

# The Bel Aire Breeze

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## City seeks public input on industrial park master plan

By Matt Heilman

The City of Bel Aire is confident in its master plan for a proposed industrial park. Soon, the question will be, are developers confident enough to bring business to the city's 800 undeveloped acres that run along 53rd North between Webb and Greenwich Roads?

Last fall, the city hired a consulting team that has guided the four-phase master plan for the proposed industrial park property and the time is drawing near for that comprehensive report to be published and released.

The consultants, Jeff Best, a project manager with landscape architecture expertise, and engineer Jeff Lackey presented the second phase of the master plan to the Bel Aire City Council at its April 3 meeting.

They spent the first phase of the plan identifying the assets in place in the area, looking at the available acreage, how it's zoned and what infrastructure is in place.

From that, the consultants determined that the proposed industrial park was versatile and shouldn't be limited to manufacturing. And maybe the term "industrial park" wasn't appropriate since that term implies limitations on what can operate on the land.

Best indicated that Phase 2, known as the market analysis phase, is the most pivotal step toward developing a master plan.

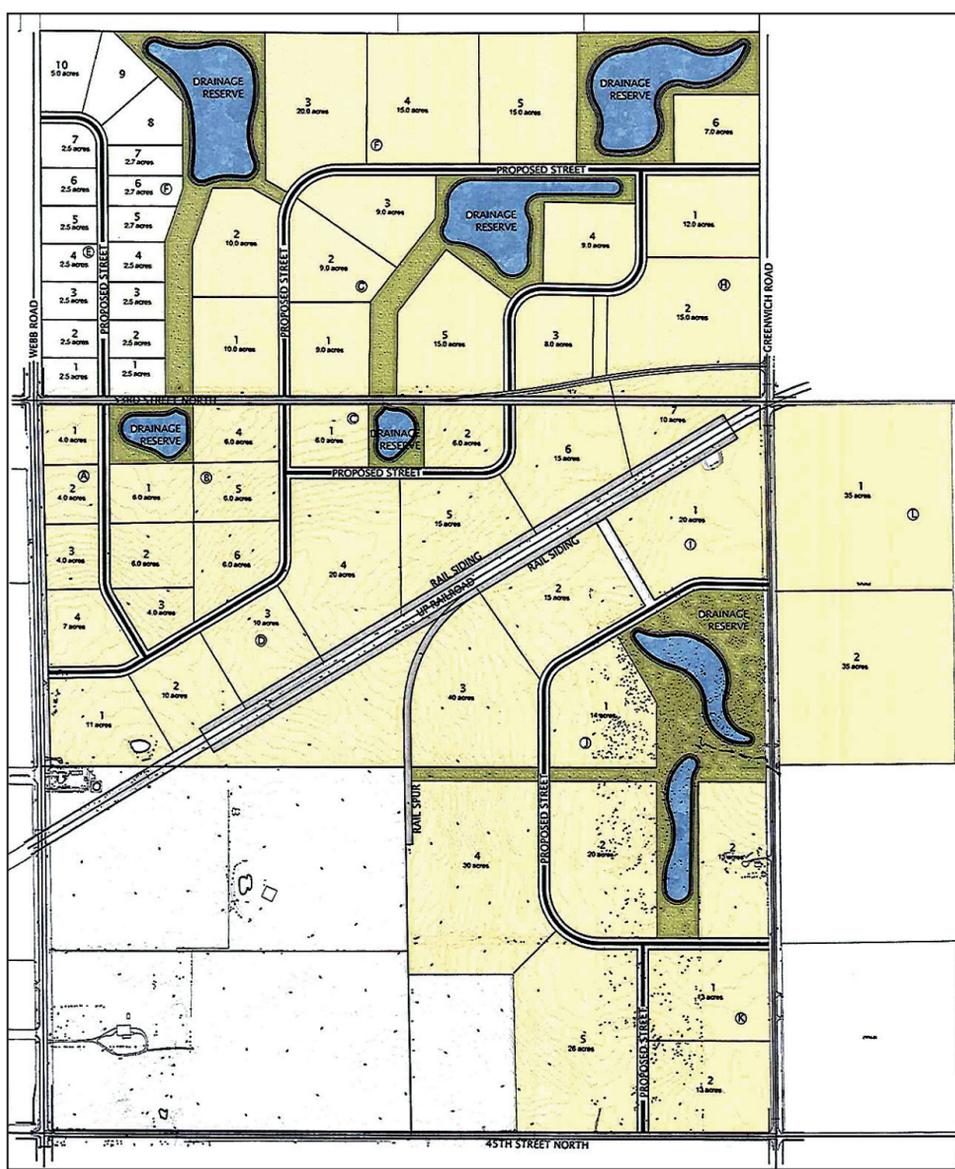
"This is the meat and potatoes of what we think we can attract in the industrial park," he said.

Best and Lackey said the city should broaden its horizons to consider marketing the land toward industries that are "much more sustainable" and can survive a long-term recession.

Among the possible fits for the acreage the consultants discussed are call centers, professional services or health-care services. However, that doesn't mean that Bel Aire should shut the door on manufacturing, the consultants said.

As was mentioned in last month's Breeze, the first commitment to build in the industrial park is a California-based group called "The Energy Tunnel," looking to manufacture portable alternative energy generators in the Wichita area. Whether the commitment sticks could

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The preliminary plan for Bel Aire's 800-acre industrial park land calls for about 50 lots of varying sizes that are expected to draw interest from different types of industries, not limited to manufacturing. One of the important parts of marketing is to develop a brand for the development, including a name and a logo.

## Downtown district part of strategy

By Matt Heilman

The ongoing battle continues in Bel Aire. The city is in better financial shape than in the past couple of years, but there's still a long, uphill journey ahead before the city can move past its land debt that still approaches \$20 million.

Acting as its own developer to crawl out from the debt, the city is shedding some light at the end of the tunnel. The city council has been encouraged by the construction of two new schools and commitments for residential development, but business growth is vital.

The city is working toward

developing a master plan for its 800-acre proposed industrial park and hopes to expand retail options in the city with the creation of a downtown district, starting on vacant land near City Hall in the Central Park development.

The city council held a March 15 workshop where it discussed the feasibility of developing an identifiable downtown district in Bel Aire.

City leaders first discussed plans for a downtown district about two years ago when Dennis Edelman, a shopping center development consultant, approached them with the idea to turn undeveloped land into a retail destination.

At the workshop, Tim Austin, a project manager for Wichita-based Poe and Associates said plans for about 400-acres in the downtown district would call for retail and entertainment options, appropriately called "retailtainment."

While there aren't any businesses committed to building in Bel Aire's potential downtown district, Edelman said that ultimately, the vision for the area is similar to The Plaza in Kansas City, where multi-story buildings house popular shops and restaurants.

The council began discussing financing options to set up a downtown district at the March

15 workshop and it took another step forward at its April 17 regular meeting.

To pay for its share of the project, the city could set up a Capital Improvement District (CID), where a portion of the sales tax generated in the established district would go toward the development.

On April 17, the council accepted a petition to create a CID. The motion doesn't establish a 1- or 2-cent sales tax; it just gives the city clearance to do so with an ordinance if they deem it necessary down the road.

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## Bel Aire extends homebuyer incentive

Plan tops Wichita's

By Matt Heilman

While the housing market in Bel Aire continues to move slowly, the city council is optimistic a turn for the better is on the horizon and that the city is on the right track to effectively attract buyers of new homes.

At its April 3 meeting, the council unanimously approved extending its current homebuyer incentive plan with a couple of slight amendments, but nothing that changes the benefit to buyers of new or existing homes in the city.

The former incentive plan ended on April 1. Looking at what's being offered in other cities across Sedgwick County, the council agreed that what Bel Aire offers is competitive to attract potential buyers northeast of Wichita.

In Bel Aire, the buyer of a \$200,000 house can expect to receive \$3,927 in incentives over five years. Comparatively, buyers of new homes in Wichita can expect about \$3,726 over five years for a \$200,000 house, according to information provided by the City of Bel Aire.

In Bel Aire, the city offers free water and sewer utilities for up to six months, or up to a certain dollar amount, depending on the price of the home. The buyer of a new home valued up to \$150,000 can expect up to \$1,500 worth of free water and sewer. The buyer of a new home valued at \$151,000 to \$400,000 can expect up to \$2,000 in free water and sewer, and a buyer of a new

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## Park City, Bel Aire in dispute over water

Disagreement over usage

By Matt Heilman

Bel Aire and Park City are butting heads over water, and all attempts to resolve their disagreements have been futile to this point.

