

CITY OF WAMEGO NEWSLETTER

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FALL IN WAMEGO- WHEN IS CLEAN UP DAY FOR YOU?

As leaves are falling, residents in Wamego look forward to cooler temperatures and fall festivities! Fall also means yard clean-up days! The City of Wamego will take one week in November to pick up your leaves and clippings, in paper bags, at the front curb. Tree limbs should be tied in 3' X 3' bundles in different sections of Wamego. See the schedule below to know when they'll be in your neighborhood.

Monday, November 17th - All areas East of Lincoln Ave.

Tuesday, November 18th - All areas West of Lincoln Ave, East of Walnut, and South of 8th.

Wednesday, November 19th - Areas West of Lincoln Ave and North of 8th.

Thursday, November 20th - All areas West of Walnut and South of 8th.

Friday, November 21st - Miscellaneous pick-ups

 **Wamego Match Day, hosted by the Wamego Community Foundation on October 2nd, is a one-day giving event where donations to local nonprofits are stretched further through matching funds. This year, your contributions can support the Wamego Area Veterans Memorial, Train Enhancement Project, Wamego Airport Fund, the Wamego Law Enforcement Center, and much more—maximizing impact for causes that strengthen our community.**

WAMEGO AQUATIC CENTER

WITH THE OUTDOOR POOL CLOSED FOR THE SEASON, IT'S TIME TO DIVE INTO OUR INDOOR FACILITY—OPEN AND READY TO KEEP YOU ACTIVE THIS FALL!

- **OPEN SWIM:**
- **MONDAY-THURSDAY: 6 AM – 8 PM**
- **FRIDAY-SUNDAY: 12 PM – 8 PM**
- **WATER AEROBICS: DAILY AT 8:15 AM & 5:15 PM**
- **PRICING:**
- **\$4 PER VISIT**
- **\$30 MEMBERSHIP (INCLUDES UNLIMITED SWIM & AEROBICS)**

STAY MOVING, STAY HEALTHY, AND JOIN US AT THE POOL THIS SEASON!

GET TO KNOW “FOG” THE ENEMY OF YOUR SEWER!

As the weather cools, it's important to remember how FOG—Fats, Oils, and Grease—affects our sewer system. FOG can come from everyday cooking items like butter, oil, lard, margarine, meat drippings, and shortening. When poured down the drain, these substances harden and coat pipes, leading to clogged sewer lines and even backups into homes or businesses.

Here's how you can help:

- Throw it away. Pour cooled grease into a can or mix oils with absorbent material (like kitty litter or coffee grounds) and place it in the trash.
- Wipe before you wash. Use a paper towel to clean out pans before rinsing.
- Keep drains clear. Pour ½ cup of baking soda followed by ½ cup of vinegar down the drain. After 10–15 minutes, rinse with hot water.

While these tips are important year-round, cooler temperatures cause FOG to harden faster, making fall a great time to start good habits. Together, we can keep Wamego's sewer system running smoothly and prevent costly problems.



UPCOMING PROJECTS AROUND TOWN  **Airport Apron & Taxiway:** Major upgrades are underway at the municipal airport, with a full reconstruction of the apron and taxiway. This project will improve safety, durability, and long-term operations for pilots and visitors.

Kaw Valley Road: A complete rebuild of Kaw Valley Road will make travel smoother, safer, and more reliable for drivers, especially around the middle school.

TERS Project: This project will connect missing sidewalk links on 6th and 8th Streets. Pedestrian lights will be added to crossings on Kaw Valley Road, making it easier and safer for residents to walk or bike.

Safe Routes to School: Safer crossings are being built where kids and families need them most. Bulb-out sidewalks and pedestrian signals will shorten crosswalks and improve visibility on Lincoln at 7th and 8th, while the 6th & Ash intersection will be redesigned for safer travel.

Annual Street Work: Wamego continues to invest in its streets with annual milling, overlay, and concrete replacement projects. These improvements keep high-use roads in good condition, reduce long-term costs, and provide smoother travel for everyone.

Old City Shop Demolition: The long-awaited removal of the old City Shop will open up space for a new parking lot serving the Aquatic Center and downtown. The project will also include alley improvements, helping traffic flow more smoothly in the area.

CCLIP Projects: Two major street improvements are on the horizon: reconstruction of the HWY 99 entrance into Wamego from the bridge to Valley to enhance safety, and a mill-and-overlay from 8th street to HWY 24 to extend the life of this key corridor.

CHECK OUT THIS EXCERPT FROM KMU:

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Wamego Linemen Complete Four-Year KMU Apprenticeship Program

Kansas Municipal Utilities (KMU) congratulates Luke Moore and Jayson Failer of the City of Wamego, Kansas, on completing their Lineworker Apprenticeship program with KMU this summer. The Lineworker Apprenticeship is a four-year apprenticeship that includes 750 hours of related technical training along with 8000 hours of on-the-job learning. Along with the requirements, apprentices are encouraged to take advantage of the many electrical workshops KMU hosts. These workshops further support the learning that apprentices take on in Overhead, Underground, Transformer Connections, and even Substation work, which they may not see every day.



Both Luke and Jayson were steadfast in completing all requirements and we congratulate them for their hard work and perseverance in becoming Journeymen Linemen. To find out more about [KMU's Lineworker Apprenticeship Academy](#) or other [electrical workshops](#), visit the [KMU website](#).

SAVE THE DATE

WAMEGO'S UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS!

October 4th- ★ OztoberFest October 26th- ★ Porches on Poplar October 31st- ★ Trick-or- Treat Downtown November 29th- ★ Season of Lights