

# WHITEWATER

## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

July 2024





# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## JULY

2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> WW Fire Board Mtg. 7p @ Fire District Office	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> SR. Days 1-3p @ Federated WW Volunteer Fire Meeting 7p @ Fire Dept.	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
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<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			

## AUGUST

2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Friends of the Library 4:30p @ Library	<b>6</b> Library Board Meeting 7p @ Library	<b>7</b> WW Volunteer Fire Meeting 7p @ Fire Dept.	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Farm & Craft Market 9a - 12p
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> USD 206 District Board Mtg. 7p @ District Office	<b>13</b> Senior Potluck 9a-3p @ Am. Legion	<b>14</b> 	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
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Newsletter & Calendar information or updates please contact  
Anne Morrow in the city office.

Thank you

Office phone: 316-799-2445  
email: [cityclerk@whitewaterks.gov](mailto:cityclerk@whitewaterks.gov)





## Meeting Highlights from 6/24/24

- *The Loyd Group* provided their 2023 Audit report.
- *Professional Code Compliance* co-owner Kendall Pierce informed the council of his companies purpose to help small cities save money by contracting out the role/job of a Code Compliance Officer. They do not do animal control.
- Per phone conference the council met and approved to have Attorney Brian Bina be the new City Attorney of Whitewater.
- Police Report: 4 stops for speeding, all given verbal warnings...Transported 2 transient/homeless individuals out of town.
- Scout House needs some improvements and updates; need to create a projects list and look into ways to fundraiser.
- The Council has approved to initiate part-one of the codification service with *Ranson Citycode*.
- The manufacturer of the *Victory Street Sweeper* is willing to bring one and demo it on our actual streets. Andrew Hanna will schedule the demo.
- Councilman Trent Clark was able to purchase new flag kits to set up around town before Independence Day.

Full minutes are posted on the city website [whitewaterks.gov](http://whitewaterks.gov)

# Lost & Found

## ARE YOU MISSING...

- 1.) Car Key
- 2.) One Coat (Child Size)
- 3.) One Leather Coat (Adult)
- 4.) Single Key
- 5.) A Fitbit
- 6.) Key with number on it
- 7.) Eye Glasses

If you come across something please bring it to the city office.  
The City Clerk posts items turned into the office on the City Website: [WHITEWATERKS.GOV](http://WHITEWATERKS.GOV)



# Whitewater River Consolidated Fire District



Whitewater seems to have a bullseye on our area this year. We have had three wind events in our fire district over the past couple of months; one came through Whitewater causing damage to a lot of trees and disrupted power for a short time. This storm also disrupted power in Elbing and the surrounding area overnight for some. There was also a lot of damage to some structures, trees and power lines between NW 150th Street, K-196, Butler Road and Indianola Road. We also know of some damage to power poles in Harvey County along 1st Street.

A representative from the National Weather Service actually went out with a representative from Butler County Emergency Management to several sites that sustained pretty major damage to determine if a tornado had actually touched down. It was determined these were straight line winds after their survey and studying their radar history at the time of the event.

The next wind event was west of town in Harvey County between K196 and East 1st Street, mainly east of Woodlawn Road to around Grace Hill Road. There were structures damaged, power lines and trees down due to this wind event.

The most recent wind event was July 2nd. During this wind event, there was a video posted on Facebook of what appears to be a tornado on the ground South of Whitewater at the leading edge of the storm as well as what appears to be a funnel protruding from the clouds (top left corner of the picture). This event caused some tree damage in the Whitewater area and blew a semi-trailer over in Elbing. This storm also caused a lot of damage to fireworks tents in Newton and Andover.



After talking with the Butler County Emergency Manager the next morning, she explained what was seen South of Whitewater as well as another one in the Benton area were “Gustnadoes” (If you are like me and don’t believe it, you can look it up on YouTube). A Gustnado is basically a dust devil like we see in the summer, but stronger. They normally form in front of the storm and are weaker than a tornado, but they can cause some wind damage. The funnel protruding from the clouds shown at the very first of the video that was possibly a cold air funnel.

