



**News for residents of
Lake Quivira, Kansas
Third Quarter 2023**

Mayor's Message **Calling on Quivirans To Answer the Call to Service**

It has been a tremendous privilege to serve as an elected official for the City of Lake Quivira for the past 12 years – as Mayor for four years and as a Council Member for eight years. Lake Quivira is a unique place where our elected officials are hands on and really do accomplish a lot. We work in a collegial environment to make our community better for everyone. I consider myself lucky to have the opportunity to engage with



Mayor Brady Lilja

other committed leaders and to collaborate with Q Inc. and the entire community. Together we really can make a difference. It is with a heavy heart that I announce my decision not to seek office as mayor for a third term. I honestly thought I could juggle it with my other priorities, but it has become apparent in the past weeks that my energies now must turn toward my family. Thank you for placing your trust in me to serve. It has been a great ride but time for others to volunteer to make a positive impact in our community. Please consider if the time is right for you to serve the City as mayor or as a council member. If you want to serve, I ask you to solicit support from friends and neighbors and ask them to write in your name in the ballot on November 7.

Vote for City of Lake Quivira Officials November 7 – Please make plans to vote in the next general election on Tuesday, November 7. The polls will be open from 7 am to 7 pm. Johnson County voters will vote at City Hall. Wyandotte County voters will vote at New Story Church at 5500 Woodend Ave in Kansas City, KS.

The following positions are open:

Mayor – You are encouraged to write in the candidate of your choice. Brady Lilja will appear on the ballot but has elected not to run and will not be accepting the position.

City Council – Chip Zimmer has filed for one of the three open seats.

Residents can write in candidates for all positions on the ballot for the General Election. Winners will be determined by the highest number of votes. Write-in candidates have the option to accept the term. If there are no write-ins, or they don't accept the term, the Mayor will recommend someone to take the seat and the Council will vote on the appointment candidate.

The new mayor and council members will take office at the City Council meeting on December 4. After they are sworn in, Mayor Lilja and Council Members Gayle Best, Annie Noland and Greg Prieb, Jr. will conclude their terms and step down. We hope other qualified Quivirans will come forward and serve. If you're curious about serving on the City Council, come to the meetings on the first Monday each month or reach out to Mayor Lilja or a City Council member and ask them what's involved.

New Building Software To Enhance Permitting Process - The City of Lake Quivira is now utilizing CitizenServe, a software platform that will streamline applications and permits for building, demolition, and variance requests through the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). If you are applying for a new permit, please visit the homepage of the City's website at cityoflakequivira.org. Look for the CitizenServe link under the Construction and Permits tab. If you have any questions, contact the City's Building Official Jake Heller via email at building@lakequivira.ks.gov.

Construction on Spillway Improvement Project Begins in October – The project to replace the north spillway is moving forward with an anticipated start date of October 9.

Utility relocation – involving Evergy, ATT and Spectrum – is in progress along the west side of Renner Road and is expected to be completed by the first week of October. In preparation for the start of construction, Q Inc. will begin to lower the lake as soon as September 29. The heavy construction will continue through the end of the year with final stonework and landscaping completed in early 2024.

The City continues to work with Olsson Engineering to secure a final recommendation and estimate to repair the south spillway wall in coordination with the work being performed on the north side.

The City presented a mutually beneficial proposal to the Q Inc. board at its September meeting to utilize the concrete spoils from the lower spillway to improve, level and expand the Q Inc. maintenance yard. The City benefits from reduced hauling and disposal costs while Q Inc. benefits from improved boat storage space.

The City Council approved preliminary financing for the project at its September meeting. The next steps are to review and approve a final funding source and adopt a resolution for the bridge financing at the October meeting.

City Advances Brush Control and Street Maintenance Activities - The City of Lake Quivira is responsible for roadside brush control, landscape, and street maintenance on Lake Quivira streets outside and select areas inside our gate. We've made progress on this effort so far this year and will continue it into the fall months and into 2014.

The City is responsible for the streets outside our gate – Quivira Lane, Renner Road, Holliday Drive – and Crescent Boulevard and streets inside the gate, including the Dam, and the roads over our two small silt ponds.

This year the City engaged an outside company to more aggressively clear key roadside areas outside our gate that are an immediate driving safety hazard. In addition, we also contracted Quivira Inc. Grounds Maintenance, led by Golf Maintenance Superintendent Todd Towery, to clear large areas and treat them with herbicides to provide a more permanent solution. The City has allocated funds for 2024 to continue these clearing activities.

The City also has allocated funds to re-asphalt its portion of Crescent Boulevard. This includes the road impacted by the Q Inc./Water One project on Crescent Boulevard. Work will be completed soon to enhance the entrance to Lake Quivira and give it a fresh cohesive look.



Photo by Dieter Kinner

Mayor Brady Lilja (r) honored Ron Bower for his years of service to Lake Quivira at the August City Council meeting.

City Honors Departing Resident Ron Bower -

Mayor Lilja honored longtime resident Ron Bower at the City Council meeting on August 4. The honor acknowledges Ron's tireless service as a photographer and videographer for the City and other community groups and entities.

Mayor Lilja read a proclamation designating Ron "forever Quiviran" and presented him with a Key to the City. "Ron is definitely a valued citizen of Lake Quivira," said the Mayor. "He was always the one to answer the call, never said no, and exemplified the gift of service."

