

# Overbrook City News and Events *January 2020*

**The Grinch** helped to put Overbrook “on the map” and brought joy to many adults and children. At first many were concerned about the grinchy things the Grinch might do. But, as with most Christmas stories, this one had a happy ending. You see, the people in Overbrook say that “the Grinch's small heart grew three sizes... and that the true meaning of Christmas came through”. Many, many thanks to our fire department and the police department for supervising the Grinch and his activities. Your efforts brought our community together and reminded us of the pleasures of living in a small community.

**Kansas Senate Recognition** – Senator Hensley attended the December 2019 City Council Meeting to recognize our mayor, Jon Brady. Mayor Brady was recently named “Kansas Mayor of the Year” by the League of Kansas Municipalities. Senator Hensley awarded Mayor Jon Brady with a certificate from the State of Kansas as a “Kansas Senate Tribute”. The following is a quote from the certificate, “The Kansas Senate and Senator Anthony Hensley join in congratulating Mayor Jon Brady of Overbrook, Kansas, on receiving this tremendous honor and commend his many years of outstanding service to the Overbrook Community and to the State of Kansas”. We are proud of our mayor. Not only has Jon donated his time and energy for many years as a City Council member and PRIDE Board President, his leadership as mayor has made great strides toward improving our water system. He works behind the scenes, coordinating with engineers, businesses and citizens, and on the front, digging ditches, shoveling snow, and working with the maintenance team. The future of Overbrook looks bright with people like Jon and many others in our community who serve for the better good.

**2020 Pet Tags** are now available at City Hall for dogs and cats. All dogs and cats over six months of age are required by Overbrook City Ordinance to be registered. These tags help us to reunite you with your pet if you are ever separated. The cost is only \$5.00 for spayed and \$10.00 for un-spayed pets. All you need to bring is proof of current rabies vaccination. For those animals who had a previous year tag and have a current rabies vaccination on file at City Hall, we will process an auto-renewal when we generate the February utility bills. We will charge the permit fee to your account and will mail the license and tag with the utility bill. If you no longer have the animal or have added additional animals, you will still need to contact City Hall. This option is only available to animals with a current rabies vaccination on file at the time the license is issued.

**Biscuits and Gravy** – Come to the Overbrook American Legion for a warm breakfast of biscuits and gravy on Saturday, January 4, 2020 from 7am to 10 am. Breakfasts are served by donation the first Saturday of each month through March 7, 2020. These breakfasts are a major source of fundraising for the Legion, and all profits go to keep the Post operating and to support community events.

**Mystery Dinner Theater** – Mark your calendars for the Overbrook Library Foundation play, Jan 17-18, 2020, featuring the Small Town Drama Club in “Wrangle at Red Mountain Ranch,” a mystery dinner theatre by Nancy Bond. To advertise a business or organization in the program, contact Bob Bostrom (665-7134; e-mail [bob.bostrom@gmail.com](mailto:bob.bostrom@gmail.com) ) or Joyce Morris (665-7379).


**Overbrook Police Department** - Wow. 2019 just flew by, at least for me. Now it's time to register your cats and dogs with the city. By registering, it helps us find the pets home if he/she ever escapes the yard, pen or house. It also gives us the information we need, in the event of a dog bite or maybe a cat scratch, to see if the vaccinations are up to date. The license year will be from January 1 thru Dec 31 of each year. Any person acquiring a dog or cat over the age of 6 months of age during the license year shall have 30 days to register the animal or animals. Any new resident shall have 30 days to register the animal or animals over 6 months of age after moving to town. You may obtain a copy of this ordinance by visiting [www.overbrookks.com](http://www.overbrookks.com) or stopping by City Hall during normal business hours. Have a safe and happy new year. Chief Terry Hollingsworth

**Security Checks** – Do you plan to leave your home for a few days or going someplace warmer for the winter? Did you know that the Overbrook Police Department will do Security Checks on your home at your request? Just drop by the Police Department or City Hall, and fill out a “Request for Security Check Form”. Then have a safe a worry-free trip. Forms are also available on the city website, [www.overbrookks.com](http://www.overbrookks.com) ,under the “government” “law enforcement” tabs.

**Unused Medication Disposal** – Your unused and out of date medications may be disposed of properly at Medsafe located at Overbrook City Hall. Leave medications in original containers when possible. Liquid containers must be 4oz or less and be placed in a plastic baggy. No sharps containers, needles, syringes, batteries, aerosol spray cans, medical devices, chemicals, or other hazardous materials may be placed in Medsafe. Medsafe is a safe way to collect and properly destroy unused medication.

**City Alerts** - If you would like to receive e-mail or text alerts from the City of Overbrook, you may subscribe by going to [www.overbrookks.com](http://www.overbrookks.com) and clicking on “subscribe”. Then just follow the prompts. This is one way the city tries to inform residents about water service, trash & recycling service, job opportunities, and important things that happen about town.

