

CITY OF WHITEWATER

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FROM THE MAYOR

This will be the last article I write for this City newsletter. Whether or not it is apparent, a lot has been done in the last few years to improve our situation. Modifications in the water department have meant considerable savings that will allow for upgrading that system in the future. The last of the emergency sirens have gone up and are in operation. The addition of these will give us an edge on any severe weather that might knock out power prior to the storm reaching us. This is due to the fact that these units are run by batteries making them effective in any situation. Our most recent endeavor is an application for a Community Development Block Grant. The preparation of this grant has meant that all of the functioning boards in the City have had to look into the future and plan for it. This is a good thing. As a result, some of us have seen the need to plan in terms of long range instead of day to day. One thing most of us are concerned with is the condition of the streets in town. I would like to say this. They are bad and they will get worse. In my opinion, they have to. There has been a plan laid on the table to replace our streets in the next few years. This plan calls for the accumulation of all funds that can be redirected for use on streets. We have shown that these funds can be found and in a manner that will not hamper day to day operation of the City. If this route is taken, it will require the patience of the community in order to make it work. It will work.

I mentioned the Block Grant earlier. It will be the key to a comprehensive reconstruction program that will start with major improvements in our storm drainage system and will then make improvements to our streets a much easier project. This Grant is for the maximum amount possible. It is for \$400,000.00 and we have pledged \$95,000.00 of reserve funds to enhance our chances of receiving the Grant. The amount pledged is only a portion of the funds we have set aside in the last few years to use for such capital improvements. I'm

attempting to show you what was not done to our streets in past years was done for a reason. We reached a point where, in all good conscience, we felt it was useless to throw good money after bad. Instead we chose to look for ways to replace our 40 plus year old streets and improve the appearance of our town. I hope the Council continues to pursue this matter in the next four years.

Another good thing that is in the works is an agreement with the City of Newton and Harvey County to provide Emergency Ambulance Service and a 911 service to our area. This is a complex issue to resolve since some funding is required and the Townships we service must go through the County Commissioners for approval. I regret not seeing this to its completion, but I am confident that there is enough support for it that talks will continue.

I think that's enough rambling. Good luck to the next crew. I've had an interesting eight years.

Scott Bowlin, Mayor

ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulations to Robert Roth and Pat Ryan on their newly elected City Council positions.

WHITEWATER CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Virginia McCoy, Council President
Larry Wiebe, Councilmember
Jan McAdams, Councilmember
Pat Ryan, Councilmember
Robert Roth, Councilmember

Virginia McCoy was elected Council President at the April 26, 1993 Council Meeting. A Special Meeting has been called for May 3rd at the City Building, 201 South Elm, at 7:30 p.m., to give the oath of office of Mayor to the Council President; for committee appointments; and to discuss the vacancy of council position which opens when Council President takes oath as Mayor.

Just a Reminder

The Whitewater City Council meets on the second and fourth Mondays at 7:30 p.m. in the City Building located at 201 South Elm.

ANIMAL CONTROL

With summer approaching and children playing outside, please be reminded of the City Code for animal control.

City Code Article 1; Section 2-116 It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully allow any animal or fowl under his or her control to be or to run at large within the City. Any animal or fowl found at large shall be impounded as provided in Section 2-117 or 2-206 (dogs).

(c) The owner of any dog impounded for running at large without the tag required by Section 2-202 shall, for the first offense, pay a fine of \$20 plus the board bill; for the second offense and subsequent offenses a fine of \$50, plus the board bill;

(d) For the first offense of an animal running at large with a tag as required by Section 2-202, the owner or harborer claiming any animal, shall for the first offense pay a fine of \$15 plus the board bill. For a second and all subsequent offenses, the owner or harborer shall pay a fine of \$50 plus the cost of the board bill. (Ord. 383).

City dog tags are available at the City Building, during normal work hours, for \$4.00 each. If your animal has been spayed or neutered, the tags are \$2.00 with a certificate of proof. It is also necessary to present a certificate indicating that the dog has received a rabies shot in order to receive the tag. Dog tags expire May 31st, so purchase your 1993-1994 tag prior to that date!

