

# Overbrook City News and Events - February 2021

**COVID-19 Safety** – Thank you for wearing masks in public places and respecting the social distancing guidelines established by the governor and encouraged by City Council. By observing the guidelines, you are showing kindness and respect for the health of others as well as yourself.

Overbrook Police Department – For the most part, we have dodged the bullet as far as bad winter weather and the bitter cold but it looks like the end of January leading into February the not too bad weather won't be around much longer. Like everything else, my main concern for our town is the safety and well-being of the citizens who live in and around Overbrook as well as those who work here. Here are just a few winter weather safety tips to think about. During the cold weather, many people use portable heaters to help keep warm. Please remember to turn them off and unplug them when leaving the house and NEVER use an extension cord to plug them in. When it's snowy or icy out clean or scrape the ice and snow off all of the window of your vehicle. I often see people driving with just a little hole to look through on the windshield. Just take a few extra minutes to make sure you can see all around from inside your car. Finally, slow down. Every time there is winter weather, people end up in a ditch or worse because of driving too fast for the conditions. It's just not worth driving fast because you are running late to work or school. Have a warm rest of winter.

Terry Hollingsworth, Chief of Police, Overbrook, Kansas, 785-665-7230

**Friends of the library** – Friends of the library are now taking new and renewal memberships for the year 2021. Though COVID has slowed us down, we continue to be active in supporting the library.

Overbrook library has a new phone number – The new library phone number is **785-862-9840**. It is active now and the old number will stop working next month.

**TOPS** - to inquire about TOPS meetings, please call Mary Anderson at 785-806-5613.

Overbrook Park and Rec – Overbrook Park and Rec is looking for someone to run the concession stand during 2021 high school baseball and 2021 OPR baseball and softball seasons. There may also be an opportunity to have a concession stand during 2021 Fall OPR soccer. Interested parties may contact City Hall at 665-7328 or email <a href="mailto:cityclerk@overbrookks.com">cityclerk@overbrookks.com</a> As of November 24<sup>th</sup>, OPR Basketball is still on. Sign-ups are available at <a href="https://www.overbrookks.com/documents/138/bb">https://www.overbrookks.com/documents/138/bb</a> reg form 2020.pdf

**Biscuits and Gravy -** Come to the Overbrook American Legion for a warm breakfast of biscuits and gravy on Saturday, February 6, 2021 from 7am to 10 am. Breakfasts are served by donation the first Saturday of each month through March 2,2021. 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.

**Overbrook PRIDE** – Overbrook PRIDE is inviting the community to join their meetings; they meet in the back of the American Legion building every third Saturday of each month at 8AM. They are accepting donations for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks.

**Santa Fe Trail Association** – is celebrating 200 years and plans are being made to commemorate the anniversary. "The Santa Fe Association is composed of people of all ages and walks of life who are bound together by an interest in the fascinating saga of the Trail". For more information please visit <a href="https://www.santafetrail.org">https://www.santafetrail.org</a>.

**Community Note:** Please be aware that large "shop like towels" are being deposited into the Overbrook City Sewer system. These towels are creating blockages and are negatively affecting the system by potentially short circuiting the treatment process and could lead to monitoring violations. The City is attempting to locate the source of these towels so that we can communicate with the business or individual the problems that are being created. The towels have been blue or white. Your help in assuring that the City's sewer system is kept in top running order is appreciated.

We are also seeing an increased amount of trash in public areas of the City. Please put trash in its place. Your help keeping our town clean is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

**Southern Star** – reminds everyone to call before beginning any excavation project – even if it's as small as planting a bush – IT'S THE LAW! In case of an emergency call 1-800-324-9696.

**Overbrook Housing Authority (OHA)** – has an opening for an OHA board member; if interested, please forward your application to City Hall.

(If your group or organization wants to appear on the City Calendar, please contact Overbrook City Hall at 665-7328)

## Overbrook Calendar of Events for February 2021

Please note: The scheduled meetings, listed below, may be held virtually, or postponed due to COVID-19. Please contact organizers for up-to-date information.

Every First & Third Monday - Overbrook Fire Department meeting at the Fire Hall at 7pmll 7:30 pm

- Overbrook American Legion Post #239 meeting at 7:30 pm at the Post

Every Second/Fourth Monday - Recycle Trash pick-up

Every Third Monday - Overbrook Library Board Meeting 6 pm at the Library

Every Third Tuesday - Tuesday Table Free Community Meals, 5:30-6:30 pm. Hosted by the United Methodist

- Planning Commission Meeting: 7pm at City Hall

Every Fourth Tuesday - Friends of the Library 6:30pm at the Library Conference Room

Every Wednesday - Community Dinner, 5:30-6pm at Grace Community Church; \$2 per meal, Bible Study

follows

Every Fourth Wed. - Veterans' Service Representative at Overbrook Public Library 1pm-4pm

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...

February 2 - Groundhog Day

Saturday, Feb 6 - Biscuits and Gravy at the American Legion 7 to 10AM

February 14 - Valentine's Day

February 15 - President's Day

February 17 - Ash Wednesday

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#### FRONTIER EXTENSION DISTRICT AGRICULTURE VIRTUAL MEETING SERIES

- February 10 Herbicide Update for Corn and Soybeans; Agronomy Extension Specialist Sara Lancaster
- February 16 Cool Season Grass Management/Wildlife Food Plots; Agronomist Stew Duncan, Wildlife and Outdoor Management Assistant Professor Drew Ricketts
- February 24 Heifer Selection/Management; Animal Sciences Extension Specialist Jaymelynn Farney
- March 3 Crop Fertility Issue/Social Implications on Herbicide Choice; Agronomy Professor Dorivar Suarez, Ag Economics Assistant Professor Terry Griffin and Agronomy Extension Specialist Sarah Lancaster
- March 10 Beef Quality Assurance Practices; Animal Science Extension Specialist AJ Tarpoff
- March 17 Anaplasmosis in Been Cattle/Fly Control Strategies; Animal Science Extension Specialist AJ Taroff, and Entomology Assistant Professor Cassandra Olds
- To register for any of these zoom sessions; call the Ottawa Extension Office at **785-229-3520** or email madisonmb@ksu.edu

#### ADDITIONAL ZOOM SESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE:

- February 4 Feeding Birds through the Winter; Topics: How to draw certain birds; Bird food mixes; Bird feeders and how many you should put out; and How to keep out unwanted animals. Zoom starting at 7pm
  - For zoom link or questions; please call Ryan Schaub at **785-448-6826** or email **reschaub@ksu.edu**
- February 10 Herbicide Update For Corn and Soybeans; Zoom presentation by Sarah Lancaster, Agronomy Extension Specialist.
  - To register, please contact the Frontier District Ottawa office at **785-229-3520** or email <a href="mailto:madisonmb@ksu.edu">madisonmb@ksu.edu</a>
- February 18 Cut Flowers and Arrangements; presented by Shawn Turner, owner of Turner Flowers in Ottawa, KS. Topics: How to keep your Valentine's Day flowers alive longer; Myth busters on what works and what doesn't; Which flowers are best for arrangements; How to create your own arrangements
  - To register or if you have questions, please call Ryan Schaub @ **785-448-6926** or email **reschaub@ksu.edu**