## Overbrook Calendar of Events for January 2020

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| <p>Wednesday, Jan 1<br/>         Monday, Jan 20<br/>         Wednesday, Jan 29</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*   *   *   *   *   *   *   *   *</p> <p>First Saturday<br/>         Every First &amp; Third Monday<br/>         Every First Tuesday<br/>         Every Second Monday<br/>         Every Third Monday<br/>         Every Third Tuesday<br/>         Every Wednesday<br/>         Every Fourth Wed.<br/>         Every Saturday<br/>         Every Third Saturday<br/>         Every Fourth Tuesday</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Happy New Year! City Offices Closed</li> <li>- Martin Luther King Jr Day – City Offices Closed</li> <li>- Kansas Day</li> <li>- Biscuits &amp; Gravy Breakfast at the American Legion 7-10 am, serving through March</li> <li>- Overbrook Fire Department meeting at the Fire Hall at 7pm</li> <li>- Overbrook Senior Citizen Potluck 12:00pm at Brookside Community Room. For information contact Emery Elliott 665-7159</li> <li>- Overbrook Fire Board Meeting at the Fire Hall 7:30 pm</li> <li>- Overbrook American Legion Post #239 meeting at 7:30 pm at the Post</li> <li>- Overbrook Library Board Meeting 6 pm at the Library</li> <li>- Tuesday Table Free Community Meals, 5:30-6:30 pm. Hosted by the United Methodist</li> <li>- Planning Commission Meeting: 7pm at City Hall</li> <li>- Overbrook Library “Story Time”: 10:15 am at the library</li> <li>- Community Dinner 5:30-6pm at Grace Community Church - \$2 per meal – Bible Study follows</li> <li>- Veterans’ Service Representative at Overbrook Public Library 1pm-4pm</li> <li>- TOPS Meeting at the Methodist Church at 7:30 am. For information call Mary Anderson 785-665-7352</li> <li>- Overbrook PRIDE Meeting 8 am at the American Legion, 102 Maple</li> <li>- Friends of the Library 6:30pm at the Library Conference Room</li> </ul> |  |
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**Looking Ahead ...**

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| <p>Sunday, Feb 2<br/>         Sunday, Feb 2<br/>         Friday, Feb 14<br/>         Monday, Feb 17</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ground Hog’s Day</li> <li>- Super Bowl</li> <li>- Valentines’ Day</li> <li>- Presidents’ Day – City Offices Close</li> </ul> |
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(If your group or organization wants to appear on the City Calendar, please contact Overbrook City Hall at 665-7328)

## Upcoming Changes to Water and Sewer

At the December 11, 2019 Overbrook City Council Meeting, the Overbrook City Council approved a new rate structure for Water and Sewer rates in preparation for our upcoming Water Distribution System Project. In addition to the water project the City has been working with KDHE to ensure compliance is maintained for the sewer and lagoon system.

### Step 1: January 2020

The base rate for water will increase from \$13.83 to \$15.21

The additional 1000 gallon rate will increase from \$8.09 to \$8.90

Sewer base rate will be 90% of the base Water rate

The additional 1,000 gallon Sewer rate will be 50% of the additional 1,000 gallon Water rate

Begin a \$1.00/month Stormwater fee for all Customers inside the City Limits

**Step 2:** incremental increases will occur thru 2023 to meet the Rural Development water only rate structure of approximately \$65.00 for a 5000 gallons per month water user.

Here's a snapshot of what the water and sewer portion of your City Bill will look like:

Total Gallons Water Used	Current Bill	2020	2021	2022	2023	USDA Grant *	5000 Gallons Water Only
1000 or less	\$26.81	\$28.90	\$31.80	\$34.97	\$38.47	2019	\$46.19
2000	\$39.11	\$42.25	\$46.48	\$51.13	\$56.24	2020	\$50.81
3000	\$51.41	\$55.60	\$61.16	\$67.28	\$74.01	2021	\$55.89
4000	\$63.71	\$68.95	\$75.85	\$83.43	\$91.77	2022	\$61.49
5000	\$76.01	\$82.30	\$90.53	\$99.58	\$109.54	2023	\$67.61

### Key

\*To improve the amount of Grant dollars we receive from USDA for the project, the target amount for 5,000 gallons (Water Only) by the end of the project is \$65.00. USDA believes this represents a fair and reasonable amount compared to other towns our size throughout Kansas.

### Timeline Water project

Expect notification of CDBG Grant award in January 2020

Expect Rural Development Grant award 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2020

Finalize KDHE interim funding after RD award

Design and let bids in 2020

Complete project in 2021

### Sewer updates

Evaluate Lagoons health in 2020

Begin desludging project in 2021

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 Fax. (785) 665-0164

### Location Hours

**Monday - Friday:** 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
**Saturday:** 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
**Sunday:** Closed



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