WHITEWATER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Just as a reminder; whenever you need an ambulance or a fire truck please dial 283-6150 on your telephone. This number goes directly to our dispatcher in Newton. Other numbers may delay response time and increase the chance for errors. Your Fire Department provides fire protection services, emergency medical response, and severe weather spotters along with many other services.

The Spring season will soon be bringing us the threat of tornadoes, severe thunderstorms, hail, lightning, and flooding. Make plans now to take shelter when severe weather approaches and remember to have a flashlight and battery operated radio available in case of power loss.

The Fire Department recently was approved to receive government matching funds to purchase emergency equipment. Federal funds will pay for fifty percent of the cost to purchase protective clothing for our firefighters.

Several volunteer firefighters attended a training session at Sedgwick sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance. The Farm Safety/Extrication seminar teaches firefighters the dangers of farm equipment and how to remove and treat injured farm workers that have been trapped in various types of farm equipment. A couple of other firefighters attended the 1993 Spring Harvey County Emergency Services Training Academy held in Newton. Some of your firemen are certified to instruct at the Training Academy. Fire Chief Chuck Eberhard attended the 93rd Annual Fire Department Instructors Conference held in Cincinnati, Ohio. At this six day conference he had the opportunity to attend training seminars, inspect new equipment designed for the fire service, talk to apparatus manufacturers and exchange many ideas with other Fire Chiefs and instructors from around the Nation.

Chuck Eberhard, Fire Chief

FIRE SAFETY ...

Would you know what to do if your house catches on fire? Would you know all of the exits out of your house? How many times should you change the battery in your smoke detector?

These were just a few topics of discussion when the Whitewater Fire Department brought the Smoke Hut to town. On Thursday and Friday, March 24 & 25, the members of the Whitewater Fire Department taught fire safety to the area school children with the aid of the Newton Fire Department's Fire Safety House.

On Thursday, in conjunction with the school safety fair held at the Potwin Grade School, all of the Potwin and Whitewater children

grades K-5 received a first hand look at what it would be like if their house was on fire. They received training on how often to change the battery in their smoke detector, how to get out of their bedroom if there is a fire in the house, who to call in the event of a fire or emergency, and many other safety related items.

On Friday the Smoke Hut was made available to all members of the public during the PTO/PTC Carnival at the Whitewater Grade School. Again the kids were encouraged to take a crawl through the smoke filled house and learn the rules of fire safety.

If your children have not informed you about the "Rules of Safety", please discuss with them the possibilities of safe exits from your home, what number to call in the event of a fire, where you should go when you have exited your home, and whatever unusual circumstances that might present themselves in your home.

If you have any questions concerning this matter or anything safety related, please do not hesitate to contact any member of your local fire department. If you are not sure who they are, call the City Building and Christy or Marilyn can direct you to the proper people.

A big thank you to everyone that helped to get the Smoke House here and everyone that helped run it. A special thanks to Darryl and Mike Hill and Steve Schowalter. Also, if you know any Newton firemen, give them a big thanks for graciously donating the Smoke House.

Jeff Toews, Member
Whitewater Fire Department

* WHITEWATER CEMETERY NOTICE *

Memorial Day will be observed May 31st, with American Legion Services at 10:00 a.m. in Whitewater and 11:00 a.m. in Potwin.

Temporary decorations are allowed for three days before Memorial Day and ten days after, according to Whitewater Cemetery rules. Decorations left on graves after June 10th will be discarded to help with maintenance and mowing of the cemetery.

Just Thinking ...

"Most people are as happy as they make up their minds to be."

Abraham Lincoln

WHITEWATER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

NEW AT THE LIBRARY

Victoria Magazine
PC Computing Magazine
The Conservative Chronicle
A Guide to Ride-till in the Central Plains
The Client by Grisham
Prairy Erth by Least-Heat Moon
Dragon Tears by Koontz
Dome of Fire by Eddings
That Every Man be Armed by Halbrook
Why America Doesn't Work by Colson
It Doesn't Take a Hero by Schwarzkopf
The Way Things Ought to Be by Limbaugh
Large Print Books
Books on Tape
Videos

An Application for Grant Monies was filed with the Kansas Library Network Board for the purchase of abridged and unabridged books on audio cassette. The library will be notified in June, 1993, of the outcome of that application. Keep your fingers crossed!