There have been a lot of questions about why the Tornado Sirens have not gone off prior to these recent wind events. I have reached out to Harvey County 911 Communications, Butler County 911 Communications and Butler County Emergency Management for confirmation on the policies for Tornado Siren Activation. The policies for the Tornado Sirens are for tornadoes and are not activated for wind events. There have not been any Tornado Warnings or Watches issued by the Nation Weather Service prior to or during these storms. The policy for sounding the Tornado Sirens is just that, Tornadoes, not wind events. The Butler County Emergency Manager said this policy has changed in the past few years to exclude high winds.

Another problem we are seeing is, nobody is contacting 911 when they see funnel clouds like during the July 2nd storm. There is no one setting around our cities watching every storm that rolls into our area. If a Tornado Watch or Tornado Warning is activated for our area, the fire department will try to send people, if there is anyone available, to watch the storm as it approaches.



And yes, there are times we have no responders available to respond to your emergency. Currently, the Whitewater River Consolidated Fire District has fourteen volunteers that respond, if they are available and in the area. Recently, we had a structure fire in our district and only had two initial Whitewater Fire personnel respond to the call. We rely heavily on our neighboring departments for assistance on these larger emergencies as they rely on our assistance at some of their larger emergencies. We are like most of our surrounding volunteer fire departments suffering from the lack of volunteerism.

With the lack of local volunteers in our fire district, during your emergency or your neighbor's emergency. The response time of a responder could be greatly extended due to drive time if we do not have anyone available and the response if coming from a neighboring department.

At times, Butler County Emergency 911 Communications sends out emergency notifications to landline and cellular telephones. The Dispatcher can select a specific area and send a message to all cellphones and landlines that are registered/signed up with addresses in that specific area. Recently there was an emergency in the southern portion of the county in which they sent a message to a two square mile, highly populated area and the message was only received by two phones. To be able to receive these emergency notifications, you have to sign up/register your phone and address with Smart911.

Common uses for the Reverse 911 are for missing children or adults, manhunts and other emergency situations. There have been times where boil water advisories have been relayed via the Smart911 app as well. If you are not signed up, you will not receive the alerts. The link below will take you to a sign-up page for Butler County KS 911 Alerts. There you will need to provide some information to create an account on Smart911. Once that is completed, you will receive alerts generated and disseminated for the address point you have designed.



POWERED BY:



**Sign up by scanning  
the QR code to  
receive alerts**



**Emergency alerts and notifications via**

Phone call, text message, email and social media



If you (male or female) are interested in volunteering a few hours a month, feel free to stop by the District Office, come to a fire drill or call (316) 799-2121 to see what it's all about. Our fire drills are the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7pm, either at the District Office or the Whitewater Fire Station.



# WHITEWATER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

118 East Topeka, Whitewater, Kansas 67154 | Phone: 316-799-2471 | Fax: 316-799-1099  
library.whitewaterks@gmail.com | www.whitewaterlib.info | www.facebook.com/whitewaterlibrary

## HOURS

Monday: 1:30 - 8:00 pm  
Tuesday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Wednesday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Thursday: 1:30 - 8:00 pm  
Friday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Saturday: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Sunday: CLOSED

## STAFF

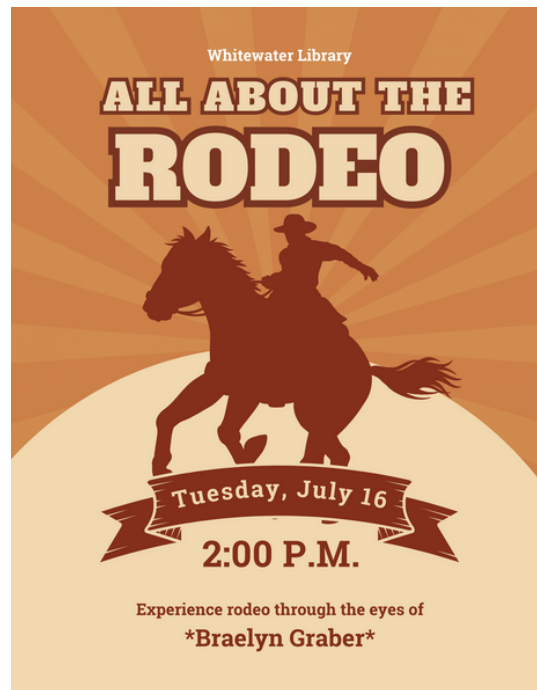
Director: Jean Thiessen  
Admin Specialist: Joyce Bevan  
Social Media: Janelle Goodrich  
Student Assistant: Clara Stoesz

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

President: Sarah Hanna  
Vice President:  
Secretary: Cherry Stucky  
Treasurer: Cindy Claassen  
Member: Faith Slaymaker  
Member: Pam Entz  
Member: Laura Wyant  
Member: LeeAnn Groben

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

President : Colleen Floyd  
Vice President: Karen Hujing  
Secretary: Paulette Claassen  
Treasurer: Nancy Day  
Member: Patty King  
Member: Betty Hansen



## REMINDER:

Turn your  
reading logs  
in by Sat.,  
July 20.  
Grand prize  
winners will  
be  
announced  
Wednesday,  
July 24!



