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A City government newsletter that promotes Transforming Wichita, an organizational improvement initiative supporting Visioneering Wichita

City7 Ready to Roll Out New Agenda

City7, one of the City's most powerful communications tools, is poised to begin a variety of new programming initiatives. The goal is to inform, educate and entertain the estimated 170,000 households that receive Channel 7 as part of their Cox Communication cable service.

"We want to provide more video content and fewer Power-Point slides on Cable Channel 7," said City spokesperson Van Williams, a member of the



Communications Team responsible for managing City7. "City7 is a great communications and transparency tool. We want to maximize its reach and develop attractive programming that informs citizens about the many services, events and issues related to City government."

An example of the innovative effort was the City Manager's presentation of the 2008 proposed City Budget to a joint meeting of District Advisory Boards. Broadcast live from the City Council chambers, the program gave City7 viewers a unique inside look at budget discussions underway in City Hall.

Primary responsibility for the expanded City7 agenda is vested with the Communications Team, with content support from requesting departments and City Arts, which will deliver cultural arts program-

ming.

Cox Communications will continue to provide technical and contractual services. Thanks in part to a Cox \$145,000 grant, City7 has expanded its arsenal of production resources and personnel, including:

- Hiring John O'Hara as a part-time television producer (see accompanying sidebar story on page 2).
- Purchasing three cameras and supporting equipment allows for both studio and field productions.
- Purchasing editing equipment that greatly expands the capacity to generate program content.
- Designating a media room and studio as part of the First Floor renovations. The room is adjacent to the newly remodeled Board Room and is expected to

be available for use by November. Upon completion, the Board Room will also be used for broadcast of City Council Workshops.

- Adapting the 10th Floor Metropolitan Area Planning Commission meeting room to allow for broadcast of MAPC meetings.
- Upgrading electronic equipment used for broadcast of weekly City Council meetings. The upgrades will allow for multiple program origination sites on the First Floor and improve the quality of audio and video.

Long range plans for the coming year envision the creation of various new programs, including studio-based interviews, field-produced features about important city services and facilities and enhanced promotional elements in support of various City departments. Stay tuned as City7 reaches out for more opportunities to serve the citizens of Wichita with high quality television programming.



City7 Producer, John O'Hara at his video editing machine. Story page 2.

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Q & A With Megan Buckmaster



Megan Buckmaster is the recently hired Neighborhood Services Supervisor. She was born and raised in Denver, Colorado. She's a graduate of the University of Kansas ("GO JAYHAWKS!") with a double degree in Education and Psychology. She spent much of her career working in management positions with YMCAs in Kansas City, Milwaukee and Wichita. While in Milwaukee, she met her husband, Jay, who is the Executive Director of the Northwest YMCA. "My entire career has been about building relationships and serving people," said

Buckmaster. "I thought it might be an interesting and challenging career change. When I am not at work I enjoy golfing, gardening, watching the Broncos beat the Chiefs and spending time with my cat (Speedo) and puppy (Gracie)."

Q Now that you've been on the job two weeks, what more have you learned about your job?
That I am very fortunate to work with a dedicated and talented group and look forward to learning more about Wichita neighborhoods and government.

Q You're Dana Brown's successor. Has the job changed or expanded?
It seems the job changes every week. I will oversee the Community Educator piece and focus on engaging more at the department head level.

Q What are some expectations that neighborhood groups have of City

Government or city services?
Access, information and resources. Neighborhood groups want a voice in city government.

Q What City services are provided through Neighborhood Assistants?
We advocate for neighborhoods. We provide a link to their City Council member and resources.

Q What goes on inside your bi-weekly meetings with Neighborhood Assistants?
We talk about what is going on in our neighborhoods and brainstorm about new programming.

Q What should the staffers on your team know about their new supervisor's management style, expectations or goals?
I have an open door policy, unless it is closed. Seriously, I expect open communication, and honesty. One of my goals is to increase communication between our department and others. I want to make sure

when there is a city issue; Neighborhood Services is always at the table!