A Tandy 1000 TX personal computer was given to the library by a Wichitan who saw the Christmas Tour of Homes writeup in the Wichita Eagle Neighbors section. This computer is currently connected by modem with Ablah Library at WSU, and gives their entire list of materials at your fingertips. Stop by for a demonstration and let the Whitewater Library save you a trip to Wichita!

The Regier House, currently owned by Ted and Sandra Henry, has been entered onto the Register of Historic Kansas Places. The library has a copy of the history of the property and two pictures of the original buildings. The Regier House is located approximately one mile east of Whitewater and is painted yellow. The Henrys plan to restore as much of the property to its original condition as possible.

Summer Reading Club dates are June 1 - July 30. The theme and activities will be announced soon, so watch the bulletin boards at the Post Office and Kevin's Grocery, and check the library. Children age 3 and older are invited to participate just for fun!

Library Director, Jean Thiessen, will be attending the third and final session of K-P.L.A.C.E. (Kansas Public Libraries and Continuing Education) May 24-28, 1993. Thiessen will take part in the graduation exercises on Friday

morning, May 28, and will return to Whitewater Memorial Library a certified Library Director.

THANK YOU to all who attended the Christmas Tour of Homes. We hope you enjoyed it and we will keep you apprised of our progress on the computer fund. Current balance is \$650.00.

A Matching Grant of \$2,000 is available for the purchase of the library computer and we have sent in our application. Ten grants will be awarded to South-Central Kansas Libraries and will be drawn at random on Monday, April 26.

WANTED: Two mannequins - preferably male - to display historical Whitewater uniforms. Call Jean at 799-2471 or 799-2226.

VOLUNTEER Sharon Entz is working at the library one day each week. Come in and meet her, she is an excellent addition to our staff. Welcome, Sharon!

Jean Thiessen, Librarian

Events

Anyone wishing to participate in the Whitewater Community Wide Garage Sale in June, please contact Virginia McCoy at 799-2528.

Fishing & Hunting Licenses

Fishing and hunting licenses can be purchased at the City Building from 9 a.m. - Noon, & 1 - 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The fees are: fishing \$13.50; hunting \$13.50; combination fishing/hunting \$26.50.

Any person born on or after July 1, 1957, must successfully complete the Kansas Hunter Safety Course before he/she can buy a hunting license.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

The City has taken the first of many steps towards street reconstruction. Application has been made for a block grant for storm sewer and street work at the following locations: First Street, Main to Elm including intersections; Locust Street, from Second to Central; Oak Street, from Topeka to Vine; and Vine Street from Main to Elm.

We were able to apply for the grant as our City-wide low to moderate income level is above 51%. Our level of 55% was determined by volunteers canvassing the community. Without their help, the City would not have been able to request the

grant.

The grant application was prepared by City staff with considerable assistance from Booker and Associates, a Wichita engineering firm.

We expect notification of award in early June. If awarded, construction could begin by late August. If the grant request is denied, we simply try again next year. Meanwhile, the new Council and Street Committee will continue planning street repairs and reconstruction.

*** THANK YOU ***

The City of Whitewater would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped take the Community Development Block Grant Survey. Thank you also to the citizens for being so cooperative in responding to the survey.

MAPS, MAPS, MAPS,

The new Butler County maps are available at the City Office, 201 South Elm, for \$1.00.

** SIRENS **

On Saturday, April 10, the City of Whitewater completed a year long project with the installation of two new outdoor warning sirens. They are located in the 200 block of North Oak and the 400 block of South Main. These locations were picked over a year ago to provide maximum coverage area with the new system, with input from various emergency preparedness officials.

As before, all labor for installation was volunteer and would not have been possible without the hard work of the following people: Darryl Hill, Todd Wedel, Nolan Todd, Ted Graham, Bob Bartlett, Mike Lemke, and a special thanks again to KG&E and especially Mike Slaymaker.

