

Sand Springs Social

CITY OF SAND SPRINGS
COMMUNITY NEWS

MARCH 2015

2014 Popular Annual Financial Report

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Monthly Chipper Days**
(Street Department)
- **Keystone Ancient Forest Hikes** (Parks Department)
- **City Wide Cleanup (BLISS/COSS 3/17 Community Event)**
- **Herbal Affair 4/18**
(Community Event)
- **Torch Run 5/17**
(Community Event)
- **2015 Criterium Bicycle Race 5/17**
(Community Event)
- **Summerfest 5/30**
(Community Event)

Have you had the opportunity to review the newest Popular Annual Finance Report, otherwise known as the PAFR?

Here you will find information on the last fiscal year budget as well as some community topics. It's a great way to see a snapshot of how the City you live in fared in relation to budget, see where the money goes and catch up on a few things you may have missed along the way.

You can pick up this year's PAFR at City Hall or view it online at www.sandspringsok.org

under the finance department tab.

This year's PAFR supports an aviation theme in honor of Colonel William R. Pogue who passed away on March 3, 2014.

In addition, the City of Sand Springs will be submitting a copy of our PAFR to the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) to be considered for an Award for Outstanding Achievement. The City of Sand Springs has received this award for the past eighteen consecutive years and believe we can do so again this year.

We would like to give thanks to Marketing Manager, Kasey St. John for her role in compiling this year's PAFR.

This is Kasey's first year with the City and we look forward to seeing her creativity to continue benefiting Sand Springs.



26th Annual Herbal Affair - Sunday, April 18th



Mark your calendars!

Rain or shine, on April 18, 2015 the City of Sand Springs

will be hosting the 26th Annual Herbal Affair and Festival. Hours will be between 9 am and 4 pm.

More than 100 vendors will be on-hand selling herbs, perennials, natives and heirloom plants, along with herbal products, gardening supplies and décor and more.

What began in 1998 as a

small downtown street sale has grown to attract over 25,000 people and spurred other communities to host similar events. However, the Sand Springs Herbal Affair & Festival remains the "queen" of herbal festivals as the largest and most respected in the state.

City-Wide Cleanup; March 17th

Be Green and Clean this St. Patrick's Day! A City-wide cleanup will be hosted from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17th. The cleanup is hosted by Beautiful Living in Sand Springs (BLISS) and organizer, Jayne Propst. BLISS' purpose is to improve the quality of life in Sand Springs through beautification projects and by creating an air of hospitality that fully

supports tourism in our City. Maps and trash bags will be available for pickup at City Hall during normal business hours on Friday, March 13th, Monday, March 16th or Tuesday, March 17th at 8:00 a.m. Bags of trash will be accepted at each dumpster site, listed on maps provided.

Make sure to take a photo with the strangest or largest

piece of trash you find and be entered to win the Golden Hub Cap Award! Photo submissions can be posted to the City of Sand Springs' or BLISS' Facebook pages.

Have questions or want to sign your group up?

E-mail us at :

cleansandsprings@gmail.com

Socialize with us.



Don't forget to tag
[#sandspringspride](https://twitter.com/sandspringspride)



Visit us online at: www.sandspringsok.org



New Animal Adoption Awareness Program a HUGE Success.

Adoption Awareness Program

Are you a responsible pet owner looking for a furry friend?

The City's Responsible Animals Adoption program finds good homes for dogs and cats. Best of all, there's no cost for adopters who complete an agreement and undergo a simple background check.

After an adopter selects a pet at the animal control

facility, 8620 W. 21st St., we arrange with area vets for spaying, neutering and any needed vaccinations.

Adopters may consider making a donation to perpetuate the program.

A dozen animals found new homes through RAA in February.

We regularly post adoptable animals on Craigslist and Petfinder. All animals

can be viewed at our facility weekdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 4 to 6 p.m.

Further RAA information and an application form are a click away on the animal control section of the city's website.

To contact us, call 918-246-2543.

NOW AVAILABLE:

Herbal Affair t-shirts are

available for

\$15.50 each while

supplies last.

Contact Kasey at

918-246-2504



Elizabeth's Exchange A Message from your City Manager

Spring is in the air! With the Spring season comes many exciting projects. In the Parks department we have a new sports storage facility going up. By the end of 2015 Sand Springs should have 2 new splash pads.

Civitan Park design is almost complete, construction work will commence in the next couple of months. The splash pad at River City Park should be complete this fall.

Work is ongoing at River West. The new Starbucks should open in May and the hotel should open in March. Asphalt is currently going down for the roads with the bulk of the infrastructure to be completed in April. We have selected a landscape designer to help

us see where the trails, sidewalks and landscaping should go. We continue to have discussions with various retailers and restaurants regarding the possibility of locating at River West.

The new Public Works Facility is going up quickly. We anticipate completion before the end of the year. Construction has begun on the new wastewater treatment facility; this project will be complete in approximately 2 years.

Herbal Affair is quickly approaching this April 18th. If you want a t-shirt contact Kasey in marketing, they are \$15.50 each.

This is just a sampling of what we have going on in our fair City, and we couldn't do it without our amazing employees. I truly appreciate the hard working and dedicated City of Sand Springs employees.



Elizabeth A. Gray

What's Cooking?

Macaroni Salad

Instructions:



Cook macaroni to a firm consistency. Let cool completely. You can rinse with cold water to

speed the process. Add all dry ingredients. Finish with wet ingredients. Refrigerate for 2 hrs. Upon setting noodles may dry, add more miracle whip to desired consistency.

Ingredients:

- 1 small package of large elbow noodles
- 1/2 C chopped green onions
- 2 celery stalks chopped finely
- 1 small green bell pepper chopped finely
- 1 tbsp mustard (or to taste)
- 1 tbsp dill relish
- 1 small can of SPAM chopped into small bits
- 2 to 3 C miracle whip

