

"A PLACE TO CALL HOM

#### **PLANNING & ZONING BOARD**

City Hall

1st Monday @ 6.00 pm

#### **AMERICUS REC. ORGANIZATION**

**NLC Elementary** 

3rd Wednesday @ 6:30 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 Thursday @ 7:30 p.m. **RWD #1 BOARD** 

3rd Tuesday @ 7:30 Water Board Office

2501 W. 18th, Emporia

#### CITY HALL WILL **BE CLOSED**

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DECEMBER 24TH & 25TH FOR CHRISTMAS &

> JANUARY 1ST FOR **NEW YEARS**

Trash customers see page 6 for holiday days

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1st - Laverne Soetebier Pat Sutton

2nd - Kailyn Schlimme Steven Romeis

7th - Briley Cannon

10th - Brian Cannon Cindy Edmiston

Holly Hadley 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

30th - Dylan Kosinski



Tim & Shelli Deleamp December 25th

# **ATTENTION**

#### **ALL PROPERTY OWNERS:**

**Sewer** accounts must be paid in full by 12:00 noon on Tuesday, December 31st.

A \$100 late fee will be applied to all accounts with a balance at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, December 31st, 2024.

# Americus Police Department Non emergency number: 620-487-5899





#### 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 13th 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 Council Member HAMLIN. Council members present were NUESSEN, HINRICHS, HARMON, BURTON and HAMLIN. Mayor Dustin Wright was absent. Also present were City Clerk Lesley Harbaugh and City Attorney Steve Atherton.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Devon Holloway

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 8 th, 2024 business meeting. Moved by HARMON to approve the minutes from the October 8 th business meeting. Motion seconded by BURTON. 3-0-1 vote.

BILLS TO PAY: Moved by BURTON to approve the accounts payable for November 2024 in the amount of \$17,317.80. Motion seconded by HINRICHS. 4-0 vote.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:** 

PROJECT PLAYSCAPE: HINRICHS reports that the monthly breakfasts are going well and they are gearing up for Match Day on November 18 th. The donations received during Match Day will help with the deposit to get on the schedule to begin construction. Project Playscape is also working with locals on a new campaign-Give the Gift of a Splashpad as well as extra fundraisers that will be discussed by students and champions on KVOE. Give the Gift of a Splashpad will run through December 31 st. Fundraising will also happen during the Americus Christmas parade on December 7 th.

MAINTENANCE: BURTON reports that maintenance is preparing for winter. The county is moving equipment around which has freed up space for the city equipment/supplies.

CLERK: No report.

ADOPT THE AGENDA: Moved by NUESSEN to adopt the agenda. Motion seconded by HINRICHS. 4-0 vote. MOONLIGHT CONSTRUCTION: Devon Holloway Devon Holloway is here to speak about RHID (Residential Housing Incentive District) and to ask the city to look into this program. Devon has asked if he can look into it for the city. The council has encouraged Devon to attend a Planning and Zoning meeting and present the information to them in December.

Devon left at 7:15.

FLINT HILLS GRAVEL RIDE: HAMLIN would like to inform the council that registration for the Flint Hills
Gravel Ride opens on November 15 th and takes place on April 12 th, 2025. She would like approval for the city to
grant Bobby Thompson use of the shelter house on April 12 th and the community center from April 8 th to April 13 th,
with the rental fee waived. The council agrees to the use of the community center and shelter house for the Flint
Hills Gravel Ride for the dates needed in April.

PROJECT PLAYSCAPE: Parade road barriers/closure for Saturday, December 7 th & December 7 th & December 8 amp; Cookies with Santa event donation. HINRICHS is requesting a \$175 donation from the city for Santa travel and a \$300 donation for the Cookies with Santa event after the parade. BURTON moves to approve a donation to Project Playscape to cover the expenses for Santa Travel and the Cookies with Santa event not to exceed \$500. Motion seconded by HARMON. 3-0-1 vote. HINRICHS is also requesting approval to close Main Street from Broadway to Walnut on December 7 th from 6:00-8:00 p.m., contingent on county approval. Motion seconded by BURTON. 3-0-1 vote.

CASEY'S CMB LICENSE RENEWAL: Casey's has provided all the required documents and paid fees to renew their CMB license for 2025. Moved by BURTON to approve Casey's CMB License for 2025. Motion seconded by HINRICHS. 4-0 vote.

CITY OF AMERICUS PROPERTIES: No action taken. Consensus of the council to table the matter until December.

