

# The Bel Aire Breeze

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## Bel Aire to host daylong festival

By Taylor Messick

Bel Aire's Fall Festival will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 15.

The event will be at the Bel Aire Recreation Center, 5251 E. 48th Street. There will be a vendor fair located inside the building with other activities outside.

There will be soccer games and other fun activities for kids, including face-painting and a petting zoo. The "Cruise into Bel Aire" car show will also be taking place during the festival. There will be food trucks serving refreshments.

The event is sponsored by the Bel Aire Chamber of Commerce, the Chisholm Trail State Bank, the Bel Aire Lions Club and Wichita Hoops.

## Council approves storage and retail facility

To be at 45th, Woodlawn

By Taylor Messick

After years of inactivity, the northwest corner of 45th Street and Woodlawn in Bel Aire will finally see some development.

On Sept. 6, the Bel Aire City Council approved the construction of new facilities offering storage units and a retail strip mall by a 4-2 vote.

"These storage units are beautiful," said Mayor David Austin. "I love the way they're built. I've seen them in these other high-end neighborhoods — neighborhoods that are higher-end than what are around there. Nothing has gone on that land for 30 years — at least ever since we've been a city. The fact that we'll have something on that property and in the future there's going to be some retail, that's the excitement I've talked about."

Although storage facilities can prove to be an eyesore to nice neighborhoods in a lot of instances, developers say these won't be the typical cheap looking facilities with bright orange doors. Developer Tim Austin says these facilities will blend nicely with the neighborhood and give a "residential feel". No outdoor storage will be permitted on the property. The buildings currently on the property will be demolished and the billboard will be torn down, as well.

Austin described the units with asphalt shingles and earth tones. He said there will be a brick wall surrounding the facility. He even laid out plans for trees and bushes that will be put

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## Special delivery



FedEx at Sunflower Commerce Park in Bel Aire celebrated its one-year anniversary of the facility's opening Sept. 3 by hosting a showcase for the No. 11 Nascar race car.

The chassis of the car is one actually driven by Denny Hamlin in a win at Phoenix International Raceway on March 4, 2012.



Photos by Taylor Messick



## Residents upset with new special assessments

By Taylor Messick

On Sept. 20, the Bel Aire council unanimously voted to levy special assessments on property owners in specific parts of the Elk Creek, Rock Spring, Wolff, Tierra Verde South and Lycee Heights residential neighborhoods.

At a public hearing held prior to the council meeting, many prop-

erty owners representing those areas were present. Most have owned property in the area for multiple years and some feel they were duped into buying property without being told about potential added assessments by sellers.

"We did have specials already assessed to our property," said Laura Hill. "They were estimated to be \$148 a month,

which fell into what the builder advertised. The specials currently proposed to be assessed are in addition to that. They fall far outside what we expected the specials to be for our properties and seem to be a bit redundant to what we've already been assessed."

David Webster is another resident who was blindsided by the hike in special assessments. He

said the decision to buy property in these areas would have been affected had people known about potential increases.

"When we buy property we make those decisions based on taxes and specials and everything else," said Webster. "You want to know your whole price — not to have someone a year later say, 'Wham, here's an extra \$115 dollars a month;

good luck guys.'"

Others in attendance took the opportunity to echo some of the same concerns before attorney Kevin Cowan of Gilmore & Bell attempted to explain the situation. He said this is an issue that arises often because of a lack of communication — and frankly, a lack of transparency.

"The city can't completely control the

information you may get from a seller," said Cowan. "We make sure everything is recorded and I think the city is very good about giving estimates as best as they can if somebody calls and asks. The city's role is to make sure it's recorded so that if anybody is checking the register of deeds information, it's

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# No meat, no cheese, no problem

## Bel Aire chef starting vegan home-catering service

By Taylor Messick

Chef Nick Stroot is taking the knowledge he gained while studying at a popular vegan restaurant in Wichita and reforming his own version of the business as a home-catering service.

Stroot grew up in Colwich before meeting his wife and moving to Bel Aire. They now have two young boys. Stroot's wife is a special education coordinator in Wichita and he currently works for a remodeling company in Maize called Spexarth design.

Eating clean goes hand in hand with Stroot's religious beliefs of taking care of one's body. He hasn't been a vegan forever, though. Stroot's family owns meat lockers around the Wichita area. It seems like a funny contrast of beliefs, but Stroot said his family is supportive. Although he doesn't use animal products, there is something for everyone on his menu. Items like his terrific and savory tamales are certain to please even the staunchest of meat enthusiasts.

"My parents live in Mulvane," said Stroot. "Grandma and Grandpa Stroot live in Colwich and started Stroot Lockers in Mulvane and Goddard. And yes, my family still loves me anyway."

Early on, Stroot got some restaurant experience working at Syls Restaurant & Catering in Colwich. A couple months after he stopped eating



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meat in 2010, he got a gift certificate to d'Sozo, a former Wichita vegan restaurant. That's where Stroot met Chef Miguel Larcher.

Larcher is a vegan chef from South France who was cooking at d'Sozo and taught vegan cooking classes in Wichita. Stroot took a class with Larcher and the two quickly became good friends.

Coincidentally, Stroot was working for a construction company that went out of business when he found out Larcher was

opening his own Wichita vegan restaurant, Garden Grill Café. Stroot got a job with Larcher and the rest is history.

"When I took those cooking classes, I remember thinking that I wanted to work with him someday," said Stroot. "He was so patient and I learned so much; he was just great to be around."

Last November, Garden Grill Café closed. It was located in Wichita's Occidental Plaza on Main Street — the oldest commercial building in the

city. Larcher was offered a job as a chef at a facility in Michigan that holds different camps for large groups of people at a time. He couldn't pass up the position — and with no one to take over ownership of the restaurant he was forced to close its doors.

Ever since, Stroot has had a desire to continue cooking. He often cooks for his church or at the request of other individuals in the community or at work. He recently made the decision to re-open

Garden Grill as a catering service out of his own home and got the full support of Larcher. Stroot got permission to use the name and some of the restaurant's old equipment that has been in storage. Larcher also turned over the mailing lists of his old clients, the restaurant's Facebook and Instagram pages, as well as any of the menu items Stroot wants to use.

"I've got some of the things from the old menu," said Stroot. "There are some other

things I've put my twist on and taken to the next level. Miguel is thrilled to see one of his students do something like this. We've been talking on the phone and he's been giving me pointers. He's been so helpful."