# **Fred Fest 2024**

**October 5**

**Put it on your calendars now!**

**As information becomes available, it will be posted on:**

- **Frederic Remington Festival Facebook page**
- **whitewaterlib.info (Festival tab)**



**It takes everyone to make it a FUN day!**

**If you have any ideas, or are willing to help in any area, please talk to:**

**Sharon Entz   Darryl Claassen   Jason Barnes   Sandra Jensen   Jean Thiessen**

# PARIS 2024

## OLYMPIC GAMES WORD SEARCH

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ATHLETES  
GOLD  
SUMMER  
COMPETITION  
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RINGS  
BRONZE  
STADIUM  
TORCH  
VICTORY  
SPORTSMANSHIP



# Countryaid Vet Service PA

11360 NW Meadowlark Rd, Whitewater, KS 67154



## HOURS

**Monday - Friday**  
8AM - NOON; 1 - 5PM

**Saturday**  
9AM - NOON; 1 - 3PM

**Sunday**  
CLOSED



## WEBSITE:

[countryaidvetservice.com](http://countryaidvetservice.com)

we are also on Facebook

**316-799-2740**



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cookies, pies, and more

Call or text for more  
information and pricing.

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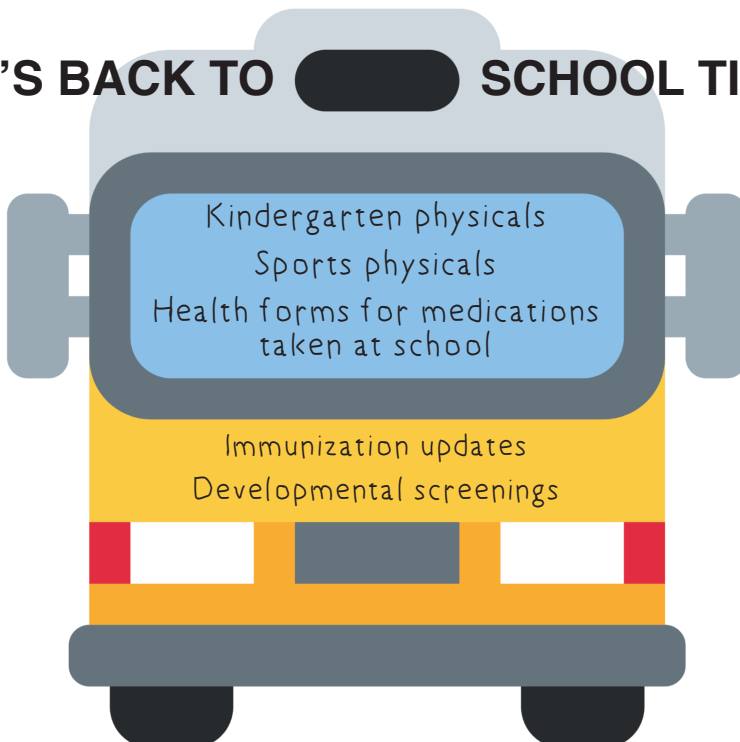


201 S Main Street, Whitewater  
316-416-8931

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All Local Insurance  
Plans Accepted

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and on Facebook

700 Medical Center Dr, Ste 150  
Newton Kansas 67114  
316-283-7100



A new sidewalk is going in, in-front of Wheat State Manor.



## WHITEWATER AREA FOOD PANTRY

216 South Main • Bruhn Coffee House

# OPEN

**Every Monday  
4:30 - 5:30pm**

(Excluding Holidays)

The WAFP is for anyone  
living in the  
Remington USD 206 area.

Order forms can be found on the  
Whitewater Memorial Library website,  
their lobby & the Whitewater Pizza Parlor.