The sirens will not sound every time there is a tornado warning for our area, they will be sounded at the request of the Fire Department, Sheriff's Office, National Weather Service, or when our dispatcher's have reason to believe our city is in immediate danger. The tornado warning signal is a three minute steady tone, which may be repeated as necessary until the threat has passed. To avoid confusion, NO all clear will be sounded. The sirens will be tested every Monday between 10:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m., weather

permitting. Please report any malfunctions to the City Office immediately.

Thanks again to all who helped make this project a success, the City Council, and all the volunteers.

Robert Roth,
Project Coordinator

**** THANK YOU ****

The City Council and staff would like to express their appreciation to Robert Roth for his time and research as Siren Project Coordinator. Robert spent hours of research and visiting other locations of various sirens, as a volunteer, before making recommendation to the City Council. Thank you, Robert!

BE PREPARED ...

Keep an emergency kit in your storm shelter area, a clean five gallon pale with a tight fitting lid works well. In it, keep a battery operated radio with extra batteries, two flashlights with extra batteries, some candles, matches, first aid kit, and a crescent wrench (for turning off gas to your home if it is damaged). Keep it stocked, label it and let everyone in your family know where it is kept.

Robert Roth

WHITEWATER PARK BOARD NEWS

We are off and running with the Summer Kid's Baseball Program. We have five teams that will be playing in El Dorado and two coach-pitch teams that will be playing here in the area.

Men's Softball ...

We want to have the Men's Softball League again this year. If you are 16 and over you may participate. We need to know how many teams we will have, so please contact Butch at 799-2536 or Vickie at either 799-2163 or 799-2065 by May 1.

Women's Softball ...

We would like to start up Women's softball again. If interested, please contact Vickie or Butch prior to May 1. Then we will set up a time to meet and see when you would like to play.

Summer Recreation Program ...

The Summer Recreation Program will be in force again. Connie Patty has volunteered to be Director. We have yet to decide what will be offered. Tentatively the first session will

begin June 7th - 25th in the afternoon and the second session July 5th - 23rd in the morning. If you would like to help with the program or have something you would like to teach or instruct, please give Lynn Frazier (799-2202) or Connie Patty (799-2231) a call.

Vickie Meyersick, Commissioner

THANK YOU!

We would like to thank the Swiss Church and all those who supported the Benefit Chicken Noodle Dinner for our daughter Aimee. It was a big success and very much appreciated. Thanks for your prayers and concerns.

The Fraziers
Doug, Lynn, Jennifer,
Aimee, Megan, & Michael

*** THANK YOU! ***

We would like to say a big thanks to the Bank of Whitewater, the Whitewater Locker, all the area churches, local businesses, and individuals who contributed to the Aimee Frazier Benefit on April 17th. Thanks for your support, it was greatly appreciated. A very special thanks to Mary Hopkins and Vickie Meyersick for all your hard work and caring.

God Bless All of You.
The Fraziers
Doug, Lynn, Jennifer,
Aimee, Megan, & Michael

To the residents of Whitewater,

Wasn't it nice to get rid of all our unwanted trash on C.J.'s trash day? It was so much easier to put it out on the curb, or make arrangements to have it picked up in out of the way places. Just think what you saved by not having to haul it to the landfill, or paying someone to haul it for you. If you have not already done so, it would be a wise decision to make a donation to the C.J.'s for their generous community service. It may not be as inexpensive in the future.

Many Thanks to the C.J.'s,
Norman E. Taylor

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

The City of Whitewater has recently received monitoring results from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. These results are from sampling the water supply sources for volatile organic chemicals (VOCs).

These results are available for review by contacting The City Clerk at 799-2445 during normal business hours.

These monitoring results are part of an overall program to monitor the City of Whitewater's water supply for contaminants.

AMERICAN LEGION POST NO. 65

New Officers ...

