

NOTES FROM THE FRONT

THE CITY OF DEL CITY



May 08, 2009

Del City Council

Brian Linley	Mayor
Dick Carter	Ward 1
Bill Giles	Ward 2
Ken Bartlett	Ward 3
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Helpful Telephone Numbers



City Hall
(405) 677-5741

Police Department
(405) 677-2443

Fire Department
(405) 671-2891

Economic Development
(405) 671-2812

Public Works
(405) 671-2873

Utility Billing
(405) 671-2820

Inspections & Permits
(405) 671-2814

Community Center
(405) 671-2868

Code Enforcement
(405) 671-2818

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Regular city council meetings take place every first and third Monday at City Hall located at 4517 SE 29th Street, Del City, Oklahoma. The last regular meeting was held on May 4, 2009.

- Council approved minutes of special meeting of the Council of April 16, 2009.
- Council also approved minutes of regular meeting of the Council for April 20, 2009.
- Council approved budget amendment for FY 2008-2009.
- Blanket Purchase Order for Fleet Maintenance Division for FY 2008-2009 for a total of \$2,000.00 was also approved.
- Council approved Blanket Purchased Order for A-Deal Services in the amount of \$6,000.00 for Code Enforcement abatements.
- Council authorized Blanket Purchase Order to Sam's Club in the amount of \$3,000.00 for purchase of items for resale at the Eagle Harbor Aquatic

Center concession stand.

- Council approved to accept Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality Permit for the construction of 2,700 lineal feet of eight-inch water lines to service the Vento Villa, Del City Oklahoma County Oklahoma.
- There were a discussion of the proposed budget for the General Fund FY 2009-2010.
- Council approved assessment of abatement costs for emergency abatements to property owners Eagle Point Estates LLC located at 631 S. Olive Street #510, Los Angeles CA 90014 in the amount of \$430.21 and property owner Kameron Farris located at 4316 SE 43rd Street, Del City, OK 73115 in the amount of \$262.99.
- Council approved changed order received from ODOT regarding the installation of water line hangers on Vickie Street Bridge for the amount of \$1,650.00

CITY JOB OPENINGS

Building Inspector - \$33,622.90 - \$45,033.74 + Benefits

Vehicle Mechanic - Fleet Maintenance - \$27,671.53 - \$37,062.62

Supervisor - Fleet Maintenance - \$38,285.69 - \$51,278.97

Sign Fabricator - Street Dept. \$25,103 - \$33,622

For further information, contact Human Resources at 671-2827

Police Report

The Del City Police Department took part in Rose State College "Council of Presidents" last weekend. The event involved Del City and Midwest City Officers. Captain Harrison, Assistant to the Chief John Smith, Steve Robinson, Shawn Courtney and his Canine spent most of the day Saturday speaking with attendees to the event from Del City and Midwest City. Robinson presented a display of SWAT equipment and Courtney gave a demonstration with his patrol dog. John Smith spoke to several groups of Neighborhood Watch Members during the event. Chief Taylor and John Smith spent time in Austin Texas attending training that will benefit them in the planning of the new Police Facility. The training will cover planning and building information that will be very beneficial as development of the new facility moves forward.



Del City Fire Department Firehouse Happenings

The Del City Fire Department has been busy with calls for service, community events and some TV time. In mid-April, **Green Shift was featured on Fox 25's Morning News with "Firehouse Favorites"**, a weekly event highlighting some station cooking in Metro fire stations. Skip Self, Jon Sheehan, Marty Harrison, and Jerimiah Hoffstatter prepared a meal of grilled venison steaks, corn on the cob, and the featured item, stuffed mushrooms. Morning anchor Matt Austin was on the receiving end of some firehouse pranks, at the urging of his cameraman. On Thursday, April 23rd, some of the **residents of the Oakwood East Royale neighborhood presented Chief Jim Hock with a plaque** to the Del City Fire Department for their effort in protecting several homes in that addition dur-



ing the recent Wildfires in Midwest City. One of the residents whose home was protected had her home destroyed by the May 3rd tornado in the Del Aire addition. On Sunday, April 26th, five members of **DCFD participated in the 9th Annual OKC Memorial Marathon** during the relay event. Dustin Owen, Ryan Weaver, Keith Edwards, Chase Hawkins and Brandon Pursell each ran a leg of the Marathon Relay consisting of two 5k, two 10k and one 12k legs. DCFD finished 6th out of 27 in the Public Service Division in 3 hours, 47 minutes, and 49th out of 649 overall. While the team finished with a good pace and good time, the main focus was always on remembering those who lost their lives and those who responded on April 19, 1995.



Highlights - Armed Forces Day & Shriners Parade May 09, 2009

In spite of the few showers off and on prior to the parade starting and again a little later after the start of the parade everyone seem to have managed to have an enjoyable time. Nonetheless the 24th Annual Armed Forces Day & Shriners Parade was yet another successful event.