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## **Dump-It Dumpsters**

**(316) 889-1080**

**Dumpit@wheatstate.com**

**Serving Whitewater,  
Potwin and surrounding areas**  
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**10 & 20 Yard Roll-Off Dumpsters**

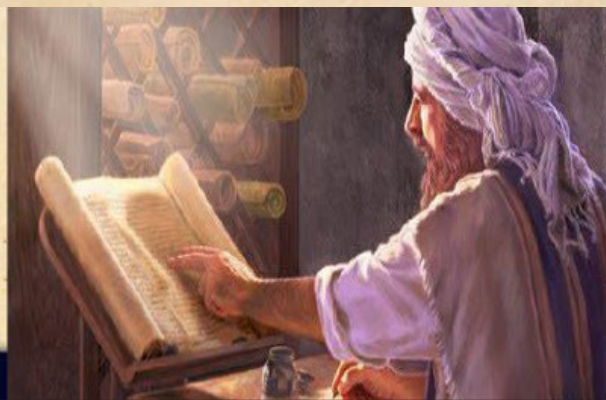
**How long will you need a dumpster?  
We're flexible.**

**Give Leon a call!**

1. *What did the Apostles teach?*
2. *Jeremiah 31:31-34 speaks of a New Covenant – What is it?*
3. *Joel 2 speaks of God pouring out His Spirit – How do we know if we have It?*
4. *Jesus speaks of being Born Again in John 3 – What does this mean?*
5. *The Apostles knew they were in the Last Time/Days – How did they prepare & become saved?*



## **Join Us for Bible Study & Discussion**



WHAT:	Discover & Discuss Biblical Truths
WHEN:	Thursday Evenings @ 7:00 PM Or a time mutually convenient
WHERE:	1. 221 N Elm St, Whitewater, KS 67154 2. Home Bible Studies Available 3. Correspondence Bible Studies Available via mail or email
CONTACT:	Joshua Eicher, M: (913) 617-1684 <a href="mailto:Joshua_Eicher3141@protonmail.com">Joshua_Eicher3141@protonmail.com</a>

# NEWS FROM THE MANOR



JULY 2024

## WELCOME DAVID BEESON, CHAPLAIN



We want to welcome our new chaplain, David Beeson.



Celebrated CNA  
week June 17th-  
21st

MisMatch Monday  
Tuesday Moonpies  
and favorite teams  
Wednesday a game  
of clue  
Thursday soda and a  
milky way  
Friday walking tacos



North Butler 4H  
made, brought  
and served our  
June Birthday  
cakes



yummy







BILL GAULT  
CELEBRATED  
ONE YEAR AS  
ADMINISTRATOR



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AGES

- Driving to deliver Friendship meals,
- Being the host for men's coffee on Tuesday mornings at 9:30
- Helping with Ladies Tea the last Tuesday of the month
- Helping with Bingo on Friday afternoons at 3pm. If you can play bingo you can help.

**Sunday Morning volunteers for  
July**

**Megan and Zach Entz**

**Jeff Toews and Dave Bransom  
Berean Academy**

**Vespers Service  
Potwin Methodist  
Grant Bird  
7/21 open  
7/28 open**

BIRTHDAYS FOR JULY  
3RD DIANE NICHOLS  
4TH PAUL SCRIVNER  
5TH MARY STOKES  
15TH STU PENNING  
16TH SHERRY CHISHAM  
30TH CHRIS NICHOLS



REMEMBER WHEAT  
STATE IS DELIVERING  
FRIENDSHIP MEALS IN  
WHITEWATER AND A 2  
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Hiring nurses  
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or apply  
online



# Job Opportunity in Whitewater

Position: Non-Medical Caregiver

Duties: Meal Prep, Housekeeping

Hours: FT/PT/Flex Hours

Location: Whitewater, KS

Start Date: Immediate Openings



Please call Rena at  
316-771-7315  
for more  
information and to  
apply.



Impact Home Health  
8080 E. Central Ste. #180  
Wichita, KS 67206



# PET REGISTRATION FORM

**Animal Registration for 2024 is now open!**

To receive a tag one must supply the city with:

1.) Registration Form 2.) Proof of Rabies Vaccine 3.) Payment 4.) Photo of Animal

**TAG COSTS:** Spayed/Neutered = \$5 NOT spayed/neutered = \$10

**OWNER'S  
NAME\***

**ADDRESS\***

**PHONE\***

**EMAIL\***

*animal name*

*animal age* ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Spayed/  
Neutered

☐ Dog ☐ Cat *animal breed*

*additional info/description*

☐ Chipped  
☐ Rabies  
Vac.

