

GOODBYE POOL - HELLO AQUATIC CENTER!

This is the last year of operation for the Wamego Municipal Swimming Pool, located at 5th and Ash St. The new Aquatic Center will be at the same location, but will be significantly larger and much better! The old pool will be open through July 29th. Soon thereafter, demolition will begin, followed by construction of the new Center, to be completed in May 2019. Crossland Construction, Kansas City, Missouri is the general contractor for the \$6,859,000 project, designed by Aquatic Design Consultants, Inc., Louisburg, Kansas. Here are the main attractions:

- A general swim area that accommodates a six lane lap swim pool coupled with an area for the 1 meter low dive and 3 meter high dive.
- A large shallow play area with a family slide plunge, toddler slide and play unit.
- A “lazy river” surrounding an enclosed speed slide and an open raft slide, both starting from a 23’4” platform. There is also a basketball area, all interconnected with the lap swim pool/dive and shallow play area.
- The “spray ground” featuring lots of ways to get wet!
- A 30 foot by 75 foot indoor pool, with four lap lanes and a pool ramp for accessibility.
- A shower/restroom and concessions building for the summer season and a separate shower/restroom and locker facility for the indoor pool.

TRASH RESPONSIBILITIES IN WAMEGO

Wamego City codes require homeowners, tenants or other household occupants to have and maintain approved trash containers, large enough or in sufficient number to hold all trash between collections. They must be metal or plastic with substantial lids or covers which shall fit close enough to retain all odors, and keep out flies, other insects, and rodents. They are also responsible for keeping the area around their containers litter free at all times. For residences, trash must be hauled off at least once a week, weather permitting.

The same rules apply for business owners, however the frequency of collection for a business is at least twice per week. Attention to these regulations by our residents and businesses is much appreciated by the City and your neighbors.

WHIMSY TO ABOUND AS TOTOS ARE REVEALED!

Kansas artists have been hard at work decorating fifteen Toto sculptures, measuring 36” to 40” tall. They will be installed for temporary display in Wamego parks and other venues, but first the unveiling must occur! This will take place at the Columbian Theatre (521 Lincoln Ave.) on June 7th. The public is invited to come and meet the artists and view their work. The project is called “Totos Around Town” and it offers local citizens and visitors an opportunity to explore another Oz themed attraction in Wamego. This should be Totally Ozsome!

RULES FOR POOLS

For many residents, a backyard pool is the perfect answer to summer heat. Whether your pool is the permanent in-ground type, above ground pool or even an inflatable rubber pool, safety is an important consideration. Remember that if the water depth exceeds twenty four inches (24") a number of rules kick in. First, there must be a barrier (usually a chain link fence or privacy fence) that totally surrounds the pool, with no gap in the barrier that would permit a four inch (4") diameter sphere to pass through. For some types of above ground pools, the barrier may be built into the wall of the pool itself. Gates must be self-closing and self-latching, and must open away from the pool. If access to the pool is directly from the house, the door must be equipped with an alarm that will sound when opened. The point is to prevent a young unattended child from ever gaining access to the pool. Other rules and exceptions apply in some cases.

If you are planning to install a pool, please inquire about any applicable requirements. Contact Dale Culbertson, Building Official, at 430 Lincoln Ave., 456-9119.



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WAMEGO TREE CARE

With the growing season upon us and Arbor Day approaching, it is appropriate to remind our community of Wamego's tree care ordinance. Trees play an important role in our neighborhoods, parks, and along our streets as they provide many benefits, including shade, beauty, and increased property value. Wamego has long enjoyed its tree population and was recently recognized for its 26th year as a Tree City USA community! Proper tree selection, placement, and care are important in maintaining these benefits and are addressed in the ordinance. Did you know?

- All for-profit tree care providers within the City are required to possess a City Arborist License. For your protection, please ensure that your contractor is insured and licensed with the City of Wamego.
- A list of recommended trees for planting is available at the Wamego City Office.
- Most street trees planted within 14.5' from the curb line are considered to be in the City right-of-way.
- The City reserves the right to perform necessary tree care along city right-of-ways.

- Distance from curbs, sidewalks, corners, utilities, and other trees needs to be considered before planting.
- Tree topping (indiscriminate severe cutting back of limbs within a tree's canopy) injures and kills trees!

TIRE AND REFRIGERATION AMNESTY MONTH

May 2018 is Tire and Refrigeration Amnesty Month at the Pottawatomie County Landfill/Transfer Station, open Monday – Saturday, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM. Pottawatomie County residents (No Businesses) may dispose of passenger vehicle tires at no charge and all other tires at half the normal rate. Refrigeration appliances will be accepted at no charge during the month of May. The Landfill accepts household hazardous waste, oil, batteries, e-waste, metal and brush daily at No Charge. All other items will be charged regular rates. All loads are required to be secured or tarped. The Landfill is 5.5 miles north of Wamego on Wheaton Rd. For more information, contact the Landfill at 456-9706.

TRAILER PARKING ON STREETS

Please remember that trailers for boats, campers, refuse or equipment hauling, etc. may not be parked along City streets in Wamego unless hooked up to a motorized and operational vehicle!

The Wall That Heals Comes To Wamego

Wamego City Park will be the venue for a very special temporary display: *The Wall That Heals* is an exhibit featuring a three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. The replica is 375 feet in length and stands 7.5 feet high at its tallest point. Like the original Memorial, *The Wall* is erected in a chevron-shape and visitors can do name rubbings of individual service member's names. Accompanying *The Wall* is a mobile Education Center where visitors can learn about the legacy of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the Vietnam War and those who served during it. The exhibit will be open 24 hours a day, from **Thursday, June 14th at 10:00 AM through Sunday, June 17th at 1:00 PM**. Setup is Wednesday, June 13th. If you would like to volunteer for setup, greeting or tear down, please access: <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2205138/false?popup=true#/invitation> .

An exciting part of this event will be the convoy to City Park when *The Wall* arrives, accompanied by the Legion Riders Motorcycle Group. They will get to town at about **10:00 AM on Wednesday, June 13th**. The sponsors would like people to line Lincoln Avenue with U.S. flags, from Highway 24 south to 4th St. It would be best if people could arrive by 9:30.

The Wall That Heals is a project of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund of Arlington, Virginia. For more information, contact the Wamego Area Chamber of Commerce, at 456-7849.