Q Everyone gets a hot-seat question: What preconceptions about City Hall did you bring to the job and have they been right, wrong or is too soon to know?
I had no preconceptions about City Hall, but more about the City of Wichita. I thought I was moving to the farm. After being here and experiencing the richness of Wichita, I love the small town but city feel. Everyone has been so kind and welcoming. In Milwaukee everyone stayed inside or in their back yard. In Wichita, people greet and get to know their neighbors.



Neighborhood Services Team (not pictured Kelli Glassman)

The Producer

Who's that guy behind that camera?

He's John O'Hara, the new part-time producer for City7.

John is a Wichitan who was born in Philadelphia. He was raised and educated in Wichita.

John graduated from Wichita East High School before attending Wichita State University where he majored in music performance. He played the trombone (he says he doesn't play it anymore, so, please, no requests).

"The money was corrupting," John said, "and I fell in love with the camera."

Still, for most of his life, John was a performing trombonist in both jazz and classical music. He was a member of the Wichita Symphony Orchestra from 1988 to 1994.

John's music career included studying with some of the world's great teachers in Paris and New York. He played in several music festivals around the country. He also has performed with artists such as Ray Charles, Mel Torme, Branford Marsalis, The Vienna Choir Boys and the Temptations. He played with Ray Charles twice in Wichita and once traveled on tour with The Temptations, the legendary R & B group.

John lived in Boston and Kansas City from 1994 to 1999. He then returned to Wichita, which he says is "my home."

He picked up the broadcasting bug in 2001 when he began working in public radio in Wichita, Lawrence and Kansas City. He has studied television broadcasting at WSU and has worked in the local TV market, including at KWCH. He enjoys producing documentaries.

"I really enjoy selling them, also," John said. "If you want to buy one, go to www.flinthillsfilm.com."

Several of John's documentaries have aired on public television including his latest film, "Flint Hills: Meditations From A Kansas Prairie."



New Communities Initiative

In May, the New Communities Initiative was introduced to City employees as an effort to revitalize the neighborhoods and enhance the lives of residents in northeast Wichita. This month, we are sharing what has happened since that introduction.

On July 12, the New Communities Initiative was publicly launched from the parking lot of the Save-A-Lot grocery store at 13th and Grove Street. Because July was the

one year anniversary of the store's opening, the celebration highlighted both projects.

Brief presentations were made by Gov. Kathleen Sebelius (via video), Mayor Carl



Brewer, City Manager George Kolb and County Commission Chairman Dave Unruh. Each pillar group also set up informational tables to provide more details regarding goals and strategies. The Adult Education and Economic Development Pillar group has

received over 40 calls from people who received informational fliers at the event.

One of the early projects of the New Communities Initiative was a special Summer Youth Employment program. Eight youth were hired from the target area to do an intensive clean-up project in a four block area. They worked in the heat and the rain to clean up sidewalks, alleys and vacant lots. They also painted house numbers on curbs and were joined by the manage-

ment staff of the Housing and Community Services Department on the last day to plant flowers on the corners of work areas. The youth learned valuable lessons from the experience, including the importance of caring about their respective communities. The community also benefits not only from a clean area, which contributes to a Safe and Secure Neighborhood (Pillar Group 5), but they also now have visible evidence of the City, County and State commitment to improve their lives and their neighborhoods.



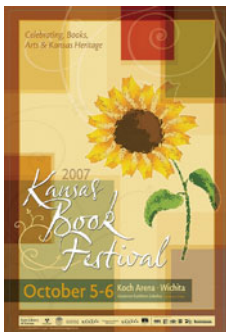
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Library

The Kansas Book Festival Returns to Wichita!
Friday, October 5
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 6
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Koch Arena, WSU, FREE!

Hear from nationally known authors such as Michael Korda, Steve Doocy, Cal Thomas and Bob Beckel. Children's authors Michael Buckley, Kimberly Willis Holt, Brandon Mull, Dian Curtis Regan and Brad Sneed will be there. So will many more authors, booksellers and thousands of



book fans, young and old. If you love books, plan to join us at Koch Arena, October 5 and 6.

