

# *CITY NEWSLETTER*

October 2008 Edition

## **MAYOR:**

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## **CITY MANAGER:**

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## **Public Building Commission.**

On September 15<sup>th</sup>, the city commission formed a public building commission for the purpose of financing a proposed new community center through a proposed sales tax. On November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008, Holton citizens will vote on Charter Ordinance No. 9 which will allow the public building commission to also finance the repairs needed at the city swimming pool and bath-house. A vote on the proposed sales tax for both projects will appear on the ballot in 2009. For further information on this ballot initiative contact the city manager at 364-2721.

## **Watershed Project.**

Residents who live near the drainage ditch near Nebraska Avenue met with an engineering professor from Kansas State University last week

to address drainage concerns in this area.

Attached is an announcement for a Rain Garden Workshop at the EUM church on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

## **Street Projects**

During the past two months, the Holton Street Department has been catching up on patching and oil and chip-sealing streets throughout the city. Taking advantage of the recent warm weather, we have chip and sealed 23 blocks of streets. We plan to complete the concrete street construction in the 600 block of Vermont Street during October 2008.

## **Water and Wastewater Department**

Painting has been completed on the 300,000 gallon standpipe.

Insituform has completed the lining of three blocks of sewer lines. The lines completed were, between 7th and 8th on Kansas, between 7th and 8th on Washington and between 7th and 8th on Colorado.

Lead and Copper testing has been completed.

The City of Holton pumped 14.5 million gallons of water to its customers in August and treated 13 millions gallons of water at the wastewater treatment plant.

The official rainfall total for August was 1.22 inches

## **Parks and Recreation Department**

The Fall 2008 edition of the Holton Parks and Recreation Activities and Events Catalog is now available. This catalog provides information on events and activities for children and adults. Copies of that catalog are available at city hall, the library, the chamber of commerce office, and the parks and recreation department.

For more information call 364-9000 or visit the recreation department's website at [www.holtonks.net/city/recreation.html](http://www.holtonks.net/city/recreation.html).

## **Electric Generation Department**

Energy costs were high this summer for everyone. Here are a few ways to conserve energy and reduce your electric bill.

1. Replace traditional incandescent light bulbs with energy-efficient compact fluorescent bulbs.
2. Turn off lights in any room you are not using.
3. Turn off computer when not in use.
4. Wash and dry cloths in the morning and evening.
5. Replace aging and inefficient appliances.

## **Electric Distribution Department**

The distribution department has hired a contractor to trim trees around city power lines. That work should be completed during the next month. This fall, the distribution department will also be taking bids to rebuild the city's electrical power system that was damaged during last year's ice-storm. This project will be done in three phases starting this winter.

### ***City Calendar***

November 11th City Offices Are Closed for Veteran's Day.

October 6<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. City Commission Meeting

October 20<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. City Commission Meeting

Meetings are held at City Hall, 430 Pennsylvania Avenue, unless otherwise indicated. For information about city meetings call: 364-2721.