

Overbrook City News and Events May 2022



Overbrook Police Department – It's springtime in Kansas and that means severe weather. We have already been in a couple of Severe Thunderstorm Warnings that fortunately have not been too severe here, but I know that won't last. I hope everyone knows the difference between Storm Watches and Storm Warnings by now and to keep up on the weather from area news outlets and or NOAA Weather Radios. I do want to remind everyone that in the event of a Tornado Warning, there are a couple of places you can take shelter at. The Overbrook Bible Church is a good place to take shelter at as well as the Kansas State Bank. Both have offered to let the community use their buildings in the event of a tornado and the Fire Department and Police Department have access to the buildings. Also, if you do not have a basement or shelter of your own, check with neighbors to see if they do and if you can shelter in theirs. Stay safe from the storms this year and PLEASE, don't stand in the yard looking at an oncoming storm. Take shelter immediately. Thanks. Chief Hollingsworth.

The Overbrook Historical Society and Museum is going to publish an Overbrook Cookbook this year. We would love to include your favorite family recipes. You may use the form that is included in this newsletter to submit as many as 5 recipes. We need to receive all recipes by May 20, 2022. You may drop off your recipe forms at City Hall, or you may submit them online. To submit online, follow these steps: Go to www.typensave.com and click 'Login.' Enter the Username: wsisson Enter the password: (boiling591) and click 'Submit.' Enter your name and click 'Continue.' Click 'Add Recipes' to begin adding your recipes.

Overbrook Community Chest Committee – reports that the goal set for the 2021/2022 Community Chest Drive has been reached and exceeded due to the generosity of the community. With a goal of \$8,500, the committee raised approx. \$15,500! The final proceeds will be allocated to the 16 organizations chosen by the committee. Each organization will receive the amount donated to them as specified by the donors plus a percentage of the undesignated donations received. The success of this campaign shows the willingness of the residents of the Overbrook area to support their home community and projects. The Overbrook Community Chest Committee would like to thank everyone who helped make this year's drive a success.

ORHS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS' ALL-SCHOOL REUNION EXPANDS...

Former students of Overbrook Rural High School and their spouses are invited to attend an ORHS reunion on Friday, May 27, 2022 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. This is an informal gathering. There will be no business meeting or meal. However, light refreshments will be available. Members of the Overbrook Historical Society and Museum are requesting alumni bring their old ORHS photos and school memorabilia to the Reunion so that the items can be scanned and preserved for the future Overbrook Museum being planned. All items will be scanned that day and returned to their owners. ADVANCE REGISTRATION is requested to assure seating and refreshments for everyone who plans to attend. Call or text (913) 972-0974 ...to register. The registration fee is \$5 per person, payable at the event.

Townhall Meeting – We had a good turnout for our April 26th Townhall Meeting. We aim to have another one later in July.

Overbrook Farmer's Market – The Overbrook Farmer's Market will now be held at the Fairgrounds, beginning May 30th!

Friends of the Library – are accepting new and renewal memberships for 2022. Forms are available at the library. **BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS:** If you are cleaning out this month, keep the library in mind to donate your gently used books. Friends of the Library are collecting books for the sale in July. Books can be taken to the library or dropped off on the west side of the library. Let's help them get ready for a great book sale!

Pet Owners – If you own dogs or cats within the city limits of Overbrook, please remember according to City Ordinance #408, it is required to annually tag your pets over 6 months of age. A license year runs from January 1 to December 31. Registration requires proof of current rabies vaccination. Fees for "neutered" tags are \$5 and for "non-neutered" tags are \$10. Pets found at large without a tag may be impounded and owners may be fined.

Water Project – Ever wonder what the colors of the construction flags in your yard mean? According to the American Public Works Association, White is for proposed excavation, Pink is for Temporary Survey Markings, Red is for Electric Power Lines, Cables, Conduit and Lighting Cables, Yellow is for Gas, Oil, Steam, Petroleum, or Gaseous Materials, Orange is for Communication, Alarm or Signal Lines, Cables or Conduit, Blue is for Potable Water, Purple is for Reclaimed Water, Irrigation and Slurry Lines, and Green is for Sewers and Drain Lines. It's good information to learn because I thought (Crimson and) Blue was for National Championships and Purple meant you were a Cat Fan! Seriously though, the contractor has asked that we keep existing flags in place until after they do the service crossovers. If you have any questions or concerns about the water distribution project, please contact City Hall at 665-7328 or fill out an email at <https://overbrookks.com/contact-us> Landscape and seeding will begin after the service crossovers are completed.

