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DOG CONTROL

Ordinance #383 states: "All persons owning dogs shall not permit or allow such animal(s) to habitate, stray or wander at large on public or private properties such as schools, parks, playgrounds, easements, churches, residential property or any public gathering places within the corporate limits of the City of Whitewater, Kansas." Identification of the owner of a dog will result in issuance of a ticket and a summons, resulting in a fine. Fines are as follows: first offense, tagged \$15.00, untagged, \$20.00; second offense and all offenses thereafter, tagged or untagged, \$50.00. This problem is faced by all communities but local cooperation can help to control the problem in Whitewater. The council is now negotiating for dog pickup services which they hope will be operating within the next few weeks.

FISHING AND HUNTING LICENSES

Fishing and hunting licenses may now be purchased at the city clerks office between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday. Prices for these are as follows: Combination fishing and hunting - \$14.50, hunting - \$7.50, fishing - \$7.50 and 2 day trip fishing - \$3.50. Any person born on or after July 1, 1957, must successfully complete the Kansas Hunter Safety Course before he can buy a hunting license or hunt on lands other than his own. Hunter safety certificates must be displayed when purchasing a hunting license.

CITY SUPERINTENDENT

Stan Graber is the city's new superintendent. He will be in charge of the city's water, sewer, and street facilities. Stan and his wife, Bonnie, live in Elbing with their children Jessica, 5, Jeremiah, 3, and Philip, 1. Stan was the owner of Graber Brothers Construction, Company in Elbing before taking the position with the city.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Due to the increase in crime, such as burglary, vandalism, trespassing and minors under the age of 18 drinking, the county and city ordinances will be enforced more than in the past. The City of Whitewater has ordinances against the following: consumption of alcoholic liquor or beer in or on any public place or upon any street; drunkenness; disturbance of peace; disorderly conduct; loitering; and littering. If any person under the age of 18 is picked up they will be transported to the county jail and the parents will be called to come and get them and charges will be pending on said person and parents. We would like the help and cooperation of all parents who have children under the age of 18.

BUTLER COUNTY SHERIFF

SEWER DEPARTMENT

Construction is progressing on the new Waste Water Facility. The plant is anticipated to begin operation around the middle of June.

WATER DEPARTMENT

WATER RATES : Financing of the first half of the water line from El Dorado to Potwin has made an increase in water rates necessary. New water rates are as follows: First 1,000 gallons - \$6.00, every 1,000 gallons thereafter - \$1.75 per thousand. Construction began March 9, 1981.

WATER LEAKS : Ordinance #390, Section 17-104 states that all customers shall keep their own service on pipe that runs from the meter to the building and they are responsible for paying for the repair and water used in that area.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Whitewater Fire Department provides fire protection for 3½ Townships, Milton, Richland, Fairmont and Pleasant. The city and Townships are considering the purchase of a new fire truck for which they will share the cost. The present equipment is 20 to 25 years old and has required considerable repair within the last 2 years.

#### HOUSING REHABILITATION

The city has been invited to submit a full application to HUD in the amount of \$192,500.00 for a Housing Rehabilitation Program. A portion of this funding will be used for purchase of land for Senior Housing Units. An application has been submitted to Farm Home Administration for a long term low interest loan to finance the construction of the housing.

The largest portion of the funds will be used to assist low and moderate income families in making needed improvements to their homes. Weatherizing, to improve energy efficiency, will be one of the priorities of the program. Standards and procedures for qualifying for the program will be made available as soon as the local Review Board has established them.

We hope that you have found our Newsletters informative. Any comments or suggestions that you may have for future Newsletters, will be appreciated.

Whitewater City Council

Pete Klassen, Mayor  
Ted Klaassen, Council  
Keith Graham, Council  
Floyd Rutschman, Council  
Robert Lamb, Council  
Phyllis Belcher, Council

June 1, 1981

# CITY OF WHITEWATER NEWSLETTER

The City has received notification from HUD (the Department of Housing and Urban Development) that our application for housing rehabilitation and weatherization along with land purchase money for a Farmers Home project for the elderly has been approved. The funds are available beginning June 1, 1981.