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FIGHT THE BITE Mosquito Control



Summer is almost here and so are the mosquitoes!!!! West Nile virus can infect humans, birds, mosquitoes, horses and some mammals. It is spread through the bite of an infected mosquito, usually the Culex mosquito. These mosquitoes pick up the virus when they feed on infected birds. The virus is then transmitted to animals and humans when bitten by the mosquito.

Culex mosquitoes are most active in Oklahoma from July through October. Later this summer as the Culex mosquitoes become active, persons are advised to apply a DEET based mosquito repellent to their exposed skin and clothing. DEET contains the chemical N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide, which repels the mosquito, making the person unattractive for feeding.



Things you can do to FIGHT THE MOSQUITO BITE

- Take a very hard look at areas around the outside of your home that could breed mosquitoes.
- Drain outside items that hold water (tires, cans, etc.)
- Cover wading pools, boats and rain barrels when not in use
- Keep rain gutters clean
- Don't over water plants and lawns
- Change water in pet bowls and birdbaths often (at least weekly)

Look for breeding areas in your neighborhood, such as abandoned pools; drainage ditches holding water, or other items that will hold water. Report these problem areas so they can be corrected, drained, or treated for mosquitoes.

Summer Season Dos and Don'ts

Pools

As the swimming pool season approaches, Del City officials are reminding residents it is illegal to discharge chlorinated pool water down a neighborhood storm drain. Pool water should be drained into a sanitary sewer line or de-chlorinated before it is released into a storm drain. Chlorinated water keeps your pool clean by killing off harmful bacteria that are unhealthy to you. In a similar manner, the chlorine kills off organisms in the streams. However, we need to keep these organisms healthy because they are part of the food chain for fish and other aquatic animals.

Grass Clippings

Grass clippings also damage the fragile aquatic life that resides in creeks. It is illegal to deposit grass clippings in a creek, in a concrete channel leading to a creek or allow the clippings to be washed into a storm sewer that is connected to a creek. All storm sewers in Del City are connected to a natural creek. The grass clippings cause several problems to aquatic life and the drainage system that carries the clippings. First, the clippings clog the pipes and cause localized flooding. They are also considered suspended solids and

when carried along with the storm water they ultimately degrade the quality of the water in the creek. Second when the clippings arrive at the creek they begin to decompose and again degrade the quality of the water in the creek. Grass clippings also carry along herbicides and pesticides as well as oils and grease that degrade the condition of the water.

Trash

Trash is the biggest offender to aquatic life. Plastic bottles, cigarette butts, and Styrofoam products do not decompose for many years and when they reach a creek they will be there for a long time. The disposal of trash through careless littering along city streets is collected by water runoff and is carried to creeks which are most likely someone's drinking water.



SUMMER AWARENESSES

Del City Sterilization Contract Update

In the last newsletter there were information informing you the reader that Del City was the recipient of an award to sterilize 571 dogs and puppies, more information is now available in reference to the award.

The Oklahoma City Animal Welfare Division has received a grant that will provide reduced cost for spay and neutering for the pets of low income families in Del City. The following information is provided for individuals wishing to take advantage of this service. Volunteers for Animal Welfare and Best Friends of Pets are working together on this project.

SPOT Clinic information: SPOT is managed by Volunteers for Animal Welfare. VAW runs a stationary clinic. They make appointments for surgeries. Owners will pay \$17.50 and the grant funds will pay \$17.50 for the surgeries. Animals come in early in the day and are sent home at the end of the day. They are located at 2017 S. Santa Fe, Oklahoma City, 73109 and their phone number is (405) 606-8476.

SNAP Clinic information: SNAP is managed by Best Friends of Pets. Best Friends works with local veterinary clinics, including Dr. Ohmann at 44th and Sunnyslane. Best Friends uses a voucher program in which owners complete an application and then receive a voucher from them. The grant will pay \$17.50, the owner will pay \$17.50, and Best Friends will make up the difference between the amount paid by the grant/owner and what the clinic charges for the surgeries. Depending upon the vet, dogs may go home the same day or may stay overnight, without an additional charge to the owner. To receive a SNAP application, call Best Friends at 629-6795. The SNAP application is a two-part form and must be mailed, It cannot be faxed or emailed.

The Good & The Ugly

Clean-up Continues in Del City...



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New Art Adorns the Del City Community Center Window In observance of Memorial Day



Environmental Tip

Wait for the storm to pass! Don't fertilize before a rain storm. Your fertilizer - along with your money - can just wash off your lawn and down the storm drain. Fertilizer runoff can pollute rivers, lakes and cause problems in recreational areas or fishing grounds. Check the weather forecast before you head out, and wait for the storm to pass.

Community events may be broadcast through American Broadcasting school (ABS) by calling (405) 672-6511.

If you have future announcements or events concerning Del City that you would like included in future publications of this newsletter please email your request to: econ@cityofdelcity.com with newsletter in the subject line.

THANKS TO ALL!



ANNOUNCEMENTS & ADVERTISEMENTS

The more you say, the
less people
remember.

François Fénelon