Now, Stroot will begin construction of a state-regulated kitchen in his home. Coincidentally, he already has plenty of space and some of the requirements he will need to make the business legal and successful. He also has support from his neighbors. With two acres of land, Stroot has an ample garden that he uses to grow produce on site.

In his basement is a large space that was used by the former owners for computer classes. There were two restrooms and one of those will be a part of a new, remodeled kitchen. The state requires such a project to be equipped with three sinks that can drain into the floor; this is readily available within the aforementioned space. Stroot is amazed by how convenient and low-cost the project and transition will be. The accommodations of the property seem almost tailor-made to fit his plans.

Stroot is set to begin construction and hopes to have the business up and running by early November. He hopes to create a website in the future — but for now check out Garden Grill's Facebook or Instagram pages for more information.

## CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

### Christ Lutheran-ELCA

Christ Lutheran is at 53rd North and Hillside, across from Wichita Heights High School.

Services are at 9 a.m. for contemporary, 10:15 for Sunday school and 11 for traditional. Communion is offered at all services.

For more information about the church and its activities find the church online at [www.christ-lutheran.org](http://www.christ-lutheran.org), or call 744-1242.

Chad Langdon is the pastor of Christ Lutheran Church.

### Church of the Resurrection

Church of the Resurrection (Roman Catholic) is located at 4910 N. Woodlawn in Bel Aire.

Masses for the Lord's Day are 5:30 p.m. Saturday and at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday. Weekday Masses are 8 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Resurrection Catholic School has students from preschool through eighth grade.

The parish/school website is [www.resurrectionwichita.com](http://www.resurrectionwichita.com), and the telephone number is 744-2776.

The Rev. James F. Weldon is the pastor.

### Community Bible Chapel

Community Bible Chapel is located at the corner of 45th North and Arlene.

Please call Amy Smith at 323-2819 with any questions.

### Cornerstone Christian

Cornerstone Christian Church is located at 5531 E. 37th North in Wichita KS 67220-2037. The church phone number is 686-0208.

Our pastor is Jim Rack-

ham and youth pastor is Brandon Morrow.

Sunday Worship is at 9:30 and 11 a.m. and a nursery is provided.

Our Wednesday Study Groups include adult studies, youth and AWANA. They all meet at 6:30 p.m.

Please join us for the service of your choice.

### Fairmount United Church of Christ

Visit the church at 1605 Fairmount in Wichita, one block south and one block east of 17th North and Hillside.

Sunday worship is at 10:30 a.m., which includes children's church. Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m.

For more information, call 682-1597 or visit at [www.fairmountuccc.org](http://www.fairmountuccc.org).

Steve Bridwell is the minister.

### Gospel Assembly Church

Located at 4230 N. Oliver in Bel Aire, Sunday services are 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Prayer service is at 7 p.m. Tuesday. Praise and worship is at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. The first Saturday evening of each month are youth activities.

Phone number is 744-1502. The Rev. Gary D. Green is the pastor.

### Greenwich United Methodist Church

Greenwich UMC, at the edge of Wichita, is a traditional, family church that serves all ages. Sunday worship is at 9 a.m. Life Studies study group for all ages is from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

Pastor Paula Scott is available at the church each Wednesday for prayer and fellowship. United Methodist Women meet at 10 a.m. the first Wednesday of each month and also host a church brunch quarterly. Special events are announced on the church sign, Face-

book and by mailings. Please call to be added to our mailing list or email [shagameister@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shagameister@sbcglobal.net).

Greenwich UMC missions support large local charities like Open Door, Grace Med or Youthville, as well as small charities like Flint Hills Therapeutic Riding Center, Wichita Children's Home, to name a few.

The church is located at 5500 N. Greenwich Road, about one mile south of K-254 and five miles north of 21st North.

Like us on Facebook at Wichita Greenwich United Methodist Church. We would love for you to come join us Sunday. Feel free to call anytime 744-0203.

### Kechi United Methodist

Sunday worship is at 9:03 a.m. (contemporary service) or 11 (traditional service), with Sunday school at 10 a.m., at Kechi United Methodist Church, 4533 E. 61st North in Kechi.

Caregivers support group meets at 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month.

Men's Bible Study is at 6:30 a.m. Wednesdays. Bingo is at 1 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month.

Our pastor is Greg Reed. Find us at [www.KechiUMC.org](http://www.KechiUMC.org) and "Like" us on Facebook. The church phone number is 744-1221.

### LifePoint

A fellowship of the Assemblies of God, LifePoint is located at 400 S. Abilene in Valley Center.

Sunday worship service and Kids Church are at

10:30 a.m., with Life University/Sunday school for all ages at 9. There are no regular Sunday night service. For special activities, see our website, [www.lpcag.org](http://www.lpcag.org).

On Wednesday evenings, Launch children's program meets at 6:30 p.m. Velocity Student Ministries for youth meets at 7 p.m.

Adult small groups meet throughout the community.

Senior pastor is Steve Rains. Youth pastor is Jacob Soye. Children's pastor is Nathaniel Thurman. Call 755-2331.

### Risen Savior Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

The church is at 6770 E. 34th North, Wichita. Phone number is 683-5538. The church is online at [www.risensaviorwichita.net](http://www.risensaviorwichita.net).

Contemporary Sunday worship service is at 8 and 10:30 a.m. Communion is on the first and third Sunday. Adult Sunday school and Bible class meet at 9:15 a.m. Children's church is at 10:30 a.m. A nursery is provided during both the Bible class and the second service.

Lifetree Café is a conversation café, a place and time for people to gather weekly to experience stories and talk about thought-provoking topics relating to life and faith. They meet Thursdays at 1 p.m., with lunch at noon, at the community building, 316 E.

Clay, in Valley Center.

Risen Savior Pre-school classes for 3- to 5-year-olds are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 to 11:45 a.m. Please contact Michelle Peshek, director/lead teacher, with questions at [atmichelpe@risensavior.net](mailto:atmichelpe@risensavior.net) or call the church office at 683-5538.

Senior pastor is Tom Harmon.

### St. Michael's Orthodox Christian

Saint Michael's Orthodox Christian Church is at 2710 E. 61st North, Park City. It is a congregation of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America. "The disciples were first called Christians at Antioch." (Acts 11:26)

Saint Michael is a western rite congregation using the Liturgy of Saint Gregory. It is the only western rite Orthodox Church in Kansas. Join us for our worship of the Holy Trinity using the ancient and beautiful liturgy of the Undivided Church.

