City of Humboldt

Spring 2008 Newsletter

701 Bridge Street  620-473-3232
Office Hours 8 AM to 5 PM Monday to Friday

CALENDAR

April 1st
Deadline for Home Repair Applications

April 14th
City Council Meeting
7 PM Humboldt Library

April 17th
Community Conversation
6 PM High School

May 4th
Town Meeting
Swimming Pool Committee

May 12th
City Council Meeting
7 PM Humboldt Library

May 26th
Memorial Day
City Offices Closed

June 3rd
City Sales Tax Election Ballots Due
County Clerk

June 9th
City Council Meeting
7 PM Humboldt Library

City Has New Web Site

The City has started a new web page to inform citizens and others about City Government. It is loaded with information about who to contact, permit and utility forms, job openings, city business and upcoming meetings. To locate us on the web go to www.humboldtkansas.org. Learn more about what’s happening at City Hall and how we can better serve you.

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

An exciting new project has started in Humboldt. Local citizens have volunteered to be on the Rebuilding the Public Square steering committee. The committee has been busy interviewing citizens and asking them to complete surveys to find out how Humboldt can build on its strengths and grow to become an even better place to live, work and raise a family.

The committee has scheduled a town hall meeting called “A Community Conversation” for April 17th at the High School Community Center. The meeting starts at 6 PM with food and discussion to follow. The committee is asking all area Humboldt citizens to attend and participate in this exciting event. For more information, contact City Hall at 473-3232.

CITY RECEIVES HOME REPAIR GRANT

The City has been awarded a Department of Housing grant to help citizens of moderate and lower incomes in Humboldt get financial assistance to repair or upgrade their homes. Applications are still available, but time and funds are limited. For more information regarding house repairs, contact City Hall at 473-3232.
POOL PROJECT PROPOSED
ELECTION IN JUNE

The City Council has authorized a special election to vote on a ¼% sales tax increase to fund improvements and maintenance at the City’s swimming pool. Ballots will be sent to every registered voter in Humboldt during the month of May. Voters will then be instructed to return their ballots to the Allen County Clerk’s office on or before June 3rd.

The swimming pool project includes building an ADA accessible bath and shower, replacing outdated pump and circulation equipment and adding a zero depth pool addition which will include new water features. The project also includes park equipment south of the pool complex including a sand volleyball court.

A town hall meeting is planned for May 4th to answer questions about the project and funding. Time and location will be announced later.

TAX REFUND INCENTIVES FOR PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS

The City has implemented a tax refund program for property owners located in the Central Business District or in South Humboldt. Called the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan, property owners can apply for tax refunds on any new improvements made after January 1, 2008 that exceed $3,000 for residential and $5,000 for commercial property. The refunds are good for a period of ten years. To find out if you qualify, contact City Hall at 473-3232 or go to web site at www.humboldtkansas.org

SEWER WORK IN FULL SWING

Sewer line repairs are now underway. I-CON Underground from Lawrence has brought their truck crews to Humboldt to replace and repair sewer lines, manhole covers and other system improvements. Money totaling over $1 million received from a federal grant and the state revolving loan fund are being used to pay for the project. Work is scheduled to continue both over the spring and summer months. If you have any questions, contact City Hall or after hours, the Water Plant at 473-3131.

CITY WORKING ON HOUSING

The City has hired a new Code Compliance Director to work with homeowners to bring their properties up to current housing code. If you have questions, contact Craig Mintz at 473-3232.