CONDEMNATION: Resolution 301 and 302 Moved by Nuessen to adopt Resolution 301 with a date change to the year error on the document. Motion seconded by Harmon. 4-0 vote. Moved by BURTON to adopt Resolution 302. Motion seconded by NUESSEN. 4-0 vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: For real estate & Description on the sexual estate and real estate matters at 7:30 p.m. for 30 minutes with council, clerk, and legal present. Motion seconded by HARMON. 4-0 vote. Back in open session at 7:56 p.m. Moved by BURTON to offer the position of the Assistant City Clerk/Treasurer and duties of the position Dodie Doudna, on the contingency she can be bonded and her availability. Motion seconded by HINRICHS. 4-0 vote.

Moved by BURTON to adjourn at 7:57 p.m. Motion seconded by HINRICHS. 4-0 vote.

#### **AGENDA**

AMERICUS CITY COUNCIL
BUSINESS MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 12 th, 2024 business meeting

**BILLS TO PAY:** 

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

PROJECT PLAYSCAPE:

**MAINTENANCE:** 

CLERK:

ADOPT THE AGENDA

1. BOBBY THOMPSON: Flint Hills Gravel Ride

2. CINDY JENSEN: Audit Report

3. 2024 BUDGET: Encumbrances and amendments

4. ACCOUNT MODIFICATION FORM: Approval of 2024 form

5. CITY OF AMERICUS PROPERTIES:

6. CONDEMNATION: Resolution 303

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION: For non-elected personnel

#### M.A.D.

Plumbing & General

#### Licensed and Bonded

Maintenance Free Estimates



Mark Dixon 406 Hackberry Americus, Ks 620-443-5386 or 620-794-1417

# AMERICUS TOWNSHIP

#### **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.

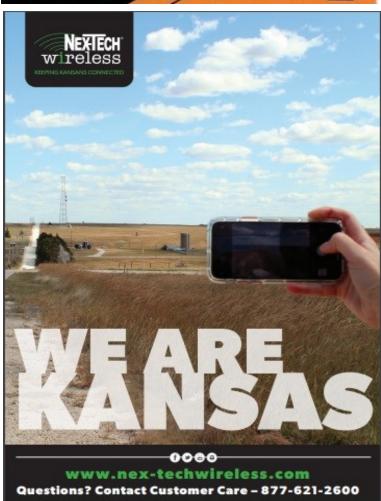
#### Remember

Dogs in the city limits **must be registered** with the city of Americus.

Dogs must be on a leash







#### Americus Township Library

710 Main Street/ PO BOX 404 Phone: 443-5503 Fax: 443-5218 Email: americuslibrary@gmail.com Webpage: americus.lib.nckls.org Library Hours:

Mon, Wed, Fri: 12:30-5:00pm Tues, Thurs: 9a - 12p and 1p - 5:00pm 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 to goes back into the House for general operating expenses.

Watch our Facebook page and signs on the front door for information on closure and times.

Check out our BOOK SALE

Free will donation appreciated

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!

<u>Preschool Story Time</u> Thursdays 10:00 to 10:30 am



Askus about our puzzle exchange

**Harry & Lloyds** 

Sports Bar 608 Main Street ~ Phone 443-5066

Give us a call for carry-out service



Call us to schedule your Patio Party

- \* Graduation, \* Birthday,
- \* Reunion \* Just a get together

We are your party headquarters.

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Tuesday - Thursday 5:00 p - 8:00 p Friday & Saturday 5:00 p - 2:00 a Sunday 3:00 p - 7:00 p

CHECK US OUT ON SOCIAL MEDIA FOR LIVE MUSIC ON WEEKENDS.

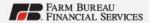


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### Small Engine Repair

2348 Rd F4 Across the road from the Baptist Church

We service lawn mowers, chainsaws, weed eaters, tillers, and small engines. Chainsaw sharpening, mower blades and parts available.

PICK-UP AND DELIVERY AVAILABLE.
WE ARE REASONABLY PRICED.

443-5993 or 794-4501

Trash pick up will b

Trash pick up will be on Saturday, December 28th and Saturday, January 4th because of the holidays.

#### Cindy's Leather Repair

2348 Rd F4 across the road from the Baptist Church

All types of leather repairing: Now rebuilding Birkenstocks from the bottom up



\*Belts \* Purses

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

Call Cindy Edmiston
443-5993 Leave a Message





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#### Community-Based

- Individual, couple, or family match options
- Plan your own activities in the community or at home with your Little
- Flexibility in scheduling hangouts
- Meet 2 times a month

#### Site-Based

- Visit your Little on a designated day once a week at their school
- Play games, go outside, do homework, or talk
- Meet for an hour or less each week

Scan to become a Big or learn more



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WISHING EVERYONE TRUE

Happiness and Peace

THIS CHRISTMAS AND INTO THE NEW YEAR!