Office Use Only

☐ Picture ☐ Proof of Vaccination

TAG #: \_\_\_\_\_ Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*animal name*

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TAG #: \_\_\_\_\_ Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Forms can be emailed to [cityclerk@whitewaterks.gov](mailto:cityclerk@whitewaterks.gov), placed in the drop box at the office building or come in person.



# FARMERS MARKET

## — 2024 SCHEDULE —

In Front of Centre Point Church, 212 S. Main, Whitewater Kansas

### SUMMER MARKET

**JULY 13 & AUGUST 10**

(Rain or Shine)

**VENDORS OPEN 9AM - NOON**

### FALL FESTIVAL MARKET

**OCTOBER 5**

**VENDORS OPEN 9AM - 2PM**

### CHRISTMAS MARKET

**DECEMBER 14**

**VENDORS OPEN 9AM - 2PM**



#### **PUBLIC PAGE:**

*NW Butler County Farm & Craft Market Whitewater, KS*

#### **VENDOR GROUP:**

*VENDORS ONLY Butler County Farm & Craft Market Whitewater KS*

*Vendor applications can be found on Facebook or the City Building.*

*Market Coordinator: Marietta 316-765-5143*

# WHY THE LEAD SURVEY QUESTIONS:

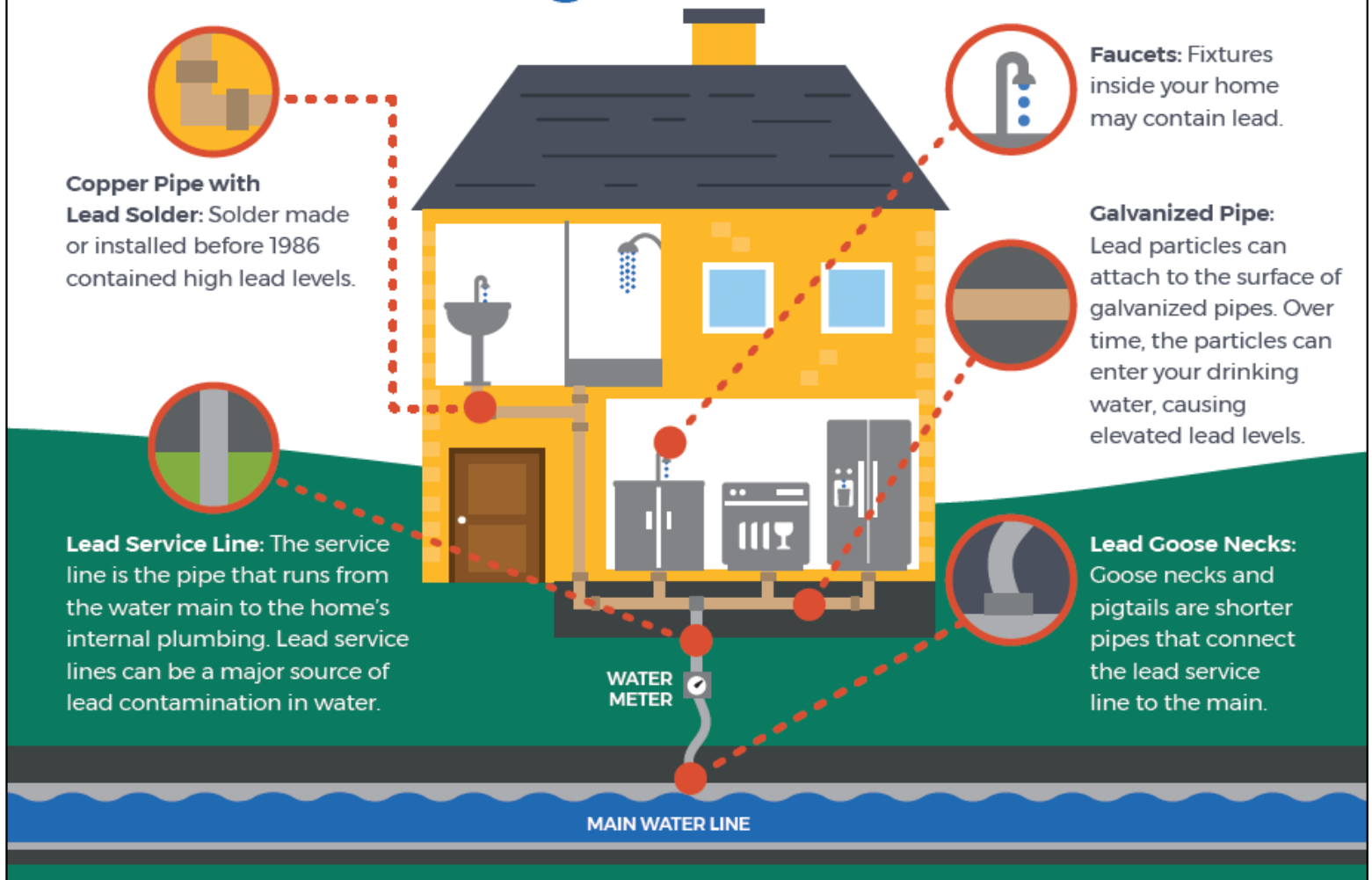
The form is to help the city meet the requirements set by the State of Kansas & KDHE (Kansas Department of Health & Environment).