Council Meeting Update- Solid Waste and Recycling News: Our contract with Osage Waste contains a clause if the cost of operation has a sufficient increase (dump fees and fuel) allowing the Contractor to come before the Council for a raise. Osage Waste made the request for an increase for those reasons at the April 13th Council Meeting. Residential trash service will go up by \$3.14 per month, and recycling will go up \$1.55 per month. Dumpsters will go up by approximately 20%. This increase will be seen on your next bill due in June. The Council has put in place Council Meeting Rules of Procedure. The policy will be adopted after we try it out for a for a few meetings before ironing out the final version. You can see a draft copy on the news section of www.overbrookks.com or on the City facebook page (City of Overbrook). The Library Board and the Planning and Zoning Commission may soon have the ability to have Board/Commission members that live within 10 miles of the Overbrook City Limit. Charter Ordinances 18 and 19 are in their 60-day protest period in which citizens could collect signatures for a protest of the ordinance. Visit our city facebook page or website for more information on these Charter Ordinances. We invite citizens to join any of the committees established to help get more done for our community. The Growth Committee meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7PM at City Hall, the Infrastructure Committee meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 6PM at City Hall, and the Public Safety Committee meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 7PM at City Hall.

Mandatory 10-Digit Dialing coming to multiple states/area codes. To complete all local calls, you will now need to dial **area code + telephone numbers**. This applies to all calls within your area code that are currently dialed with seven digits. This change will **begin April 24, 2021**; however, if you forget and dial just 7 digits, your call will still be completed. **Beginning October 24, 2021**, you must dial 10-digits (area code + telephone number) for all calls; Starting that date, local calls dialed without 7-digits may not be completed. I keep forgetting to dial 785! Jim Koger

If your organization wants to appear on the city Calendar, please contact Overbrook City Hall at 785-665-7328.

Overbrook Calendar of Events for May 2022

Businesses of the Month of May – Shirts and Such, Eastern Plains Excavating, and Santa Fe Trail Meats!!!

- Thursday, May 5 - Cinco de Mayo
- Sunday, May 8 - Mother's Day
- Monday, May 9 - Recycle Pickup Day
- Monday, May 23 - Recycle Pickup Day
- Monday, May 30 - Memorial Day
- The Overbrook Farmers Market will begin on Memorial Day!
- The Overbrook Pool will open on Memorial Day.
- Every First & Third Monday - Overbrook Fire Department Meeting at the Fire Hall at 7 pm
- Every Second Monday - Overbrook Fire Board Meeting at the Fire Hall 7:30 pm
- Overbrook American Legion Post #239 Meeting at 7:30 pm at the Post
- Every Third Monday - Overbrook Library Board Meeting 6 pm at the library



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- Every Second Tuesday - Park and Rec. Meeting at 7 pm at City Hall
- Every Third Tuesday - Planning Commission Meeting: 7 pm at City Hall
- Library Book Club meeting 7 pm first Meeting Room at the Library
- Every Fourth Tuesday - Friends of the Library 6:30 pm at the Library Conference Room
- Every Second Wednesday - City Council meeting at 6:00 pm at the Library Community Room
- Every Fourth Wed. - Veterans' Service Representative at Overbrook Public Library 1 pm-4 pm
- Every Saturday - TOPS Meeting at the Methodist Church at 7:30 am. For information call Mary Anderson 785-806-5613.
- Every Third Saturday - Overbrook PRIDE Meeting 8 am at the American Legion, 102 Maple

Looking Ahead

- Monday, June 14 - Flag Day
- Sunday, June 20 - Father's Day

Look for local author Wade Sisson's new book at www.darthwaderbook.com

Overbrook Park and Recreation Baseball and Softball teams will be practicing at the ballpark with games to start in late May. You still have time to check out Santa Fe Trail home baseball games in Overbrook on May 3rd (Senior Night vs Anderson County, May 6th JV versus Baldwin, and May 10th vs Iola. High School games begin at 4:30PM.