Sunday Adult class at 9 a.m. will study Paul's Letters to the Church in Corinth

Wednesday service is at 6 p.m. Saturday Vespers is at 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday's program will begin at 7:15 p.m. following liturgy and potluck supper.

Call the church for more information at 734-6248 or visit our website at [www.saintmichaelorthodox-church.com](http://www.saintmichaelorthodox-church.com). Email inquiries to [jflora@cox.net](mailto:jflora@cox.net).

The Very Rev. Dr. John Flora is archpriest and pastor. The Rev. Father Basil Anderson is the deacon, and James Finneran is the reader.

### Wichita Three Angels Seventh-Day Adventist

The church is located at 4558 N. Hydraulic, Wichita.

The pastor is Nathan Stearman. The Sabbath school is at 9:30 a.m. Worship service is at 11 a.m.

For more information find us at [www.godsclot.com](http://www.godsclot.com) or on Facebook, email [eric@godsclot.com](mailto:eric@godsclot.com) or call 530-1040.

Send your church's upcoming events and service times to [legals@arkvalleynews.com](mailto:legals@arkvalleynews.com) or call 755-0821.

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# City of Bel Aire



## Bel Aire Recreation

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

For ages 5 through 11. Practices begin the week of Oct. 17 and games begin Oct. 29 (no games on Nov. 26). The registration deadline is Oct. 8.

### COED OUTDOOR SOCCER

Soccer is for boys and girls ages 4 through 11. Games will be played on Saturdays Oct. 24. Practices will be set up by the coaches on weeknights. Limited openings remain; please call for more information.

### COED FLAG FOOTBALL

Bel Aire is teaming up with the Valley Center Recreation Commission for flag football. Practices will be held at the respective home location, with games being played at both sites. Flag Football is for boys and girls in third through sixth grades. Games will be played on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday evenings or Saturday mornings. Practices will be set up by the coaches on weeknights.

### LIL' DRIBBLERS

For boys and girls who are 4 years old. Lil' Dribblers is a six-week basketball camp designed to introduce the concept of basketball to 4-year-olds. Dribbling, shooting, passing and defense are taught through fun and engaging activities. Begins Oct. 29.

### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Bel Aire is teaming up with the Valley Center Recreation Commission for girls volleyball. Practices will be held at the respective home location with scrimmages being played at both sites. Volleyball is for boys and girls in third through sixth grades. Practices will be set up by the coaches on weeknights, with scrimmage dates TBA.

### YOGA

Classes are from 6 to 7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Participants must provide their own yoga mat. Teens and adults can join at any time.

### SENIOR AEROBICS/CHAIR EXERCISES

The senior aerobics class meets from 9 to 10 a.m. Wednesdays. Chair exercise is at 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Fridays. You can join at any time.

### LINE DANCING

Line dancing benefits the entire body. It can help you lose weight, improve balance and coordination, increase muscle and bone strength, and the best part — it's FUN! Fridays at 1:30 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, and Mondays at 1:30 p.m. at the Rec Center.

*A \$10 late fee will be charged to all sign-ups after registration deadlines. For more info about any Bel Aire Recreation programs, call 744-2700.*

## Community Events

- City Council** — 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m.
- For Red Hat info**, call Anita at 744-2840.
- Oct. 5, noon** — Bel Aire Chamber of Commerce meeting
- Oct. 8, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** — LAST Saturday for city brush site
- Oct. 13, 6 p.m.** — Planning Commission meeting.

- Oct. 15, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** — Bel Aire Fall Festival.
- Oct. 17, 7 p.m.** — Community Development Committee meeting
- Oct. 18, 4 p.m.** — Utility Advisory Committee meeting
- Oct. 24, 7 p.m.** — Tree Board meeting
- Oct. 29** — Citywide Fall Cleanup.

## CITYWIDE FALL CLEAN-UP

### OCTOBER 29TH 7:00AM - NOON



#### Items must be brought to the street for curbside pickup

Waste Connections requests all items to be collected be set at the curb prior to 7:00am, Oct. 29th.

#### Waste Connections will make one pass thru the city

Waste Connections asks that all items being collected need to be able to be handled by two people safely. General trash, **small amounts of bundled brush or limbs cut in 3ft lengths for easy pick up.** Furniture including, chairs, couches, tables. Appliances including, washers, dryers, dishwashers, microwaves small electrical appliances such as TVs, computers, mixers, blenders. Patio grills, patio furniture, push lawn mowers (free of gas & oil) and lawn trimmers. Any trash not in the trash cart must be in throwaway containers such as boxes or bags, no more than 30-gallon capacity. No loose trash or debris or no box or bag may exceed 50 pounds in weight.

#### List of items NO LANDFILL OR TRANSFER STATION will accept:

Car batteries, oil filters, fluorescent light bulbs, propane tanks, any asbestos materials, explosives, paint (we will take empty & dried up paint cans), no hazardous liquids (such as fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, solvents, diesel fuel, gas, oil, transmission fluid, antifreeze, etc...) tires. **REFRIGERATORS, FREEZERS AND AIR CONDITIONS** must be tagged by a technician and must have the appropriate paper work with it in order for Waste Connections to pick it up.

### City of Bel Aire Fall Festival

October 15, 2016

If you are interested in having a booth at the Fall Festival, please contact:

Tristin Terhune

744-2451 ext 119

tterhune@belaireks.gov

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## Bel Aire Seniors

All SENIORS 55+ are cordially invited to all events listed below. The Senior Center and library area are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. The library has a wide selection of books to check out with neither cost nor time restraints and computers are available for study or research. Any senior can belong to or attend more than one senior center/club in Sedgwick County.

The Bel Aire Senior Center will be closed for all programs when USD 259 schools are closed due to inclement weather. For more information, please call 744-2451, Ext. 135.