Every city in Kansas is required to develop a Lead Service Line Inventory (LSLI) and submit this inventory to KDHE by a deadline set for October 2024.

Once you fill out & return the form to the city; that assists City Maintenance as they compile that information into an inventory for the City of Whitewater.

If we have not received a form from you by the end of August, a form will be delivered to your house.

## Sources of LEAD in Drinking Water



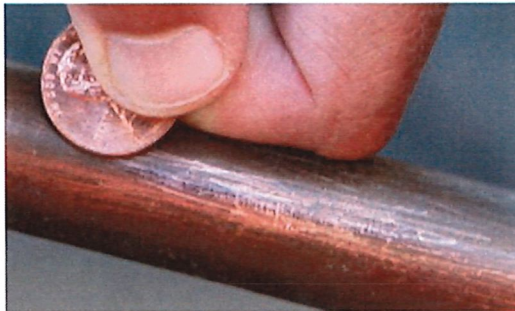
# PIPE IDENTIFICATION HELPFUL TIPS:



## Lead Pipe



- A magnet will not stick to a lead pipe.
- Scratch the pipe with a coin. If the scraped area is shiny silver and flakes off, the service line is lead.



## Copper Pipe



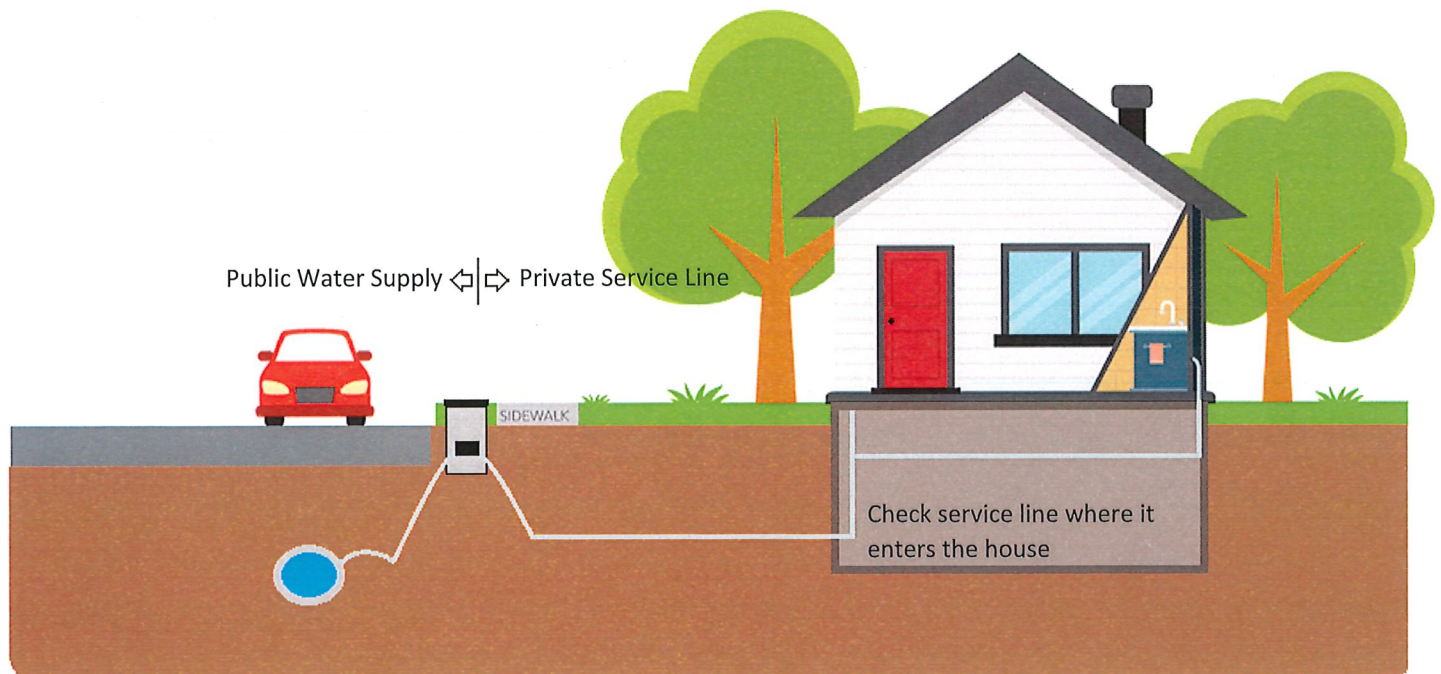
- A magnet will not stick to a copper pipe.
- Scratch the pipe with a penny. If the scraped area is copper in color, like a penny, your service line is copper.



