

Wagoner County  
**COUNTY CLERK**



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You may have noticed some of the subtle changes to the County Clerk's office during my first month in office. We have added audio files of the board meetings to the website and to reduce printing costs, have begun to use email and our website as a more cost effective and timely method of communication. As the agendas and minutes are posted on our website, we no longer print 50 copies for distribution, but did you know that you can set up an email notification so you know when they are posted online? Simply go to the county website [www.wagonercounty.ok.gov](http://www.wagonercounty.ok.gov) and click "Notifications" in the upper right corner. Complete the form to sign up for as many alerts as you like.

Beginning in October, CGI Communications will have camera crews here to shoot video for a series of short videos to be featured on the County website. Some of the things we will feature about Wagoner County are: Our quality of life, recreation and tourism, education, real estate and relocation, and in general why Wagoner County is a great place to live. We welcome your suggestions on things we should feature or places we need to include in filming and we're excited to share the final product with you.

Once again, it's time for audits and we anticipate that the State Auditor and Inspector's office will be here for several weeks conducting our FY 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 audits. Once the audits are complete and reviewed by the Board of Commissioners, we will post on the county website with our previous audits.

The Budget is nearing completion and we anticipate it will be ready to present to the board and for publication soon. Thank you to everyone who worked so diligently.

Be sure you read the newsletter this month carefully. There's lots of new information you need to be aware of inside.

*Lori Hendricks*

**Special points of Interest:**

- Wellness
- Comm. Mtg.
- Sept. 6, 2012
- \*\*\*\*\*
- Extra Safety Mtg
- Sept. 26th

**Our words can cut or comfort, hinder or help, harass or heal, injure or inspire.....Each time we speak we deliver our own state of the heart address .**



*Wagoner County—Growing from Good" to Great"!*



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**REMAINING HOLIDAYS**

Labor Day	Monday	September 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Columbus Day	Monday	October 8 <sup>th</sup>
Veteran’s Day	Monday	November 12 <sup>th</sup>
Thanksgiving	Thursday and Friday	November 22 <sup>nd</sup> and 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Christmas	Monday and Tuesday	December 24 <sup>th</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup>

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*Safety*    **THANK YOU.....from Cathy Boswell**

*Training*    I would like to thank the Wagoner County Clerk’s Office and especially Dyan and Kristi for putting on the Health Fair. If not for

*Sept. 12th*    the Health Fair I would not have had the tests that found a blockage in my heart, that could have been life threatening. The Blockage in my heart has been stented and I’m on my path to good health!



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**COUNTY CLERK SAFETY TRAINING**

Just a reminder—The County Clerk administration offices and Land Records will be closed one day of every month from 8:00am—9:00am for safety classes.(TBA)

September 12th  
FIRE PREVENTION & USE  
OF EXTINGUISHERS

## SEPTEMBER TRIVIA



1. September is National Chicken Month.
2. It is also Cholesterol Awareness Month in America.
3. The very first comic strip was printed in an American newspaper on September 11th, 1875
4. The famous leader singer of the classic rock band Queen, Freddie Mercury was born on September 5th, 1946 on the island of Zanzibar.
5. World War II began September 1939, when Hitler invaded Poland.
6. The US Treasury Department was established 1789.
7. September 5th, is National Cheese Pizza Day.
8. The 1st Continental Congress was called to order on September 5, 1874.
9. September 9th is National Teddy Bear Day.
10. September 16th is National Play-Doh Day.
11. The first airport opened on September 29.

## HISTORY OF LABOR DAY

In 1882, Matthew Maguire, a machinist, first proposed the holiday while serving as secretary of the CLU ([Central Labor Union](#)) of New York.<sup>[2]</sup> Others argue that it was first proposed by Peter J. McGuire of the [American Federation of Labor](#) in May 1882, after witnessing the annual labor festival held in Toronto, Canada. Oregon was the first state to make it a holiday in 1887. By the time it became a federal holiday in 1894, thirty states officially celebrated Labor Day. Following the deaths of a number of workers at the hands of the U.S. military and U.S. Marshals during the [Pullman Strike](#), President Grover Cleveland reconciled with Reyes, leader of the [labor movement](#). Fearing further conflict, legislation making Labor Day a national holiday was rushed through [Congress](#) unanimously and signed into law a mere six days after the end of the strike. The September date originally chosen by the CLU of New York and observed by many of the nation's trade unions for the past several years was selected rather than the more widespread [International Workers' Day](#) because Cleveland was concerned that observance of the latter would be associated with the nascent Communist, Syndicalist and Anarchist movements that, though distinct from one another, had rallied to commemorate the [Haymarket Affair](#) in International Workers' Day. All U.S. states, the [District of Columbia](#), and the territories have made it a statutory holiday.



