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## THANK YOU TO THE JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT!!!

The City of Ozawkie would like to thank the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department for patrolling during the Ozawkie city-wide garage sale.

### 2009 Budget Increase

## Upcoming Events

### **August 11<sup>th</sup>: City Council /Budget Hearing**

7:00 pm at the Ozawkie Township Hall. All citizens are encouraged to attend.

### **August 18<sup>th</sup>:**

First day of school for Jeff West students



### **September 1<sup>st</sup>: Office Closed to Observe Labor Day!!!**

### **September 3<sup>rd</sup>: Planning & Zoning Meeting.**

7:00 pm at the Ozawkie Township Hall. All citizens are encouraged to attend.

### **September 8<sup>th</sup>: City Council Meeting**

7:00 pm at the Ozawkie Township Hall. All citizens are encouraged to attend.

### **September 7<sup>th</sup>: Grandparent's Day**



### ATTENTION!!!

During the summer months, the Jefferson County Appraiser's Office personnel will be conducting annual re-inspections of real property, which includes residential, commercial and vacant properties. The County is mandated by K.S.A. 79-1476 to physically re-inspect all real property in Jefferson County at least once every six years. All personnel will be wearing a Jefferson County badge. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Ozawkie City Office at 876-2550.

**Check out our website at**  
**www.ozawkie.org**

The City Council met on July 22<sup>nd</sup> to discuss the 2009 budget. After 2 hours of discussion, the Council agreed to increase the mill levy from 18.436 to 26.155, an increase of 7.719 mills. A tax increase was necessary for the City to cover several cost increases, including fuel, utilities, asphalt, postage and cost of living. Public safety was also a priority to the Council, who budgeted for upgrades to the storm siren system.

Concerns have been raised about high utility bills for the maintenance building. The Council budgeted for repairs to the existing building to resolve the problem.

To keep the mill levy low, several projects were cut. These include creating a signage area in the City Park to display the Tree City USA signs, a park restroom facility and drainage control and security fencing for the leased Corps Property.

The Council agreed to keep the amount of hours the same for the City Clerk and Public Works Supervisor. The position of back-up operator is allowed 1040 hours per year. A new position for seasonal help was created, which can only pay out \$3,500 for a year.

The City Council made a very solid effort to keep the mill levy as low as possible, however, with so many necessary projects, as well as, several increases, the task was difficult. The Council will meet on August 11<sup>th</sup> to approve the 2009 budget. All citizens are encouraged to attend. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact the City Office. You can download the 2009 budget online by going to [www.ozawkie.org/2009\\_Budget.pdf](http://www.ozawkie.org/2009_Budget.pdf)

### TENNIS COURT DEMOLITION PROJECT

On August 23<sup>rd</sup>, volunteers will be working together to demolish the tennis courts. This is a project that has been coordinated with the Corps of Engineers. To keep costs down, the City is planning on volunteers doing most of the work. If you are interested in helping, please contact the Ozawkie City Office.