The purposes of the housing rehabilitation grant program are to improve the condition of the housing in the City so it is in good shape for future residents, and to make life more comfortable for the present owners. The program will help fix health and safety problems, such as poor electrical, plumbing and heating facilities. The program also will make weatherization improvements to help reduce utility bills.

This program represents your tax dollars coming home to Whitewater. Grants of not more than \$6,500 will be made. There will not be a mortgage or lien placed against your property because you participate in the program. You do not have to pay back the grant money.

The City Council and the Housing Authority have worked together to set guidelines for participation in the housing rehabilitation grant program. To participate you must own your home (or mobile home if it's on a permanent foundation and taxed as real estate), and you must have lived in the home for at least 12 months. The house must need some basic improvements to qualify.

Both elderly homeowners and younger families are needed to participate in the program. The following income limits apply to the program:

| <u>HOUSEHOLD SIZE</u> | <u>MAXIMUM INCOME</u> |         |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------|
|                       | Annual                | Monthly |
| 1 person              | \$ 7,563              | 630     |
| 2 persons             | 8,625                 | 720     |
| 3 persons             | 9,690                 | 810     |
| 4 persons             | 10,810                | 900     |
| 5 persons             | 11,470                | 955     |
| 6 persons             | 12,160                | 1,013   |
| 7 persons             | 12,810                | 1,070   |
| 8 or more persons     | 13,500                | 1,125   |

We will be ready to start taking applications for grants about July 1. More information will be available between now and then. Before we can take applications, the City must employ a grant administrator. The last paragraph of this newsletter is an advertisement for an administrator. If you are interested in the position and feel you might qualify, please come in and fill out an application.

\* \* \* \* HELP WANTED: REHABILITATION GRANT ADMINISTRATOR \* \* \* \*

The City of Whitewater is taking applications for the position of Rehabilitation Grant Administrator under its Small Cities Community Development Program funded through the Department of Housing and Urban Development. While experience with Federal programs is not a requirement, it would be helpful. Considerable experience in all phases of residential construction is required. Applications may be obtained at City Hall, Whitewater, Kansas 67154. Applications will be received weekdays between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. through Monday, June 15, 1981. Special arrangements can be made with the City Clerk, telephone 799-2445, if you cannot appear at City Hall during the hours specified. All applications will be considered by the City Council at its meeting June 22, 1981. The City is an equal opportunity employer.

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July 1, 1981

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The City of Whitewater, KS and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announce the awarding of a grant to the City of Whitewater for the purpose of renovating/remodeling 24 housing units in Whitewater. In order to become involved in the bidding process, interested contractors should submit the following:

1. Insurance certificate
2. Credit references
3. Job references

Letter of inquiry should be directed to Dr. Gordon Schuntz-Housing Coordinator, c/o Wilva Hatfield, City Clerk, City Building, Whitewater, KS 67154.

DOES YOUR HOUSE NEED SOME WORK?

The City of Whitewater now has money available for home repairs for owner-occupants who have lived in their homes for at least one year. The funds are to make basic repairs to heating, electrical and plumbing systems, roofs, siding and porches and to make weatherization improvements such as storm windows and doors, insulation, and caulking. If you own your home and you believe your annual income is within the following limits, you are encouraged to apply for a rehabilitation grant:

|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| 1 person  | \$7,563 |
| 2 persons | 8,625   |
| 3 persons | 9,690   |
| 4 persons | 10,810  |
| 5 persons | 11,470  |
| 6 persons | 12,160  |
| 7 persons | 12,810  |
| 8 or more | 13,500  |

This program provides out-right grants to make home repairs. The money does not have to be repaid.