### Locations

Senior Center/Community Room

7651 E. Central Park Ave.

744-2451

Recreation Center

5251 E. 48th North

744-2700

### Weekly Events

- Bel Aire Walkers** — M-F, 8-9 a.m. at the Rec Center (indoors & climate controlled).
- Line Dance Class** — Mondays & Fridays, 1:30 p.m., Community Room
- Yoga** — Mondays & Wednesdays, 6 p.m. at the Rec Center (monthly fee)
- Chair Exercises** — Tuesday & Fridays, 10:30 a.m., at the Rec Center
- Bridge Games** — Tuesdays, 1 p.m. at the Senior Center
- Scrapbook Class** — Tuesdays, 1 p.m., Community Room
- Low Impact Aerobics** — Wednesdays, 9 a.m. at the Rec Center
- Braum's Breakfast** — Fridays, 9 a.m. on North Rock Road

## Monthly & Special Events

- Oct. 3, 2 p.m.** — WSU Life Long Learning, Community Room (must RSVP)
- Oct. 3, 6:30 p.m.** — Potluck dinner and program. Car Buying/Serviceing Questions You Should Be Asking, Community Room.
- Oct. 4, 8:15 a.m.** — Trip to Greensburg, RSVP to 744-2451, ext. 121.
- Oct. 4, 8:30 a.m.** — Breakfast out.
- Oct. 5, 10 a.m.** — Volunteer library work time.
- Oct. 7, 2 p.m.** — FR Agency, housekeeping services info, Senior Center
- Oct. 6, 9 a.m.** — Quilting Bee, Senior Center.
- Oct. 6, 1 p.m.** — Game Day, Rec Center.
- Oct. 7, 6 p.m.** — Pitch, Senior Center.
- Oct. 10, 11:30 a.m.** — Lunch out.
- Oct. 12, 10 a.m.** — Open sewing, Rec Center.
- Oct. 12, 11 a.m.** — Heart Health with Joy Sloan, Senior Center.
- Oct. 14, 9:30 a.m.** — A Matter of Balance, RSVP to 744-2451, ext 121.
- Oct. 15, 10 a.m.** — Bel Aire Fall Festival, Rec Center.
- Oct. 18, 6 p.m.** — Ladies dine out. Call Anita 744-2840 for information.
- Oct. 19, 10 a.m.** — Men's coffee, Braums.
- Oct. 19, 10:15 a.m.** — Senior aerobics brunch.
- Oct. 19, 1:30 p.m.** — Book Club meeting, Senior Center.
- Oct. 19, 2 p.m.** — Women's coffee, Braums.
- Oct. 20, 2 p.m.** — Elder Abuse Prevention, Mary Corrigan, Senior Center.
- Oct. 26, 7 p.m.** — Bunko, Senior Center. Call 744-2451, ext 121, for reservation.
- Oct. 21, 9:30 a.m.** — A Matter of Balance, RSVP to 744-2451, ext. 121.
- Oct. 24, 6 p.m.** — Covered dish dinner and program
- Oct. 27, 2 p.m.** — Genealogy & Family History Group,
- Oct. 28, 9:30 a.m.** — A Matter of Balance, RSVP to 744-2451, ext. 121.
- Oct. 29, 12:30 p.m.** — Private traditional acoustic music jam, listeners welcome, Senior Center.

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## Mayor's corner

By David Austin

It's my favorite time of year — fall. According to the Farmer's Almanac, the official autumn equinox took place Sept. 22, marking the end of summer.

A quick recap of summer 2016. Despite the crazy rainfalls, the Bel Aire community pool saw a significant increase in attendance. Citizen involvement and social media numbers went through the roof. We passed a zero-mill increase budget that calls for more road improvements, and new homes were built and new businesses relocated to Sunflower Commerce Park.

It has been a good summer, but I am ready for the heat and insects to disappear.

Your governing body approved two new businesses and a ton of development projects at its first meeting in September. I am calling that the official kickoff to the Fall.

Last January, I opened the year with our annual state-of-the-city address and spoke about the need for retail to go with residential and business as the third leg needed to build our tax base foundation to take the burden of our debt servicing off the homeowner.

**New businesses** — Soon, the corner of 45th and Woodlawn will transform from a vacant field to a high-end storage unit with retail space in front facing the intersection. For more than four months the city worked with the developer to come up with a plan to maintain the integrity of our property values and make use of the land. These storage units will have detailed landscaping surrounding it as well. I can already hear a lot of the residents at Catholic Care Center jumping for joy waiting for storage options close by.

We also worked with a young family so they can offer vegan meals on a catering business. While yours truly has never had a vegan meal, I am looking forward to trying it. I am also looking forward to the day this business grows to where it has to move to a retail location, say like at 45th and Woodlawn.

**New website and app** — If you haven't already done so, I encourage all residents to visit [www.belairesks.gov](http://www.belairesks.gov) and checkout the brand new freshly designed user-friendly modern city website. With a vast majority of residents using smart phones to electronically communicate with City Hall via the web and other social media channels, our new website is clean and a lot easier to navigate. The home page offers links to all departments. Next a Bel Aire app will go live, so individuals can contact City Hall directly with a push of one button on their phone. I look forward to announcing its re-launch in the near future.

Embracing technology and mobile technology is vital to a growing city hoping to attract more families.

**Fall Fest** — Like I said earlier, I love fall. There is just something about this time of the year that makes my wife and I smile more. Is it the anticipation of the holidays and showing light displays and sharing the Christmas miracle story with our granddaughter or is it the cooler weather or foods? I say all of the above and then some.

With the cooler temps, I know our Tollerville neighbors will enjoy outdoor time together as a neighborhood talking football and holiday plans, etc.

To kick off your family fall, I invite you all to attend the free Bel Aire Fall Festival on Oct. 15 at the Bel Aire Recreation Center. Come visit our vendors, enjoy the food truck options, take your kids to get their faces painted and the petting zoo, stroll through the car show. It and so much more all happens Oct. 15. You can visit the Bel Aire Twitter, Facebook and new webpage for more up-to-the-minute details.



## Farewell to a cranky old friend

I remember telling my wife it was the best birthday present I had ever received. She wasn't impressed.

It was a beautiful Ryobi brand leaf blower. We were inseparable on Saturday mornings.

Alas, we both got old and now I have to say farewell to another Ryobi.

Two years ago I wrote an obituary for a Ryobi string trimmer that I had for 12 years. The time has come for another tribute to a departed friend. I know it may seem silly to some, but those like me (cheap, but very loyal) can relate to my loss.

### Ryobi "Windy" Strunk

Ryobi "Windy" Strunk died Aug. 27, 2016, in the garage of its Valley Center home. The leaf blower was 6 or 7 years old (its owner wasn't sure and couldn't find its birth certificate because, like a fool, its owner never keeps owner's manuals for anything).

Ryobi was a birthday present, purchased with a gift card its owner received from his in-laws. It replaced the labor-intensive push-broom method of clearing the driveway and made its family extremely happy from the first day it arrived.

Ryobi fought the good fight, faithfully blowing dust, debris, leaves and those annoying cobwebs that form around windows and roof overhangs at his family's home for many years. It even blew grass into the street a few times, which it knew was against city ordinance but did it anyway.

