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Calendar of Upcoming Events March 2009 - May 2009

Regular Council Meetings
109 N. Birch - 6:30 p.m.
March 3, 2009
March 17, 2009
April 7, 2009
April 21, 2009
May 5, 2009
May 19, 2009

Planning Commission
109 N. Birch 6:00 p.m.
March 9, 2009
April 13, 2009
May 21, 2009

Board of Adjustment
109 N. Birch 6:00 p.m.
March 24, 2008
April 28, 2009
May 26, 2009

Annexation Committee
111 N. Main
March 25, 2008
April 22, 2009
May 27, 2009

Rayola Spray Park Opens For Season
March 16, 2009

Your Course Day
Bailey Ranch Golf Club
March 21, 2009

Leadership/Management Character Training
April 14, 2009

Free Landfill Day
Owasso Recycle Center
499 S. Main
April 25, 2009

Trail Days Parade
May 9, 2009, 9:00 a.m.
Main Street

City Offices Closed
Memorial Day
May 25, 2009



City Council Meetings are open to the public. Regular meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 109 N. Birch, in the Old Central building east of City Hall.

Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m.

A list of meetings and agendas can be viewed on the City website, or if you prefer, can be emailed to you. Please contact Julie Stevens at jstevens@cityofowasso.com, or 376-1577.



Social media was discussed at the recent Economic Summit as a means to communicate important information in a timely manner. The City of Owasso has created a Twitter account for this purpose. If you or anyone you know is interested in following the City on Twitter, please create a free account at www.twitter.com. Once the account is established, click on "Find People" and then click on "Find On Twitter" and enter "OwassoCity" as the user you would like to follow. While the City is still new to this form of communication, it is anticipated the Twitter account will be used to remind citizens of city meetings, community events and weather related emergencies. Contact Teresa Willson at 376-1514 with questions.



City Connection

Spring, 2009

Free Landfill Day

Saturday, April 25, 2009, 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Coupons will be available March and April at the Utility Billing window, Recycle Center and Public Works Office. Coupons will be available to residents who have a government issued I.D. with an Owasso address and/or a utility bill or other document available to confirm residency within the Owasso City Limits. Items not allowed include tires, hazardous materials, liquids or appliances without Freon certification. If you have questions, call 272-4959.

Leadership and Management Training

Hosted by the Owasso Character Council on April 14, 2009. Participants will receive powerful and practical insights on implementing a character initiative within their organization. To find more information, visit the website or email mdempster@cityofowasso.com.

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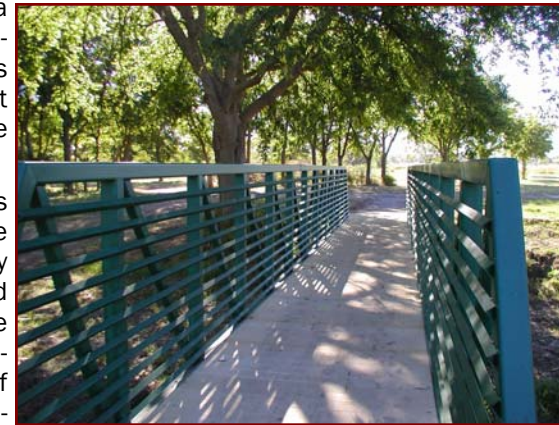
CITY SEEKS CITIZEN INPUT

Quality of Life Initiative/Capital Projects Planning Effort to Start Soon

In March, the Owasso City Council plans to initiate the development of a Quality of Life Initiative/Capital Projects Plan that will impact Owasso for future generations.

The purpose of this project is to improve and promote quality of life facilities and activities that will be impactful in expanding the livability of the Owasso community for residents. It represents a unique opportunity to integrate and expand parks and recreation throughout the City in a coordinated manner that improves upon

the quality of life of residents, and the children of residents. It will also allow for increased accessibility to natural landscapes and



amenities not currently available within the City. The selected consulting firm will receive direction from a steering committee and schedule a series of public

hearings and workshops to obtain input from community residents. Additionally, information articles about the initiative will be developed and a survey will be added to the City's website to obtain a broader range of citizen input.