The Whitewater American Legion elected new officers for the 1993-1994 Legion Year. Elected officials are: Commander - Robert Adams; Vice Commander - Jim Lutes; Adjutant & Finance Officer - Rollan Eberhard; Sergeant-At-Arms - Jay Wohlgemuth; Historian - Norman Smalley and Chaplain & Service Officer - John Lockwood. Robert Adams of the Whitewater Legion Post was elected Vice-Commander of the Butler County Council, Department of Kansas for the 1993-1994 Legion Year.

Memorial Day ...

Memorial Day Services will be Monday morning, May 31st. The first service will be at the Whitewater Cemetery at 10:00 a.m. and at McGill Cemetery at Potwin at 11:00 a.m.

The Whitewater Legion puts out Grave Flags on all veterans graves for the Memorial Day Weekend. The cemeteries are: Brainerd; Elbing (Pleasant View); Elbing (Missionary); Emmaus; Fairview; Grace Hill; Green Valley; Haldeman; Lone Grave on First Street; Lone Star; McGill; Potwin; Shafer; Swiss; Union (Palmyra) and Whitewater. If anyone knows of a veterans' grave, regardless of when they were in service, contact Rollan Eberhard so that a marker and flag will be on the grave.

B.I.N.G.O.

The last game of Bingo before fall will be Saturday, May 1st. The doors of the Legion Building open at 6:00 p.m., the Bingo game starts at 7:00 p.m. The American Legion Auxiliary has a snack bar open from 6:00 p.m. until the end of the game.

Cub Scouts ...

The annual Boy Scout Pinewood Derby was held in the Whitewater Legion Building on Monday, March 17th. The Whitewater Legion sponsors Cub Scout Pack No. 225.

Flag Disposal ...

Plans are being formulated for a formal Flag Disposal on the evening

of the 4th of July. There is a proper ritual for flag burning as a way to dispose of the American Flag. If someone has a flag that needs proper disposal, they may give it to Rollan Eberhard.

Veterans Banquet ...

The Veterans Banquet will be November 11th. The speaker for the evening will be Kenneth Johnson, a Vietnam Veteran who was a pilot, shot down and held Prisoner of War by the Viet Cong for almost two years. The banquet is open to members of The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary of Post and Unit No. 65. The dinner will be catered by Rays Countryside Catering of Colwich.

Boys State ...

Eric Brown, a Remington High School Junior, will be the delegate to Boys State at Kansas State University in early June. He will be one of hundreds of boys attending Boys State which is sponsored each year by the Kansas American Legion.

Pictures ...

There is a new picture of President Clinton on the wall of the Whitewater Legion Building. The picture was sent by the White House. The Whitewater Legion likes to have a picture of the President of the United States, who is Commander In Chief of the Armed Forces. They also have a picture of Governor Finney who is the head of the Kansas National Guard.

Rollan K. Eberhard,
Adjutant

SEVERE WEATHER INFORMATION

When are severe weather watches and warnings issued?

TORNADO WATCHES: Issued when local atmospheric conditions indicate Severe Thunderstorms and Tornadoes may develop. Usually issued for an area about 150 miles wide by 200 miles long for a period of 3 to 6 hours. The Watch is advance notice of the possibility of Tornadoes.

SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WATCH: When atmospheric conditions indicate Severe Thunderstorms are possible, but Tornadoes appear unlikely. Usually issued for an area about 150 miles wide by 200 miles long for a period of 3 to 6 hours. The Severe Thunderstorm Watch does not rule out Tornadoes, but strong winds and large hail appear the greater threat.

FLASH FLOOD WATCH: When rainfall

heavy enough to cause flooding is forecast. Usually issued for a section of the state for a period of around 12 hours.

TORNADO WARNING: When a Tornado has been sighted or when Weather Radar indicates a Tornado is likely forming. Usually issued for counties or parts of counties for a period of 30 minutes to an hour. Advises of the need to get to shelter immediately.

SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WARNING: When Weather Radar indicates large hail or winds in excess of 60 miles an hour are likely, or when damaging winds or large hail are reported. Usually issued for counties or parts of counties for a period of 30 minutes to an hour. Advises of an actual threat and the need to take protective action.