Mayor Wright, Council Members and staff at the City of Americus

# McKee's Gifts

### **Flinthills Mall**

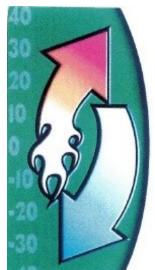
**Next to Bath and Body Works** 

Hours 11:00 am to 7:00 pm

From November 29th
To December 24th



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- ~ Refrigeration
- ~ Free Estimates

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Americus Community Food Pantry

The pantry will be pre-boxed pickup only

Tuesday

Saturday

December 3rd 6:00pm. - 7:30 pm.

December 21st 9:30 am. - 11:00am.

We welcome any nonperishable donations. Drop off on the parsonage porch or contact the church at 620.443.5371 . Thank you to the community for all donations

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, For more information.

For a Bus Ride to Church, call (620)443-5177

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Or for more information contact: Ashley Darbro (620) 794-1119 darbroa@usd251.org





#### 1201 W 6th Ave, Emporia KS

#### Lacie Birk-Hamlin Team

Thinking of buying, selling, or investing in land or homes?
Put us to work! Contact The Lacie Birk-Hamlin Team, where
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Lacie Hamlin (620) 481-0213 laciebirkhamlinteam@gmail.com



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VOLUNTEER

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

WE ALWAYS WELCOME NEW VOLUNTEERS—LET
US KNOW HOW YOU'D LIKE TO HELP!
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO
COMPLETE 10 COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS EACH YEAR,
FOR A TOTAL OF 40 HOURS OVER THEIR FOUR YEARS.
VOLUNTEERING WITH PROJECT PLAYSCAPE IS A
GREAT WAY TO FULFILL THOSE HOURS!

WE ALSO WELCOME JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS AND INDIVIDUALS FROM THE COMMUNITY TO VOLUNTEER AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

WANT TO HELP? PM US THROUGH FACEBOOK OR CONTACT US BY EMAIL!





THIS SATURDAY! **FREE ENTRY** CHILI COOK OFF SATURDAY, NOV 23RD. 4PM-7PM @ HARRY & LLOYD'S. FREE ENTRY H&L GIFT CARDS FOR THE WINNERS. FREE WILL DONATION TO JUDGE AND EAT! TWO CATEGORIES. 1.BEST TASTE 2.BEST PRESENTATION 100% OF FREE WILL DONATIONS GO TO PROJECT PLAYSCAPE TO **BUILD A SPLASH PAD IN** AMERICUS. 50/50 RAFFLE DON'T JUST TALK ABOUT YOUR. CHILI. BRING IT TO COMPETITION.



SET UP STARTS AT 3PM

CHECK OUT MORE VIDEOS, EVENT INFO, ETC. AT "PROJECT PLAYSCAPE" ON FACEBOOK!

SCAN TO SEE VIDEO MADE WITH KIDS FROM THE COMMUNITY!



**UPCOMING BREAKFAST: DEC. 8TH** 

Project Playscape

Biscuits & Jeany

2nd Sunday of the

Month! 8AM-11:00AM

PANCAKE FEED

SUGGESTED MIN.

\$5/Person includes

Pancakes OR Biscuits & Gravy, sausage, with Juice \$7 for Pancake & Biscuit & ravy, sausage, with Juice

@Americus Community Center
AMERICUS, KS

620-794-1685 for To Go Orders

Proceeds go to: Splashpad Project

MORE ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE!

WE WOULD LOVE TO EXPAND THE OPTIONS. IF SO, ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE BKFST ARE:

ORANGE JUICE
FAMILY SIZE FROZEN SAUSAGE PATTIES
SAUSAGE

**EGGS** 

HASHBROWNS-ANY STYLE





SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH (during bkfst fundraiser) 8am-11am

FALL BOOK SWAP!

KIDS CAN BRING A BOOK

TO SWAP AS WELL AS TAKE AN EXTRA BOOK

HOME!

NOT SURE WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR POLITICAL SIGNS AFTER THE ELECTION?
WE WOULD LOVE TO PAINT,
REPURPOSE, AND REUSE!

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## PROJECT PLAYSCAPE

COMMUNITY . FAMILIES . CHILDREN



# 4 0 days

# LEFT OF THE CAMPAIGN!

# SIVE THE GIFT OF F SPLASHPAD FOR CHRISTMAS!

The splashpad will be located at the Americus City Park, on the Southeast Corner lot. The splashpad is here and we are currently raising funds for install to get construction started in Spring 2025!

# PROJECT PLAYSCAPE

CAMPAIGN ON A ROLL!

"Give the gift of a splashpad for Christmas" **CAMPAIGN ADVOCATES** 

Keep reading to hear our community advocates why!! **MATCH** 

Funding donated will be matched! Help us reach our goal!

KVOE INTERVIEW WITH

We are incredibly proud of our Advocates, donors, and the community for their participation in our fourth year of Match Day at the Emporia Community Foundation, which was held Monday, November 18th. The outpouring of love and generosity through donations has been truly inspiring.