This project will provide direction to the city leadership of today and tomorrow. Public input on this project is vital to its success. Please visit the City at www.cityofowasso.com regularly for continuing updates and the schedule of public hearings and workshops.

RESIDENTIAL SIGN REGULATIONS

Signs, signs, everywhere are signs.

A question the City frequently receives is about regulations for residential signage, including real estate signs, garage sale signs, signs advertising goods and services, and political campaign signs. Small, non-permanent signs placed on stakes are labeled "snipe signs" by the City of Owasso and are regulated by the City's sign code.

Real Estate snipe signs that advertise the sale, rental, or lease of residential premises are allowed; one sign on the property being advertised, and an additional

open house sign, that must display the address, date, and time of the open house, is allowed at the nearest entrance to the subdivision. Similarly, two garage sale snipe signs are allowed per garage sale; one sign is allowed at the location of the garage sale, and a second sign is allowed at the nearest entrance to the subdivision. The maximum size for both real estate and garage sale signs is eight square feet, and such signs are not allowed to be attached to utility poles or light poles. Snipe signs that advertise a product or a service are not allowed in the City of Owasso.

Political campaign snipe signs are allowed to be placed on private property as early as six weeks prior to the election. Political campaign snipe signs are allowed to be placed within public rights-of-way during the ten days prior to the election, and must be removed the day following the elections.

For more information about the standards for signage in Owasso, please contact the Community Development Department at 376-1540 or send an email to ewiles@cityofowasso.com.

eGov Coming Soon!

In the next few weeks your utility bill will contain information about a new online service. This service will allow you to register and pay utilities online, as well as review recent usage history. This service is free as the result of an upgraded Utility Billing system. Questions? Call 376-1520.

"May you have warm words on a cold evening, a full moon on a dark night and a smooth road all the way to your door."

- Irish Blessing



First National Bank of Owasso

Visit the Owasso Museum to learn more about Owasso's history.

26 South Main
Tu-Fri 12pm - 4pm
Sat 10am - 4pm

272-4966

CITY MANAGER'S NOTE -

The City's Economic Development Department has just concluded its first Economic Summit with over 150 attendees who heard from bankers and marketers; as well as an economic forecast from an experienced economist. All indications are that Owasso is well positioned to withstand the economic downturn the entire country is experiencing. Based on data collected by Dr. Mark Sneed, economist, Oklahoma State University Spears School of Business, it appears that even in a worst-case scenario, our community will continue to have positive growth in business, jobs, and population.

Just as important is the predication that Owasso may be the best positioned community in the metro area to quickly take advantage of the economic recovery when it begins. Our inventory of available home lots is where it should be and the diversity of those lots makes us poised to offer any size and value home from the first-time homebuyer to the move-up buyer. Owasso builders and developers have invested in new subdivisions in part because of our history of strong sales and a quality community. Even in this time of economic retrenchment, national brand stores

like JC Penney's are investing in Owasso and local businesses are expanding. That is the kind of investor confidence that makes Owasso unique and positions our community for an economic recovery that may be faster than those cities that are less prepared.

The Economic Summit gave residents and businesses clear data and let Owasso know just where we are in terms of economic strength. Those in attendance left feeling good about their decision to invest in Owasso.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEWS

The much anticipated opening of JC Penney is expected the first week of March. This new format store is the largest for the company in Oklahoma. Ross Dress For Less and Famous Footwear are scheduled to open shortly after JC Penney.

Dr. Mark Sneed's Economic Forecast presentation from the February Economic Summit is now available on the City's website from the Economic Development page. The forecast shows that Owasso will continue with slight growth. In order to

Character traits for March - May

Sincerity - Eagerness to do what is right with transparent motives.

Virtue - The moral excellence evident in my life as I consistently do what is right.

Honor - Respecting others because of the higher authorities they represent.

To learn more about the Owasso Character initiative, visit the city website at www.cityofowasso.com, or contact the Character Coordinator, Michele Dempster at 376-1535.

sustain the retail base we've established, it is important to choose Owasso when considering where to shop, shop in Owasso.

COUNCIL CORNER



Production Supervisor. Councilor Bonebrake was elected in March of 2007.