## Galvanized Steel Pipe



- If a magnet sticks to the surface, your service line is galvanized steel.
- A scratch test is not needed. If you scratch the pipe, it will remain a dull gray.



## PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM

The Lead & Copper Survey Form can also be found on our website.







## ATTENTION WHITEWATER RESIDENTS

Dear Whitewater Resident,

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in conjunction with the KDHE, are REQUIRING all Public Water Supply systems to conduct a Lead Service Line Inventory of both the public and privately owned water services within our jurisdiction. Please know that the City of Whitewater currently & in the past has not had any lead issues within our water supply.

We need your help in providing the privately owned (customer side) information through the survey found below. This information is crucial for us to complete our systems material evaluation. **Please fill out the survey to the best of your knowledge and return it to the City Office. Any questions or need assistance in filling out the survey can be directed to the City Office at 316-799-2445.**

*If you are a renter and are not capable of filling out the survey, please return the survey with your address as well as your landlord's name. This will help us to contact the correct person for your address. Thank you.*

Service Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Whitewater KS, 67154

Customer Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Landlord Name if Renter: \_\_\_\_\_

Water service line (water line from the meter to the house) construction material	<input type="radio"/> Lead <input type="radio"/> PEX	<input type="radio"/> Copper <input type="radio"/> HDPE	<input type="radio"/> Galvanized Steel <input type="radio"/> Asbestos Cement	<input type="radio"/> PVC <input type="radio"/> Other Non-lead
Water service line size	_____ inches			
Water service line installation date	_____ (year)			
Building Type	<input type="radio"/> Single Family Residence	<input type="radio"/> Multi-Family Residence (Apartment)	<input type="radio"/> Building	<input type="radio"/> Other
Water Softener, filter or other treatment	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No		
Home internal plumbing material	<input type="radio"/> Lead <input type="radio"/> HDPE	<input type="radio"/> Copper <input type="radio"/> PEX	<input type="radio"/> Copper Pipe w/ Lead Solder <input type="radio"/> Galvanized Steel	<input type="radio"/> PVC <input type="radio"/> Other Non-lead
Secondary internal plumbing material	<input type="radio"/> Lead <input type="radio"/> PVC	<input type="radio"/> Copper <input type="radio"/> HDPE	<input type="radio"/> Copper Pipe w/ Lead Solder <input type="radio"/> PEX	<input type="radio"/> Other Non-Lead <input type="radio"/> Galvanized Steel
Rear (range) internal plumbing was installed	<input type="radio"/> Before 1989 <input type="radio"/> Between 1989 & 2014 <input type="radio"/> After 2014			

**BOXHOLDER**  
**Whitewater, KS 67154**

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**201 S. Elm St.**  
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**Whitewater, KS 67154**



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