The 2007 Festival will build on the success of the inaugural Festival last September, which featured more than 30 authors and attracted 7,500 visitors. Under the leadership of Governor Kathleen Sebelius, who is again the Festival's honorary chair, and State Librarian Christie Pearson Brandau, the Festival is expanding to include more authors, vendors and activities than last year.

In addition to the author programs and book-signings, children's activities, book fair and entertainment at the Book Festival itself, the "Night of Notables" gala on the evening of October 5 will honor the winners of the Kansas

Center for the Book's 2007 Notable Book Awards and will feature a special presentation by a prominent author. The event will be held at the Wichita Art Museum; tickets are \$100.

Library Night at the Wranglers was Friday, August 24 at Lawrence-Dumont Stadium

For the third straight year, the Wichita Public Library has partnered with the Wichita Wranglers to give summer reading program participants an all-star reception. Lucky sum-

mer reading program participants have been chosen from a drawing to throw out the ceremonial first pitch, be honorary bat kids and serve on the Papa John's Dream Team. All reading program participants are invited to run the bases while fans give them a round of applause. Can there be better encouragement for reading than a stadium of fans cheering on young readers?



Wichita Recognized in National Awards

Preserve America Award

The City of Wichita has been designated as one of 20 newly designated Preserve America Communities.

Kathy Morgan and Barbara Hammond from the Historic Preservation Office attended a July 12 event in Washington, D.C., to receive the Wichita commendation from First Lady Laura Bush, who also serves as Honorary Chair of Preserve America.

Preserve America is a national initiative that encourages and supports community efforts to preserve and enjoy the country's

cultural and natural heritage

The national designation recognizes Wichita's many preservation-related projects. Included are museums, entire districts such as the Warehouse and Jobbers National Historic District in Old Town; and 100 individual buildings that are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



Kathy Morgan (left) and Barbara Hammond pose with U.S. Rep. Todd Tiahrt.

Wichita Water Utility

The Kansas Society of Professional Engineers has selected the Water Utilities Phase I Equus Beds Aquifer Storage and Recovery Project as the winner of a Special Recognition Award.

The Phase I Equus Beds Aquifer Storage and Recovery project is the first project of its kind in Kansas. It is capable of capturing up to ten million gallons-per-day from the Little Arkansas River and using that water to recharge the Equus Beds aquifer.

Jerry Blain Wins the Fuller Award

Jerry Blain, Superintendent of Production & Pumping with the Water Utilities, has received the prestigious George

Warren Fuller Award from the American Water Works Association.

Jerry has been with the City over 32 years, and has served in a number of positions, including Superintendent of Sewer Maintenance, Water Supply Projects Administrator, and two tenures as Superintendent of Production & Pumping.



Jerry Blain is recognized at City Council meeting by Mayor Brewer and Dave Warren

Transforming Wichita Update

Monthly report of TW Activity

Project Team

- Team members who attended the *Transforming Local Government Conference* in June prepared a presentation of conference highlights and model programs for presentation at a department head meeting.

- The annual Strategy Team Appreciation and Recognition Luncheon was held August 22. Team accomplishments and ST impacts on this year's budget were recognized by the City Manager.

Communications Team

- Disbanded, TW communications is being streamlined. CMO will

manage requests.

Strategy Teams

- The City Manager will be meeting with the Strategy Team members in September to discuss this year's Managing for Results (MFR) process, its successes, areas for improvement and next budget cycle.

Training - Learning & Development (TWT and TQG) Transforming Wichita Together (TWT)

- TWT Training Team—24
- Number of TWT classes held in July = 4
- Number of TWT classes scheduled for August = 4
- Number of employees completing TWT = 1006

Employee Recognition Programs

- Number of IRISE Thank You cards submitted for July = 82; YTD 333
- Number of IRISE gift recipients YTD = 80
- Number of Employee Service Recognition (ESR) nominations in July = 2
- Number of ESR Receptions scheduled in July = 3

Employee Suggestions (Continuous Improvement Action Plans)

- 165 improvement plans have been received
- 141 improvement plans in total sent to department directors for review/approval
- 56 improvement plans submitted in total to date have been approved by de-

partment directors either for further work or implementation.

