



Your Connection

A Monthly Newsletter for City Employees

Transforming Wichita Together - Through Employee Recognition

Our actions are undertaken with **INTEGRITY**, honesty, and fairness, and reflect the highest ethical standards as we interact with our customers and co-workers. We are committed to maintaining the highest level of trustworthiness in our decisions and interactions.

We **RESPECT** ourselves our colleagues and those we serve. We are considerate of the need to balance home and work obligations. We strive to maintain the highest degree of dignity and consideration, embracing cultural and ethnic diversity.

Being **INCLUSIVE**, we believe in equality and value the contributions of all members of this organization. We engage in open and respectful communication. We leverage multiple perspectives, experiences and capabilities to achieve our objective.

We exercise discipline, dedication and commitment and accept accountability as **STEWARDS** of the community's resources.

We strive for **EXCELLENCE** in everything we do including service to our customers and the performance of our duties.

Transforming Wichita Together

The Employee Recognition Team is excited about the rollout of the programs that will highlight the accomplishments and achievements of the employees of the City.

Five goals have been established for the program:

- To recognize outstanding employees
- To communicate employee achievements
- To recognize employees quickly and specifically
- To promote continued excellence
- To retain employees

I.R.I.S.E. "Thank you" Cards

The first program is just underway as the "Thank you" cards were recently distributed with your paychecks. Every employee is encouraged to recognize fellow employees who demonstrate and support the Core Values of the City of Wichita through the I.R.I.S.E. Employee recognition program. When you come across employees who exhibit the Core Values, fill out your "Thank You" card and pass it to them.

"This is something totally different in that it allows employees to recognize each other" said Chris Atlee, Team Leader of the recognition program. "Typically, recognition comes from supervisors and they might not be around to see the positive actions of their employees. This type of program allows you to recognize a fellow employee



The Recognition of Service display was recently installed on the 1st floor of City Hall.

not only in your own work environment but in other departments as well."

Recipients of the "Thank you" cards can then deposit the bottom portion of their card into drop boxes located throughout city facilities and will then be entered into the monthly drawing for a \$25

check. Twenty checks will be awarded each month with the first drawing coming Apr. 2.

Additional cards can be obtained through department contacts or Human Resources.

Recognition of Service

The second major component, "The Employee Service Recognition Program", is to highlight employees and work teams in three individual categories:

- 1) Individuals or work teams who have identified and implemented a continuous improve-

ment action plan

- 2) Individuals who have exemplified outstanding customer service

- 3) Individuals or work teams that demonstrate and support the Core Values and Guiding Principals

"The foundation for the Service Recognition comes from what we're trying to accomplish through Transforming Wichita Together," said Atlee. "The key elements of team work, continuous improvement, and customer service is the focus. Employees should be recognized when they embrace these concepts and apply them to their work environments."

Department Directors and Supervisors will nominate individuals or work teams using the "Recognition of Service" nomination form. Completed forms will be submitted to Human Resources.

Various methods of recognition for this program include

- Posting of story and pictures on Employee Recognition display on first floor, City Hall.
- Feature story in "Your Connection" employee newsletter.
- Rewarding of work team members with department sponsored incentive
- Bi-annual reception of recognized individuals and work teams



Q & A With Deputy Chief Stolz



degree in Biology/Chemistry from Newman University and a Master's degree in Administration of Justice from Wichita State University. He has served as an adjunct professor at Wichita State University since 1990 and has instructed a variety of classes.

Q Hobbies or interests?

I try to make it to each City of Wichita golf course at

least twice a year to hack up the landscape in an attempt to play the game of golf. I am also an avid reader and try to read at least one book every two weeks. I have kids in every time zone of the United States so I also spend time traveling to see them.

Q Do you think Vice President Aide I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby perjured himself to protect the Vice President?

Yes - I am surprised he did not try to fall on the sword over the "quail shoot" incident too.

Q You've climbed the WPD ranks over 25 years. Which job did you enjoy the least and why?

I can honestly say I have enjoyed every assignment that I've been given in the Police Department. In each assignment I worked with

great people and learned new things. I would not trade any of the assignments I have had - that really is the truth.

