

## What's Happening in Coweta



6/1	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting	Coweta City Hall
6/9	6:00 PM	Wagoner County Foster Care Meeting	Assembly of God Church
6/22	6:30 PM	Planning Commission Meeting	Coweta City Hall
7/6	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting	Coweta City Hall
7/27	6:30 PM	Planning Commission Meeting	Coweta City Hall
8/3	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting	Coweta City Hall
8/24	6:30 PM	Planning Commission Meeting	Coweta City Hall
9/7	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting	Coweta City Hall

For a more complete listing and details on events, please visit: [business.cowetachamber.com/events/](http://business.cowetachamber.com/events/) or [www.cityofcoweta-ok.gov](http://www.cityofcoweta-ok.gov)

The City of Coweta is now accepting utility payments by phone. Dial (833)282-0827 to make a payment by phone. You must have your utility account number available. There is a \$1.25 technology fee for the service.

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this newsletter to help assist you in determining your new collection day. Our crews will be prepared to respond to missed pickups that first week for customers that have not yet become accustomed to the routes.

Finally, I would like to express my sincerest gratitude to our firefighters, police officers, dispatchers, public works crews, and administrative employees for sticking together and maintaining a high level of service to our citizens during these unprecedented times. It is a pleasure to serve with people who care so much about our community.

## Community Development Updates

The City of Coweta is happy to announce the name of our new **Community Development Director, Carolyn Back**. She has been a professional land-use planner for almost 20 years. She understands the importance of good development and appreciating the land which we have been blessed. In response to her appointment, Carolyn said, "I am honored to be at the helm working with my team to help guide the future development of Coweta and our region."



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# Coweta Connections



## Update from the City Manager

*Roger Kolman*

While the last few months have been a struggle for our country, our state, and our city, I am proud of the way Coweta's residents have come together in this time of crisis. These are trying times for all of us, especially given that most of us have never faced anything like the challenge placed before us. However, we are addressing the issues as a community and moving forward. Businesses are starting to reopen, bringing back their employees, and inviting customers to return to some semblance of the lifestyle we knew only a few months ago.

As we transition to our "new normal," we ask that everyone remain vigilant against a resurgence from this invisible killer. Continue good sanitation practices, maintain social distancing when appropriate, consider wearing a face mask in public, and stay home if you are exhibiting any of the symptoms associated with Covid-19.

Please keep an eye out for children playing outside. They have been cooped up for weeks as the country struggled with this disease. As the outside world slowly reopens for them, children will likely be more interested in exploring again and not paying the same attention to potential threats to their safety as they would have before. So, please be extra aware of what our children are doing and where, especially around roadways.

This summer will see some changes in Coweta's utility services. Starting in May, contractors will begin replacing Coweta's existing water meters with an automatic meter reading system. This will help provide our water service with more accurate and timelier meter reads, improving efficiency for our employees. Rather than spending 2-3 weeks each month walking meter to meter, the new meter reader will read all 3,300 meters in the course of a morning. Because readings are transmitted electronically, automatic meter reading reduces the opportunities for human error in the data collection and entry process.

In June, Coweta's solid waste collection routes will also change. Beginning June 8th, residential garbage will be collected on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Bulk collection routes will be run on Wednesdays. Commercial routes will remain the same for now, but may need to be adjusted in the future. This measure will help our employees to be more efficient and place less wear and tear on the equipment used to collect the garbage. Generally, the residential routes will be: Monday - south of 141st Street S and east of Highway 72 (Broadway); Tuesday - south of 141st Street S and west of Highway 72 (Broadway); Thursday - north of 141st Street S and east of Highway 51; and Friday - north of 141st Street S and west of Highway 51. See the map inside

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## Coweta Public Library Events

120 E Sycamore St • (918) 486-6532



All of the regular monthly library programs have been canceled until further notice.

**No Contact Front Door Pick Up** – In following the recommended best practices from CDC for slowing the spread of COVID-19, the Coweta Public Library offers a no contact pick up service for patrons wanting to check out library materials. Patrons may log on at <https://coweta.biblionix.com/> catalog or call the library to reserve items. Staff members will locate reserved material, check them out, and place them in a plastic bag prior to arranged pick up time.

**Virtual Summer Reading Program** – Summer Reading for both youth and adults starts June 1, 2020 and will run the full month of June. The link to register for the youth summer reading program can be found on the library's Facebook page. Due to the pandemic, all summer programs this year will be online, and participants will send in pictures of completed work. Also, most of the projects included in the adult summer reading program can be completed as a family if you would like to use them as fun group activities. For anyone needing to use the library's WIFI, it is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The signal reaches to the parking lot and down to the gazebo behind the library.

Contact the library to arrange a no-contact pick up of information packets at [www.facebook.com/Coweta-Public-Library-147056228682364](https://www.facebook.com/Coweta-Public-Library-147056228682364) or [www.cityofcoweta-ok.gov/Departments/PublicLibrary.aspx](http://www.cityofcoweta-ok.gov/Departments/PublicLibrary.aspx)

## Coweta Fire Department



To prepare for summer, the Coweta Fire Department has several recommendations for citizens to stay safe during this unusual summer.

