE

July 2012 marks the eighth month of existence of the North Newton Community Foundation (NNCF). Since its establishment in December 7, 2011 the total value of the NNCF has grown to \$12,725 as of June 6, 2012, of which \$10,924 is in the Impact Fund, \$1,352 in the Vincent Hill Memorial Parks and Playground Fund, and \$449 in the Operations Fund. Since establishment, nine donors to the NNCF have each provided at least \$250 to the Impact Fund, therefore qualifying as "founding contributors". These donations totaling \$2,500 have been matched dollar-for-dollar by a \$5,000 grant of "seed money" from the City, leaving a balance of \$2,500 available from the grant to be matched with future donations of at least \$250 each before the end of 2012. Potential donors should contact Board Chair, Jim Goering at sgoering@juno.com or Sandra Fruit, Executive Director of the Central Kansas Community Foundation at www.ckcfc.net.

This Impact Fund balance, together with expected future contributions by year's end, may generate as much as \$500 available to support worthy causes in North Newton. This first annual benefit, while small, is deemed significant for the principle it embodies, i.e., using community philanthropy for local betterment. **This note invites the views of North Newton citizens on how those funds might best be used.** The ultimate success of the Foundation will depend largely on the extent to which it is perceived to address important community issues. The NNCF mission statement provides the overall framework. The Foundation will support "...efforts that enhance community well-being through expansion of educational opportunities, cultural enrichment and improvement of human health and the physical environment." The NNCF Board is eager to have community input on possible uses consistent with this general framework. All suggestions will be carefully considered by the board and authors of those deemed most promising will be invited to prepare a more detailed project application form. Suggestions should be emailed to Jim Goering and labeled "For Real and Permanent Good" or sent by postal mail to 301 Bluestem Street, North Newton. The term "for real and permanent good" is attributed to Andrew Carnegie when he established the path-breaking Carnegie Foundation.



COVER PHOTO: Assistant Chief of Police, Bill Koonce, with the City's newest rookie?

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