Q Last book you read and why?

I finished Killer Angels for the second time last week. I finally made it to Gettysburg last year and have been reading a lot of Civil War stuff since the visit. Gettysburg was one of the few places in the country I've been that made the hair on the back of my neck stand up.... Very powerful place. The book discusses the battle in depth - excellent read.

Q Who are your professional mentors/role models?

Wow, there are so many. On the local police level, I've been blessed to work under three really good Chiefs --- Richard LaMunyon, Mike Watson and Norman Williams. They are very different people and yet I have learned a lot from each of them. On a more global scale I have admired Pope John Paul II, Martin Luther King, Mother Theresa and others who have displayed a passion to help others and further the cause of social justice while doing their best to maintain great personal integrity and dignity.

Q Which song makes you dance like no one's watching or sing like no one's listening?

Oh I can sing to everything from 50 Cent to the Beatles,,, and I butcher them all equally as well.

And I don't dance,,,, ever,,, not at all.

Q What's been your most dangerous encounter as a law enforcement officer?

I have been shot at twice, both times in encounters with drug dealers - very dangerous work. Either the criminals were very bad shots or I was able to duck the bullets with my cat-like reflexes. Actually, the criminals were just bad shots.

Q Got a favorite presidential candidate who's not Kansas Sen. Sam Brownback?

From the Republican side I like John McCain. Hillary and Obama are interesting on the Democrat side. Obama has some "Kennedy-esque" qualities about him which are intriguing.

Q What does Transforming Wichita mean to you?

Every organization, whether it's comprised of two people or two thousand, needs a definitive road map to lead it. I think TW gives us that roadmap with some very definitive goals and indicators to help guide us. To me, TW means being accountable to our citizens, to spend tax money carefully like it's our own, doing the best we can to provide the best service possible, and to treat citizens like they are family. Wichita is a good City and we sometimes forget how good we have it here.

Deputy Chief Stolz is a 25-year veteran with the Wichita Police Department. During his departmental tenure he has been assigned as a Patrol Officer, Crime Scene Investigator, Undercover Narcotics Detective, Street Supervisor, Narcotics Supervisor, Patrol Bureau Commander, Training Commander, Support Service Division Chief, and Field Division Chief. He is currently the Division Chief for the Police Investigations area and oversees 164 personnel within the Police Department.

In May, 1994 he was selected as one of the original community policing supervisors assigned within the department, and has since helped usher in the community policing philosophy under which the Wichita Police Department now operates. He has a Bachelor of Science

Excellence in Public Service

This year marks the 20th celebration of the Excellence in Public Service Awards. This program recognizes employees of the City of Wichita, Sedgwick County and the Wichita Public School System who exhibit the highest standards of dedication and provide exemplary service when carrying out responsibilities.

Three award recipients are selected each year, one from each organization. Each honoree will receive \$2,500. The program is designed to recognize public servants who go beyond the call of duty and to enhance the image of employees in the public sector.

The Excellence in Public Service Award program is sponsored by the DeVore Foundation. The City of Wichita, Sedgwick County and USD 259 want to thank William DeVore, Richard DeVore and their families for honoring public service through the program.

Wichita and Sedgwick County residents may nominate one of the thousands of public employees in our community. Nomination forms are available in the City Manager's Office, the County Communications Office and the USD 259 Marketing and Communications Office. Nomination forms may be completed online on the City's Web

site at www.wichita.gov

Nominees should demonstrate a combination of the following attributes:

- 1) Exemplary performance that has contributed to the public interest,
- 2) Innovative problem-solving skills that have improved service delivery,
- 3) Adherence to high ethical standards in carrying out job responsibilities, and
- 4) Community involvement through participation in civic organizations

Honorees will be chosen by a

nine-member committee, comprised of public and private sector citizens. Recipients of the award are recognized on the job by supervisors, colleagues, members of the Awards Committee, the DeVore family and the media in a coordinated, unannounced visit. The recipients are later honored at a reception, attended by friends, family members and coworkers. Awards are presented at the reception.