Ryobi was kind of a free spirit.

### Out of the office

By Chris Strunk



Ryobi tried to vacuum leaves during the fall, but was never very good at that job. Its oversized vacuum hoses and bag attachment were stored in the attic of the garage. They rest there peacefully to this day. (Ryobi never once asked about them.)

Ryobi started up faithfully with seven pumps of its primer. But that didn't last forever.

About a year ago, Ryobi became ill and cranky. It refused to start. Unfortunately, it paid a terrible price for frustrating its owner. The concrete floor of a garage is not kind to leaf blowers, it found out. The incident, the details of which are sketchy and best untold, left it with a broken cover that refused to stay closed. A large and painful drywall screw fixed that problem for good.

Ryobi was never the same after the "accident." Even after cleaning its carburetor, changing its sparkplug and replacing its fuel filter, it fussed and fought against attempts to get it to perform its weekly duties.

Its owner contemplated a visit to a small-engine repair shop, but never followed through. A professional tune-up and rebuilt carb surely would've breathed new life into its aging body.

But, no, it was subjected to the same old, tired process in the heat of the day every week: pump the primer 15 to 20 times, pull the cord until it's physically impossible to make one more attempt, take off the air filter cover, squirt in a few drops of oil-gas mix, start, run until it dies, put it away until next week and grab a broom to finish the chore.

It couldn't take it anymore. Its starter string finally snapped from all of those attempts, compounding Ryobi's ailments beyond what it (or its owner) could handle.

Ryobi was "permanently retired."

Ryobi was preceded in death by a string trimmer and a host of hand tools. It was survived by a newer string trimmer, a bush trimmer and a riding mower with a 42-inch deck. It was immediately replaced by a new model with a different name.

Ryobi was buried in a Waste Management trash cart after private family services. It may be missed.

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## Business

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on the property as well as other aesthetic elements.

Some council members opposed the project for various reasons. Council member Betty Martine lives right next to the property and expressed her own concern — and the concerns of her neighbors — over potential drainage issues. Martine said drainage problems have gotten worse in the area recently and fears the new facilities will cause additional issues. Council member Guy MacDonald also had major apprehension with the project.

"This issue has gotten me more conversations and telephone calls than any issue I've addressed in the last three years," said MacDonald. "I stopped counting at 12; that might not sound like much but one person often represents quite a few others when they take the time to tell you something. It's all been negative. The people I speak with are

concerned that this is going to adversely affect their property values. I still think this is a primary property, not tertiary."

James Schmidt is the head of the planning commission and showed up to the meeting to show support for the project. The planning commission unanimously approved the project to send before the council after spending hours taking it apart for the second time. Schmidt believes this is the best use for this land and that developers have done a thorough job while also being flexible enough to meet the demands of the city.

"They did everything we asked them to do," said Schmidt. "We were really concerned with lighting and noise and stuff like that. We asked them to put the lights so they wouldn't go back into the neighborhood and they'd stay on the property. We asked them to put a curfew on it so from 11 to 7 they're closed. We talked about the drainage. That lot has been empty forever and you surely don't want a fast-food restaurant. This is going to be nice and quiet at night and it's

going to be upscale."

In other business, the council:

- Heard Mayor David Austin report that a letter from the Sedgwick County District Attorney stated that no criminal charges will be pursued over the sewage overcharges to nine businesses.

- Listened to a report from city manager Ty Lasher that the pool's revenue went up about 25 percent this year.

- Approved Appropriations Ordinance 16-17 in the amount of \$448,727.30 by a unanimous vote.

- Approved assessment proceedings for authorized infrastructure improvements in the courtyards at Elk Creek, Rock Spring Addition Phase 3, Wolff Addition, Tierra Verde South Addition and Lycee Heights Addition by a unanimous vote. A meeting was established for September 20 at 7 o'clock for any objections to be heard.

- Approved an ordinance approving special use on certain property zoned R-1 located within the corporate city limits of Bel Aire by a unanimous vote.

- Approved an order approving a conditional use on certain property zoned R-5 located within the corporate city limits of Bel Aire by a unanimous vote.

- Approved an Engineering Services Agreement with Baughman Company, P.A. for design, bid solicitation and construction administration of sewer, water and street improvements for Chapel Landing 2nd Addition by a unanimous vote.

- Approved street, sewer, sidewalk, water and drainage improvements to Phase 1 of the Deer Run Addition by

# Real estate tricky

Yes, it's true.

Cities are often stuck picking their own poison when it comes to land and private development.

While the promise of new construction is appealing and hard to pass up, many cities, including those in north Sedgwick County, have been left holding the bag on infrastructure improvements.

The City of Valley Center is the latest. Last month, the city began discussing the possibility of establishing a land bank to accept ownership of private property in order to put a temporary hold on taxes and special assessments because private developers can't afford to pay them. The hope is the property will be sold and the specials can re-start, with the unpaid balance added to the account.

It's a bitter pill for cities to swallow.

We insist, moving forward, that cities learn from these situations and place safeguards in the system to protect city taxpayers.

It's not fair for taxpayers to be stuck paying the bill for developers. We'd much rather see general property tax money go toward improvements the entire city can utilize.

Sure, a land bank may be the lesser of two evils, especially since the alternative would be a drawn-out sheriff's sale in which nobody would benefit. But it seems developers are off the hook, not really bearing the consequences of a business risk that didn't pan out.

The safeguards for cities should be in the process during which they agree to make public infrastructure improvements for private developments. Developers and their plans must be carefully vetted. If the city has skin in the game, it needs an expert to determine the risk.

Unfortunately, when land banks are established, cities find themselves smack dab in the middle of the real estate business, and they have far less expertise in selling properties than private developers, which begs the question: Will these properties ever get sold?

Maybe it's time cities learn how to do it right, especially if land banks and property sales become a bigger part of governments' responsibilities.

— The Bel Aire Breeze

unanimous votes.

- Approved an Engineering Services Agreement with Ruggles & Bohm, P.A. for design and bid solicitation of a water main along 53rd Street from Rock Spring to Webb Road by a unanimous vote.

- Accepted a bid for water and sewer main installations in Chapel Landing 2nd Addition from Mies Construction for \$124,718 by a unanimous vote.

- Accepted the water, sidewalk, sanitary sewer and paving petitions for Rock Spring 2nd Addition — Phase 1 by a unanimous vote.