Please join us at the Flinthills Mall on Giving Tuesday, December 3rd, at 10am as ECF announces the totals raised at the recent 2024 Greater Emporia Area Match Day event.

#### **Calendar of Events:**

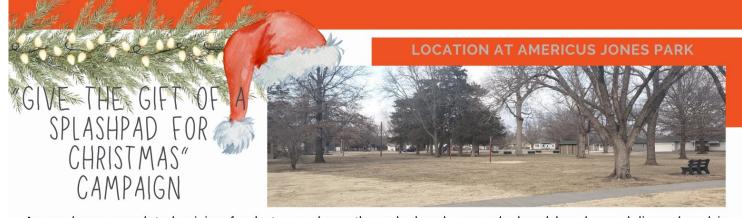
- Nov. 23rd-Chili Cookoff! Free will donation to judge and eat! 50/50 raffle.
- December 3rd-Giving Tuesday
- Dec. 7th-Soup Supper-free will donation. H&L
- Dec. 7th-Parade 7pm
- Dec. 7th-Cookies w/Santa event (following parade)
- December 8th-(8-11am)
   Breakfast @Americus Community
   Center & Kids Book Swap!
- Dec. 31st- End of Christmas Campaign.

ADVOCATES &
KIDS IN THE
COMMUNITY



RECENTLY, WE PARTICIPATED IN MATCH DAY! HERE WAS OUR VIDEO!





As we have completed raising funds to purchase the splashpad, our splashpad has been delivered and is ready for the next steps...INSTALLATION! Our campaign will help to raise the remaining \$75,000 needed for installation. When we are successful, crews will begin making their way to the Americus Jones Park and construction will begin. Our goal is to have the splashpad installed turnkey, ready for the Spring/Summer months of play! Raising the remaining funds by December 31st will keep us on track for construction! Can you help us give the gift of a splashpad for Christmas?

#### CAMPAIGN ADVOCATES

Installation Goal: \$75,000

We are excited to introduce our Campaign Advocates! These remarkable individuals are stepping up as leaders for our mission, working to gather vital funds for the installation of the Splashpad. With their passion and dedication, they'll be reaching out to friends and family to raise support and collect donations. Join us in celebrating their commitment to improving our community! To add a fun twist, we'll be hosting a friendly internal competition to see which advocate can raise the most funds. As noted on our recent KVOE interview, the advocate with the most donations by Dec. 5th, will be our Parade Marshall in the Americus Christmas Parade December 7th!

We're also thrilled to announce that we have—anonymous donors that have generously stepped forward to partner to match contributions made during the campaign! If you missed Match Day, no worries, there is still time to get a match on your donation! Send your donation made to Project Playscape-remember to note your advocate-to the Emporia Community Foundation. Let's make a difference together! Here is our advocates why!







#### Donations should be mailed to:

Emporia Community Foundation (ECF) RE: Project Playscape 527 Commercial St. #B, Emporia, KS 66801



OVER THE LAST 14 YEARS YOU HAVE HELPED IN SOME WAY,
TO GIVE BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY BY:
DONATING, VOLUNTEERING, PROVIDING A SERVICE, OR BY
SHOWING UP AT AN EVENT OR FUNDRAISER!
WITH THAT SAID, WE SHARE IN THE SUCCESSES OF A
PLAYGROUND, RENOVATED PARK, BASEBALL COMPLEX, AND
NOW A SPLASHPAD!
THANK YOU! #COMMUNITYSTRONG

NEW! WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE PLANS TO ESTABLISH A SCHOLARSHIP AT THE EMPORIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION TO HONOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN NORTH LYON COUNTY WHO ARE ACTIVE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE. IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN CONTRIBUTING TO THIS SCHOLARSHIP OR DONATING IN MEMORY OF SOMEONE, PLEASE REACH OUT TO US DIRECTLY VIA EMAIL, PRIVATE MESSAGE ON FACEBOOK, OR CONTACT ONE OF OUR TEAM MEMBERS.

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call Americus City Hall at

620-443-5655.

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### Lyon County Recycle Trailer

The recycle trailer is located on the south side of the grade school gym.



December Schedule 6th & 20th January Schedule 3rd & 17th

## **City Hall**

Hours:

Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

PO Box 526 Americus, KS 66835 Phone: 620-443-5655 Fax: 620-443-5644

www.cityofamericus.municipalimpact.com

Americus Police Department invites you to visit their Facebook page

All newsletter submissions need to be into City Hall or emailed to

amcitynews@gmail.com by the 23<sup>rd</sup> of each month.

# Americus Recycling Trailer

Located behind City Hall

Recycle items only.

Please break down all boxes and rinse all containers.

Empty trash containers/bags into bins, do not dispose of plastic bags in the recycle bins.