Wichita Public Library

AUTHORS
@your library™

In March and April, your library has several notable author visits planned. All events are free and open to the public; for more information, visit www.wichita.lib.ks.us or contact your favorite Wichita Public Library location.

Central Library

Wednesday, Mar. 14, 1:30 p.m.

Photojournalist Larry Hatteberg (Senior Wednesday)

Sunday, Mar. 11, 2:30 p.m. - Western writer Robert Day (*The Last Cattle Drive*)



Sunday, Mar. 25, 2:30 p.m. - Mystery writer Nancy Pickard (*The Virgin of the Small Plains*)

Wednesday, Apr. 11, 1:30 p.m. - Poet Dr. Raymond Nelson (Senior Wednesday)

Saturday, Apr. 14, 10:30 a.m. - Young adult author Lois Ruby (*Shanghai Shadows*) author chat

Saturday, Apr. 14, 1:00 p.m. - Lois Ruby talk and book-signing

Saturday, Apr. 14, 1:00 p.m. -

Lois Ruby teen workshop (registration required)

Rockwell Branch Library

Sunday, Apr. 1, 2:30 p.m. - Cookbook author Sicily Yoder (*Amish Cooking with Sicily Yoder*)

Alford Branch Library

Monday, Apr. 9, 7:00 p.m. - Mystery writer Susan Wittig Albert (*The China Bayles mysteries*)

Allegiant Air New Non-Stop Service to Orlando

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Low-cost airline, Allegiant Air, announced non-stop jet service to the fun and sun of Orlando, Florida from Wichita, Kansas beginning May 22. The low-fare carrier will celebrate the convenient, new service to the Sunshine State with introductory fares as low as \$69 each way, when booked at

www.allegiantair.com.

The airline will launch the new scheduled service with complete vacation packages including roundtrip air and three-night hotel stays for as low as \$225 per person, based on a three night hotel stay at the Rodeway Inn-Maingate, double occupancy and reflects a Saturday departure only.

The new flights will operate twice weekly, with service Tuesday and Saturday. Flights will depart Mid-Continent Air-

port at 9:55 a.m., arriving in Orlando Sanford International Airport at 1:00 p.m. Flights leaving Orlando will depart at 7:15 a.m., arriving in Wichita at 9:20 a.m. (all flight times are local).

Reservations may be made through Allegiant's website or the airline's Reservations Center at 702-505-8888 or professional travel agents.

Allegiant's \$69 one-way introductory fare is limited, not available on all flights, and must be

purchased by March 24, 2007 for travel between May 23 and Aug. 15.



Victor White and Mayor Mayans at Allegiant Press Conference

Fire Department

Fire Prevention Grant

Fire Prevention Division recently received a grant to purchase digital cameras that will give inspectors an additional tool to help them document code violations when conducting various building and fire code inspections.

There are times when code violations are challenged and may end up in court. The visual documentations of the violations will help provide the necessary proof that the actual violation did exist.

Use of the cameras for code violations has already

proved to be valuable. The department is also using the pictures as teaching visuals for code enforcement principals.

Fire Department Training Academy

National Builders Incorporated will be the general contractor for the improvements and remodel of the fire department training facility.

Concrete work has already started, and as a result of the work being done, all fire department training will be on a day-by-day basis until the work is completed around the first of July 2007. No firefighting skills will be compromised as a result of this work!

Change Your Clock-Change Your Battery:



Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday March 11. The fire department wants to remind all employees that when you "spring forward" with changing your clock time that you also take this occasion to change the battery in your smoke detectors.

Even though you may have a 110-volt hard wire smoke detector, the battery in the detector used for back up in the event of power failure still needs to be changed.

If you have a regular battery operated smoke detector and you have had the detector for at least 5 years, you may want to consider replacing the old detector with a new one instead of replacing the battery. When replacing your detector consider purchasing one of the new technology, 10-year battery operated detectors.



New Benches & Shelters for Transit

Wichita Transit is improving rider amenities by installing new benches and shelters throughout the city along established bus routes. Over the next 90 days, 16 shelters and 97 benches will

be installed, with the first shelter being erected at 31st South and Seneca in front of the Dillon's store.

