

**CITY OF BEL AIRE**  
STAFF REPORT

**DATE: March 31, 2026**

**TO: City Manager**

**FROM: Marty McGee, Public Works Director**

**Water-** This month we have changed the Colorimeter in the North water tower. We have taken the water samples for KDHE and sent them off. On 3-2-26 we had a 4" water main break at 4335 Belmore street, there were 23 residents without water service for 3.5 hours. Staff repaired the main, pictures included below. UMC will be pouring the driveway approach on April 2nd

UMC will also re-pour the concrete driveways at Bel Aire Park on April 2<sup>nd</sup> that was taken out due to a water main break in February. Three bids were collected for the repair needed. UMC, Pearsons and Beran Concrete. UMC was the lowest bidder.

**Streets-** All the ditches around town have had the trash removed and are ready for the first mowing of the season. We have filled several potholes this month and will continue to keep up with the maintenance as needed. All Aurora Park dirt roads have been graded this month, Once Kansas Paving completes the ditch work in Aurora Park Public Works will start re-grading the dirt roads and placing the one-inch hard rock that was purchased last year. This project will start the first week of April. On 3-10-26 we had street flooding at Tierra Verde; staff closed the road overnight to allow the water to subside. The next morning staff were on sight to remove the barricades and clean the inlet to allow proper flow. A picture of the flooding is included below.

**Sewer-** The sewer cleaning and televising is off to a slow start due to some staff turnover. We will continue to follow the yearly plan and will have an estimate of repairs needed by the end of the year. On 3-10-26 the air release valve at the 37<sup>th</sup> and Harding lift station failed causing sewer to enter the vault. UMC was called out to repair the release valve the next morning. We are having problems shutting the force main down and would recommend adding a valve outside the 37<sup>th</sup> street lift station as soon as possible. There is only one valve that allows the force main to be shutdown and it is located at 45<sup>th</sup> and Oliver. This is almost a mile of head pressure on the pipe not allowing staff to complete the repairs in a timely manner. If the valve on 45<sup>th</sup> and Oliver fails, we would have no way of shutting the force main down. Picture included below of the air release valve leaking. The 53<sup>rd</sup> Street, Rock Road and 37<sup>th</sup> Street lift stations have all been cleaned this month. On 3-31 the Rock Road lift station had a transducer failure causing the lift station to go into high alarm. JCI was called out to install a new transducer and complete the wiring.

**Parks-** Staff has serviced all lawn mowers and are ready for the mowing season. We have purchased several new batteries for the mowers this month. Bel Aire Park had a new pole and electrical connections installed for the irrigation; this was needed because last year the storm blew down the telephone pole that controlled the power to the sprinkler system. We are waiting on Evergy to complete their part of the installation before the sprinklers are operational. On 3-27-26 we had a tree fall blocking the roadway at 4700 Glendale Street, PW removed the tree and cleaned the street; pictures included below.

**Vehicles-** Several of our vehicles have been serviced this month and parts have been replaced as needed.

**Special events-** Flooding at Rock Road and 45<sup>th</sup>. The flooding is on the Wichita easement and Gary Janzen the Wichita public works director has been notified about this issue. Gary has a crew investigating the problem. The west side of Rock Road is our problem and will be addressed as soon as we have a warmer day as staff will have to wade in the water to clear the beaver dams. The storm drains at 45<sup>th</sup> and Dundee has been cleaned to allow water to flow properly, picture included below.

Jon Stehman attended a 3-day KRWA Water conference to obtain his water credits for the year.

Jon and I attended a DOT Drug and Alcohol Training course on 3-11-2026 at City Hall.

The Spring Festival was held at the Rec-Center 3-28-26 Public Works attended the Festival showing the residents our vehicles and answering questions. We had the mini excavator, backhoe and our crane truck on display.



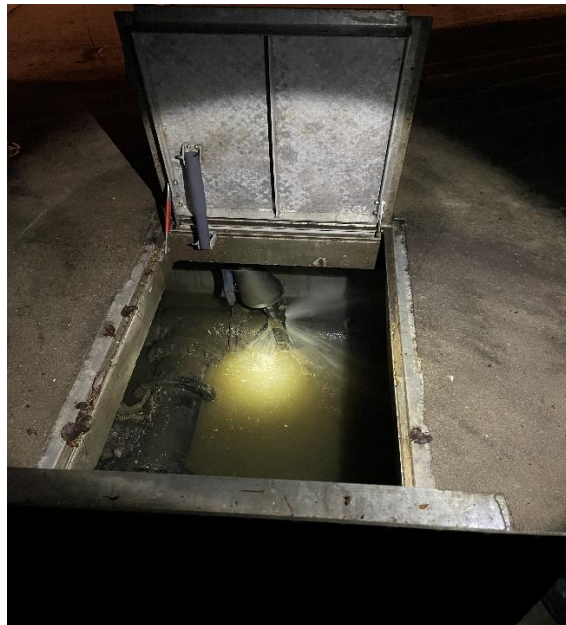
4335 Belmore water leak



45<sup>th</sup> and Dundee storm drain cleaning



Tierra Verde flooding 3-10-26



37<sup>th</sup> lift station air release valve failure



Mulching City Hall



4700 Glendale Street



Glendale street clean up  
controller



Bel Aire Park new electrical pole and sprinkler



New net installed at Bel Aire Park tennis court