The cities are locked into an agreement that requires each to pay for 50 percent of the water provided by the Chisholm Creek Utility Authority, which is the water and sewer treatment facility co-owned by the cities. But Bel Aire only uses about 30 percent of the water from the CCUA and feels like it is subsidizing Park City's usage. Park City, meanwhile, doesn't think it should have to raise its water rates to cater to Bel Aire.

Currently in Park City, residents pay a base rate of \$21 per month for water, plus \$2.10 for every 1,000 gallons used. Park City businesses pay a base rate of \$24 plus \$2.50 per thousand gallons.

In Bel Aire, residents pay a base rate of \$22 per month, and then pay on a tiered system based on how much water is used. Residents pay \$2.61 per thousand gallons of water used up to 2,999 gallons, \$3.51 per thousand gallons used for 3,000 to 5,999 gallons, \$3.91 per thousand gallons used for 6,000 to 11,999 gallons, \$4.03 per thousand gallons used for 12,000 to 16,999 gallons, \$4.11 per thousand gallons used for 17,000 to 24,999 gallons and \$4.16 per thousand gallons used for 25,000 gallons or more used in a month.

A similar tiered system is in place for Bel Aire businesses, with a base rate of \$32 per month and higher costs per thousand gallons

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# Incentives must be fair to all residents

We can all agree that new home sales are important to cities, and efforts to attract potential homebuyers are usually worth the time and investment. However, when it comes to new homebuyer incentives, a line has to be drawn before the race to offer the best deal results in area cities losing the financial advantage to welcoming new residents.

The housing market isn't recovering as fast as developers would like. Consequently, we're seeing high rates of delinquent special assessments and subsequent strains on local governments.

A new incentive plan pushed by the Wichita Area Builders Association is trying to spur a recovery across south-central Kansas. The plan, called the New Home Ownership Made Easy Program, involves property tax abatements with developers stepping up to pay for special assessments for a determined amount of time after a home is sold.

WABA also hopes for the county and area school districts to take part in the program by offering tax breaks.

We understand that new home sales are vital. But the new program doesn't seem fair to existing homeowners. Why don't longtime residents who have been loyal to their cities have the option to receive a five- to 10-year break on property taxes?

We can appreciate that the builders association is trying to implement a uniform area-wide incentive that would help cities collect on delinquent specials.

However, if every city jumps on board with the New Home Ownership Made Easy Program, then property tax breaks will become an expectation for new homebuyers rather than an actual incentive. Again, that's not fair to existing homeowners, especially those who can't afford to buy a new home.

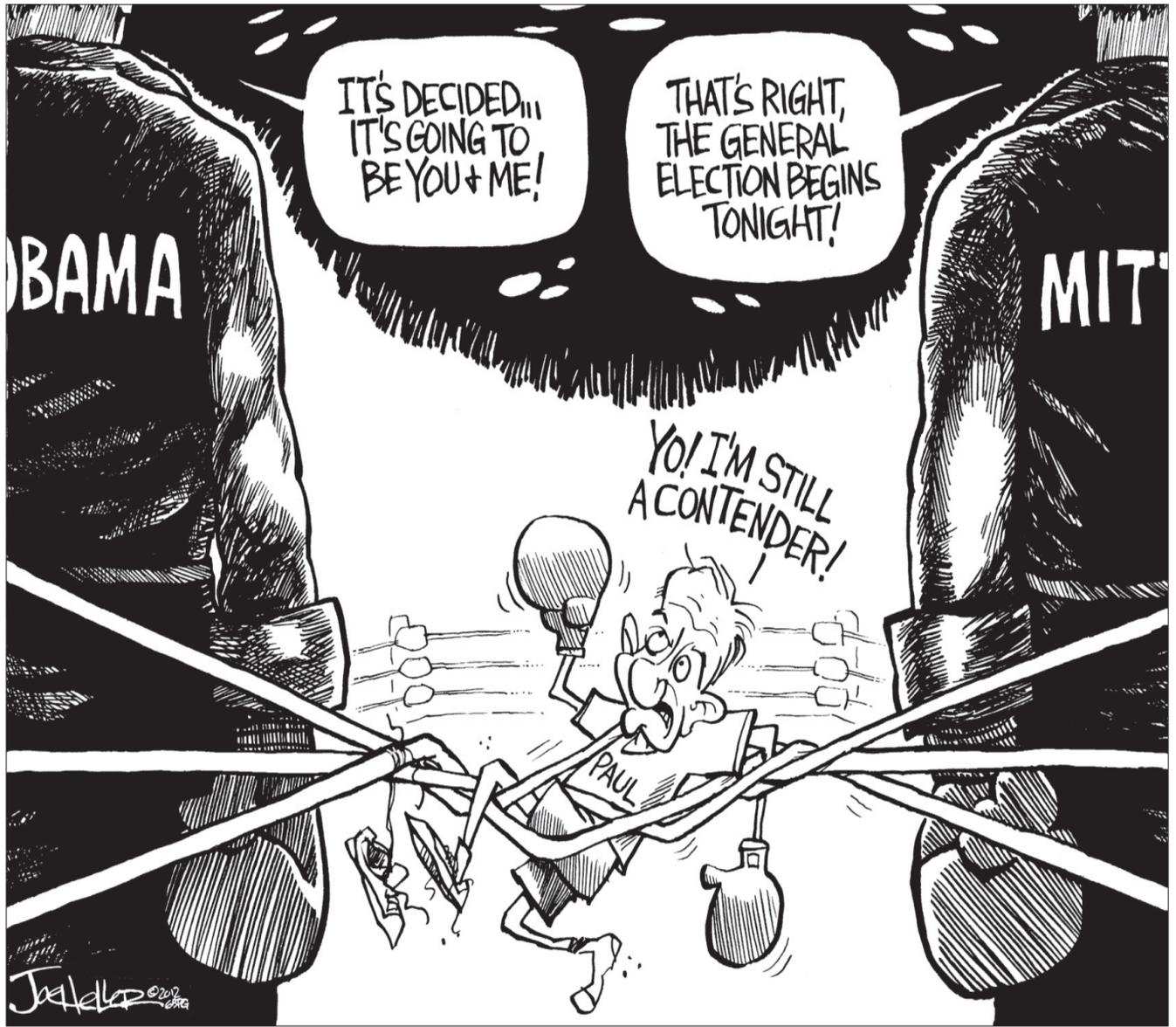
Incentive plans, like what's offered in Park City where a new homebuyer gets a one-time break on the utility hookup charge, seems more fair to existing homeowners.

With any incentive, competition is the name of the game and those who don't offer an edge will fall behind, no matter how "neat" it is to live there.

In today's economy, it's not so simple, but we believe the best way to attract new homebuyers is to have amenities and services that make moving to a city worthwhile. Give residents their money's worth, and cities will see a return on that investment.

Cities would be well served by improving and then marketing their amenities and services to potential residents.

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## White Lion, Hornet soccer forever connected

Wait, wait, did I really hear White Lion at a high school soccer game? Yes, I did. During halftime of the Valley Center High School girls' April 16 win against Derby, part of the halftime entertainment was a medley of songs from the decadent decade that brought us the start of my life and the rise and merciful fall of hair bands.

A couple of minutes after the halftime whistle blew and each team took to its respective huddle to strategize how to break a scoreless tie, I began to tap my foot on the bleachers as "Cum on Feel the Noize" by Quiet Riot played over the speakers from the press box.

"Interesting," I thought. "This is good pump-up music, but it seems kind of out of place for a high school game."

I expected some hip-hop or arena dance song to be next on the playlist. What I heard instead was almost too much for me to take,



Heil on life

By Matt Heilman

"Wait," by White Lion. What's that? You've never even heard of White Lion or the song I just mentioned? Join the club of everyone else (besides me) older than 45 and younger than 40.

As soon as I heard the timeless lyrics, "Wait, wait. I never had the chance to love you," I couldn't help but think that the glam band formed in 1983 in New York City (thanks, Wikipedia) wrote that song to their ever-shrinking fan base.

Just like many longhaired, over-the-top pretty boys from the

hair band era, White Lion didn't sustain much success past about two years spanning the late 1980s and dawn of the '90s.

And, also according to Wikipedia, White Lion, which scored a second radio hit in 1989 with the sappy power ballad "When the Children Cry," is somehow still performing, telling middle-aged adults everywhere to wait on abandoning their early 20s and moving on with their lives.