The benches are 6 feet long and were custom made for Wichita Transit by LNI Custom Manufacturing, Inc. Shelters are coated with anodized paint to withstand harsh weather conditions. The shelter wall glass is a polycarbonate

plastic that is shatter resistant and tinted for UV protection. All of the benches and shelters will be bolted to cement pads for safety and security.

The estimated cost of Phase I is \$240,000 and is funded by 80% federal dollars and 20% local dollars.



Community Policing Help Victims of Domestic Violence

Domestic violence is an ugly crime. It disrupts families and often leaves victims and children emotionally scarred for years. For women affected by domestic violence, it often is difficult to leave the battering environment.

Step Stone is a program that helps women transition from the battering environment into a lifestyle that is safe and healthy. Often, the biggest obstacle to this

transition is finding a safe place for women to live.

Step Stone operates several "safe houses" around Wichita. Recently, community policing officers working out of the Patrol North Bureau volunteered their time to paint the interior of one of the houses. Using donated paint, they were able to repaint the interior of the home in short order. The officers in the photo are Buddy Sharp, Alex Recio, Steve Patton, Chuck Newman, Brandon

Lenzi, Doug Gerdes, Gary Morris and Paul Kimble.

In the process of transforming this safe house into a more livable residence for women victims of domestic violence,

these officers are helping to transform Wichita into a more safe and secure community.



Bridges Out of Poverty Training

City staff recently participated in a two-day training called "Bridges Out of Poverty" that increased their awareness of the differences in economic cultures and how those differences impact opportunities for success. People who didn't grow up in poverty are un-

aware of the "hidden rules" that govern many aspects of life for the poor. Those in poverty often function in a survival mode, where the future holds little promise, and support systems taken for granted by the middle class and wealthy are nonexistent.

The Colvin Neighborhood City Hall chose this training as a part of their "One Block At a Time - Neighborhood Stabilization Team" project in Planeview. The training was provided at no charge by staff from the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services.

During the training, City staff created a mental model of poverty, reviewed poverty research, examined a theory of change, and analyzed poverty through the prism of hidden rules of class, resources, family structure and language. Staff learned to develop action plans for improved services to citi-

zens, to focus on new strategies for changing program designs, and procedures to improve outcomes when working with citizens from poverty.

Staff attending the training said it had a positive impact on them personally and professionally, and highly recommended it for other City staff. Those who participated in the training included: Dana Brown, Kelli Glassman, LaShonda Porter, Terri Dozal, Virдена Gilkey, Patricia Houston, Martha Sanchez, Officer Colin Gallagher, Officer Steve Jerrell, Sgt. Allen Wolf, Leonard Fox, Jan Chatman, Debbie Nguyen and Janet Johnson.



Housing & Community Services

Congratulations Family Self-Sufficiency Graduates!!

On Friday Feb. 23, the City of Wichita's Housing and Community Services Department, Section 8 Division, honored individuals who have successfully graduated from the Family Self-Sufficiency Program. The Ceremony was held at the Senior Services Center, 200 S. Walnut in Wichita, Kansas at 7:00 p.m. Graduates received a gift, certificate, and recognition for their ac-

complishments. The celebration, which included food and entertainment, was highlighted by keynote speaker Mary K. Vaughn, Director of Housing and Community Services.

The **Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program** is a federally funded program designed to assist Section 8 families become economically self-sufficient. This voluntary program couples the support and guidance provided by FSS Coordinators with community programs and services to assist

motivated participants in overcoming barriers that lead to independence. Graduates of the FSS program have strived up to seven years to successfully complete goals of homeownership, credit improvement, employment, training, and/or educational goals such as

GED completion or degree programs.