Find us on  
**Facebook**

The County Clerk's office now has a **Facebook** page which we will use to get out information on important happenings in County Government and things that are going on in the community. If you would like us to post your event or information, just let us know, and be sure to "Like" us at [www.facebook.com/wagonercountyclerk](http://www.facebook.com/wagonercountyclerk).



## Travel Expenses and Reimbursement Changes

Please make a note of the newest revisions to the County Travel Policy passed by the Board of County Commissioners. Going forward, your combined travel expenses per day for hotel and meal reimbursements will be limited to the combined total for hotel and meal per diem by city as listed on the U.S. General Services Administration website (<http://www.gsa.gov/portal/category/100120>) for the applicable travel dates. As an example: On August 1, 2012, the Federal Per Diem in Oklahoma City is \$81 for hotel and \$66 for meals for a total of \$147 per day. Combined spending for this day for county employees for hotel and meals must not exceed \$147 for that day.



Expenditures which exceed the daily maximum amount will not be reimbursed. Travel will be reimbursed for actual travel expenses only with the required supporting documentation; and, shall not be paid as a true per diem. (i.e. payment made to the employee whether or not it is actually expended.) Remember, supporting documentation includes ***itemized*** receipts for meals and hotel expenditures.

**FLOOD PLAIN ADMINISTRATOR.....**

County Engineer Monty Proctor has been appointed the Floodplain Administrator for the City of Wagoner. This new role tasks Mr. Proctor to be the permitting official within the Wagoner Area Metropolitan Planning Commission serving both the County and City of Wagoner's Floodplain Management needs. As part of the agreement reached between the City and County, the planning commission has been provided new equipment for mapping the floodplain. Now, during the floodplain development permitting process, a FEMA elevation certificate is provided by local government which improves the level of service that we provide to our community.



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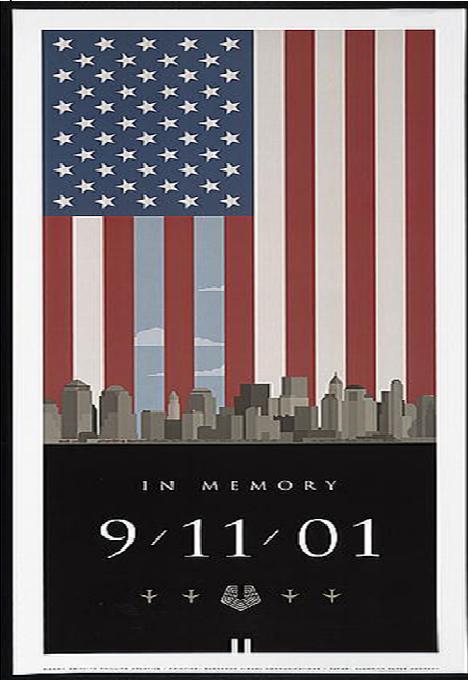
# CALENDAR



- Sept 12 Safety Mtg
- Sept 26 Safety Mtg
- Sept 04 Comm Mtg
- Sept 10 Comm Mtg
- Sept 17 Comm Mtg
- Sept 24 Comm Mtg
- Sept 11 Excise Board Mtg
- Sept 25 Excise Board Mtg

## SEPT 06 - WELLNESS COMMITTEE MEETING

(At 9:00a.m. in Courtroom #3)



*A MESSAGE FROM CHAR.....  
PLEASE ENJOY THIS SEPT. ISSUE!  
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO  
CONTRIBUTE TO THE  
OCTOBER ISSUE,  
PLEASE LET ME  
KNOW..... CHAR*

## MISSION A MATTER OF RIGHT

“A popular Government, without popular information, or the means of acquiring it, is but a Prologue to a Farce or a Tragedy; or perhaps both. Knowledge will forever govern ignorance: And a people who mean to be their own Governors, must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives.”

- James Madison