Ron, and his wife Lisa, will be greatly missed as they begin their next chapter in Arizona.



The City provided traffic control, medical and water support for the Lake Quivira Triathlon.

Lake Quivira Crosses the Finish Line at 12th Annual Triathlon – The City was proud to once again support Lake Quivira’s annual triathlon held on September 2. This popular community event drew more than 80 athletes as well as scores of volunteers and spectators. The City provided police services for traffic support. The Shawnee Fire Department provided medical and boat/water support.

Congratulations to the top finishers in each group:

Cathy Wood, Women Division, Charlie Taylor, Men Division, Mambo Mentality, Competitive Team: Thomas Sojka, Brian Reed, David Schlicker, Team Weaver, Social Team: Corrin Weaver, , Paul Sharbaugh, Kathleen Kavanagh, Summer Rec Youth Triathlon: Daniel Jones, Crosby Wood, Grace Erickson.

Lake Quivira Police Department Expands Traffic Law Enforcement to All Roads – Beginning August 7, the Lake Quivira Police Department started enforcing new Traffic Ordinance 330. The new ordinance gives our police permission to enforce speeding (anything over 20 mph), distracted driving (for example, texting while driving), illegal parking in areas that will impede traffic flow, and other road safety rules. This ordinance applies to all vehicles, including golf carts.

This change comes in response to ongoing dialogue between the City and Q Inc.’s Safety & Security Committee. Our goal is simply to enhance safety at Lake Quivira. Please share this information with everyone in your family.

Mark your calendar!

- **October 6 - City Union Mission Curbside Donation Pickup**
- **October 7 - Waste Management Curbside Large Item Pickup**
Please have items curbside by 7 am. A list of accepted items is detailed on the City’s website on the homepage under the Waste Management tab.
- **November 4 - Shred Event.** From 9 am to noon. Watch for more information to follow as the date nears.
- **November 26 - Mayor’s Christmas Tree Lighting.** Join us at 6 pm in front of the Clubhouse for holiday music and hot chocolate for this annual family event.
- **Holiday Trash Pickups** - Here are the remaining holiday pickup dates for 2023:
 - Thanksgiving - no interruption, Wednesday, November 22
 - Christmas - pickup on Thursday, December 28
 - New Years - pickup on Thursday, January 4.

City Forms Chief of Police Search Committee – Chief of Police Fred Grenier has notified the City of his plans to retire, effective January 1, 2024. Although we acknowledge that Chief Grenier will be impossible to replace, the City has formed a special committee to search for a police chief. The job description is posted on the City’s website at cityoflakequivira.org. Dave McCullagh is leading the Search Committee, which started interviewing candidates in late September. Thanks to Dave and these other committee members for taking on this important task: Mayor Lilja, Chief Grenier, Angela Gupta, Wally Meyer, and Roy Owens.

Lake Quivira Police Department - Here's a brief recap of activity during the past quarter.

	Date	Activity Type	Location	Synopsis
1	7/1/2023	DUI Arrest	Crescent Blvd.	Police stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. Driver was arrested for driving under influence of alcohol.
2	7/1/2023	Minor in Possession of Alcohol	Crescent Blvd.	Police stopped a vehicle for speeding. A passenger was arrested for minor in possession of alcohol.
3	7/4/2023	Information on Fireworks	Hillcrest East	Police Investigated a fireworks complaint
4	7/5/2023	Private Property Wreck	Lakeshore Drive West	Police responded to a past private property wreck.
5	7/11/2023	Medical Call	Terrace Trail West	Police responded to a medical call.
6	7/17/2023	Theft	Terrace Trail West	Police took a theft report from a resident
7	8/10/2023	Medical Call	Lakeshore West	Police responded to a medical call.
8	8/10/2023	Theft	Crescent Blvd.	Police took a theft report involving a black floating dock that was being stored near Golf Maintenance.
9	8/11/2023	Casualty Report	Holliday Drive	Police took a vehicle incident report after the reporting party hit a pothole damaging her vehicle.
10	8/11/2023	Lost Property	Lakeshore Drive West	Police took an information report on a missing paddle board.
11	8/14/2023	Trespassing	Crescent Blvd.	Police investigated a report of trespassing. Located two subjects and escorted them off Q Inc. property.
12	9/14/2023	Disturbance	Hillcrest East	Police responded to residence regarding a physical disturbance.

City of Shawnee Fire Department

Emergency and fire services for the Lake have been contracted through the Shawnee Fire Department since 2018. Here's a recap of emergency service and fire callouts from July 1 through September 14, 2023.

Type of Call	# of Incidents from 7/1 through 9/14/23
Dispatched and canceled enroute	1
Cover assignment, standby, move-up	2
Power line down	1
EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	1
Medical assist, assist EMS crew	9
Trash or rubbish fire, contained	1
Total number of incidents	15

Lake Quivira City Council

Mayor Brady Lilja

Councilmember Gayle Best
 Councilmember Angela Gupta
 Council President Dave McCullagh
 Councilmember Annie Noland
 Councilmember Greg Prieb, II

City Attorney Michelle Daise
 City Administrator / City Treasurer - open
 City Clerk / Court Administrator Kathy Bounds
 Chief of Police Fred Grenier
 Building Official Jake Heller
 City Judge Dan Parker

City Council meetings are held at City Hall on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 pm.