Councilor Bonebrake became interested in serving on the City Council in order to have a means to give back in service to the Owasso community. He states, "As a representative, I must be careful that my decisions are balanced assuring we don't over spend, borrow, tax or especially become stagnant where ultimately our city would no longer be prosperous. Even though much of the world is suffering from an economic downturn, Owasso still has opportunities for measured

growth as long as we continue to be good stewards with our resources."

"Having the opportunity to work for our citizens and being in a position to contribute to the development of our community," is what Councilor Bonebrake finds most rewarding about his service as a Councilmember. Councilor Bonebrake is married to Paula and has three children ranging in age from 5 to 12. If you would like to contact Councilor Bonebrake regarding any problem or concern, he can be reached at dbonebrake@cityofowasso.com.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

**FIRE SERVICES
Owasso Ambulance Service**

While citizens living within the city limits of Owasso are covered by Owasso Ambulance service through the ambulance subscription contained within their water bill, many times customers residing outside of the city limits are confused as to whether or not they have the same coverage. Citizens residing outside of the city limits, and within the fenceline, may purchase an ambulance subscription for \$60 annually, which will cover any pre-hospital emergency trans-

port. For information regarding the purchase of an ambulance subscription, visit us on the web at www.cityofowasso.com.

POLICE SERVICES

Keith Hibbert, Jonathan Foyil, Jarod Mitchell, Lem Mutii and Vince Walls recently received honors at the 16th Annual Oklahoma Buckle-down Awards. Officer Hibbert received the prestigious Mathew Scott Evans Memorial Award for his contribution in traffic safety and seat belt enforcement and Officers Foyil, Mitchell, Mutii and Walls received awards in traffic safety.

PUBLIC WORKS

Two new refuse rule changes took effect February 1, 2009. In an effort to prevent blowing trash from littering neighborhoods, the City will require all trash to be bagged. This includes refuse placed inside the cart, as well as refuse placed along the outside of the cart. The second rule change applies to cart modifications. No modifications may be made to the carts, including adding lid straps. Any modifications

PARKS

As the weather warms, park shelters become an increasingly popular amenity. Park shelters can be reserved for

private parties at the rate of \$25 for a two-hour period. To review shelter locations and make reservations, visit www.cityofowasso.com or call 371-7975.

UTILITY DEPARTMENT

The City's Utility Billing Department will soon be calculating monthly residential sewer rates for next year. Sewer rates are based on the average water usage during the months of December, January, and February. The usage numbers for these months are added together and divided by three to determine each customer's new sewer rate.

For more information and department contacts, visit www.cityofowasso.com

PUBLIC PROJECT UPDATES

NORTH 129th ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Work continues as the section south of 86th St. North nears completion. Once complete, work will resume on the section between the High School and 96th St. North. Weather permitting, project completion is anticipated as scheduled for Spring 2009.

EMPLOYEE PROFILE



Stephanie Solenberger was selected Employee of the Quarter in December, 2008. Stephanie has been employed at the City of Owasso

since September, 2006. Stephanie is the Human Resources Analyst and busily assists employees each day with issues regarding insurance and other employment matters.

She is cheerful, helpful and compassionate, especially when dealing with sensitive situations for employees.

Stephanie is also involved in organizing the City's United

Way campaign and Relay for Life efforts.

She and her husband, Chris, enjoy traveling and spending time with their two dogs, Shadow and Powder.

The City appreciates the commitment Stephanie has made in providing excellent customer service to the employees of the organization.



Employee of the Year - 2008

Congratulations to Kyle Foster, Public Works Department, Refuse Division, on being selected as the Employee of the Year for 2008. Kyle has been employed by the City for six years.

Kyle strives to provide excellent customer service as he carries out his duties. He consistently goes out of his way to make the day of those he serves. Kyle is reliable and efficient and is a valued member of the Owasso team.

Yard Waste Collection

Begins April 13th. Yard waste must be separated from regular household refuse and placed in a City red cart or City bags for curbside pickup. Yard Waste can also be placed in clear bags for inspection purposes, and disposed of at the Recycle Center, 499 South Main. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Call 272-4959 with questions.



Timmy and Cindy At Elm Creek Park

For more information, or to locate a map of all Timmy and Cindy locations, visit www.cityofowasso.com and click on the Timmy & Cindy link.