FLASH FLOOD WARNING: When runoff from heavy rainfall will likely result in flooding of streams and low lying areas; severe enough to threaten life and property.

TORNADO SAFETY RULES

Actions to take should a tornado threaten:

OUTDOORS WITHOUT SHELTER: Lie flat in a ditch or low place. Protect your head.

IN A CAR OR TRUCK: Leave your vehicle for a ditch or low spot. Don't try to drive away from a Tornado.

IN A HOME: Go to the basement. If a basement is not available, go to an interior part of the structure; try to put as many walls as possible between you and the outdoors. Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls. Get under something sturdy.

IN LARGE BUILDINGS: Move to designated shelter areas. Such areas should be identified in schools, hospitals, shopping centers and other public places. Interior windowless hallways on lowest floors offer best protection.

IN MOBILE HOMES: Seek shelter elsewhere. If no substantial shelter is nearby, go to a ditch or low area, lie face down and protect your head.

It is important to have a plan of action. Don't wait until a Tornado approaches to determine where to go for shelter. Sometimes there is no advance warning, so be sure the

shelter can be reached quickly. A few seconds can save lives.

Butler County Emergency Preparedness

APRIL 18-24 NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

The following is a list of volunteers who devote an endless amount of time and effort to the City of Whitewater:

CEMETERY BOARD MEMBERS

Jack Belcher	Norman Taylor
Stanley Roth	Ken Roth
G'Ola Spratt	Cynthia Lemke
Max Brucks	

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Gene Atwood	A.B. Neuman
Jim Hutchinson	Ron Hill
Ted Klaassen	

PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION

Vickie Meyersick	Butch Thrash
Lynn Frazier	Don Patry
Randy Jensen	

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS

Bob McCoy	Don Patry
Stacy Bell	Willard Wiebe
Blaine Bowlin	Mike Slaymaker
Irvin Spratt	

FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERS

Chuck Eberhard	Ted Graham
Rollan Eberhard	Robert Roth
Darryl Hill	Todd Wedel
Bob Bartlett	Fred Blanck
Marty Dupre	Carl Gasper
Richard Gray	Mike Hill
Monica Mower	Nolan Todd
Andy Pullen	Ora Beebe
Darryl Claassen	Andrew Parsons
Chris Parsons	Richard Parsons
Steve Schowalter	Jeff Toews

THANK YOU TO ALL PRESENT AND PAST VOLUNTEERS FOR THEIR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY. YOUR SERVICE AND COMMITMENT IS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE SUCCESSFUL OPERATION OF YOUR CITY.

"The purpose of life is to serve and to show compassion and the will to help others. Only then have we ourselves become the true human beings."

Albert Schweitzer

HAVE A SAFE AND FUN SUMMER!

RECYCLING TIPS ...

Look on the back of this page to learn how to make a compost; and find out some good recycling tips for your leaves, tree branches, tree trunks, and limbs