Aquarium Exhibit Opens At WATER Center

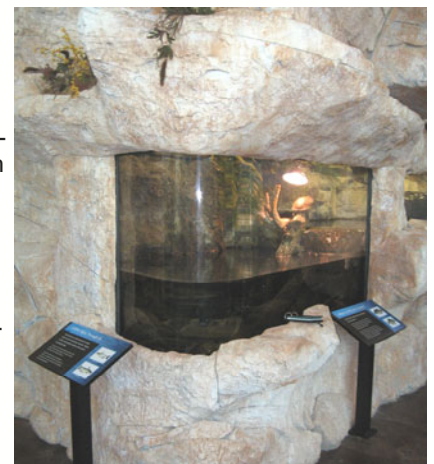
WATER Center Completes Aquarium Exhibit with the help of Forrest C. Lattner Foundation

In 2006, the WATER Center requested financial assistance to support the construction of the hands-on water education exhibits conceptualized by Taylor Studios Inc. The Center was thrilled to receive a \$5,000 grant from the Forrest C. Lattner Foundation to continue this excit-

ing, multi-phased process. The Lattner Foundation monies were combined with an additional \$3,750 in donations leveraged by the Center. The total amount, \$8,750, was used to fund the design, construction and installation of the "Aquarium Panel" portion of the *Captive Flow* exhibition. The "Panels" were completed in December 2006 and installed in January 2007.

When totally complete, the *Captive Flow* exhibition will

disseminate water quality information to the public in an effort to improve public exposure to, and increase adoption of, water conservation and pollution prevention methods. In the future, visitors to the WATER Center will journey through the anatomy of a water molecule, the water cycle, pollution, conservation and stewardship displays.



What's Happening At CityArts

Mar. 2 - Apr. 4: "The Art Show at the Dog Show" Exhibit



Art Show at the Dog Show is the nation's premier

juried fine arts competition devoted to man's best friend, the dog. Annually, it attracts entries from both established and emerging artists who portray our canine friends in a wide variety of media and in all styles. This unique art show is sponsored by the Sunflower Cluster Kennel Clubs.

The entire show will be displayed at the Sunflower Cluster Dog Show at the Kansas Coliseum in April.

Mar. 2 - 30: "The Cat Show at the Art Show at the Dog Show" - Second Floor Conference Room and Second Floor Gallery

As a fun counterpoint to the Dog Show, our CityArts cat



lovers will be given a chance to show off their best friends in the second floor galleries during the

month of March. Look for a fun and humorous look at some of our purr-fect pals.

Mar. 23: "Dog Gone" 6:00-8:00pm - in the gallery at CityArts

It's time once again for the dogs in the world to be able to share the gallery at CityArts with their favorite friend. "Dog Gone" is done in conjunction with, "Art Show at the Dog Show". It's a great time for all involved with many activities planned for you and your favorite dog to enjoy.

Bring your well-behaved and socially responsible dog for a great time at CityArts in the gallery.

Mar. 21 - Bach's Lunch Nouveau Quintette

Free noon concert open to the public.

The Nouveau Quintette is an acoustic gypsy jazz group that is fashioned after the style of Django Reinhardt and Stephan Grappelli. They have been together just over one year playing for different functions and events. This year, they were the opening act for Joseph Vincelli at the River Festival Mardi Gras night. People enjoy their easy style and laid back approach to jazz. The group includes: Ken White, Rob Loren, Shane Marler, David Kamerer and Jim Keefer.

Health & Wellness Tips

Generic Drug Mythbusters!



Myth #1 Generics are not as potent as brands!

Fact-The Food and Drug Administration mandates that generics have the same quality, strength, purity and stability as brands.

Myth #2 Generics are not as safe as brands!

Fact-The FDA regulates that all drugs be safe and effective. Generics have the same risk-benefit profile as the brands.

Myth #3 Generics take longer to work in the body!

Fact-Generics deliver the same amount of active ingredient per dose as the brand.

Myth #4 Generics cause more side effects than brands!

Fact-FDA monitors and reports Adverse Drug Reactions. There is no difference in rates between generics and brands.

Myth #5 Brands are made in modern manufacturing facilities and generics are not!

Fact-The FDA will not permit drugs to be made in substandard facilities.



Dental Tip

Keep your mouth healthy, Delta Dental covers one cleaning

every six months. X-rays once every 12 months. Make it a habit to take care of yourself.