Good for them. I'm entertained by the hair metal genre. Some of the music is decent and a lot of it is terrible. You take the good with the bad and it's all fun to lampoon.

And I'll admit I had a blast last May when I went to a Warrant and Whitesnake concert at Hartman Arena with a friend.

But as I sat there during halftime of that April 16 soccer game, I had to say enough was enough

when "18 and Life" by Skid Row blared from the speakers after White Lion. Mercifully, like the hair band era itself, the glam metal medley ended with the end of Skid Row.

The world returned to normal, I regained my breath and watched a decent second half of soccer without incident.

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## CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

### Christ Lutheran Church

Contemporary guitar service with communion each Sunday at 8:30 a.m. Traditional service at 11 with communion each Sunday. Sunday school for all ages at 9:45 a.m.

The church is located at 5356 N. Hillside (53rd North and Hillside, across from Heights High School).

Find the church online at [www.christ-lutheran.org](http://www.christ-lutheran.org); e-mail [office@clc.kscoxmail.com](mailto:office@clc.kscoxmail.com). Call the office at 744-1242 for more information.

### 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 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday. Weekday Masses are 8 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; also 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). Phone number is 744-2776. Rev. James F. Weldon is the pastor.

### Community Bible Chapel

The church is located at 4551 Auburn, south of 45th North between Oliver and Woodlawn, in Bel Aire.

Worship service and breaking of the bread are at 9 a.m., with Bible study and Sunday school at 10:30 on Sundays.

Wednesday prayer and Bible study are at 7 p.m.

For more information, call Melvan Adair at 744-7091.

### Crossroads Friends Church

Crossroads Friends Church meets at Stucky Middle School (east from 45th North and Hillside) at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday.

The church has Crossroads Kids and Crossroads Cribs ministry areas, as well as contemporary music, relevant Bible teaching and a laid-back, friendly atmosphere.

Pastor is Jeff Mullen. Call the church office at 361-0407 or visit it online at [www.crossroadswichita.com](http://www.crossroadswichita.com).

### Fairmount United Church of Christ

The church welcomes a new minister, Rev. Larry Young. Visit the newly renovated building at 1605 Fairmount in Wichita (one block south and one block east of Hillside and 17th North).

Sunday worship is at 10:30 a.m. which includes Children's Church. Sunday School begins at 9:30.

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

### Gospel Assembly Church

Located at 4230 N. Oliver in Bel Aire, service times are 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. Bible study is 7 p.m. Monday. Prayer service is 7 p.m. Tuesday. Praise and worship is 7 p.m. Wednesday.

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

### Greenwich United Methodist Church

Sunday worship service is at 9 a.m. Fellowship and coffee following the service.

Pastor Natalie can be reached at 773-2300 or 744-0203.

Pastor Natalie is at the church from 5:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays.

Visit the church online at [Greenwichsumc.org](http://Greenwichsumc.org).

The church is located about a mile south of K-254 on Greenwich Road.

### Kechi United Methodist Church

The church is located at 4533 E. 61st North in Kechi. The Rev. Guy E. Rendoff is the pastor. Phone number is 744-1221, website is [www.kechi-umc.org](http://www.kechi-umc.org) and e-mail address is [kechi-umc@sbcbglobal.net](mailto:kechi-umc@sbcbglobal.net).

Sunday worship and praise band is at 9:03 a.m., Sunday school is at 10 and worship is at 11.

Wednesday evening worship services are from 7 to 7:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. There

will be music, prayer time and a short sermon. Childcare is provided.

### Park City Church of the Nazarene

Sunday school for all ages is at 9:30 a.m. Worship and children's church are at 10:45. Wednesday Bible study for adults begins with sandwiches and chips at 6:15 p.m.

The church is located at 2100 E. 61st North in Park City.

### Pine Valley Christian Church

The church is located at 5620 E. 21st North. Sunday school is at 9 a.m. with worship at 10:15. For more information call 685-2421.

### Risen Savior Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

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

# Deadline for the June Breeze: Friday, May 18

# City of Bel Aire City of Bel Aire



## Central Park Pool 7350 E. Central Park Ave. • 744-7331

**Summer Passes**  
 Individual (ages 12 & older): \$100/year  
 Family: 2 adults and dependent children residing in the home \$150/year

**Daily Fees**  
 Under age 12 (must be accompanied by an adult): \$2 per day  
 Over age 12: \$3 per day

**Hours (subject to change)**  
 Weekdays: Swim lessons 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m.  
 Open swim 1 to 7 p.m.  
 Weekends: 1 to 6 p.m.

**Rentals**  
 Have your next party at the pool! Rental packages are available after normal business hours. Rentals are subject to availability.  
 Up to 25 patrons: \$40/hour  
 Over 25 patrons (limit of 50 patrons): \$60/hour

**Group lessons**  
 Members: \$35/session  
 Non-Members: \$44/session  
 Morning sessions: 6/18-6/29, 7/9-7/20 & 7/23-8/3; 11-11:45 a.m. & noon-12:45 p.m.  
 Evening sessions: 6/18-6/29, 7/9-7/20 & 7/23-8/3; 7-7:45 p.m.

**Private lessons**  
 Available by appointment and subject to availability.

## Bel Aire Seniors

All SENIORS 55+ are cordially invited to all events listed below. The Senior Center and Library area is open from 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. Monday through Friday excluding holidays. The library has a wide selection of library books to check out at no cost nor time restraints, along with computers available for study or research. Remember any senior can belong or attend to more than one senior center/club in Sedgwick County.

**Locations:**  
 Senior Center/Community Room – 7651 E. Central Park Ave., 744-2451  
 Recreation Center – 5251 E. 48th St. N., 744-2700

**Weekly Events:**  
**Bel Aire Walkers** – M-F, 8-9 a.m. at the Rec Center (indoors & climate controlled)  
 Free for BA Senior members, alternate times available  
**Men's Coffee & Fellowship** – Mondays, 10 a.m. at the Senior Center  
**Yoga** – Mondays & Wednesdays, 6 p.m. at the Rec Center (monthly fee)  
**Bridge Games** – Tuesdays, 1 p.m. at the Senior Center  
**Low Impact Aerobics** – Wednesdays, 9 a.m. at the Rec Center  
**Braum's Breakfast** – Fridays, 9:00 a.m. on North Rock Road

### Monthly & Special Events:

**May 1st, 9:30 a.m.** – Comfort Keepers presentation on Alzheimer's Awareness at Senior Center  
**May 1st, 8:30 a.m.** – Breakfast at Cracker Barrel  
**May 7th, 6:30 p.m.** – Potluck & Mariachi Jalisco Band – Community Room  
**May 8th, 11:30 a.m.** – CS Advisory Meeting at the Rec Center  
**May 8th, 6 p.m.** – CS Program Committee meeting at the Senior Center  
**May 9th, 10 a.m.** – Volunteer library work time at the Senior Center  
**May 12th, 10:30 a.m.** – Frank Lloyd Wright home Tour, meet at Senior Center at 9:45 a.m.  
**May 14th, 10 a.m.** – RS Advisory Meeting at the Rec Center  
**May 14th, 11:30 a.m.** – Lunch at Hog Wild  
**May 15th** – Ladies Dine Out - for info call Anita at 744-2840  
**May 16th, 10 a.m.** – Men's Coffee at Braum's on North Rock Road  
**May 16th, 10:15 a.m.** – Senior Aerobics Brunch (different locations)  
**May 16th, 2 p.m.** – Ladies Tea/Coffee at Braum's on North Rock Road  
**May 21st, 6 p.m.** – Covered Dish Dinner with guest speaker Kylie Agnew, "How's Your Memory"  
**May 23rd, 10 a.m.** – Open Sewing at the Senior Center  
**May 23rd, 1 p.m.** – Gracehill Winery Tour, meet at Senior Center at 12:30 p.m.  
**May 23rd, 7 p.m.** – Bunko games at the Senior Center  
**May 25th, 7 p.m.** – Pitch Night at the Senior Center

### Community Events

**TOPS** – Tuesdays, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center  
**May 12th** – Red Hat's meeting, for info call Anita at 744-2840  
**May 21st** – Central Park HOA meeting at the Senior Center  
**May 21st** – Bel Aire Heights HOA meeting in Community Room  
**May 15th, 4-6pm** – UAC Meeting at the Senior Center  
**May 28th, 7 p.m.** – Tree Board Meeting at the Senior Center

**FYI:** For any possible cancellations due to inclement winter weather conditions, call 744-2700 or 744-2451.

New Senior Participation Forms with Emergency Contact and other information will be needed from each Senior for 2012. Please complete a new form and return to the Senior Director offices.