- 11 improvement plans have been denied by department directors and will be reviewed by the Project Team
- 24 improvement plans are pending assignment to the appropriate department for further review/action
- 7 improvement plans submitted were duplicates with no further action necessary
- 9 department denials have been upheld by the Project Team
- 1 department denial has been approved by the Project Team
- 35% of all submittals are outstanding; 6.7% of all submittals have been denied.

Transforming Wichita at Library

Changes don't have to be huge to make a positive impact. Library employees are making a number of changes, largely invisible to the customer, which are improving the delivery of library service.

Gavin Thomas handles interlibrary loans, where items are borrowed from other libraries around the country (and sometimes the world!). Customers frequently ask at service desks what the status of these items are—flooding Gavin with phone calls and

occupying his time doing status reports instead of filling customer requests. By adding this information to a customer's account in the Library's computer system, staff at service desks can often help the customer instantly, saving the customer and Gavin valuable time.

Among Caitlin Waugh's duties is the repair and replacement of audiobooks. Under the old system, branches would enter data into a spreadsheet on the Library Department Share if audiobooks were damaged or had missing components,

providing uneven results with the danger of data entry errors. Caitlin's idea was to have those audiobooks sent to her so she could examine them herself and determine whether repair or replacement was necessary—a laudable case of taking on more work to improve the consistency and overall quality of library service. Nina Hand agreed to do the same thing for children's audiobooks.

Another Continuous Improvement Action Plan success story from the Library: Sarah Shetlar saw a way to change

the way the data entry was handled on the on-order records in order to make searching for new items easier. Mary Bird-Guilliams supported the data entry change.



Mary K. Bird-Guilliams (left) and Sarah Shetlar (right) made finding items on order easier for customers.

VSP Adds New Vision Group

VSP, your vision care provider, has successfully added the Greene Vision Group to its Kansas network. Greene Vision Group has 31 doctors in 25 locations in and around the Wichita area. VSP has also added doctors in the following cities where there were no VSP network doctors: Augusta, KS, Haysville, KS, Hesston, KS, and Stafford, KS. As with all your insurance plans, please speak with the medical office staff to ensure that they are participating members of your network and that you receive the maximum benefit from your insurance.

Fire Department

Fire Department Sponsors Back To School Supply Round Up

For the sixth year, Wichita Fire Department (WFD) is sponsoring and partnering with The Center for Health and Wellness in a school supply round up. Each year the department designates its fire stations as drop off sites for school supplies.

The school supplies are taken to the Center for Health and Wellness where they will be distributed to indigent and low income families.



The campaign serves about 200 families each year.

Real Training For Serious Firefighters

The Fire Department will be hosting a regional fire school on Sept. 8-9.

Firefighters from across the State will attend the school and receive "hands on" training on subjects such as Engine Company Operations, Special Operations, Arson Investigation, Forcible Entry and other fire related subjects.

The purpose of the school is to enhance the skills of firefighters and reduce fire loss and firefighter injury and maintain public safety. The Insurance Service Organization will be in Wich-



ita soon to examine the operations and services of the Wichita Fire Department.

ISO To Examine WFD

ISO is a private company that travels around the country examining fire departments to make sure that they maintain the necessary standards for their city's insurance ratings.

On a scale of 1-10 and 1 being the best, Wichita currently has a Class-3 rating. These ratings are also used to determine insurance premiums for businesses and homeowners.

Some of the areas insurance officials will be examining are fire department's training of firefighters, station locations, water supply, hydrants and the dispatching of emergency vehicles.



Employee Events

Employee Appreciation Week Sept. 7-15

Employee Appreciation Week is fast approaching. Look for registration forms on the intranet and sign up soon.

