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Cindy Edmiston
- 14th - Cohen Heiman
- 15th - Emerie Morgan
- 19th - Dee Matile
- 22nd - Rosalie Edmiston
Cheyenna Riley
- 23rd - Emily Centlivre
- 24th - John Soetebier
- 26th - Anna Crabtree
- 28th - Karis Williams

Tim & Shelli Deleamp
December 25th

- PLANNING & ZONING BOARD**
City Hall
1st Monday @ 6.00 pm
- AMERICUS REC. ORGANIZATION**
USD 251 Cafeteria
3rd Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.
- CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING**
City Hall
2nd Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m.
- FIRE BOARD MEETING**
Library
2nd Wednesday @ 7:30 p.m.
- TOWNSHIP LIBRARY BOARD**
Library
4th Monday @ 5:30 p.m.
- MUNICIPAL COURT**
City Hall
2nd Wednesday @ 3:00 p. m.
- AMERICUS TOWNSHIP**
Library
Last Tuesday @ 7:30 p.m.
- RWD #1 BOARD**
3rd Tuesday @ 7:30
Water Board Office
2501 W. 18th, Emporia

WISHING EVERYONE TRUE
Happiness and Peace
THIS CHRISTMAS AND
INTO THE NEW YEAR!
Mayor Wright, Council Members
and staff at the City of Americus

ATTENTION

ALL PROPERTY OWNERS:

Sewer accounts must be paid in full by
12:00 noon on Friday, Dec. 30, 2022.

A \$100 late fee will be applied to all
accounts with a balance at 12:00 noon on
Friday December 30, 2022.

CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED

DECEMBER 26TH FOR
CHRISTMAS

&

JANUARY 2ND FOR
NEW YEARS

Americus Police Department

Non emergency number: 620-487-5899



Code Enforcement

Violation Notices Served

Frederick L Boline 406 Locust Dog at large No city Tag
148.00
Frederick L Boline 406 Locust Street Dog at large
113.00

KNOW YOUR SPEED

The city has purchased a speed indicator sign. The sign will be moved to different location around town.



From City Hall:

The following minutes are from the November 8th business meeting. As of print time the minutes have not been approved by the council.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Dustin Wright. Council members present were NUESSEN, HAMLIN, BURTON, and HINRICHS. HARMON was absent. Also present were City Clerk Jana Smart, City Attorney Steve Atherton, City Treasurer Brian Anstey, and maintenance Nick Gadino. HARMON arrived at 7:01 p.m.
VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Cheryl Henry arrived at 7:04 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *October 11th business meeting.* Moved by NUESSEN to approve the October 11th business meeting. Motion seconded by HINRICHS. 5-0 vote.

BILLS TO PAY: Moved by HINRICHS to approve the accounts payable for November 2022 in the amount of \$10,275.82. Motion seconded by NUESSEN, 5-0 vote.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

MAINTENANCE: They have been busy winterizing, finishing up patching roads, and working on ordering the replacement fire hydrant.

PROJECT PLAYSCAPE: HINRICHS would like approval to place Match Day signs at the corner of First Street coming into town and at the NW corner of the City Park. The goal for Match Day is \$16,000 so they can order Splash Pad supplies. Volunteers have been busy assembling the bleachers at the ballfield and will continue to work on them on Friday, November 11th. There will be a pancake and biscuit and gravy breakfast this Sunday, November 13th at Harry & Lloyd's.

CLERK: We issued 26 building permits for roofs in October. Cindy will be in soon for the audit. The employee's health insurance through Blue Cross and Blue Shield is up 13.5% for 2023.

ADOPT THE AGENDA: Moved by HINRICHS to adopt the agenda. Motion seconded by BURTON, 5-0 vote.