## Bel Aire Recreation

5251 E. 48th North • www.belaires.gov • 744-2700  
 Mon., Tue., & Thur. 8-8 • Wed. & Fri. 8-7 • Sat. 9-3

For more information on these or any Bel Aire Recreation Programs call 744-2700.

### RECREATIONAL SUMMER BALL LEAGUES

(boys ages 5-11 & girls ages 5-12)  
 Teams will play up to two games per week on Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday evening, or Saturdays beginning June 4. Late registrations will be accepted until the league fills. A \$5 late fee will be charged to all sign-ups after the deadline.

### FISHING CLINIC

The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks will conduct a free fishing clinic at Bel Aire's Alley Park on Friday, June 15th from 9:00 – 11:00am. Topics introduced include: safety, fish identification, baiting a hook, hooking a fish, reeling and handling a fish. Fishing equipment will be provided. Parents are encouraged to assist their children. Space is limited, pre-registration is required.

### SUMMER DANCE WORKSHOPS

Bel Aire Recreation has partnered with Jennie Thompson, a collegiate dance major, to bring you several dance workshops this summer. Instruction will include ballet, jazz, and other forms of dance. Dates and times TBA. Please call for more information.

### SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMP (ages 6-11)

Bel Aire Recreation has partnered with Brent Atwater, a former collegiate player and coach, to bring you several basketball clinics and camps throughout the year. Atwater's programs stress the fundamentals of basketball which make them perfect for kids of all ages and skills. The summer camp will run from July 16-19. The registration deadline is July 7.

### SUMMER DAY CAMP

The Wichita YMCA will again offer a state-licensed day

camp this summer at the Bel Aire Recreation Center. Elementary age activities include arts & crafts, games, sports, swimming, field trips, and much more. For more information or to register call the YMCA at 264-1610.

### ZUMBA

Zumba is a Latin-inspired, dance-fitness class that incorporates Latin and international music and dance movements, creating a dynamic, exciting, exhilarating, and effective fitness system. Classes are held on Mondays & Thursdays from 6:00-7:00 pm. Teens & adults can join at any time!

### TAEKWONDO (ages 5 & up)

Classes meet on Monday & Friday from 5:00-6:00 pm or Tuesday & Thursday from 7:10-8:10 pm. These are great classes for beginners to black belts.

### YOGA

Classes are held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:10-7:10 pm. Participants need to provide their own yoga mat. Adults can join at any time! Teens & adults can join at any time!

### FITNESS CENTER (ages 16 & up)

The Fitness Center consists of elliptical cross trainers, treadmills, recumbent bike, multi-station weight machine, and free-weights. There is no charge for pass holders, or it is available with the purchase of a daily pass.

For more information on these or any Bel Aire Recreation Programs call 744-2700.

## City of Bel Aire Consumer Confidence Report – 2012 Covering Calendar Year – 2011



This brochure is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided last year. Included are the details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies. It is important that customers be aware of the efforts that are made continually to improve their water systems. For more information please contact, Ty Lasher at 316-744-2451.

Our drinking water is supplied from another water system through a Consecutive Connection (CC). Your water comes from 5 Ground Water Wells

Source Name	Source Water Type
CC From Wichita, City of	Surface Water
CC From Chisholm Creek Utility Authority	Ground Water

Your water is treated to remove several contaminants and a disinfectant is added to protect you against microbial contaminants. The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) required states to develop a Source Water Assessment (SWA) for each public water supply that treats and distributes raw source water in order to identify potential contamination sources. The state has completed an assessment of our source water. For results of the assessment, please contact us or view on-line at: <http://www.kdheks.gov/ncps/swap/SWreports.html>

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as those with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) included rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in sources water before we treat it include:  
**Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, livestock operations and wildlife.  
**Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.  
**Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as storm water run-off, agriculture, and residential users.  
**Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or the result of mining activity.  
**Organic contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and also come from gas stations, urban storm water run-off, and septic systems.

To learn more about your drinking water, please attend any of the regularly scheduled meetings which are held: 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.M., City Hall, 7651 East Central Park Ave.

Testing Results for: City of Bel Aire

Microbiological	Result	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
No Detected Results were Found in the Calendar Year of 2011				

Disinfection Byproducts	Monitoring Period	Your Highest RAA	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
No Detected Results were Found in the Calendar Year of 2011							

Lead and Copper	Monitoring Period	90th Percentile	Range (low/high)	Unit	AL	Sites Over AL	Typical Source
COPPER, FREE	2008 - 2010	0.064	0.0025 - 0.13	ppm	1.3	0	Corrosion of household plumbing
LEAD	2008 - 2010	3.7	1.1 - 16	ppb	15	1	Corrosion of household plumbing

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Your water system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

During the 2011 calendar year, we had no violation(s) of drinking water regulations.

Some or all of our drinking water is supplied from another water system. The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants, which were detected during the 2011 calendar year from the water systems that we purchase drinking water from.

Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Water System	Your Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
ARSENIC	5/23/2011	City of Wichita	2.1	2.1	ppb	10	0	Erosion of natural deposits
BARIUM	5/23/2011	City of Wichita	0.044	0.044	ppm	2	2	Discharge from metal refineries
CHROMIUM	5/23/2011	City of Wichita	1.1	1.1	ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills
FLUORIDE	5/23/2011	City of Wichita	0.32	0.32	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth
NITRATE	5/23/2011	City of Wichita	1.4	0.81 - 1.4	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use
SELENIUM	5/23/2011	City of Wichita	3.2	3.2	ppb	50	50	Erosion of natural deposits
TURBIDITY	4/24/2007	City of Wichita	0.22	0.22	NTU	1		Soil runoff

Secondary Contaminants	Collection Date	Water System	Your Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	SMCL
ALKALINITY, TOTAL	5/23/2011	City of Wichita	94.1	94.1	MG/L	300
BROMATE	6/6/2011	City of Wichita	14	5.8 - 14	ppb	10
CALCIUM	5/23/2011	City of Wichita	26	26	MG/L	200
CHLORIDE	5/23/2011	City of Wichita	120	120	MG/L	250
CONDUCTIVITY @ 25 C UMHO/CM	5/23/2011	City of Wichita	720	720	UMHO/CM	1500
CORROSIVITY	4/9/2009	Chisholm Creek Utility Authority	0.25	0.25	LANG	0
HARDNESS, TOTAL (AS CaCO3)	5/23/2011	City of Wichita	120	120	MG/L	400
MAGNESIUM	5/23/2011	City of Wichita	14	14	MG/L	150
NICKEL	4/9/2009	Chisholm Creek Utility Authority	0.0022	0.0022	MG/L	0.1
PH	5/23/2011	City of Wichita	7.9	7.9	PH	8.5
PHOSPHORUS, TOTAL	5/23/2011	City of Wichita	0.06	0.06	MG/L	5
POTASSIUM	5/23/2011	City of Wichita	4.4	4.4	MG/L	100
SILICA	5/23/2011	City of Wichita	17	17	MG/L	50
SODIUM	5/23/2011	City of Wichita	90	90	MG/L	100
SULFATE	5/23/2011	City of Wichita	67	67	MG/L	250
TDS	5/23/2011	City of Wichita	400	400	MG/L	500
ZINC	5/23/2011	City of Wichita	0.0052	0.0052	MG/L	5

During the 2011 calendar year, the water systems that we purchase water from had no violation(s) of drinking water regulations.

Additional Required Health Effects Language:

Infants and children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested and flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using tap water. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4761).

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Deadline for June: Friday, May 18

# Bel Aire Breeze

# POLICE REPORTS

**April 19** — Officer Foxx assisted Kechi police with the report of a lost adult in the 4100 block of East 61st North. The person was located. He had been struck by a vehicle.

**April 19** — Officer Foxx responded to an alarm in the 3900 block of North Hillcrest. Officer contacted the owner. Officer checked the building and found no indication of burglary or theft.

**April 19** — Officer Mavia checked a business in the 5900 block of East 37th North.

**April 19** — Officer Steele checked a construction site in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn.

**April 19** — Lt. Griggs conducted a traffic stop at 7651 E. Central Park. A person gave false information to the officer. The person was arrested on two warrants.

