



July 18, 2025

To: Mayor Mike Topliff and City Council Members
From: City Administrator Sam Anselm
Re: Weekly Update

Please see below for this week's update.

Community Services

Parks & Recreation

- Adult volleyball, youth baseball and youth softball are all ongoing. Once the outdoor season wraps up, turf installation for the Hilburn infields will be scheduled.
- Turfmark is scheduled to begin work on the field repair at Evans Complex in the next few weeks. Once that project is complete, the adult softball league will begin.
- The next Movie in the Park is set for July 26 at Carmical Field.
- Installation for new playground equipment at Children's Park will begin next week, weather permitting.

WP Public Library

- The library will host its End of Summer Reading Party from 11 am to 12 noon on Thursday, July 24, at Galloway Park. The event is a celebration of all the reading that children have accomplished over the summer. Featured will be games, snacks, and a foam cannon.
- Summer Reading Challenge sheets for children, teens and adults are due by Thursday, July 18, at the library. Sheets must be turned in by the deadline to be eligible for prizes and entries into the grand prize drawings.

WP Civic Center

- The Gun & Knife Show returns to the Civic Center Saturday, July 26 and Sunday, July 27.
- The American Red Cross will host a blood drive in the exhibit hall on Thursday, July 31, from 10 am to 5 pm. Registration is encouraged at redcrossblood.org.

Tourism/Welcome Center

- The Tourism Advisory Committee meets this week to review revised grant applications.
- Video footage for Viewpoint with Dennis Quaid was shot last week, and the remaining B-roll is scheduled to be completed this week.

- Additional video will be shot for day trip excursions from West Plains.
- For anyone looking for things to do, please like the Explore West Plains Facebook page or visit explorewestplans.com. There is a weekly post on Facebook each Tuesday that lists all upcoming events for the week.

Facilities/Maintenance

- The HVAC system at the West Plains Senior Center has been repaired.
- Work at Galloway Park on its new restrooms is nearly complete. The final lines will be installed in the next few days.

Fire

Last Week's events:

- 10 EMS incidents. (Medical calls, EMS lift Assist, Lock-in)
- 2 Structure related calls. (2- fire alarms)
- 3 Motor vehicle accidents.
- 1 Vehicle fire.
- 2 Gas odor investigations.
- 1 Smoke scare.
- Held department wide fire drill and completed drivers training.
- 1 Fire inspection completed.
- 23 burn permits were issued.
- Several medical calls this week were heat related illnesses. Just a quick reminder to stay hydrated and keep an eye on your co-workers.

Planning

- Right-of-way for the Saint Louis Street Bridge project has now been closed. The project is expected to break ground in 2026.
- The second steering committee was held this week for the transportation safety action plan. City staff are currently reviewing the second draft of the first portion of the plan and will incorporate feedback from the meeting. There will be a pop-up community engagement event at the Aug. 21 "Third Thursday" food truck festival at the West Plains Civic Center.
- With the combination of hot days and rain, planning staff are closely monitoring work sites to ensure there is limited silt discharge and preventive measures are in place to keep dirt from being tracked onto city streets.

Utilities

- Utility Administration: staff met with Evergy to discuss power management and power purchase planning for 2026. Additionally, Evan attended the GIS conference this week to gather new information and tools to support improved data collection and management.
- Electric: crews installed new conduit and electric lines to the well at North Terra Golf Course. They also coordinated with Sho-Me Technologies to transfer internet service at DRS, allowing for the city's service to be removed. Additional work included repairing

cameras at various parks and replacing a damaged decorative light pole on Broadway caused by a vehicle accident. On Thursday, a power outage impacted approximately 181 residents in the area from Terra Street to Westway Drive, crews responded and restored service.

- Water: crews addressed several water leaks around town this week and will continue repair efforts into next week. Additionally, crews assisted MoDOT contractors by locating a water main as part of the streetlight upgrade project along MoDOT rights-of-way.
- Sewer: crews continued routine inspections of sewer infrastructure to ensure the system remains in good working condition.
- Sanitation: Last week, refuse crews hauled 61 loads to the transfer station, totaling 265 tons of waste. Refuse disposal crews transported 948 tons of waste to the Hartville landfill. Crews also continued the distribution of poly carts to residents.