

# Welcome to

We are happy you have chosen to  
make Americus your home!!  
Here is some information that you may  
need as you settle into the community.



Officially established in 1857, Americus is a quiet community with a big heart nestled in the Flint Hills of Kansas. There are approximately 850 residents within the city limits. In the middle of town you will find a city park with basketball courts, horse shoe pits, shelter house and play equipment for all ages. Across the street from the park is our Community Center, available for your family



events. The K-8th grade school is located just one block West of the city park. Our second park is currently under construction and will be home to 2 ball fields. The Americus Library is located just West of the city park next to our Volunteer Fire Department. Americus is home to several churches, a bank, convenience store, local restaurant, bar, liquor store along with several home based businesses.

Americus holds yearly events including a Christmas lighted parade along with Santa who visits with the children every year on the first Saturday in December. An East Egg Hunt is held the Saturday of Easter weekend.

#### **Telephone:**

Consolidated Communications - 844-968-7224

#### **Cellphone Provider:**

Nex-Tech Wireless 620-487-5800

#### **Electricity:**

Evergy - 1-800-383-1183

**Water:** (May pay at KansasLand Bank)

Rural Water Dist. #1 - 800-879-9050

#### **Post Office:**

Americus Post Master - 620-443-5333

**Sewer:** (May pay at KansasLand Bank)

City of Americus 620-443-5655

**Trash:** (May pay at KansasLand Bank)

Steve's Trash Service 620-392-5626

For questions about billing, activation and to stop service call City Hall 620-443-5655

#### **Natural Gas:**

Black Hills Energy - 888-890-5554

#### **Internet Service:**

Consolidated Communications - 620-443-5125

Kwikom Communications - 800-379-7292 (Iola)

Mercury Wireless - 620-487-7800 or 800-354-4915

Nex-Tech Wireless - 620-487-5800

S&A Telephone 413 Main, Allen 800-626-8859

#### **Americus Police:**

Police Department - 620-487-5899

if you are unable to reach us call the Lyon Co. Sheriff

**Payments for sewer/trash and water may be  
made at KansasLand Bank.**

**SEWER & TRASH SERVICE:** is billed the month after your service.

**Sewer rates** are based on your water readings received from RWD #1 for the months of *January, February and March* of each year. The three rates are than added together and averaged. If the average for the 3 months is 3,000 gallons or less your monthly rate will be \$33.12. If your average is in excess of 3,000 gallons your monthly rate is then \$45.82. These rates will than be in affect with your May bill through your April bill of the following year. At that time rates will than be refigured.

Sewer accounts that carry a balance over from December 31<sup>st</sup> to January 1<sup>st</sup> will be assessed a \$100.00 late fee.

**Trash service** is \$17.00 per month for residential pick up. Pick up is on Tuesday mornings. If payment is not rendered for a consecutive two-month period your trash service will be terminated.

Trash service is for only the owner/resident of the property. Violations to this will constitute termination of service by the city. Trash service is only for household trash. Yard waste, construction debris, oil or hazardous waste will not be accepted. As per the agreement each household is allowed to have picked up 2 - 35 gallon containers per week, or the equivalent of.

### **DOG OWNERS:**

The city requires that the owner of any dog over six months of age shall register their pets with the city clerk within 30 days of acquiring the dog(s) or moving into town. To purchase dog tags bring a certificate of current rabies vaccinations to City Hall. Cost of the tag is \$25.00. The registration is good for the lifetime of the dog. A late fee of \$10.00 will be added after 30 days.

Any dog running at large within the city shall be impounded. The owner of an impounded dog found running at large will be required to pay a boarding fee and fine. Kennel Licenses: If you are the owner or harbored of 3 dogs or more than you are required to purchase a kennel license from the city.

The City does not allow vicious animals.

### **BUILDING PERMITS:**

The City of Americus requires building permits, if you plan a project stop by City Hall for an application.

### **MOWING OF PROPERTY**

The City of Americus requires that property owners keep the vegetation at a height of *less than 12"*. The property owners are responsible for grasses in the adjoining right-of-way's, to the center of the alley or street.

### **HOUSE NUMBERS REQUIRED**

The City of Americus requires that all houses have their house numbers posted so they are **visible from the street**, a *minimum of 4 inches in height*.

### **VEHICLES**

The City of Americus does not allow junk vehicles. A vehicle will be considered junk if it does not have a current tag or is inoperable.

### **AMERICUS RECREATION ORGANIZATION (A.R.O.)**

A.R.O. was created to provide organized sports for the youth in our community. If you would like to know more about A.R.O., become a volunteer or for registrations contact a board member:

*Jesse McKee (620-757-1979), Evan Wilson, Veronica Dean, Josh Posey and Carrie McElfresh*

### **ATV's, GOLF CARTS AND MICRO UTILITY TRUCKS**

ATV's, golf carts and micro utility trucks are allowed in the city limits of Americus with a permit issued by the city. To obtain a permit you must complete an application form, pay a yearly fee and provide proof of liability insurance. Please contact City Hall if you have any further questions.

### **PERMITTED FOWL**

The City will allow female chickens, ducks, turkeys and geese. A permit must first be obtained through City Hall.

### **OPEN BURNING**

Open burning is restricted to: leaves, tree trimmings no larger than one person can handle, and naturally occurring landscape waste only.

**Open burning shall not be:** **1)** conducted after sunset and before sunrise **2)** when wind speeds exceed 15 mph **3)** within 50 ft of any structure except in approved burner built of brick, cement, stone, or metal located not less than 15 feet from any structure and constructed in a manner to securely confine burning material and with all openings protected with steel netting of 1/2 inch mesh or with steel plate with no larger than 1/2 inch holes therein. **4)** conducted upon any street or alley open to vehicular traffic or upon any sidewalk of the city.

Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure of combustible material unless contained in a barbeque device.

### **REGISTER TO VOTE**

Forms are available at City Hall or you may go online to [VOTEKS.ORG](http://VOTEKS.ORG)

City Clerk: Jana Smart

Assistant City Clerk / Treasurer: Brian Anstey

Maintenance: Nick Gadino & John Edmiston

Animal Control: Lyon Co. Sheriff Dept. 342-5545

Chief of Police: Jody Meyers

Officers: Marcial Hernandez, Sinjin Andrews and Brandon Early

Code Enforcement Officer: Police Officers

City Attorney: Steve Atherton

Municipal Court Judge: Clark Allemang

Council Members: Lea Hamlin, Kayla Burton, Nicky Nuessen, and Britney Hinrichs.

Mayor: Dustin Wright

City Hall: 604 Main Street, Open 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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