**April 19** — Officer Mavia responded to the report of disorderly conduct in the 6100 block of East Perryton. A person was receiving unwanted phone calls and text messages.

**April 18** — Officer Foxx found a trash dump in the 10000 block of East 45th North.

**April 18** — Officer Agon checked a construction site in the 5500 block of North Lycee.

**April 18** — Officer Agon checked a construction site in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn.

**April 18** — Officer Agon conducted a traffic stop in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn. The passenger suffered a wound to his arm. EMS was contacted and said that the person could be driven to the hospital. Officer escorted the vehicle to the hospital.

**April 18** — Lt. Griggs checked an open overhead door with no one around at a residence in the 5100 block of East Colonial Court. Everything appeared OK. The door was closed.

**April 17** — Officer Hutton assisted EMS in the 5500 block of East 45th North.

**April 17** — Officer Hutton responded to an audible alarm in the 4000 block of North Danbury. Officer contacted the homeowner's father. Officer contacted the homeowner by phone to verify that his father was allowed to be in the house.

**April 16** — Officer Mavia checked a construction site in the 5500 block of North Lycee.

**April 16** — Officer Steele discovered a malfunctioning motion light on a business in the 6300 block of East Crestmark. A courtesy notice was left.

**April 16** — Officer Steele checked a construction site in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn.

**April 16** — Officer Swanson assisted EMS in the 6500 block of East Perryton.

**April 16** — Officer Hutton conducted a traffic stop in the 4800 block of North Woodlawn. James Edens II was arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended license.

**April 16** — Officer Hutton assisted EMS in the 6500 block of East Rodeo.

**April 16** — Officer Hutton responded to the report of larceny in the 4000 block of North Woodlawn. Two catalytic converters were taken from a parked car between March 30 and April 1.

**April 15** — Officer Steele checked a construction site in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn.

**April 15** — Officer Hutton checked a construction site in the 5500 block of North Lycee.

**April 13** — Officer Foxx responded to the report of suspicious characters in the 6700 block of East 45th North. Two men were approaching employees asking for directions to a hotel or motel. The vehicle was located and stopped. The people were in town for a retreat and were looking for a hotel.

**April 13** — Officer Foxx responded to the report of a suspicious per-

son in the 5500 block of Falcon Lane. A person said the paper carrier drove by her residence and took pictures with an iPad or electronic tablet. The person stated this happened one time before.

**April 13** — Officer Foxx responded to the report of a suspicious vehicle parked outside of a residence in the 3900 block of North Cozy. The people were sitting in the vehicle before one went to her grandparents.

**April 13** — Officer Steele checked a construction site in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn.

**April 13** — Officer Steele responded to the report of a suspicious character in the 5200 block of East 48th North. A person was driving through the athletic fields. Officer checked the area but did not locate the person.

**April 13** — Lt. Griggs responded to the report of vandalism in the 3800 block of North Oliver. A person was driving in the yard at the apartments. Officer contacted the person who said he had been driving through the yard for two weeks due to a large pothole in the parking lot. There were large ruts left in the grass.

**April 12** — Officer Mavia responded to an audible alarm. Officer contacted an employee who said the wind might have set off the alarm. The business was secure. There were no signs of suspicious activity or theft.

**April 12** — Officer Foxx responded to the report of a larceny in the 6400 block of East Danbury. A person tried to hand another person money when an unknown woman walked by and took the money. Jahanna M. Basks was arrested on a charge of theft and a Wichita bench warrant.

**April 12** — Officer Foxx responded to an audible alarm in the 6300 block of East Crestmark. The business owner was on scene. There were no signs of burglary or theft. The alarm was deemed false.

**April 12** — Officer Swanson responded to the request to check the welfare of juveniles in the 4500 block of St. James. The calling party was contacted and told that the juveniles were OK.

**April 12** — Lt. Griggs responded to an audible alarm in the 5100 block of North Hampton. The residence was secure. The resident arrived. The alarm was deemed false.

**April 12** — Lt. Griggs responded to an audible alarm in the 4200 block of North St. James Court. The residence was secure. The alarm was deemed false.

**April 11** — Officer Mavia responded to a disturbance in the 4800 block of North Farmstead Court. A person had not taken his medication and was angry and throwing things. The person calmed down and spoke with the officer.

**April 11** — Officer Wallender responded to the report of an injured animal in the street in the 4900 block of East 37th North. A cat was moved out of the street.

**April 11** — Officer Agon checked a construction site in the 5500 block of North Lycee.

**April 10** — Officer Swanson transported a person to the Sedgwick County Jail who was taken into custody by Wichita police.

**April 10** — Officer Hutton assisted EMS in the 4500 block of North Westlake Court.

**April 9** — Officer Steele checked a construction site at 5200 N. Woodlawn.

**April 9** — Officer Swanson responded to the report of people on the fields in the 5200 block of East 48th North. Officer informed the calling party that no one was on the field.

**April 9** — Officer Swanson responded to an accident in the 5400 block of East Falcon. A bicyclist was struck by an automobile.

**April 9** — Officer Hutton took the report of missing property in the 4900 block of North Homestead.

## Bel Aire joins Click It campaign

The Bel Aire Police Department has joined the Click It or Ticket 2012 campaign as part of a nationwide effort to encourage motorists to wear their seat belts. During the campaign, which runs from May 21 to June 3, Bel Aire Police Chief John Daily said his department is “supporting enhanced nighttime enforcement of seat belt laws.”

Daily said that nighttime drivers “continue to be among those least likely to wear seat belts.”

“Consequently, that’s why they are also those most likely to die in motor vehicle crashes,” he said.

Daily explained that during the Click It or Ticket campaign, seat belt enforcement would take place around the clock, not just after the sun goes down. And motorists can be ticketed at anytime of the day or year for not buckling up.

“If law enforcement finds you on the road unbuckled anytime or anywhere, you can expect to get a ticket — not a warning. No excuses and no exceptions,” Daily said.

**April 9** — Officer Hutton assisted EMS in the 4900 block of North Woodlawn.

**April 8** — Officer Hutton responded to an unknown call for police in the 6500 block of East 45th North. A person reported being battered at Brittany Center in Wichita. Wichita police worked the case.

**April 8** — Officer Steele responded to an audible alarm in the 4500 block of North Westlake. Officer contacted a resident and checked the residence. No suspicious activity was located.

**April 8** — Officer Steele checked a construction site in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn.

**April 8** — Officer Hutton assisted EMS in the 6000 block of East Perryton.

**April 7** — Officer Steele checked a construction site in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn.

**April 7** — Officer Agon responded to the report of two dogs at-large in the 4900 block of North Woodlawn. Officer located one dog and transported him to shelter. Officer was unable to locate the other dog.

**April 7** — Officer Agon checked a construction site in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn.

**April 7** — Officer Agon responded to the report of a suspicious vehicle circling the block in the 5900 block of East 41st North. Officer contacted the driver who advised he was waiting for a group of juveniles selling raffle tickets door to door.

**April 7** — Officer Hutton responded to an audible alarm in the 6600 block of East Summerside. The house was secure. Officer contacted the homeowner.

**April 6** — Officer Mavia assisted Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office with a possible field fire in the 10600 block of East 37th North. A Bel Aire resident was hosting a bon fire party. The information was forwarded to the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office.

**April 6** — Officer Mavia responded to the report of vandalism in the 4500 block of North St. James.

**April 6** — Officer Mavia discovered two people involved in a verbal altercation in the 3700 block of North Rock Road. Wichita Police Department was contacted.

**April 6** — Officer Mavia checked a business in the 6900 block of East 37th North.

**April 6** — Officer Steele checked a construction site in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn.

**April 6** — Officer Agon responded to an audible alarm in the 6300 block of East 37th North. Officers checked the building. The alarm was deemed false.

**April 6** — Officer Agon responded to a barking dog complaint in the 5700 block of Kenawee. Officer contacted the dog owner who said his dogs stay inside in a kennel. He said it might be another neighborhood dog.

**April 6** — Officer Agon responded to a 911 call in the 5100 block of East

Ashton Court. Three juveniles were contacted. One juvenile said he was playing with a phone and accidentally called 911.

**April 6** — Officer Hutton responded to an audible alarm in the 4400 block of North Eagle. A person cleaning the house accidentally set off the alarm.

**April 6** — Officer Hutton responded to an audible alarm in the 8200 block of East Crestmark. Officer contacted employees who accidentally set off the alarm.