- Approved an Engineering Services Agreement with Ruggles & Bohm, P.A. for design bid solicitation and construction administration of sewer, water, sidewalk and street improvements for Rock Spring 2nd Addition — Phase 1 by a unanimous vote.

- Approved paving, water, sidewalk and sanitary sewer improvements for Rock Spring 2nd Addition — Phase 1 by unanimous votes.

- Appointed Betty Martine and Diane Wynn as delegates to the 2016 League of Kansas Municipalities Annual Business & Policy Meeting by unanimous votes.

- Appointed Jeff Elshoff and Jessica Scholes to the Community Development Committee by votes of 4-0-1.

- Approved a Police Services Agreement with Sunrise Academy for security at home high school football games by a vote of 4-0-1.

All members of the council were present. There was no executive session taken.

Deadline for November: Oct. 21

# Bel Aire Breeze

# HIGHLIGHTS

Two area students completed degree requirements at Fort Hays State University in the summer 2016 term. Ryan Matthew Hopkins, Bel Aire, received a Bachelor of Fine Arts in art (graphic design). Todd Flory, Wichita, received a Master of Science in instructional technology.

Christian Youth Theater is preparing to present Disney's "Mary Poppins" Nov. 3, 4 and 5 at Isely Elementary in Bel Aire. Shows will be 7 p.m. Nov. 3 and 4 as well as 2 and 7 p.m. Nov. 5. Tickets are \$11 for students

and seniors, and \$13 for adults (add \$2 at the door). There is a special rate for existing groups, like scouts, for the Thursday evening show. Tickets may be purchased at cytwichita.org or by calling 682-1688. The jack-of-all trades, Bert, in-

roduces the audience to England in 1910 and to the troubled Banks family. Young Jane and Michael have sent many a nanny packing before Mary Poppins arrives on their doorstep. Using a combination of magic and common sense, she must teach the family how to value each other again.

Mary Poppins takes the children on many magical and memorable adventures, but Jane and Michael aren't the only ones upon whom she has a profound effect. Even grown-ups can learn a lesson or two from the nanny who advises that, "Anything can happen if you let it."

# BEL AIRE POLICE REPORTS

**Sept. 15** — Officer Steele stopped a 2003 Honda Pilot for speeding in the 5600 block of North Oliver. The driver presented a Kansas ID card and not a driver's license. After some investigation, Steele discovered the driver had a driver's license restriction requiring an ignition interlock device. She did not have one in the vehicle. The driver was issued a citation for speeding and for not having an ignition interlock device on the vehicle she was driving. Officer called for one of her friends to come to the scene and drive for her

**Sept. 14** — A Bel Aire resident reported that he wanted to sell some property to another person and wanted a police report to document the situation.

**Sept. 13** — A woman went to the Bel Aire Police Station and reported that her 16-year-old daughter had recently disclosed a sexual relationship that she had been having with a 17-year-old male.

**Sept. 13** — A Bel Aire resident reported that he received a screenshot of a Facebook post by the daughter of his estranged wife through a third party that he took as a threat.

**Sept. 13** — A Bel Aire resident reported that someone entered her unlocked 2016 Kia Sorrento that was parked in the driveway of her residence in the 4300 block of North Eagle Lake Court and took a black Lenovo laptop computer that belongs to USD 261. The woman said the car appeared to have been rummaged through but did not believe any other items were taken.

**Sept. 12** — Officers received a report of an unknown accident involving a single vehicle that had struck a tree at the dead end in the 4900 block of North Hillcrest. The calling party stated that the airbags had deployed. Officers located an unoccupied gray 2005 Dodge Stratus in the tree row at the dead end of Hillcrest. The driver was later located at her residence, about two miles away. The driver advised she had become lost and fell asleep before the accident. After the crash the woman walked home and thought she would return later to remove the vehicle. The crash also caused damage to the dead-end red sign and knocked over a portion of a large tree. The driver was cited for hit-and-run and other traffic charges.

**Sept. 11** — Officer Steele responded to a non-injury accident in the 5100 block of East Ashton Court. The complainant advised a 2010 Dodge Grand Caravan had been struck on the lower left portion of the rear door. The incident either occurred in Wichita or Salina.

**Sept. 10** — Officers stopped a red for speeding in the 4000 block of North Woodlawn. The driver was cited for not wearing a seatbelt, driving without a valid license and no proof of liability insurance.

**Sept. 8** — Det. S. Davis contacted the victim of a vandalism in the 5300 block of North Rock Springs. The man advised his stepson threw his phone down in anger, damaging the floor tile and a dining room chair. Damage was about \$350. While speaking with the man, the suspect came in the house. The suspect said he was angry with his girlfriend, and he threw the phone down on the floor and in doing so broke a dining room chair. The stepson, Cody Wyatt Shipman of Bel Aire, was arrested on a charge of destruction of property/domestic violence.

**Sept. 6** — A Bel Aire resident reported that someone vandalized her driveway by etching or staining four square shapes into the concrete in the 4800 block of North Farmstead.

The resident provided pictures of the cosmetic damage.

**Sept. 5** — Officer Steele was dispatched to a disturbance involving two dementia patients at the Catholic Care Center in the 6700 block of East 45th North. A worker at the center witnessed a patient pull a walker away from another patient and then proceed to hit the patient. The patients were separated.

**Sept. 4** — Officer T. Davis responded to the report of a wrong-way driver on K-254. A sheriff's deputy was able to stop the driver in Kechi. Davis arrived on scene and witnessed the driver's inability to put his vehicle in park and remove the keys. The driver was uncooperative during the investigation. Sheriff's office arrested the driver on DUI and other charges. The suspect's name was not available.

**Sept. 3** — Officer T. Davis was dispatched to an alarm call at Check-N-Go in the 6200 block of East 37th North. The front door of the business was broken. Entry was made into the business and an unsuccessful attempt was made to enter the company's deposit safe.

**Sept. 3** — A Bel Aire resident reported that a black and green Schwinn bike was taken from inside his garage in the 6400 block of East Perryton. The reporting party said the overhead door was locked. However, the back gate and the back door to the garage were unlocked.

**Sept. 2** — A reporting party reported sometime after the second week of August, a neighbor of his rental house stole a birch tree from the property in the 4200 block of North Country Lane. The person dug it down the street and planted it in her backyard. Multiple witnesses observed the theft. The suspect was contacted by Det. Davis. She offered to pay for the tree and the reporting party accepted the civil arrangement.