- CHRISTMAS PARADE:** The annual Christmas parade is scheduled for December 3rd. HINRICHS has asked for \$150 for Santa's travel expenses. The consensus is to pay \$150 for Santa's travel expenses. Will also need the road closed for the parade. Moved by BURTON to close Main Street from Walnut to Broadway on December 3rd from 6-8 p.m. contingent upon the ok from the county. Motion seconded by HARMON. 5-0 vote.
- CASEY'S CMB LICENSE RENEWAL:** The city has received everything needed to renew the CMB license for 2023 and there have been no filed complaints. Moved by HAMLIN to renew Casey's CMB License for 2023. Motion seconded by HARMON. 5-0 vote.

Moved by HAMLIN to adjourn at 7:16 p.m. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 5-0 vote.

MINUTES
AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING
NOVEMBER 23, 2022 – 2:30 P.M.
CITY HALL

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Council President Lea Hamlin. Council members present were HINRICHS, HAMLIN, BURTON, and HARMON. NUESSEN was absent. Also present were City Clerk Jana Smart, Asst. City Clerk/City Treasurer Brian Anstey and Maintenance Nick Gadino

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: No visitors

ADOPT THE AGENDA: Moved by BURTON to adopt the agenda. Motion seconded by HINRICHS, 4-0 vote.

- 1. 2022 BUDGET:** *Approve amended budget for publication.* Moved by HARMON to approve the 2022 amended budget for publication. Motion seconded by BURTON. 4-0 vote.

Moved by HINRICHS to adjourn at 2:32 p.m. Motion seconded by HARMON, 4-0 vote.

AGENDA
AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL
BUDGET HEARING

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.

CITY HALL

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:
VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:
ADOPT THE AGENDA
1. 2022 BUDGET: Adopt amended 2022 Budget

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>AGENDA AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING</u> Tuesday, December 13th, 2022 Americus City Hall 7:00 PM</p> <p>CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:</p> <p>VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:</p> <p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 8 th business meeting and November 23 rd special meeting</p> <p>BILLS TO PAY:</p> <p>REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:</p> <p>PROJECT PLAYSCAPE:</p> <p>MAINTENANCE:</p> <p>CLERK:</p> <p>ADOPT THE AGENDA</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. CINDY JENSEN, CPA: 2021 Audit Report2. S&A TELEPHONE: Request3. 2022 BUDGET: Encumbrances4. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Non-elected personnel matters5. TRAILER PARKS:6. ACCOUNT MODIFICATION FORM: Approval of 2022 form
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NEW POLICY in effect:

In an effort to improve the appearance of our cemeteries especially with mowing and weed-eating the Americus Township Board has adopted a policy banning the planting of trees, shrubs, plants or flowers in the cemetery. Signs have been ordered and will be put in place in the near future. We also ask that when placing other items that they be placed in such a manner as to not interfere with maintenance. We appreciate your cooperation.

To contact the City of Americus after hours, please call **620.443.5655** and leave a detailed message.

To email a message, please use the website cityofamericus.municipalimpact.com and complete the "contact us" drop down menu. The city will respond to either message the next working day.



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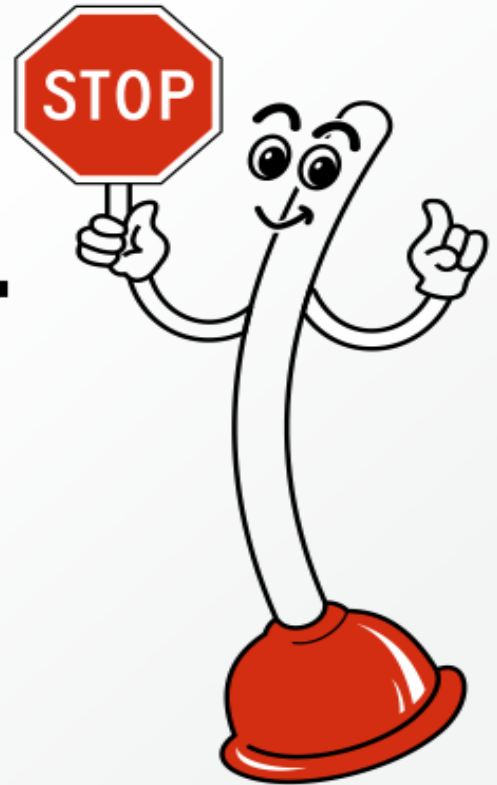
Friday & Saturday 5:00 p - 2:00 a