The city will begin taking applications the 6th of July.

To make an application, go to City Hall, weekdays between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. If you cannot go to City Hall, call 799-2445, and ask that an application be mailed to you. The City staff will help you fill out the application, if necessary.

REHABILITATION GRANT ADMINISTRATOR

Gordon Schultz has been employed by the city as Rehabilitation Grant Administrator. He resides with his family at 707 E. 1st. Mr. Schultz will be responsible for preparing all work write ups for applicants, overseeing the bid procedure, inspection of work in progress and final approval of the job when completed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fairmount, Milton Richland and Pleasant Townships in cooperation with the City of Whitewater are finalizing arrangements for the purchase of a new Frontend pumper fire truck. Delivery is anticipated the early part of August.

The Whitewater Fire Department is in need of additional volunteers, especially those who would be available during the day time hours. Women of the community are encouraged to consider being a volunteer. Several cities are completely staffed during the day by women volunteers. Anyone wishing to join the Fire Department as a volunteer should contact Rollan Eberhard 799-2262.

REFUSE DEPARTMENT

Trash service will run as usual on July 4.

WATER DEPARTMENT

The new water billing system requires no returned stub with payment. Please remember to write your account number on your check. Your account number appears on your address label.

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November 16, 1981

EMPLOYMENT FOR AREA SENIOR RESIDENTS

Kansas Green Thumb is now accepting applications from persons seeking employment in the Whitewater area. Applicants must be 55 or older and meet income qualifications. Anyone wishing to apply or wanting further information may contact the City Clerks Office - 799-2445. Applicants may apply until October 28th.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Have you seen the new fire truck? There has been a lot of excitement since it's arrival and kids of all ages have made a special effort to get a look at the new front end pumper unit. Purchase of the much needed truck was made possible by the cooperation of Milton, Pleasant, Fairmount, and Richland Townships, which the Whitewater Fire Department serves. The truck was a joint purchase of the townships and the city.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There is a critical need for day time fire volunteers, men or women. The problem exists from around 7a.m. until 5 or 6p.m. Rollan Eberhard, Fire Chief, has stated that to the best of his knowledge this is the first time in the history of the Whitewater Fire Department that the condition has been so crucial. This situation is not unique to Whitewater however. Some small towns are totally manned in the day time by women. Training is available to anyone who would be willing to volunteer. Anyone interested or having questions is encouraged to contact Rollan Eberhard 799-2262.

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Jaycees Safety Hunter Course

The Jaycees are again sponsoring the Safety Hunter Course. It will be held October 16th and 17th, this Saturday and Sunday, at the Scout House. Instruction will start each day at 1:00p.m. It is an 8 hour course and both sessions must be attended to receive a certificate.

SEWER DEPARTMENT

The new sewer treatment plant is now in operation. There are still some minor pieces of equipment which will have to be installed but the facility has been operating even better than anticipated.

WATER DEPARTMENT

We would again remind you that the new water billing system requires no stub returned with your payment. Please remember to write your account number on your check. Your account number appears on your address label.

EXAMPLE

ACCT.#123

Mrs. John Doe  
202 N. Street  
Whitewater, Kansas 67154

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This program provides the funding as a grant and the money does not have to be repaid. Both elderly homeowners and younger families are encouraged to participate in the program. Individuals will benefit directly from the program but the whole community will benefit indirectly. Applications can be made at the City Building between 9a.m. and 4p.m., Monday thru Friday. If it is difficult for you to come to the City Building, call 799-2445 and request that an application be mailed to you. Assistance will be provided in filling out the application.



Pictured above are the members of the Whitewater Housing Authority. Standing left to right is Laverne Mosiman, Melvin Tilson, and A.B. Neuman. Seated are Marilyn Umbach, Secreatay, and Henrietta Lockwood, Chairman. The Housing Authority is the advisory board to the City Council for the HUD Housing Rehabilitation Program.