Check out your financial health

The Federal Trade Commission has required credit reporting companies to make your credit report available to you once per year. Go to the FTC web site and select the Credit report hot topic to access your free annual credit report. www.ftc.gov

The Common Cold

The flu and the common cold are both respiratory illnesses. They are caused by different viruses. Because they have similar symptoms, it can be difficult to tell them apart. But cold symptoms are much milder than flu symptoms

There is no cure for the common cold. Drink fluids to keep your body hydrated. This helps prevent another infection from setting in. Drinks like coffee, tea, and colas with caffeine actually contribute to dehydration. If you find that you are not very hungry stick to simple foods. Chicken soup is comforting, plus the steam helps break up congestion. Over-the-counter cold medicines can offer relief from aches and fever. Low-grade fever actually helps the body fight off infection by suppressing the growth of viruses or bacteria and by activating the immune system. Contrary to popular belief, antibiotics are not effective in the treatment of colds. Colds are caused by viruses. Antibiotics kill bacteria, not viruses. However, ear and sinus infections can result from a cold, and these infections can be treated with antibiotics.

For the first few days of your cold you are contagious, so it's best to stay away from others. Some time resting will also help speed you along the road to recovery.

The best ways to prevent the spread of a cold is to wash your hands frequently. Use an alcohol-based gel if you don't have access to water.

Cough and sneeze into a tissue or into your hands. Wash your hands afterward.

No tissue? When you cough, turn your head away from others. If you have a sudden sneeze, bend your arm and sneeze into it. Don't touch your eyes, nose, or mouth. Wash any shared surfaces. Viruses can live on surfaces for several hours. Stay away from crowds during cold and flu season.



Planning

Arena Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan

On March 1, 2007, the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission recommended the *Arena Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan, March 2007* as an amendment of *The Wichita-Sedgwick County Comprehensive Plan*. Over the last year and a half, Gould Evans Associates has worked closely with a citizen's steering committee, area stakeholders, residents, landowners, business representatives and the community at-large to build consensus in the development of this plan for approximately 160 acres of downtown surrounding the Sedgwick County Arena - scheduled to open in 2009. The plan contains a vision that this portion of downtown will become a vibrant, redeveloped urban place where people want to live, work and visit due to its proximity to existing and proposed downtown assets. Guiding principles for the plan are:

1) Build on existing linkages and assets

- 2) Encourage private investment that creates a special urban place
- 3) Acknowledge distinct districts that exist within the plan area
- 4) Manage parking and enhance mobility
- 5) Commit to implementation to maximize return on public investment
- 6) Demand quality development
- 7) Adjust the plan to market conditions

The plan will be presented to the Wichita City Council and Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners in early Spring 2007 for formal adoption. The plan is available online at: www.wichita.gov/CityOffices/Planning/AP/Comprehensive/ArenaPlan.htm

McConnell AFB Joint Land Use Study

In February 2007, the Wichita City Council and Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners took the first formal step in

implementing the McConnell Air Force Base Joint Land Use Study by amending the Wichita-Sedgwick County Unified Zoning Code to create three new zoning classifications for the Air Force Base and surrounding area. The new zoning classifications are:

1) *AFB, Air Force Base Zoning District* - the most intense zoning district in the zoning code hierarchy, meaning that properties in the other zoning districts are not required to provide screening or buffers from the Air Force Base. Additionally, this zoning district imposes no use restrictions or development standards, which formalizes current practice.

2) *AT/FP-O, Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection Overlay District* - limits new structures within the overlay district to a height of 25 feet. Existing structures are allowed to remain and can be reconstructed at their existing height. Also, an administrative process allows new structures to exceed 25 feet in height if Air Force Base property is not visible from the

new structure.

3) *P, Industrial Park - Airport Zoning District* - permits industrial uses that are classified as compatible with the operation of the Air Force Base by the Federal Land Use Compatibility Guidelines. The zoning district includes a provision that allows non-conforming uses in the district to continue and/or to be replaced, including with a use of equal or lesser intensity.