Sunday 3:00 p - 7:00 p



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620-340-2465

Jakob Edmunds

620-344-0626

Drawing

December 17th

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- *Saddles * Boots/Shoes
- *Zipper Repair
- *Replace Shoe Heel
- *Prescription Shoe Lifts

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443-5993 Leave a Message



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Community Center

516 Locust Street ~ Americus, KS 66835
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For more information on renting the
Americus Community Center
call Americus City Hall at
620-443-5655.

Christmas is Coming!

Christmas may be our favorite Holiday. With Gifts and Good Will,
It's a great day!

Christmas is the day that Jesus was born 2000 years ago.

Hundreds of years earlier, Isaiah, the prophet told of Jesus birth.

“For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government
Will be on His shoulder, and his name will be called Wonderful, Counselor,
Mighty God”. (Isaiah 9:6)

See you in Church this Sunday!

Countryside Baptist Church

Sunday Worship Service 10:30 a.m

6 First Street, Americus Ks.

Pastor Rich Arnold



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Americus United Methodist Church

413 Walnut, Americus, KS
620-443-5371

Adult Sunday School
Sundays at 9:30 am
Worship Service
Sundays at 10:30 am
Children's Sunday School
During services

Americus Community Food Pantry

The pantry will be pre-boxed pickup only

Tuesday

Saturday

December 6th
6:30 pm. - 8:00 pm.

December 17th
10:00 am. - 11:30 am.

Pre-boxed pickup

Social distancing practices will be in place. Open to those living in USD 251 school district only.

**DURING SERVICES A NURSERY IS AVAILABLE.
WE INVITE ALL TO JOIN US.**



Countryside Baptist Church

6 First Street, P.O. Box 524
Americus, KS 66835

SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship (nursery available)

Pastor Rich Arnold

Call 620-343-1546,
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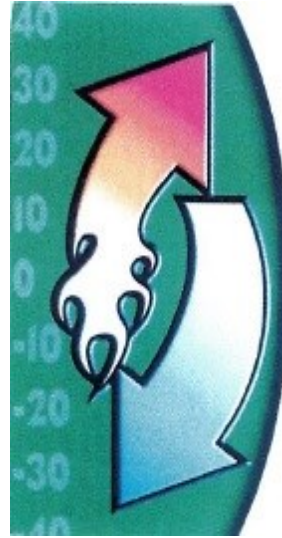


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Webpage: americus.lib.nckls.org
Facebook: americuslibrary.facebook.com

Merry Christmas

Library Hours:
Mon, Wed, Fri: 1pm - 5:30pm
Tues, Thurs: 9a - 12p and 1p - 5:30p
Sat: 9a-12p (afternoon closed)
Sunday: closed

The library is collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northeast Kansas (Topeka). When aluminum pop tabs are sent they are taken to a recycling center. The money then goes back into the House for general operating expenses.

Preschool Story time
Thursdays-10:00 to 10:30 am.
No story time December 22nd or 29th.

The Crayon Initiative is a wonderful organization. When you donate your unwanted or broken crayons, they will recycle them into new ones. These new crayons are then donated to schools, hospitals, or art programs. The library has a drop-box!

**We will be closed
December 24th and
25th
For Christmas
And
December 31st
For New Years**



Many Children's books for sale
Price: Free will donation

Do you think you would qualify for **HOME BOUND LIBRARY SERVICES?**

Call us to see how we can help!

PROJECT PLAYSCAPE Updates

COMMUNITY • FAMILIES • CHILDREN

Ballfield Complex



Work has continued to progress at the Ballfield. In the last couple of months, we have had many community members and high school volunteers helping on site. Driving by you'll see the newly updated roof to the old pool house. Inside we have additional bathroom stalls for both bathrooms! Concrete pads and the new picnic shelter house was built! And currently we have had awesome support in building the new bleachers, with additional work to be done Sunday, October 30th!