Notes from the City Clerk: New faces at City Hall. In the last few months, LaVerna Gray, Cathy Sowers, and Hanna Smith have retired. We miss seeing them and sure appreciated all their great work for the City of Overbrook. Our new Treasurer is Sue Burdick. Be sure to say hi to her when you visit City Hall.

This is my first time writing the newsletter in a long time. When I mentioned that to a friend today, he asked that I consider putting a note in the newsletter about the dangers of microwaving food in a plastic container. Here's what I found:

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), microwaving food is generally safe. However, microwaving in plastic containers is associated with increased leaching — the transfer or leaking of chemicals into food. Note that even if a plastic container is labeled "microwave safe," that simply means it won't melt.

Store safe, heat safe, eat safe

To keep your food safe, whether you're heating it or not, consider these general rules:

- Choose phthalate-free and BPA-free products.
- In the microwave, heat food in glass or microwave-safe porcelain.
- Use paper towels, not plastic to cover food. Condensation from plastic lids could contain phthalates.
- Avoid storing food in disposable plastics. Use glass, stainless steel, ceramic or wood to hold and store foods.
- Throw away old plastic, as there is more leaching if it is older or cracked.
- Avoid reusing plastic water bottles or takeout containers.
- Do not keep water bottles near heat or in the hot sun.
- Avoid placing hot liquids or foods in plastics.
- Avoid freezing plastic containers, then thawing them in microwaves.
- Read recycling symbols on plastic containers, and steer clear of those marked 1, 3, 6 or 7.

If you've been storing and heating food in plastic for years, don't panic. The truth is these chemicals are around us all the time. From vinyl flooring to nail polish, we'll never truly escape them. "These chemicals are everywhere, so we'll be faced with them in our lifetime," Dr. Chu says. "However, it's never too late to make healthy changes, and decrease the amount of exposure."

Congratulations to all the area graduates!

Have a great month! Jim Koger Overbrook City Clerk



RECIPE COLLECTION SHEET

For office use only	Recipe No.
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Recipe Title _____

Submitted By _____

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DIRECTIONS: _____

INSTRUCTIONS

- Print **NEATLY IN INK, NOT PENCIL**, and place only **ONE RECIPE** per form.
 - If more room is needed, use another sheet of the same size and staple together.
 - Please **WRITE LEGIBLY**, as this will greatly reduce errors.
 - List all ingredients in order of use in ingredients list and directions.
 - Include container sizes, e.g., 2 (8-oz.) cans, temps, and baking/cooking times.
 - Keep ingredients separate and directions in one paragraph. Do not submit recipes in steps, columns, or charts. Recipes which cannot conform to our chosen recipe format will be omitted.
 - Use names of ingredients in the directions, e.g., "Combine flour and sugar." **DO NOT** use statements like, "combine first three ingredients."
 - Be consistent with the spelling of your name for each recipe you contribute.
 - Any special recipe notes (anything other than ingredients, directions, contributor name, serving size, or recipe title) should be kept as a separate comment on the bottom of this form, as they may not be included unless we pay extra for it.
 - Your recipes should fit into one of the following categories:
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| Appetizers & Beverages | Breads & Rolls |
| Soups & Salads | Desserts |
| Vegetables & Side Dishes | Cookies & Candy |
| Main Dishes | This & That |

Dear Friend,

Our organization is preparing a wonderful custom cookbook featuring favorite recipes from our members. The cookbook will be professionally published, and it is certain to become a treasured keepsake.

Please submit 3-5 of your favorite recipes so you can be represented in our group's cookbook. Follow the instructions above. Your name will be printed with each of your recipes. Thank you for contributing recipes as this will help to ensure that our cookbook will be a huge success.

We anticipate a great demand for our cookbooks, and we want to be certain to order plenty. You can reserve one or more for yourself and your family at this time to be assured of receiving them.

Please reserve _____ cookbook(s) for me.

Name _____

Please submit your recipes to the committee within 5 days so we can meet our deadline. Thank you!

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