Golf Tournament

Sept. 7, Morning & Afternoon

Wichita Art Museum

Sept. 7-15,
Free Admission

The Great Brain Drain



Sept. 10, 12, and 14
Morning and Afternoon

Softball Tournament

Sept. 11, Starts at 8:30 a.m.

Tailgate Party

Sept. 12, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Bowling Tournament

Sept. 13, 8:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Pancake Breakfast

Sept. 14,
6:30 a.m.
to 9 a.m.



Wichita Corporate Challenge



The Wichita Corporate Challenge will be held September 21-23. Registration forms may be obtained in the Park Dept. on the 11th floor. Event slots will be filled on a first-come-first-serve basis.

All events will be held at the Independent High School unless otherwise noted. Many of the team events are co-ed and are as follows:

Golf
Table Tennis
Executive Relay
Distance Running
Distance Walking
Basketball (women)
Homerun Hitters
Basketball Shooting
Brief Case Relay
Football Throw
Tennis
55 Meter Dash
400 Meter Dash
1600 Meter Relay
800 Meter Relay

Volunteers are also needed to help run the events.

Young People At Work Day

On June 15, the City was abuzz with young people who accompanied their parent or grandparent to work for the day. This popular activity was



designed to replace the former

“Take Our Daughters and Sons’ To Work Day, that traditionally occurred during the school year.

The YPAW Day event has several purposes: to educate young people about the value of their parents’ contribution to the overall efficient operation of the City, and to give

parents an opportunity to show the young people what they do when they go to work each day. It is also an opportunity to showcase the diverse occupations available in government.

Some of the events the young people participated in this year were attending an opening ceremony in the City Council

Chambers and meeting the Mayor, visiting city departments, and being processed through the Ident-A-Kid Program. Highlights of the day included a hot dog cookout at Riverside Park with Vice Mayor Fearey and Trolley rides, courtesy of Wichita Transit.

Purchasing Hosts Seminar

Purchasing Hosts Annual “How to Do Business With the Government Sector” Seminar

On Wednesday, July 18, the Finance Department Purchasing Office hosted its fifth annual “How to do Business with the Government Sector” Seminar. The guest speaker, Vice Mayor Sharon Fearey, spoke about the importance of the vendors developing strong relationships with each public entity represented at the seminar. She addressed the City’s commitment to continued efforts to increase the participation and

utilization of emerging, small, minority and women-owned vendors in the procurement of goods and services.

Purchasing department representatives from the City of Wichita, Sedgwick County and the Wichita Public Schools (USD 259) explained their registration and purchasing process, heard vendor presentations and assisted vendors in completing on-line registrations. Representatives from the Small Business Administration (SBA) and Heartland Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) were also pre-

sent and explained the services they provide.

Approximately 28 vendor/business representatives attended this workshop. Based on the feedback received from the participants, the seminar provided an excellent opportunity to increase their business opportunities, to learn about potential business contacts and opportunities, and to

meet the purchasing representatives from the Government sector. As a couple of vendors said, “to sum it up, the seminar was time well spent” and they look forward to seeing us next year.



Career Development Success Story

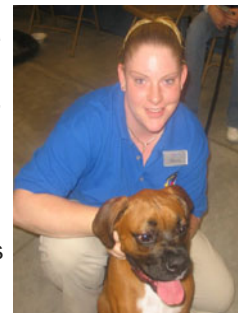
Mandy Masters began the Career Development Office program with limited education and work experience. She immediately identified her plans of going to college to become a veterinarian. She then entered the Career Development program. She entered the program and was placed in the City of Wichita Animal Shelter, working under Drew Bessey, the shelter

manager. Meanwhile, Mandy continued attending the STAR workshop at Career Development and working for her GED at KANSEL.