Bleacher Install



We are looking for children's book donations for the lending library!

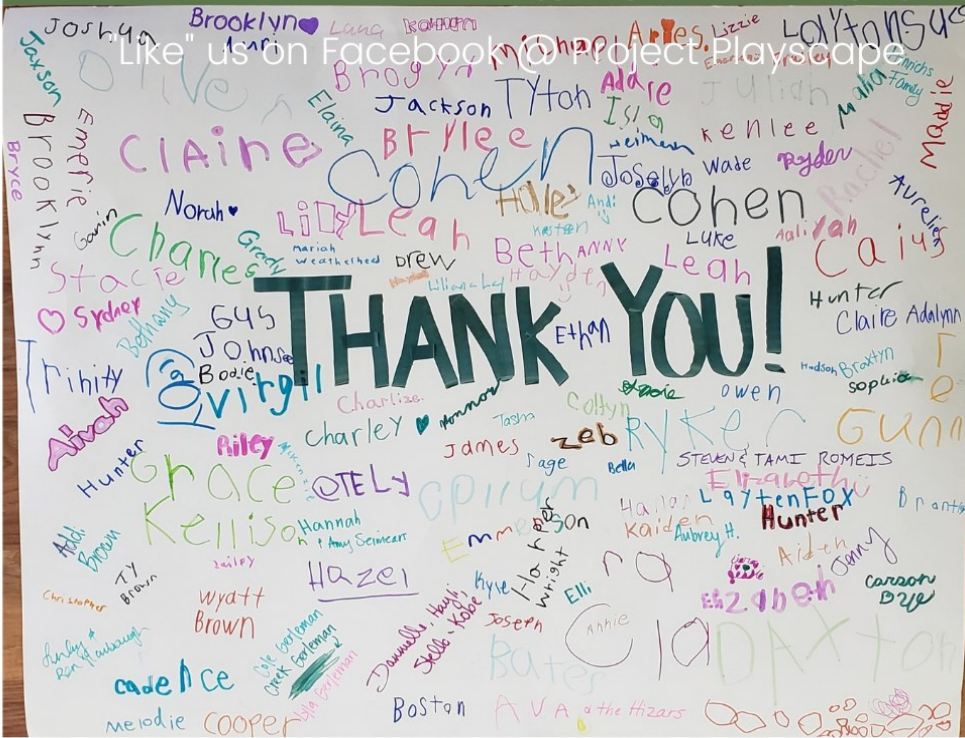
Email or message us!

We are almost out!

Big Thanks to:
Continued Donors!
Community Volunteers!
High School Volunteers!
& Those donating drinks & meals for volunteers!

PROJECT PLAYSCAPE

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Match Day totals were revealed, and we want to say

THANK YOU!

We had a blast meeting new people and seeing the love & dedication of all the donors for so many great organizations!

Project Playscape received a check for \$14,459.35.

This will continue to help us towards our goal for the Splashpad & BB Courts Renovation!



We are still looking for participants in the Christmas Parade! If you are interested please email us at: projectplayscape4community@gmail.com

Thank you!

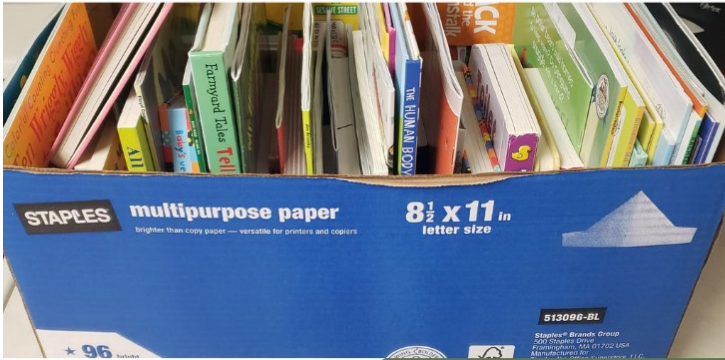


Parade & Holiday Home lighting Awards will be given out this year! Email us or text us at 620-794-1685 if you plan to participate!!