**April 5** — Officer Mavia observed a vehicle driving in the 8200 block of East 37th North. The person left the lane and headed into oncoming traffic before striking the curb. Wichita Police Department worked the accident.

**April 5** — Officer Agon responded to the report of a dog biting another dog in the 5700 block of East Hanover. One dog had injuries. Pictures were taken of the injured dog.

**April 5** — Officer Agon responded to a barking dog complaint in the 5900 block of East 49th Court. Officer contacted the owner and informed her of the complaint.

**April 4** — Officer Mavia checked on a construction site in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn.

**April 4** — Officer Swanson responded to an accident in the 4500 block of North Woodlawn. The suspect gave his information to the victim and left the scene before officer arrived. Officer was unable to contact the suspect at his residence.

**April 4** — Officer Swanson responded to the report of several people fishing in the ponds in Elk Creek subdivision in the 5000 block of North Remington. The caller didn't know if the people lived in the subdivision. Officer contacted a person who was in town visiting relatives. She stated she did not know it was illegal to fish in the area. She said she understood and they would leave.

**April 4** — Officer Swanson was contacted by a person who reported that someone rang a doorbell in the 5600 block of East Memphis and ran away on April 2. The next morning there were eight to 12 yard lights knocked over and damaged.

**April 4** — Lt. Griggs responded to an audible alarm in the 3900 block of North Woodlawn. Two people entered a business and unlocked a door and left the business. The people returned to the business later, entered by the front door and were scared off by the alarm. The business owner contacted the people and they said they would return to the business later that day. The owner was told to contact the police when the people returned.

**April 3** — While on patrol, an officer observed a vehicle circling the police station parking lot in the 7600 block of East Central Park. The driver and passenger were checking to see if any of the vehicles matched a vehicle that drove by the passenger's

house earlier. They did not wish to make a report.

**April 3** — Officer Mavia checked a construction site at 5550 N. Lycee.

**April 3** — Officer Agon responded to the report of a disturbance at the bus stop in the 5720 block of East Hanover. A juvenile threw a pair of scissors at another person.

**April 3** — Lt. Griggs responded to an audible alarm in the 4800 block of North Farmstead. The house was secure. The alarm was deemed false.

**April 2** — Officer Toomey checked a construction site in the 5500 block of Lycee.

**April 2** — Officer Steele checked a business in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn.

**April 2** — Lt. Griggs responded to a non-injury accident in the 4700 block of East 37th North. A person was issued a citation.

**April 1** — Officer Steele checked a business in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn.

**April 1** — Officer Steele responded to the report of disorderly conduct in the 3900 block of North Edgemoor. A person was contacting another person by telephone about a court case.

**April 1** — Officer Wallender responded to the report of people practicing soccer on the Bel Aire Recreation closed fields. Officer informed them that they needed to leave.

**March 31** — Officer Steele responded to the request to check the welfare of juveniles in the presence of an intoxicated parent in the 5100 block of East 37th North.

**March 31** — Officer Steele checked a business in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn.

**March 31** — Officer Agon responded to the report of fraud in the 5800 block of East Danbury. A person was contacted by phone by someone claiming to be from Reader's Digest claiming he won \$55.5 million. The person was not asked for any personal information. He was concerned someone would show up at the residence. He was told to call 911 if someone showed up at the residence.

**March 31** — Officer Steele responded to the report of a burglary in the 4400 block of North Eagle Lake Drive.

**March 31** — Officer Agon responded to an audible alarm in the 4400 block of North Auburn. Officer checked the residence and it appeared to be secure.

**March 31** — Officer Agon responded to a 911 hang-up call in the 6700 block of East 44th Court. A person advised that a child was playing with the phone.

**March 30** — Officer Mavia assisted Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office with a hit-and-run accident at 61st North and Webb Road.

**March 30** — Officer Steele checked a business in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn.

**March 30** — Lt. Griggs responded to an accident in the 5200 block of East 37th North. A driver was issued a citation.

**March 29** — Officer Agon responded to an audible alarm in the 6500 block of East Danbury. Officer checked the residence and it appeared to be secure.

**March 29** — Lt. Griggs conducted a traffic stop in the 4800 block of North Woodlawn. The driver was issued citations.

**March 28** — Officer Foxx responded to an audible alarm in the 6300 block of East Crestmark. The building was secure and the alarm was deemed false.

**March 28** — Officer Foxx assisted

EMS in the 4100 block of North Oliver.

**March 27** — Officer assisted Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office in the 7500 block of East 37th North.

**March 27** — Officer Agon assisted EMS in the 4800 block of North Hedgerow.

**March 27** — Officer Mavia responded to the report of suspicious characters going door to door asking residents if they could mow lawns in the 4800 block of North Harding. Officer did not locate the individuals.

**March 26** — Officer Steele checked a business in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn.

**March 26** — Officer Swanson responded to an alarm in the 6300 block of East 37th North. The business was secure. The alarm was deemed false.

**March 26** — Officer Swanson responded to the report of a possible disturbance in the 4400 block of North Eagle Lake. A person reported that her landlord would not let her take some items from the house and said the items belonged to both of them. She said she would be moving in a few weeks and might ask officers to stand by. Officer explained that it might be a civil issue since the items belong to both parties and officer could not get involved at that point.

**March 25** — Officer Steele checked a business in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn.

**March 25** — Officer Mavia responded to a hold-up alarm in the 6500 block of East Rodeo. There was no one at the residence. The neighbor said the resident left a few minutes earlier and may have accidentally set off the alarm.

**March 24** — Officer Foxx contacted a person at Galichia Hospital about a possible rape. The possible rape was unfounded.

**March 24** — Officer Foxx assisted Park City police in the 700 block of East Beaumont in Park City.

**March 24** — Officer Agon checked a business in the 5900 block of East 37th North.

**March 24** — Officer Steele checked a business in the 5200 block of North Woodlawn.

**March 21** — Officer Foxx responded to the report of a person driving recklessly in the 4800 block of North Farmstead. The vehicle was located and stopped. It was a newspaper carrier.

**March 21** — Officer Foxx conducted a traffic stop at 4300 N. Woodlawn. Casey E. Nevergal was arrested on a charge of DUI.

**March 21** — Lt. Griggs responded to the report of fraud in the 6000 block of East 41st North. A person made an Internet purchase and his credit card was charged twice.

**March 21** — Lt. Griggs was contacted by a person in the 6200 block of East 37th North who reported that she was approached by a man at a restaurant who asked her on a date. She refused. The woman found the workplace of the man and called his work and was told he didn't work there. She then began to receive hang-up calls on her phone. She later received a call from the man apologizing and asking her on a date. Officer contacted the man and asked him not to contact the woman anymore. He said he didn't know what the officer was talking about.

**March 21** — Lt. Griggs assisted EMS in the 4800 block of East 48th Court North.

**March 21** — Lt. Griggs checked the welfare of a person in the 5100 block of East 46th Court North.

## Homes

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home valued at more than \$400,000 can expect up to \$2,500 in the free utilities.

With an abatement of the city's portion of property taxes, a new homeowner can expect the city to pay for 50 percent of its property tax in the first two years after a new home sale, 38 percent in the third year, 25 percent in the fourth year and 12 percent in the fifth year. Based on a \$200,000 house, a new homeowner in Bel Aire can expect the property tax incentive to save them \$1,848 over five years. The incentive also includes a free family membership to the Bel Aire Rec Center for one year.

The council approved a request from Mayor Harold Smith to make the incentive non-transferable and made it

clear that only the purchaser of a home qualifies to receive the incentive.

Also, for new homes to qualify, the property owner or developer must be current on special assessments and taxes.

Bel Aire also offers incentives for residents to buy existing homes in the city. If a resident sells his or her home in the city and moves to another Bel Aire home, they qualify to receive a one-year free family membership to the rec center and a waiver on disconnect and re-connect utility fees.

Council member David Austin recommended extending the incentives indefinitely, not seeing the necessity of a deadline. Austin, the council and Bel Aire City Manager Ty Lasher agreed that the city should offer a 30-day notice before it would end or change the program.

Also on April 3, the council:

- Approved a fireworks permit for Farha Fireworks LLC sponsoring the Bel Aire Lions Club.

- Heard a presentation from Jeff Lackey of Law Kingdon, who discussed the marketing analysis phase or Phase 2 of the master plan for the city's industrial park property

- Approved a charter ordinance that allows the city to have a transient guest tax. The ordinance doesn't set up a guest tax; it just allows Bel Aire to have one if needed in the future.