As Mandy gained experience, she also gained confidence. After working in the Animal Shelter for three months, Mandy was offered a Pet Trainer position at Petsmart. When Petsmart offered her

the job, she was told that her experience working in the Animal Shelter is why they hired her. Mandy has been successful at Petsmart as a Trainer and even has customers asking for her schedule so that she will continue to train their pets. She is also still working toward her ultimate goal of becoming a veterinarian.

“Thanks to Career Development and the Animal Shelter, I now get to work with animals all day and I get paid for it!”



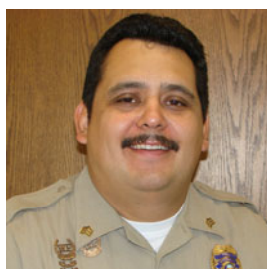
40 Under 40/Leadership Wichita



A 40 Under 40 honoree, Scott Moore has been the Assistant City Manager of Operations since August 2005. He was previously the City Administrator for eight years in Ellsworth. He was a Budget Analyst in Austin, Texas, near his hometown. Scott earned his bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Southwest Texas State University, where he played Division I football. He earned a master's in Public Administration from Wichita State University. Scott is a member of several civic and professional organizations including a board member of the Boys & Girls Club and the International City/County Management Association.



A 40 Under 40 honoree, Anne Anderton Warren has worked for the City of Wichita since 1996. In 2004, Anne moved to the Human Resource Department, where she is a Senior HR Specialist handling employment for 13 departments. Anne received her Bachelor and Master's degrees from Wichita State University. She is also involved in the community. Anne sits on the Board of Directors for the Wichita Society of Human Resource Management, is a member of the Wichita Chamber's Workforce 2010 committee, and is a member of Kansas IPMA-HR. She also is a member of the Friendship Force International, and teaches at Tabor College.



A 40 Under 40 honoree, Sergeant James Espinoza became a Wichita Police Officer in 1993. Currently he's assigned to the Patrol South Bureau, Special Community Action Team (S.C.A.T.) He is the current President of the Latino Peace Officers Association (L.P.O.A) Wichita-Sedgwick County. The L.P.O.A. has awarded \$3,500 in scholarships to five Latino students, purchased a boxing ring for Villa Boxing Club and bought uniforms for the Aztec Youth Football team and provided training for the members. In 2007, James received two Bronze Wreaths of Merit and a Bronze Award for police services.



A Leadership Wichita honoree, Van Williams has been the City spokesperson since May 2005. He spent 16 years at the Wichita Eagle as an award-winning college sports-writer, an award-winning investigative reporter and a news editor. He graduated from Wichita State University. Van has been a member of the YMCA's Black Achievers program, Consider Opportunities in a Professional Environment (C.O.P.E), the Jabara Family's VENTURE-KIDS program, Hard Hitters Youth Boxing Club and Real Men, Real Heroes. Van is a married father of 3 who enjoys running. He has completed four marathons.



A Leadership Wichita honoree, Deputy Chief Tom Stolz is a 25-year veteran with the Wichita Police Department (WPD). He is currently the Division Chief for Police Investigations and oversees 164 personnel within the Police Dept. In May 1994, he was selected as one of the original community policing supervisors and has since helped usher in the community policing philosophy under which the WPD operates. He has a Bachelor of Science 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 instructor and adjunct professor at Wichita State University since 1990.

Congratulations to these employees who reached 10 or 25 year career milestones with the City this month. Contact Human Resources if you have questions regarding the Career Awards Program.

August

Susan Eshom
Michael T. Howard
Bernard McDoniel
Michael McGaugh
Eugene Schild
Mary Bond
Wesley Dolatta

10 Years

P.W.
Police
P.W.
Water
Police
Library
Airport

25 Years

Betty Morgan

P.W.

Retirees

Randy Thome
Charles Coykendall
Dale A. Kling
Nancy M. Bowles
Patsy A. Eichacker

Dept.

P.W.
Water
Airport
Police
City Manager

Yrs. Of Service

35 yrs.
26 yrs. 9 mo.
26 yrs. 9 mo.
26 yrs. 3 mo.
18 yrs. 6 mo.