**Sept. 2** — Officer Roney responded to a residence in the 5000 block of East 46th North where the residents report that a young female knocked on their door to advise them she had struck a parked truck in front of their residence. The residents called the station later in the day to make the report. However, the vehicle that was struck belonged to their ex-son-in-law, who had already removed the vehicle. The wrecked vehicle was still on scene and inoperable. No accident report was made since neither owner was available to make a report. The owners were advised to contact the police department. The inoperable 2008 Nissan Versa was marked for tow.

**Sept. 1** — Officer Roney was notified by Andover police that a representative from Andover Rental Center would like an officer to meet them at the residence in the 4000 block of North Danbury to recover construction equipment that a man had rented and not returned. Andover Rental Center recovered its 20-foot flatbed trailer, Ditchwitch Mini Skid, and an Atlas Vibraplate.

**Sept. 1** — While traveling south in the 3800 block of North Woodlawn, Officer Roney noticed a white Dodge Dakota with an expired June 2016 license plate. The driver did not have proof of liability insurance. The driver was cited for the expired tag and for not having proof of liability insurance.

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**Aug. 30** — Officer Roney responded to a residence regarding a runaway in the 4000 block of North Clarendon. The reporting party advised a girl was placed in the home by a state agency. The reporting party ran from the home. Roney and other officers searched for the teenage runaway. The runaway was entered into NCIC and Roney had a BOLO broadcast on all channels.

**Aug. 30** — Officer Steele responded to a call to assist law enforcement on an attempt to contact call in the 6700 block of East Summerside.

**Aug. 27** — Officer Steele responded to a call of domestic violence in the 4800 block of North Battin. The call involved an intoxicated subject wanting to drive away from the residence. Officer and deputies dealt with five people in front of the residence. Two of the people in the yard were involved in divorce proceedings.

**Aug. 26** — Officer Steele stopped a driver for a seatbelt violation in the 4800 block of East 37th North. The driver was not in possession of her driver's license.

**Aug. 25** — A woman called to report that her vehicle was rear-ended at the intersection of Edgemoor and Perryton. She was stopped at the stop sign at this intersection facing west. During this time, another driver failed to stop behind her.

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**Aug. 25** — A woman called to report a suspicious character near her residence in the 4400 block of North Auburn. The suspect parked north of the residence, just out of sight. The woman saw the individual park and back up slightly to another car in the driveway. The suspect got out of his vehicle and approached the other vehicle in the driveway. The caller said she yelled at the suspect causing him to leave the scene. The suspect traveled east on 45th.

**Aug. 24** — Chief Atteberry was watching the stop signs at Battin and Krueger when he observed a gray Honda Odyssey van run the stop sign northbound and turn onto Battin. After stopping the vehicle, he noticed the tag was expired since November of 2015. The driver advised she had left her purse at home and had no driver's license. She was written a citation for running a stop sign, no driver's license in possession and expired registration.

**Aug. 23** — Chief Atteberry reported checking a suspicious character in a red pickup in the 4600 block of North Elk Creek. Upon stopping to make contact with the driver of the pickup, Atteberry noticed the license plate on the truck was expired. The driver, who was not paying attention as Atteberry stood at the driver's door, was playing Pokemon Go. Atteberry looked in and saw an open container of beer in the console. After

surprising the driver and seizing the beer, the driver was written a notice to appear for transporting an open container and expired license plate.

**Aug. 22** — Chief Atteberry reported locating two dogs running at-large. The dogs had collars, but no tags. The animals were transported to Heartland Animal Hospital to be checked for microchips. None located. The dogs were taken to the police department for safe keeping until Animal Control was open to accept intakes. The owner came to the police department looking for the dogs. She said they had escaped the previous night. As is common practice for a first offense, she was given a warning for letting the dogs run at-large and the dogs were released.

**Aug. 22** — A man reported that the tag from his 2009 Kaw Ninja was either lost or stolen, sometime within the last week.

**Aug. 22** — A Bel Aire resident reported that he believes an unknown subject entered his residence through a dog door in his garage and then entered the house in the 5000 block of East Willow Point. He did not see anything missing but stated that his son's room is out of place and feels someone has gone through it.

**Aug. 22** — A Bel Aire resident called 911 to report a violation of her protection-from-stalking order. The caller reported that she was told by a third party that her brother threatened her.

**Aug. 21** — Officer Steele responded to a call of a suspicious character that involved a report of a drone with a camera in the 6600 block of East 44th Court North. Officer saw no suspicious activity. He contacted the complainant who reported a drone flew past and could have seen into his backyard as he was working out. No drone was located.

**Aug. 21** — Officer Steele responded to a call of a burglary in progress in the 4700 block of North Prestwick. A caller saw suspects loading furniture into a red truck. Officers arrived a short time after receiving the call and found no one around. The calling party was contacted. She had taken photos of the people she saw parked against a residence under construction. She saw the subjects collected a barbecue and patio furniture from the residence. Further investigation revealed that the owner had knowledge of the removal of the property and no illegal activity occurred.

**Aug. 21** — Officer Steele responded to the station regarding a domestic violence report that involved telephone harassment by a relative of the reporting party. The reporting party said he received a text message from someone he believed was his 18-year-old former stepdaughter. The man was concerned that his daughter may attend school with the person who sent the text.

**Aug. 20** — Officer T. Davis received a loud party complaint in the 5200 block of Ashton Court. He arrived on scene and saw about 10 people outside. There were a large number of vehicles parked in the neighborhood. While he was waiting for backup officers, eight more carloads of people arrived. Officer contacted the residents of the house. This was the second call of a loud party Davis had

received in little over a week at this residence. While investigating the party complaint, the residents said the party got out of control. Neighbors reported racing, yelling, public urination on their property, beer bottles/cans and trash left in their yards. The host of the party was arrested for disorderly conduct and unlawfully hosting minors consuming alcohol. The suspect's name was not available.

**Aug. 20** — Officer T. Davis was running radar in the 4800 block of North Greenwich when he witnessed a vehicle speeding. He stopped the vehicle and contacted the driver. During the investigation it was determined the female driver was intoxicated and was driving on a revoked driver's license as she was flagged as a habitual violator. The suspect, Olivia Shae-Lyn Wallace of Towanda, was arrested for speeding, driving without a valid license, driving with a revoked license and DUI. While at the Sedgwick County Adult Detention Center booking desk, the woman was found to be in possession of methamphetamine. As per policy, the woman was strip-searched. She had hidden three grams of methamphetamine in her vagina. She was charged with smuggling contraband into a jail facility.