THANK YOU for the contributors of the matching funds for Match Day:

- Clint Bowyer 79 Fund
- Jane & Bernard Reeble Endowed Fund
- Preston Family Trust
- Trusler Foundation
- W.S. & E.C. Jones Testamentary Trust
- Nick and Jan Laurent/Fred and Paula Neuer
- Emporia Lodge No. 12, A.F. & A.M.
- &
- Emporia Community Foundation from the Fund for the Future

BOOKS ALWAYS NEEDED!



Did you know that one of the things Project Playscape does is collect books throughout the year, to keep the Lending Library at the park fully stocked?

As many parents in the community know, these books are well loved and hard to keep in stock! Please keep us in mind when you want to downsize your book collection!

We take Adult, Young Adult, Teen, and Children's Books!

Thank you to: The Kellison & Horton Family for their recent book donations!



SATURDAY MAY 13TH

Americus Ballfield Complex Grand Opening:

- *Ribbon Cutting
- *Donor Recognition
- *Vintage Baseball
- *Hotdog/Hamburger Community Feed
- *Emporia Art Mobile
- *Firework-Parachutes & More!



Sun. Dec. 4th 11am-2pm
@ the Americus Community Center



NUMEROUS TOPPINGS WILL BE AVAILABLE

Broccoli Cheese, Chili, Butter and More

Free Will Donation

All proceeds go to the Basketball Courts & Splashpad!

2022 PARADE THEME: A STORYBOOK CHRISTMAS

Americus Christmas Parade

Saturday, December 3rd, 2022



LINE UP: 6:15PM

PARADE STARTS: 7PM
(Corner of Main & Walnut)

Entry forms available at:
Americus City Hall or by
link provided on Facebook
Event Page QR Code.



*Cookies w/Santa Event following parade!!

Questions? Contact projectplayscape4community@gmail.com



Holiday Food Drive

****BRING A CAN DONATION OR DONATE A BOOK TO THE COOKIES W/SANTA EVENT!****

ALL FOOD WILL BE DONATED TO THE AMERICUS FOOD PANTRY & BOOKS TO THE LENDING LIBRARY!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



Registration is now open for the Flint Hills Gravel Ride! What are you waiting for? FHGR will also be offering a 6k Run/Walk. Net proceeds from the 6k Run/Walk will go directly to Project Playscape:

For more information go to the QR Code!



Like "Flint Hills Gravel Ride" on Facebook!



Cookies w/Santa Event

(Following the parade) Includes:

- EMPORIA ART MOBILE CRAFT
- BLANKET (1 PER FAMILY)
- BOOKS (1 BOOK PER FAMILY)
- SANTA GOODIE BAG (1 PER KID, UNTIL RUN OUT)
- GIFT BASKET SIGNUPS/DRAWINGS
- COOKIES & HOT CHOCOLATE
- KIDS GET TO SEE SANTA & DROP OFF THEIR SANTA LETTERS!



CHUCK A DUCK

Funds to go to Splashpad & Americus Basketball Court Renovation

WHEN: 1/2 TIME OF BOYS A GAME
WHERE: NHHS

DEC. 20-NHHS GAME
JAN. 13-NHHS GAME

HOW TO BUY DUCKS:

1. VENMO @BRITNEY-HINRICHS "DONATE 4 DUCKS"
2. AT SUN. DEC. 4TH LUNCH FUNDRAISER
3. AT THE ABOVE BB GAMES
4. CONTACT JANA SMART OR BRITNEY HINRICHS
5. FACEBOOK MESSAGE "PROJECT PLAYSCAPE"

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December Schedule
7th & 21st
January Schedule
4th & 18th

City Hall

Hours:
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