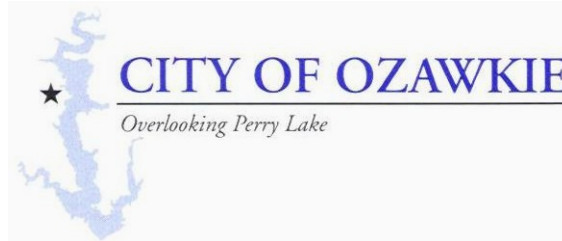


UTILITY NEWSLETTER



Second Quarter, 2008

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

Call "811" for locates before you dig or go to www.kansasonecall.com.

GET YOUR SOIL TESTED

Spring is just around the corner. Take a moment and get your soil tested. Improper or excessive use of fertilizer contributes to water contamination by putting additional nutrients into the environment. If fertilizer or pesticide is used, please do so sparingly and follow the manufacturer's directions.

NEW EMPLOYEE

Please join me in welcoming our newest city employee, Mr. Travis Adams. Mr. Adams will be in training to become our full-time, certified water/wastewater system operator.

DID YOU KNOW...?

The water tower is a pedisphere-type design and can hold up to 75,000 gallons of water...

RESEARCH BEFORE PLANTING

Before planting this spring, do your homework. Take into consideration overall growth, location of utilities, and clearance requirements. Trees and shrubs that are improperly placed can compromise utility services.

WATER TOWER MAINTENANCE

At the January council meeting, the city entered into an agreement with Utility Service Company to bring the water tower up to current standards and assume maintenance responsibility. Please visit the city website for more information and to track work progress when it starts this year.

From the Utilities Commissioner Desk...

Greetings! In an effort to keep citizens better informed of current utility and infrastructure issues, I would like to present the first City of Ozawkie Utilities Newsletter. The city has many issues that need to be addressed in the coming years. As mentioned above, the water tower was in need of immediate attention. Future projects will be coordinated with appropriate funds in order to have minimal impact on rates. Attached is a copy of the water quality report, we will continue to take the necessary steps to insure the quality and integrity of our water system. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please contact myself or any member of the city council. Respectfully yours, Jason W. Klenklen

IMPORTANCE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY REQUIREMENTS

One of the biggest issues facing city maintenance employees and outside service providers are property owners not adhering to easement requirements. A prime example of this became apparent during the ice storm this past year. Many residents between Sioux Drive and Delaware Drive were without power significantly longer than other areas around town. Over the years, a number of easement encroachments have occurred along this corridor from improperly placed structures to overgrown trees and shrubbery. In the near future, the city will be working with outside service providers and citizens to address these issues. Correspondence will be sent to property owners where problems have been identified. The city realizes that the issue may not have been caused by the current owner, but would appreciate help and understanding in resolving the issue.

UTILITIES CURRENT PROJECT LIST

- 1) GIS mapping and utility locates
- 2) Sewer lift-station upgrades/improvements
- 3) Water system upgrades/improvements
- 4) Right-of-Way clearing/maintenance
- 5) 10-Year Strategic Plan
- 6) Waterline replacement
- 7) Flow Test & Color-code all fire hydrants
- 8) Water Conservation Plan
- 9) Electronic Data Gathering System
- 10) Water Loss Control Plan

GIS Survey/System Mapping

Last year, the city council elected to participate in a county-wide program to map our infrastructure. This will help greatly in planning for future projects and in emergency situations. Officials will be in the city towards the end of April or beginning of May and will be working with city employees to complete the project.