**Aug. 20** — Officers Roney and Crouse were in Wichita for a nearby burglary call at Jimmy Johns at 3300 N Rock Road. While the area filled with law enforcement officers looking for the suspect, a red Mustang parked at 3232 N. Rock Road at North Rock Lanes began continuously revving his vehicle engine. The Mustang sped away and squealed the tires through the parking lot, exiting onto to Rock Road. Officers conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and discovered the driver was intoxicated. The driver was arrested and booked into the Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility. The suspect's name was not available.

**Aug. 19** — USD 259 security called to report that sometime between June 15 and Aug. 19, unknown person(s) removed two stop signs from the high school grounds, 5500 N. Lycee. One stop sign was located at the south drive and the second was located at the middle drive. The nuts and bolts to both signs were still on the ground next to the posts that the signs had been previously affixed to. The cost to replace the two signs is \$100.

**Aug. 19** — The installation manager at Granite Transformations, 6254 E. 37th North, reported that an ex-employee stole various objects from the shop valued at about \$100. The ex-employee was seen on security footage taking property on Aug. 16. The ex-employee stole the property on his last day of work after closing.

**Aug. 18** — Officers Crouse and Roney responded to a larceny at the Catholic Care Center in the 6700 block of East 45th North. A patient called earlier on first shift stating she had property stolen from her previous residence within the facility. Relatives of the woman said they knew nothing of the property and could not verify there was actually a theft.

**Aug. 18** — Officers Crouse

and Roney spoke with the parents of a girl whose boyfriend entered their house in the 6100 block of East Edinburg. The boyfriend came to the residence asking for a white stuffed animal belonging to the daughter. After investigation it was determined another family member retrieved the stuffed animal for the boyfriend and he did not actually enter the home.

**Aug. 17** — Officer Steele responded to vehicular pursuit involving Park City police. Officer located and attempted to initiate a traffic stop. The driver of the vehicle fled again. The driver of the vehicle stopped after the vehicle's tires were deflated. The 16-year-old female driver was arrested and later transported to the Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center where she was booked for having no driver's license and fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer.

**Aug. 16** — A vehicle with a shattered windshield was stopped in the 7800 block of East 45th North. The driver displayed a Mexico identification card and stated he has never had a license in the United States. The man was issued a citation with a Bel Aire Municipal Court date.

**Aug. 16** — An attorney representing the estate of a deceased man who was residing in Bel Aire at the time of his death contacted the Bel Aire Police Department. He reported that prior to the man's death, three individuals not related to the deceased man were able to convince the man to issue checks for "donations" and "loans." The attorney believed there was elder abuse involved and wanted to make a report. Total approximate loss was \$35,000.

**Aug. 16** — A Bel Aire resident reported that in April, he hired Premier Lawn Care to install a sprinkler system, dirt and grass sod onto his property in the 5800 block of North Rock Spring. The man said he paid Premier Lawn Care a \$4,693.09 deposit for the work to his property. A sub-contractor partially installed a sprinkler system, but none of the other landscaping had been completed since then. The victim has been unable to contact the owner of Premier Lawn Care about the uncompleted work.

**Aug. 16** — A Bel Aire resident reported that a small toolbox with various tools was stolen out of his larger truck's toolbox in the bed in the 4900 block of Hedgerow Court. The man said the last time he saw the tools within the larger toolbox was on July 30. He also said he believes his tools were stolen sometime between July 30 and Aug. 14. The toolbox that was containing the smaller plastic toolbox that was stolen was located on his Bronze 2001 Ram 2500 extended cab pickup.

**Aug. 15** — Officer Toomey stopped a 1995 Jeep for speeding in the 4600 block of North Greenwich. The driver was arrested on a charge of driving with a revoked license.

**Aug. 13** — A woman reported that while she was walking in the 4900 block of North Highland Street on Aug. 3 she was bitten by an Australian Shepherd.

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there. It's not abundantly apparent and that's what usually leads to calling the city."

Cowan explained that the engineer develops the petitions that contain all the information. All it takes for approval of those petitions is a majority of property owners to sign off. This means that if the land is still owned by one person, he or she alone makes the decision to accept the petitions. In this case, it was the developers who made that decision.

He also said that once the council passes the resolution, recording the information in the register of deeds is required. He admits that because that information might not always be clear to the public that it's not a

perfect system. "There may be a better way to give notice to property owners besides that it's recorded in the register of deeds," he said. "There may be a better way but I'm not sure that there's a better way for the city. At that point we don't even know who the property owners are going to be but we have to record this so that everybody is on notice that this property is subject to assessment."

He admitted that it's better for property owners and the city if lots are sold before the expiration of temporary notes. Bel Aire issues notes for three years, which gives time for the completion of construction so that final costs are known before the final assessments are made. He said that the goal is to sell lots during that time so there

is "diversity of ownership." What this does is take some of the burden of assessments off the owner so they aren't the only ones paying. This also creates less of a chance for default on assessments, which helps take some risk away from the city.

Cowan also noted that only properties that benefit from improvements can be made to pay for them. He said he's 99 percent sure the second and third phases won't add additional assessments. City Administrator Ty Lasher encouraged anyone with questions about assessments in the future to call the city.

In other business, the council:

- Approved Appropriations

Ordinance 16-18 in the amount of \$223,134.63 by a unanimous vote.

• Heard David Webster ask the council to consider putting a traffic light or roundabout on 45th Street between Rock and Woodlawn. Council member Guy MacDonald also expressed concerns about the road conditions on Hedgerow.

• Listened to Mayor David Austin announce that the fall festival is scheduled for October 15. He also announced that the city's new website is belaireks.gov and the old site — belaireks.net — doesn't automatically redirect to the new site yet. He also reminded everyone that next weekend is the last time the brush site will be open this year.

• Heard city administrator Ty Lasher announce that the number 11 Fed Ex Nascar will be at the Fed Ex at Sunflower Commerce Park on Friday, September 23 from 3-7. He also said Waste Connections will provide curbside cleanup for large items in Bel Aire on October 29.

• Accepted a proposal from TranSystems for \$36,500 for engineering design of drainage improvements within the Sunflower Commerce Park Phase 2 by a unanimous vote.

• Accepted the Bel Aire community rating system ac-

tivity 510 progress report for the National Flood Insurance Program as completed by the city's floodplan administrator by a unanimous vote.

All members of the council were present and there was no executive session.

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