Retiree Deaths

William F. Terry
C. Madge Hoffman, widow
of E. D. Hoffman
Marie Jackson, widow of
Milton Jackson
Clarence A. Ford
John E. Coslett, Sr.

Dept.

P.W.
P.W.
P.W.
P.W.
Fire

Date of Death

06/30/2007
07/15/2007
07/17/2007
07/22/2007
07/27/2007

How Much Water Should You Drink Each Day



Water is your body's principal chemical component, comprising, on average, 60 percent of your weight. Every system in your body depends on water. For example, water flushes toxins out of vital organs, carries nutrients to your cells, and provides a moist environment for ear, nose

and throat tissues.

Every day, you lose water through your breath, perspiration, urine, and bowel movements. Lack of water can lead to dehydration, a condition that occurs when you don't have enough water in your body to carry out normal functions.

In order to avoid developing this condition, it is recommended that sedentary individuals should consume about 50% of their body weight in ounces of water each day, and active individuals should consume about 75% of their body weight in ounces of water each day. A rule of thumb for water replacement is to consume about 17-20 ounces before performing work/exercise; 7-10 ounces about every 20 minutes during work/exercise; and then continue to drink about 10 ounces of water every 20 minutes for the first hour after performing work/exercise. Remember, water is one of your best choices. Not only is it great for hydrating, but it is also calorie free, inexpensive and readily available.

IRISE Thank You Card Winners

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|-------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|
| Amy Belcher | Finance | Gary Blessant | Police |
| Carla Bonjour | Housing | Joaquin Espinoza | P.W. |
| Debbie Farrington | Finance | Tavane Gerber | H.R. |
| Kerry Gibson | Water | Laura Liss | Water |
| Rita Malter | Police | Nelliebeth Sandifer | M.C. |
| Andrea Schniepp | Police | Loretta Scott | Library |
| Angela Shelley | M.C. | Antione Sherfield | M.C. |
| Anna Sparlin | Transit | Evelyn Turner | Park |
| Lena Wagner | Housing | Kevin Wilkin | Library |
| Sonja Williams | Park | Debbie Wilson | Library |

Brown Bag Lunch Series

City Manager George Kolb is scheduled to host five "Brown Bag Lunch" sessions with employees in 2007.

The first Brown Bag Lunch will be held from noon to 1 p.m., Friday, Aug. 31 at the Central Maintenance Facility, 1801 S. McLean.

The Brown Bag Lunch sessions are an opportunity for employees to meet and enjoy open discussion with the City Manger. The idea for the sessions stem from Transforming Wichita. There is no formal agenda or scheduled topic. The City Manager simply wants to hear from more City employees.

Other lunches are scheduled for:

Sept. 27 at the NE Maintenance Substation, 2901 E. 33rd St. N.

Oct. 25 at the West Maintenance Substation, 5801 W. 3rd St.

Nov. 29 at Patrol West, 661 N. Elder

Dec. 13 at the Water Center, 101 E. Pawnee

City Connection Team

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| Debbie Aviks | CMO |
| Gordon Bassham | Police |
| LeeAnn Casey | Human Resources |
| Terri Dozal | CMO |
| Vallery Fields | Transit |
| Lary Foos | Park & Recreation |
| Greg Clay | CMO |
| Dale Goter | CMO |
| Elaine Hammons | OCI |
| Mike Hampel | Planning |
| Jennifer Heinicke | Library |
| Kay Hurdle | Law |
| Stacy Jenkins | City Arts |
| Pamaline King-Burns | Water Utilities |
| Denise Klug | IT/IS |
| Deb Legge | OCI |
| Donte Martin | Municipal Court |
| Kristine McMinville | Water Utilities |
| Michelle Rucker | Housing & Comm. Services |
| Marge Seger | Finance |
| Mo Terrebonne | Environmental Services |
| Bob Thompson | Fire |
| Denise Tipton | Water Utilities |
| Gail Williams | Public Works |
| Van Williams | CMO |
| Valerie Wise | Airport |