Recycling Leaves

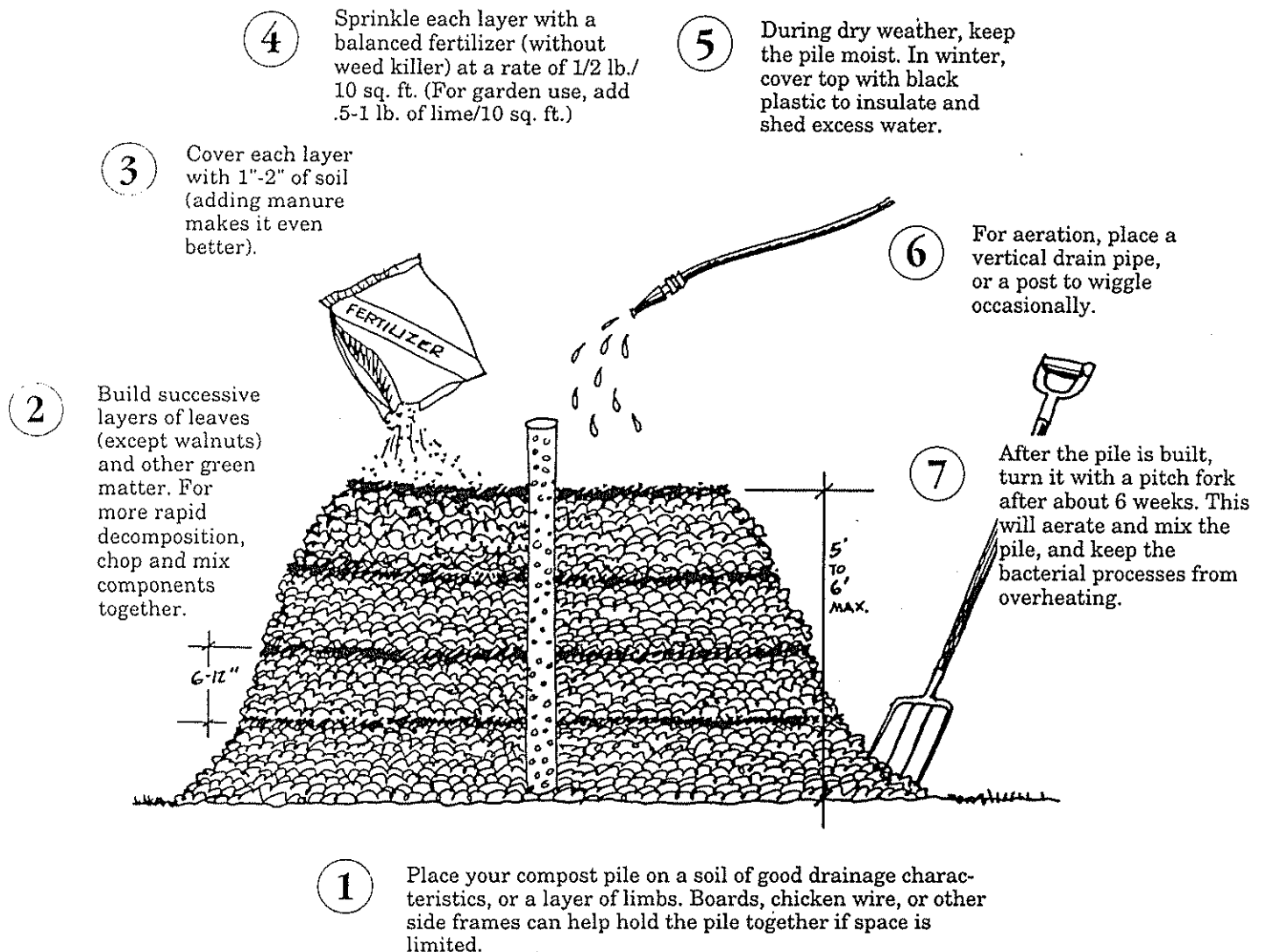
In a forest, Nature's way of leaf disposal is recycling through a slow but essential decomposition process on the forest floor. The result is a rich, spongy topsoil. It is home for worms and other organisms that help in the process, and it serves the future forest by soaking up water and providing nutrients and a good growing medium for new seedlings.

Composting is the same process speeded up. It is simply the biological decomposition of organic wastes under controlled conditions. With a little work and in any space that your yard allows, large quantities of leaves, garden refuse, twigs and grass can be reduced to compost in as short a time as one to three months. You know the compost is ready when your pile becomes a dark, granular mass that resembles peat moss and the individual ingredients are no longer recognizable.

Although the end product is not a fertilizer, compost does offer these benefits:

- An inexpensive way to dispose of leaves without using landfills or polluting the air.
- When added to the garden or tree planting site, compost improves the physical properties of the soil for better root growth by:
 - lightening up clays or enhancing soil aggregation in sands.
 - decreasing soil crusting and cracking.
 - improving water infiltration and retention.
 - improving aeration.

How to Make a Compost Pile



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MORE RECYCLING TIPS:

- *Recycle tree branches by using them for fuelwood, compost, and mulch
- *Recycle large tree trunks and limbs by making them into posts, garden edges, and benches; or use them for firewood.

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Tree City USA Bulletin No. 16

"From a seed life renews; with recycling life continues."
Countess