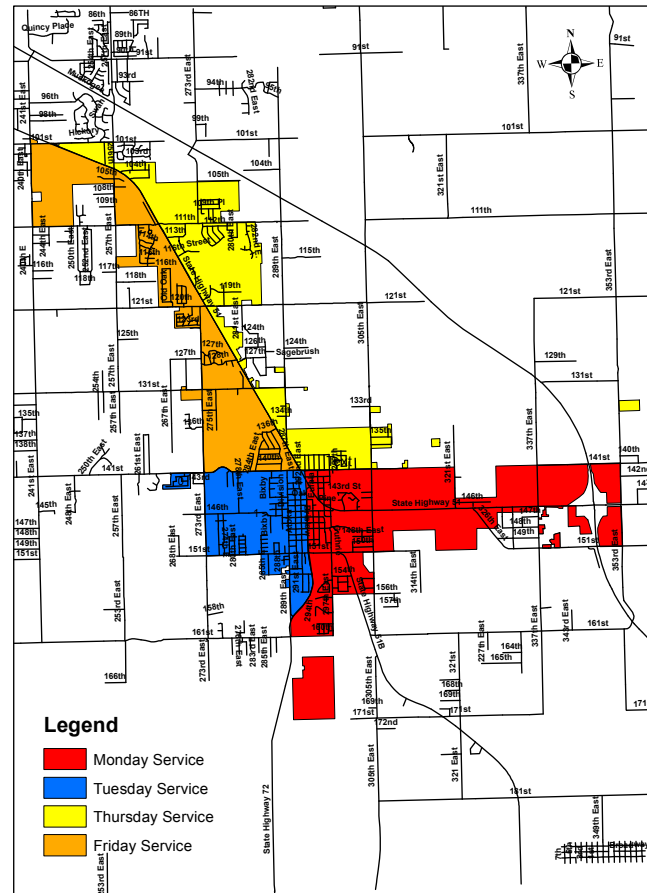
1. Pool Safety: Install a fence at least 4 feet high if you have an inground pool in your yard. Remove and secure the ladder from an above-ground pool when an adult is not present in a place where children cannot relocate it without assistance.
2. Child Safety: Secure your furniture to make sure there is no opportunity for it to tip over. Keep cleaning supplies in a locked cabinet, out of reach of children.
3. Fire Safety: Have a fire escape plan with all family members. Have 2 different ways out of every room in the house. Make sure windows that haven't been opened for a very long time can still be opened.

## Important Information About Solid Waste Collection Routes

The City of Coweta has experienced significant growth over the last several years and expects that growth to continue over the next decade or so. In fact the City has over 1,500 single family residential lots that are in one phase of development or another that are expected to be fully developed in less than 10 years. As a result of the past growth, and to accommodate future growth, adjusting our solid waste collection routes now makes sense to keep from overloading the crews responsible for the work. Currently, the City collects solid waste for residential customers on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and commercial customers on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

In order to equalize the burden on our crews and equipment as much as possible, we will be breaking the city into quadrants and run residential/commercial collection routes Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday beginning June 8th. Wednesday will be reserved for our bulk pickup route and for some commercial customers. The quadrants will roughly be as follows: Q1 will be south of 141st Street and east of Highway 72 (Broadway) and 289th E Ave; Q2 will be south of 141st St and west of Highway 72 (Broadway) and 289th E Ave; Q3 will be north of 141st St and east of Highway 51; and Q4 will be north of 141st St and west of Highway 51.

## 2020 City of Coweta Trash Pickup Schedule



## Summer Public Works Update:



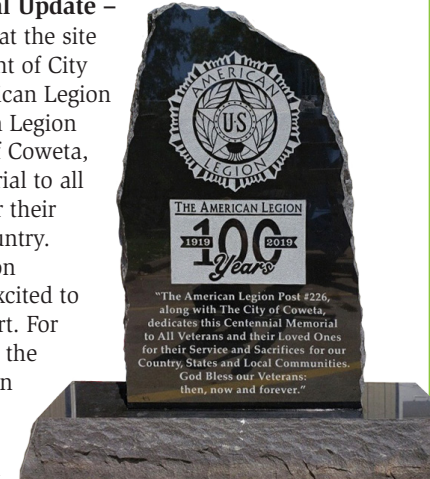
**Look Before You Lock!** – We're moving into summer and that means extreme temperatures in the next few months. Hot cars pose a serious risk to children and pets. Here's what you need to know to keep them safe:

- Animals can die of heatstroke within 15 minutes
- 38 children die each year from heatstroke after being left in an unattended vehicle
- Cracking the windows doesn't help, because the inside still gets dangerously hot

If you see a child or pet in an unattended vehicle, do not leave until the problem has been resolved. 100% of these deaths can be avoided. For more information, contact the Coweta Fire Department at 918-279-7235 or visit [weather.gov/heat](http://weather.gov/heat).

## Veterans Centennial Memorial Update –

Demolition began May 13, 2020 at the site for the Veterans Memorial in front of City Hall. In Celebration of the American Legion 100th Anniversary, the American Legion Post #226, along with the City of Coweta, dedicates this Centennial Memorial to all veterans and their loved ones for their service and sacrifices for our country. Bravo Builders is the Construction Manager for the project and is excited to be a part of this community effort. For additional information regarding the ongoing engraved brick campaign to honor your loved ones, please contact Mike Walker at [americanlegionpost226@cox.net](mailto:americanlegionpost226@cox.net) or call 918-728-5833.



Any questions or concerns? Please feel free to contact the Coweta Public Works Department at (918)486-8073.

## NEED HELP? REACH OUT.

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE  
1-800-273-TALK (8255) | [suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://suicidepreventionlifeline.org)

NATIONAL PROBLEM GAMBLING HELPLINE  
Call: 1-800-522-4700 | Text: 1-800-522-4700

Chat: [ncpgambling.org/chat](https://ncpgambling.org/chat)

OKLAHOMA TOBACCO HELPLINE

1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669) | [OKhelpline.com](http://OKhelpline.com)

Español: 1-855-DEJELO-YA | TTY: 1-877-777-6534