- Approved Phase 3 of the industrial park master plan.

- Approved rolling temporary notes into general obligation bonds to pay for several improvements made on several properties, includ-

ing lots in the Elk Creek Addition south of City Hall.

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Citywide  
Garage Sales  
Saturday, May 5

**923 Clover Lane in Valley Center** May 5th only 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Clothing, household items, trailer, motorcycle items and apparel. Everything must go. Please make offers.  
**671 McLaughlin Drive in Valley Center.** May 5, 8 to 11 a.m. only. Misc. decor and household. Coffee table. Some antique dishes.

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1 bath  
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# City moves forward with specials in upscale addition

By Matt Heilman

Time is up and it's time to pay. After a temporary note was carried for four years, special assessments are due in the upscale Elk Creek addition east of City Hall near 45th and Rock Road, as well as land formerly planned for an industrial park near 45th and Webb.

The economy hasn't recovered enough for much building to happen, but the bills are coming due for infrastructure, including roads, water and sewer improvements.

In the Elk Creek addition, the handful of homeowners living there will now be paying about \$200 extra per month now that specials are due.

With the issuance of the temporary note, the payment

on the specials was put off for four years with the idea that developer Ron Peake could get all of the lots with infrastructure developed by 2012.

The local economy took a downward spiral starting about October 2008 and there hasn't been enough of a recovery for Elk Creek to develop like planned. The potential for the approximately 30 acres of land near 45th and Webb didn't materialize as hoped.

At its April 17 meeting, the Bel Aire council held a public hearing "to give interested parties the opportunity to contest the fairness and validity of the Industrial Park and Elk Creek benefit district special assessments."

Those who spoke at the hearing didn't dispute that

the improvements needed paid for, but there were a few questions from a couple of "interested parties" in Elk Creek.

Elk Creek resident Daryl Schmidt wondered why the special assessments in the addition would cost more than similar properties in Wichita. Fellow Elk Creek resident Mahlon McCaleb worried that the cost of the specials would deter potential homebuyers in the development. While he acknowledged that the city wasn't at fault for the lack of building in Elk Creek, he voiced a concern that "there'll be a bunch of vacant land" neighboring his property "for a long, long time."

Peake defaulted on about half of approximately 50 available lots in Elk Creek to an area bank, which is now

saddled with paying specials. An attorney representing the bank asked if the council could extend the temporary note to give the bank a chance to develop a strategy with the city to pay off the specials with less of an impact than \$200 per month per lot.

Bel Aire's financial adviser Tom Kaleko said there's not much the city can do now. The temporary note was good for four years and can't be extended. And special assessments have to be distributed equally over the time that they're issued.

It's not possible to start low and increase the cost of the specials gradually in hopes the economy picks up and building resumes. For Elk Creek, most of the specials will be spread over the

next 20 years, Calico said.

"Once the train leaves, it has to arrive at the station eventually," he said. "The train left in 2008."

While sympathizing with the extra cost, the council did what it had to do in approving an ordinance that moves forward with issuing the special assessments.

"Unfortunately, there's no good answer," Mayor Harold Smith said after he thanked the Elk Creek residents and bank's attorney for their questions and concerns.

Also on April 17, the council

- Approved an appropriations ordinance of \$169,503.32
- Accepted considering a petition to create a Community Improvement District for the potential development of a downtown district, starting near City Hall. A CID would involve a 1- or 2-cent sales tax in Bel Aire. The council didn't commit to establishing a sales tax. They

essentially just decided that a CID could be used as a tool to help spur development. The consideration of the petition passed 4-1 with Peggy O'Donnell opposed. She said she didn't like the idea of adding another tax in the city.

The council also approved a resolution for the city to consider a STAR bond project district for a potential downtown district in Bel Aire. STAR bonds are paid for out of state sales tax revenues. To qualify for STAR bonds, Bel Aire City Manager Ty Lasher said there are several criteria, including the ability to bring in a certain amount of revenue from out of state.

- Approved an agreement for public defender services with Shawn Lautz of Lautz Law Firm LLC.

- Accepted a proposal from South Central Paving for street repairs to Farmstead in an amount not to exceed \$20,654

- Reappointed O'Donnell to the Chisholm Creek Utility Authority board for another two-year term

All five council members were present April 17.

## DEATHS

### ERNEST KLEINHEINZ

Ernest T. Kleinheinz, 78, of Bel Aire, died March 29, 2012 after a 17-year battle with cancer.

He was accepted into the Air Force Aviation Cadets. Upon graduating flight training, he was commissioned an officer as 2nd lieutenant. He was a pilot and flew 20 years for the U.S. Air Force. He retired as a major and as a command pilot. He was awarded the U.S.A.F. Air Medal twice. He flew a total of 7,355 hours, of which 603 hours were in combat.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 35 years, Betty.

Survivors include his wife, Peggy Clingerman; sons, Ted, Bill, Alan; grandson, Josh; and his sister, Lilly.

### ERNESTINE TENBRINK

Ernestine, L. Tenbrink, 72, of Bel Aire, died April 11, 2012.

She was the second of four children and was born Dec. 28, 1939, to Inez and Ernest Walker in Augusta. She attended Augusta schools, and after a brief working career outside the home, became a full-time stay-at-home mom.

She was preceded in death by her father, in 1978; and by her only brother Doug, in 2010.

Survivors include her husband of 44 years, Art; mother, Inez, of Augusta; sisters and brother-in-law, Gwen O'Brien of Newton, Sheryl and Jim Shaffer

of Mountain Home, Ark.; daughters and sons-in-law, Elizabeth and Stan Dagle of Towanda, Vanessa and Gerry Randolph of Bel Aire; sons and daughters-in-law, Steve and Dawn Powell of Dexter, Arthur and Shannon Tenbrink of Derby; grandchildren, Sierra and Amber Whittaker, Allison and Ashlee Randolph, Kayla and Brandon Powell, Abby Tenbrink, Dane and Seth Swearingin, and Luke Perrin.

Memorial suggestions to Lord's Diner, 520 N. Broadway, Wichita, 67214, or Salvation Army, P.O. Box 2606, Wichita 67201.

Private services.

## Park

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hinge on whether Bel Aire can add a rail spur off the Union Pacific Line that runs through the 800 acres.

Lackey said his company, TransSystems, based in Kansas City, has worked closely with Union Pacific "on several projects."

On the project in Bel Aire, several opportunities could hinge on the rail spur.

Along with the consultants, the City of Bel Aire has worked closely with the Greater Wichita Economic Development Council on the industrial park's master plan. And while the professional connections are vital, the master plan can't be complete without reaching out to the residents of Bel Aire. Sharing the idea for the land with residents and seeking their input was the key component to Phase 3 of the master plan.

On April 24, the hired consultants and city leaders hosted an open house at City Hall to receive public feedback on the industrial park plan, as well as the overall direction of the city, Bel Aire City Manager Ty Lasher said. The public had a chance to view a preliminary layout for the acreage, consisting of about 50 lots in varying sizes and weigh in on how to

brand the property. Lackey and Best presented three potential names to consider, along with different logo options for the development.

The names for consideration are the Sunflower Commerce Park, the Southern Plains Commerce Park and the Cross Roads Commerce Park.

Bel Aire Mayor Harold Smith described the turnout at the open house as "fair."

Among those in attendance were representatives from the Greater Wichita Economic Development Council, Wichita City Council member Pete Meitzner, whose district neighbors Bel Aire, and Sedgwick County Chief Financial Officer Chris Chronis.

"I think they all thought we were on the right road," Smith said.

The final phase of the master plan will be to establish the brand for the industrial park and to present the final comprehensive report to developers.

While no contracts have been signed and details aren't ready for disclosure, Lasher said the city received a commitment from an area

business to relocate to the industrial park property this year.

Best and Lackey said they are hoping to have a name and plat established for the property by June.

While they would have liked to have received more input from residents at the open house, Lasher and Smith said they were encouraged by the optimism displayed by those who attended.

"They like what we're doing and they like that we're doing something," Smith said.

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# Bel Aire named Tree City again

By The Breeze staff

Bel Aire has once again been recognized by the Kansas Forest Service and the Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA Community.

Ceremonies were held in Nebraska City to pay tribute and recognize the 102 Kansas communities that are actively managing their community forest. Bel Aire has been recognized as a Tree City USA for 16 years.