In Spring and Summer 2007, the Air Force Base and surrounding properties will be considered for rezoning to the new zoning classifications and amendments of the existing Airport Overlay Districts will also be considered. Detailed information regarding the McConnell Air Force Base Joint Land Use Study and the proposed rezoning is available online at www.wichita.gov/CityOffices/Planning/AP/Comprehensive/JLUS.htm

Central Inspection

Trailblazing Supervisor

Central Inspection congratulates Darlene Hultman on her promotion to Building Construction Inspector Supervisor!

Darlene is the first woman in Central Inspection to be promoted to the Building Construction Inspector Supervisor position. Darlene started with the City more than twenty years ago in what is now known as

Community & Housing Services



City Staff Speaks on Radio Station

On Feb 9, Kurt Schroeder, Deb Legg and Maria Bias from the Office of Central Inspection spoke on Wichita radio station KSJM-FM, 107.9 (HOT JAMZ) promoting the City of Wichita's new Stop Blight initiative. This station (Carter-Sherman Broadcast Group, Inc.) reaches a diverse audience in Wichita and

surrounding cities throughout Kansas.

OCI staff spoke live on the morning "Community Connections" talk show regarding issues that impact the community. This segment was in an unscripted Q & A format that lasted approximately 5 minutes.

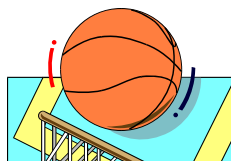
Park & Recreation

3 On 3 Basketball Tournament

The second annual March Madness Employee 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament will be held Saturday, March 17 at 9:00 a.m. at Woodard Recreation Center.

Call Scott Fielding at 268-4123

to register your team or if you have any questions.



Easter Egg Hunt

The Third Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at Watson Park, Saturday, March 31 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. There will be visits from the Easter Bunny, drawings for prizes, carnival games, clowns and crafts.



For the Record

Congratulations to these employees who reached 10 or 25 year career milestones with the City in January or February. Contact Carolyn Bowen in Human Resources if you have questions regarding the Career Awards Program.

MARCH 10 Years

Jeri Lema	Police
Linda Dautrich	Finance
James Ridder	Water
Don Goble	Park
Michael Crosby	Fire

25 Years

Jesse Andrews II	Public Works
Robert Wolfe	Fire
Urban Eck	Fire
Warren King	Fire
Michael McKernan	Fire
Gary Vail	Fire
Kevin Lynch	Fire
Donald Rowe	Fire
Tommy McQuilliams	Public Works
Rick Moore	Water
Patrick McKernan	Park

Cell Phone Discounts for City Employees

As City employees, you may be eligible for discounts on your cell phone service. Cingular, Verizon, Sprint and Nextel all offer programs that allow employees of some municipalities to save money on their cellular phone subscriptions.

If you have a personal **Sprint/Nextel** account, select the following link, enter your email address and follow the instructions or go to any Sprint/Nextel location and show your badge to receive a discount.

www.mynationlink.com/evp/faq.php

If you have a personal **Verizon** account, select the following link, enter your email address and follow the instructions.

www.verizonwireless.com/discount

If you have a **Cingular** account, you will have to contact a Cingular representative. The State of Kansas has a contract with Cingular that allows local government participation. The State's FEIN# 74-2955068 is the code that is needed for the employee to qualify for a service discount along with the state contract number 07706.

T-Mobile customer? Go to www.t-mobile.com/corpdiscout and log in to My T-Mobile to learn more about qualifications for a corporate discount.

Retirees Dept. Yrs. Of Service

Larry Henry	P.W.	33-04
Donald Pennington	P.W	30-00
Lester Roads	P.W	23-01
Maureen Stickel	Env. Services	14-00
Linda Ivie	Police	11-04

Retiree Deaths Dept. Date of Death

Sara Black (widow of Lawrence Black)	Fire	02/04/2007
Preston W. Hornsby	P. W.	02/11/2007
Janice Lewis	Finance	02/11/2007
Elven V. Widdoes	Fire	02/12/2007
Lorene B. Wilbeck	Fire	02/16/2007

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