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## CITY HALL MEETING SCHEDULE

## Happy Holidays!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for our Christmas Open House on Tuesday, December 20th from 4pm-7pm. See page 3 for more details!

**Senior Center Potluck**  
Monday, December 5th | 6:30pm

**City Council Meeting**  
Tuesday, December 6th | 7pm

**Municipal Court**  
Wednesday, December 7th | 7pm

**City Council Workshop**  
Tuesday, December 13th | 6:30pm

**Planning Commission**  
Thursday, December 15th | 6pm

**Municipal Court**  
Thursday, December 15th | 12pm

**Holiday Open House**  
Tuesday, December 20th | 4-7pm

**City Council Meeting**  
Tuesday, December 20th | 7pm

## BEL AIRE RESIDENT NAMED RHODES SCHOLAR



### LAWRENCE, KAN. (AP) -

A University of Kansas student has been named a Rhodes Scholar to study refugees and forced migration.

The Rhodes Trust announced 32 U.S. recipients of the 2017 awards Sunday.

The Trust said in a release that Shegufta A. Huma, from Bel Aire, is a senior majoring in political science. The Trust says Huma came to the U.S. from Bangladesh, was president of the Muslim Student Association, speaks several languages and "is particularly dedicated to working toward justice for Muslim immigrants."

Huma's Facebook page indicates she attended Wichita East High School.

The 2017 Rhodes scholars-elect were chosen from nearly 900 applicants. The scholarships cover expenses for two or three years of study at the University of Oxford in England beginning next October.

At Oxford, Huma plans to study refugees and forced migration, as well as public policy.

Source: KAKE News



# DECEMBER IS NATIONAL IMPAIRED DRIVING PREVENTION MONTH

In an average year, 30 million Americans drive drunk, and 10 million Americans drive impaired by illicit drugs. December seems particularly suited to this observation because traffic fatalities that involve impaired drivers increase significantly during the Christmas and New Year's holiday periods. This month promotes responsible decision-making and encourage people to live free of drugs and alcohol.

Visit: [Youth.org](http://Youth.org) to get access to prevention resources and toolkits.

## Scholarship Awarded to Drew Conwell



If you have participated in any of our Rec Center's sports or programs, you probably have met the Assistant Rec Director, Drew Conwell. Drew spent November 16th-19th in Orlando, FL at the 2016 NAYS Youth Sports Congress. He was the one recipient chosen by the Kansas Recreation and Park Association for a scholarship to attend this conference. Plenty of valuable information, tools and resources were gained to utilize here in Bel Aire. Congrats, Drew!

## CANNED AND NON-PERISHABLE



## FOOD DRIVE

Personal items welcome too!



Drop off at the Wichita Hoops, Main Entrance (south side) under the Christmas Tree, anytime between 9AM - 9PM

November 28th - December 21st

**Wichita Hoops**  
The Premier Athletic Facility in the Midwest

All food donations will be delivered to the Kansas Food Bank



Interested in making Bel Aire  
a cleaner, more enjoyable  
and attractive place for all?

**ADOPT A HYDRANT**

**Adopt-A-Park**  
City of Bel Aire

Contact Tristin Terhune at  
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MAKING BEL AIRE

# BRIGHT

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS CONTEST

## PRIZES:

### 1st Place

1 Month Free Water & Sewer

### 2nd Place

1 Month Free Water Only

### 3rd Place

1 Month Free Trash Service

Contest open to Bel Aire residents.

### Nominate by website or phone:

[www.belaireks.gov](http://www.belaireks.gov) | 744-2451

Make sure all of your lights are shining bright on December 19th, as judging takes place that evening.

*\*\*\*Winners will be announced December 20th at the Christmas Open House, as well as featured in January's edition of the Bel Aire Beacon newsletter.*

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE  
*City of Bel Aire*

# CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

**Tuesday, December 20th**  
**Bel Aire City Hall**  
**4:00 - 7:00pm**

*Take pictures with Santa, tour the building  
and enjoy some treats & hot drinks!*



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# BEL AIRE SENIORS Christmas Lights Tour

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>**  
**5:45PM-7:45PM**

Christmas Lights tour with Unified Party Bus!

*\*\*\*This tour will be completely on the bus,  
we will not stop at Botanica.\*\*\**

**\$10 per person**

We are limited to 24 people, so please make your reservation early!



**For more information  
or to RSVP,  
call Jennie at  
744-2451 ext. 121**

# EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

## Anne Stephens

**What is your job title and how long have you been with the City of Bel Aire?**

I am the Public Works Director and City Engineer. I have been with the City since July, 2015.

**What is your favorite part about working here?**

I love the support and friendliness of my fellow co-workers. I also really enjoy being able to use my years of experience in the consulting world to help educate citizens and council members regarding different aspects of Public Works and to be able to give Council Members the information that they need to make informed decisions regarding our City.

**What do you like to do for fun?**

I enjoy spending time with my family (my husband of 20 years - Steve and my 19 y/o daughter Samantha) and our three cats (Cuddles, Scooter and Prince Charming). I have also been really enjoying getting back into horseback riding. My daughter's interest in riding has started to wane, so I have been spending more time riding our thoroughbred gelding - Tom Luck. We have started going to a few dressage schooling shows and are looking forward to participating in more next year! I also really enjoy knitting, crocheting and helping out at our church.

**What is one thing you couldn't live without?**

My friends and family!

**If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you find yourself?**

I enjoy traveling, and would love to see the world, but if I had to choose one place to stay for good, it would probably be right here in the Wichita area. I have found so many good friends after moving here 5 years ago, that I can't really imagine moving anywhere else - except maybe back home to Lincoln, Nebraska (GO BIG RED!!!)



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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City Hall Community Room

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