CITY TO APPLY FOR GRANT
The City Council has approved an application for funding from the Kansas Department of Transportation for a hiking/biking trail under the Transportation Alternatives program. If KDOT approves the project it would provide the looping of the trail system, beginning at 30th Street and Kidron Creek, northward along the east side of Kidron Creek to 36th Street, westward across the creek to Anderson Avenue, southward along the east side of Anderson Avenue, and eastward to connect with the existing path that comes into Lakewood Circle from the southeast. Estimated cost for the project is $650,000 which includes a 10 foot concrete walk, site preparation, a creek crossing, and pause points along the way. This is a competitive grant process and KDOT would pay for 80% of the project if approved. Successful applicants will be notified in the fall. Construction would begin and be completed in 2018. More information is available at City Hall.

COMING CITY COUNCIL ELECTION
An election will occur on November 7 for three seats on the North Newton City Council. The five candidates are Nathan Murphy, Dennis Campbell, Kurt Friesen, and incumbents Gregg Dick and Jim Goering. More information on each candidate will be provided later in the summer in your utility bill.

NNCF AWARDS CEREMONY HELD
The North Newton Community Foundation held a celebration dinner and grant awards ceremony at the Meridian Center on June 1. Approximately 95 attended the event, many of them North Newtonians. Eight charitable organizations were awarded $7,800 in response to approved applications. Applications approximating $29,000 from 18 organizations were scored on a competitive basis. The cost of the dinner and ceremony was underwritten by private donors - no foundation funds were spent. If you are interested in attending the ceremony in the future, please notify City Hall.

NNCF has grown significantly since its founding six years ago. The asset base is nearing $180,000 including seven component funds.

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDED
Newton and North Newton share the same zoning ordinance that includes the sign ordinance. Recently the two cities decided to have variations in allowing digital signs. Newton allows such signs based on the zoning in which the sign is to be located. North Newton has elected to allow digital signs in specific zones, but also requires that the City Council consider an application before a conditional use permit is approved. The criteria for granting such a permit include location, possible adverse effects on adjacent properties, etc. It is expected that an application will be filed for Northwoods Plaza.

2018 BUDGET SEASON
The 2018 city budget process has begun. The Council conducted its first budget work session at their June meeting. A draft budget will be presented at the July 10 meeting. A public hearing on the budget will be held at the August 14 meeting. We do not expect that the budget will call for a property tax increase.

REPORTING STREET LIGHT OUTAGES & PROBLEMS
Reporting a street light outage in your neighborhood is easy! Go to www.WestarEnergy.com, click on Outage Center, then Report a Street Light Out. Fill in the required information and submit. You may also call 1-800-544-4857. It is helpful if you provide the pole number located approximately nine feet off the ground (begins with A or B and has five digits).

NEWTON USD 373 ENROLLMENT FOR 2017-18
One-Stop Enrollment for NEW USD 373 students will occur Wednesday, July 26 - 7:30 am to 1:00 pm and 4:00 to 7:00 pm - Roller West Gym at Chisholm Middle School, 900 East First Street (parking on north side).

Online enrollment help is available at www.usd373.org or by calling 316-284-6222.

The CHEROKEE MAIDENS
In concert with their band, Sycamore Swing Thursday, September 14, 2017
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
On the lawn at Kauffman Museum
2801 North Main
Saddle up your lawn chairs and come enjoy some vintage western swing music with a mix of country jazz. Refreshments will be for sale. Event is free to the public, but a $10 donation per family is suggested.
Facebook.com/KauffmanMuseum Facebook.com/cherokeemaidens
WORTH NOTING

➢ Class C, or common FIREWORKS, can be discharged by citizens in North Newton only on July 4th between 10:00 a.m. and midnight. CLEAN UP YOUR FIREWORKS DEBRIS IN THE STREETS, PLEASE!
➢ City Hall has a LOST AND FOUND collection of watches, keys, glasses, toys, and other items. Have you checked to see if your lost item has been turned in to City Hall?
➢ The speed limit around KIDRON BETHEL VILLAGE is 20 mph for an important reason. Please slow down, folks, or you may get a citation!
➢ North Newton has an ordinance regulating the height of weeds and obnoxious growth of vegetation on your property. When WEEDS/OBNOXIOUS VEGETATION reach over 12 inches the City will issue the property owner a notice to abate.
➢ Call City Hall if you get a door-to-door salesperson that is not able to show you a NORTH NEWTON PEDDLER'S PERMIT.

➢ The HARVEY COUNTY HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION FACILITY, 3205 SW 24th, takes paints and related products, pesticides, household products containing solvents, ignitables and aerosols. There is no charge and they are open Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Call 316-283-5439 if you have questions. NOT accepted: commercial waste, explosives, ammunition, firearms, radioactive materials and medical waste. In addition, a nearby compost area is available for dumping your residential leaves and grass clippings at no charge.
➢ Do you pay your utility bill using an ONLINE BILL-PAY service? Payments that arrive at City Hall after the 15th will be subject to penalties.
➢ After a severe storm City crews will pick up DOWNED BRANCHES that are placed at the curb within a coupe of days.
➢ The next three CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS are July 10, August 14, and September 11 at 7:00 P.M.

Fireworks Extravaganza
Tuesday, July 4
Kidron Bethel Village
BlueStar Communities
3001 Ivy Dr. in North Newton

8 to 9 p.m. — Family Celebration Time
9 p.m. — Opportunity Quilt Drawing
At Dusk — Fireworks Extravaganza Show
Kid’s games, hot dogs, beverages & snacks
Bake & craft sale • Homemade ice cream • Opportunity Quilt ticket sales to benefit the Health Care Benevolent Fund

It’s a family celebration
Fireworks Extravaganza is Kidron Bethel Maintenance Department’s annual gift to residents, families and the community and Friends of Kidron fundraising event for the Kidron Health Care Benevolent Fund.

Bring your lawn chairs!
Flashlights recommended for ease in navigating to and from parking areas.

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