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SPRING IS HERE!



What plans are on your spring to-do list?

As Tonganoxie blooms in seasonal colors and we put away the snow shovels, people turn their attention to the yard, the house, family



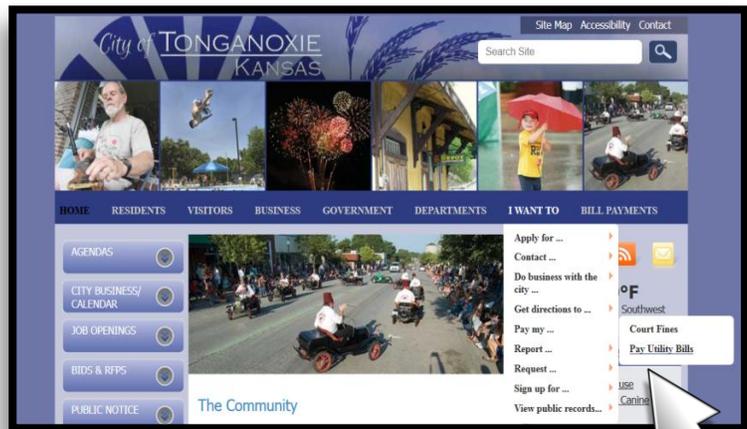
vacations, and enjoying outdoor time. Tonganoxie's parks offer fantastic green space with playgrounds, shelters, picnic areas, and recreation facilities. Did you know that **Chieftain Park** has horseshoe pits? Call the Tonganoxie Recreation Commission at (913) 845-3502 to learn more about community activities.

In 2014, there will be an additional 7,000 feet of **Chieftain Trail**. Now pedestrians and bicyclists will have a safe way to cross US 24-40 Highway and enjoy extra recreation.

GOTTA DO IT ON-LINE!

Take another look what you can do at the click of a button at www.tonganoxie.org!

- > Subscribe to news bulletins
- > Pay the water and sewer bill
- > Pay a traffic ticket
- > Buy season pool passes
- > Apply for jobs, permits, and licenses
- > Engage with the city council
- > Request municipal services
- > Find zoning and subdivision regulations
- > Research the municipal code of ordinances
- > Report concerns... and more!



Get on-line and get connected!



SEVERE WEATHER SEASON! Tornado sirens are tested at 11:00 AM the first Wednesday of each month except during threatening storms. Does your home have a NOAA weather radio?

NEW HOME REBATE INCENTIVE! Are you building a new home worth at least \$175,000 within the city limits? You may be eligible for a rebate on the purchase up to \$3,000! Call city hall to learn more at (913) 845-2620.

FOR THE DO-IT-YOURSELFERS!

Making home improvements this year? You may need a building permit. To learn more, call (913) 845-2620 extension 1102. You can always look online at www.tonganoxie.org to learn about the rules that apply and how to estimate a building permit. Look under the heading "GOVERNMENT," drop down to "City Codes & Ordinances" and select it. Then select "Building Inspection & Code Enforcement."



As a rule of thumb, you will likely need a **building permit** for these common projects:

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| › Fence installation | › Driveways |
| › Shed installation | › Sidewalks |
| › Deck construction | › Electrical wiring |
| › Backyard swimming pools | › Plumbing (water and gas) |
| › Roof replacement | › Framing |
| › Garages | › Foundation work |
| › Carport installation | › Grading work |



BURN PERMITS are required in the city limits. Call the fire department at (913) 845-9494!

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG!

If you plan to dig into the ground, always **call 8-1-1** first to be sure that your project will not impact buried utility lines or cables. You would not want to cut a utility line to your own home!

WATER SERVICE LINES

Remember that the municipal main lines typically run through streets and alleys. The City of Tonganoxie maintains these lines. Every property has a "cut-off box" at the edge of the street or alley where the privately owned service line connects to the main line. Every property owner is responsible for his or her water service line beginning at the cut-off box at the property line, across the property, and into the house.



PET LICENSES

If you own an animal within the city limits of Tonganoxie, you must register it and renew the registration each year by April 1st. Each pet must have a current rabies vaccination. Registration fees are discounted in April - \$5 for spayed/neutered pets and \$10 for unaltered animals. Every household is limited to four pets of any combination of allowable animals. Livestock is not allowed in town, but you may have up to fifteen chickens. Varieties of the gallinaceous cock (rooster) are prohibited, however.

Note: all pets outside of a confined construction (house, fence, etc.) **must be on a leash**. Unleashed animals are deemed at large and may be placed in the pound with applicable fines to the owner.

STREET REPAIRS

During the warm months of the year, you will see public works crews actively repairing streets and curbs all over town. Patching and sealing are an effective way to extend the usable life of a street without having to completely remove and replace it, which saves on hefty bills to the taxpayer.

What most people may not know is that the same staff that take care of our streets also operate the water purification process for the potable water that comes to your home, manage the wastewater treatment plant, repair broken and clogged lines under the street, and maintain the pumping systems at the Tonganoxie Water Park.



This year, plan to see the team out working in the following areas.

- › Sealing streets from Shawnee Street to Delaware St., 5th Street to 8th St.
- › Resurfacing and add a gutter to the 400 block of Shawnee St.
- › Resurfacing the 300 and 400 blocks of Green St.
- › Filling cracks and potholes citywide
- › Repairing deteriorated curbs citywide
- › Resurfacing downtown public parking spaces



TONGANOXIE WATER PARK

As a regional destination, the water park is a state-of-the-art facility that is suited for the whole family! Get your season passes now! Saturday, May 24th is opening day. The season runs through the first weekend of September. In addition to public swimming, we offer swimming lessons, senior swim hour, and groups can rent the entire water park for private parties!



See www.tonganoxie.org for more details.

As always, call city hall at (913) 845-2620 regarding any municipal service.