To qualify for Tree City USA, a community must designate a tree board or department by municipal ordinance to operate the program, have an annual budget of \$2 per capita and participate in Arbor Day with a proclamation

and tree-planting ceremony.

"People tend to take trees for granted. That's why Bel Aire's accomplishments in the Tree City USA program are so important," said Tim McDonnell, Community Forestry Program coordinator for the Kansas Forest Service. "Collectively, Kansas Tree City USA communities spent over \$17.6 million in 2011 managing Kansas' community forest by planting over 10,652 trees, pruning 55,651 and removing over 10,341 dead or defective trees."

Research indicates that Kansas' community forestry is at risk. Only one tree is being planted for every four removed. The national trend reveals that urban areas are

expanding by 2.2 million acres each year. The values that trees provide are generally not considered as urban expansion occurs. Consequently green space is lost each year.

"Communities like Bel Aire are making a difference but they need additional support with funding and volunteers," McDonnell said. "Only when community-wide involvement exists will positive change occur in the present trends."

McDonnell encourages the people of Bel Aire to take the time to thank the volunteers who serve on the city's tree board and to ask the question "How can I help?"

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# HIGHLIGHTS Bel Aire OKs plans for housing community

## Group collects furniture

His Helping Hands, a local furniture bank, is accepting donations of new and gently-used household furnishings, including furniture, appliances and beds, to be distributed to the recent tornado victims in the Wichita area. The most pressing need is for full-size box springs and full-size bedding to accompany the more than 100 full-size mattresses that were recently donated by Value Place.

Donations can be delivered to the His Helping Hands facility at 1441 E. 37th North between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and between 9 a.m. and noon Saturdays. If a donation pick-up is required, call the office at 838-8528 for an appointment.

— The Breeze staff

## Rec: Keep off wet fields

Bel Aire Rec Center Director Brian Hayes and his staff are asking participants to stay off the baseball diamonds when the grass and infield dirt are wet. Last month, Hayes said he and his staff spent several hours making repairs to the fields after they were practiced on immediately following some heavy rain. In one stretch of April, he said Bel Aire saw about six inches of rain in two weeks.

Hayes said the outfield has bermuda grass, but holes are created in the field every time a ball hits the ground or players dig in with their cleats.

Hayes said he understands that teams are frustrated when they have to wait on the field to dry out after it rains, but he encouraged participants to take note of signs that are posted when the field is closed.

In Bel Aire, the summer league baseball and softball season is under way for all ages from T-ball through the high school level.

— The Breeze staff

By Matt Heilman

The City of Bel Aire recently made more progress on the development front with the approval of plans for a new housing community. After meeting in an executive session behind closed doors April 3, the city council unanimously accepted a com-

mercial and real estate sales contract with Wichita-based Perfection Builders LLC to purchase lots to build new patio homes in the Elk Creek addition near 45th North and Rock Road.

The new housing community will be similar to Watercress Village in Maize, said Perfection Builders

owner Scott Lehner. He said the homes have their own private courtyards and thus preferred to call them “courtyard homes” instead of “patio homes.”

The two- and three-bedroom courtyard homes in Bel Aire will be between 1,600 and 1,700 square feet in a price range starting in the

\$160,000s, Lehner said.

Floor plans include private garages.

The initial plans call for seven courtyard homes to be built on lots where utility lines are in place, Bel Aire City Manager Ty Lasher said. The entire housing community will include about 90 courtyard homes, Lehner

said. The community will also include a clubhouse and fitness center and a “pretty good-sized park,” featuring a walking path and a gazebo, he said.

Lehner said he hoped to start on the project in late spring and complete the housing community in about three years.

## CCUA

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of water used in a month.

A Bel Aire business that uses more than 25,000 gallons in a month can expect to pay the base rate, plus \$4.89 per thousand gallons used.

Park City and Bel Aire each have three representatives on the CCUA board and votes to amend the current contract have stalemated 3-3 without an official tiebreaker. Park City’s CCUA board representatives are Mayor Emil Bergquist and council members George Capps and Tom Jones. In Bel Aire, Mayor Harold Smith, council member Peggy O’Donnell and former council member Teresa Reynolds serve on the board. Each city also has two alternates to the board. The agreement the cities signed in 2002 says they’d each

pay for 50 percent of the water and that’s the way it should stay, Park City Administrator Jack Whitson said. When the agreement was reached, it was concluded that each city would require about the same amount of water usage if they stuck with the CCUA as their primary water source, he said.

The matter got complicated when Bel Aire signed a take-or-pay agreement with the City of Wichita in 2007. Today, the city gets most of its water from Wichita, but is still locked in with the CCUA where it has to pay off about \$20 million for construction of the facility.

And though Bel Aire has another water source besides Wichita, the city doesn’t get a discount from Wichita, Whitson said.

“So now, they’re paying for 100 percent more water than what they could possibly use,” he said. “That’s where the

problem comes in.”

While admittedly Bel Aire’s contract with Wichita is the reason it uses less than half of the water provided by the CCUA, Bel Aire City Manager Ty Lasher said that when the deal with Wichita was made in 2007, it was deemed necessary. And the city is locked in its contract with Wichita for 20 years.

He said that in 2007, the CCUA pipe system wasn’t able to get enough water to Bel Aire when it was needed. He said there have also been concerns that there might not be enough water rights to service both cities in the case of an extended drought.

“We’re not disputing the partnership between the two cities or that we are responsible for debt service,” Lasher said. “We are concerned on the operations side.”

Whitson said Park City,

which has more water permits than Bel Aire, pulled out a drought permit with the state to protect the CCUA from penalties if it were to overdraw its allotted water use in a drought. He said Bel Aire refused to apply for the permit and sent a memo to the CCUA in late February that warns that taking more water than allotted by the state was against the law.

Whitson took the memo as an unnecessary threat and said a solution is available to avoid overdrawing the allotted water from the CCUA in case of an extended drought.

Currently, Whitson said a study is being conducted to determine the feasibility of digging a new CCUA well, which would eliminate any concerns of a water supply shortage.

“It is solvable if you do it early enough in the year,” he said.

If there’s a compromise to

be had, the cities will have to work through some complicated issues, but at the heart of the matter, it’s simple. Each city wants fair water rates for its residents.

Park City doesn’t want to pay more to help Bel Aire and sees the take-or-pay contract with Wichita as a mistake. Bel Aire found it necessary to lean on Wichita for most of its water supply and doesn’t want to pay for water it doesn’t use.

While the battle lines are drawn, the CCUA board members and leaders from each city are hoping to resolve their issues without further burdening their tax bases.

“We can’t go backwards at this point,” Whitson said. “We can’t go back to the people of Park City and make them use well water again. We’re too far into it. People like their water supply and we’re not going to be able to go back.”

## Town

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Before dirt would start moving and a CID would be established, the council is reliant on feedback from residents. After accepting the petition to create a CID, the council approved setting up a public hearing “on the advisability of creating a CID.”

The petition and public hearing were approved 4-1 with council member Peggy O’Donnell opposed. O’Donnell said she liked the idea of the proposed downtown district, but she isn’t comfortable with the idea of adding a sales tax in the city.

The council members in favor of the petition understood O’Donnell’s reluctance, but agreed that they should do what’s necessary to spur growth and help alleviate some of the city’s land debt.

“This could be the thing that spurs investment,” coun-

cil member Moe Terrebonne said.

Also on April 17, the council passed a resolution “determining that the city is considering establishing a STAR bond project district within the city” and establishing a public hearing on the matter.

At the March workshop, Lasher explained that a downtown district could potentially be funded with the help of state sales tax revenues through the STAR bonds.

There are several qualifiers for the state to approve STAR bonds for a new development, Lasher said. Primarily what it comes down to is that the development has to bring in a certain level of out-of-state funds to justify taking in state sales tax dollars.

While its unclear what

entertainment and retail options would consider setting up shop in Bel Aire, Lasher said he’s confident that the downtown district could draw in enough out-of-state visitors to qualify for STAR bonds.

Ultimately, Lasher said that the council’s actions at its April 17 meeting do nothing more than lay the groundwork for a potential project by setting up public hearings to get public input on the idea to establish a CID or seek help from the state.

“If the council and public agrees it’s a good thing to do, we’ll move to the ordinance process that’ll actually set this up,” he said.

Moving forward, the council is also likely to set up a marketing agreement with Shopping Center Develop-

ment Consultants to aid in the development and marketing of the STAR / CID district. A motion to set up the agreement was tabled at the April 17 meeting.

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