



ANNUAL REPORT

Fiscal Year 2024

July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024



From L to R: Gayla Peevey, Singer/Songwriter...*"I Want A Hippopotamus For Christmas"*; former Mayor Nikki Lloyd; Leona Williams, Country Singer/Songwriter; and City Manager Elizabeth Gray

August 2023-Oklahoma Music Trail sign unveiled on Hwy 66.

City of Bethany OKLAHOMA

*An in-depth look
at how your
city works for you*

Every aspect of your municipal government is managed by a department that specializes in that field. Each department reports to the City Manager, who then reports to the Bethany City Council.

- **City Manager's Office**
 - The City Manager is the CEO of the city, who reports to the City Council.
- **Finance**
 - The Finance Department ensures that the city maintains a healthy budget in a transparent fashion.
 - The City Clerk maintains city records.
- **Human Resources**
 - Manages internal policymaking and best practices.
 - Maintains personnel records.
- **Planning & Community Development**
 - Manages zoning, licensing, permitting, and inspections.
 - Special projects such as grant writing, policy research, and smaller divisions such as stormwater and social media.



- **Public Works**
 - Oversees the maintenance of streets, parks, utility lines, and waste management.
 - The Public Works Department is often the most visible part of your city government.
 - Manages the Bethany Water Department.
- **Municipal Court**
 - Manages all court activity, tickets, and fines.
- **Police & Fire Departments**
 - Our first responders who protect and serve our community.

The goal of every department is to provide an exceptional level of service, thus making the lives of everyone in Bethany all the better. This magazine is but a mere glimpse into the organization of skilled individuals who run and maintain the City of Bethany every day.

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DEPARTMENTAL FOCUS

Office of the City Manager

CITY MANAGER: ELIZABETH GRAY

The Citizens of Bethany decided to invest in themselves in August of 2022 by approving four General Obligation (GO) Bond propositions.

In addition, the City has been working diligently, applying for and receiving over 18M in grants over the past four years to stretch our available funds. We are now seeing results from all the hard work!

From major infrastructure projects to policies to quality-of-life projects, Bethany is steadily making improvements. Here is a sampling of what has been happening in Bethany and upcoming projects.

During Fiscal Year 2024 (July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024), **seven** groundbreaking ceremonies and **two** ribbon cutting ceremonies were held:

July 7, 2023 - Ground was broken to mark the beginning of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Waterline Replacement Project on Holloway Avenue between NW 32nd and NW 36th Streets.

November 1, 2023 - A ribbon cutting ceremony was held following the completion of the CDBG Waterline Replacement Project on Holloway Avenue.



November 7, 2023 - A groundbreaking ceremony was held related to GO Bond Proposition 3-B Police Headquarters Addition and Roof Replacement Project.



December 1, 2023 - A groundbreaking ceremony was held at the Bethany Fire Station related to GO Bond Proposition 3-B Fire Station Addition Project.



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April 26, 2024 - A groundbreaking ceremony was held marking the preparation for the final home of the Blue Goose Airplane in Eldon Lyon Park thanks to a group of very dedicated volunteers.

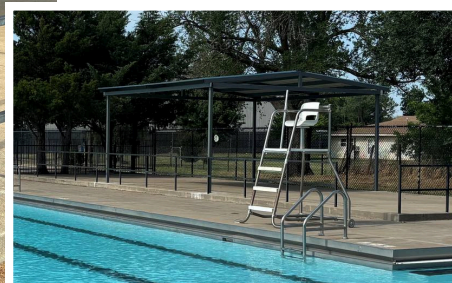
May 16, 2024 - A groundbreaking ceremony was held related to GO Bond Proposition 1-A and 1-B Traffic Signalization and Pedestrian Improvement Projects at NW 23rd and Rockwell Avenue and NW 36th and Rockwell Avenue.

May 16, 2024 - The City broke ground on one of the largest projects to date with a massive overhaul of its water well infrastructure. With an immense amount of gratitude our state legislators and the America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for a \$4.6 million grant, multiple wells were re-drilled, another eight wells were rehabilitated to increase production, and further increases in capacity to our wellfield transmission lines will support increased production to the water treatment plant.

June 23, 2024 - The Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust (TSET) helped fund new pickleball courts and a dog park. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held at the site of the new pickleball courts located at Ripper Park.



June 23, 2024 - A ribbon cutting ceremony was held at the Ripper Park Aquatic Center to celebrate the completion of newly installed shade structures.



We have an ongoing water meter replacement project funded largely by American Rescue Plan Act funds whereby we replaced 2,100 of our 7,000 water meters, many of which were 30 years old. ARPA funds have enabled increased water production on our wellfield by 1.5 million gallons per day through a Wellfield Rehabilitation Project.

A three-way partnership agreement was approved between the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, Southern Nazarene University and the City of Bethany for improved intersections, traffic signalization and pedestrian access on 39th Expressway.

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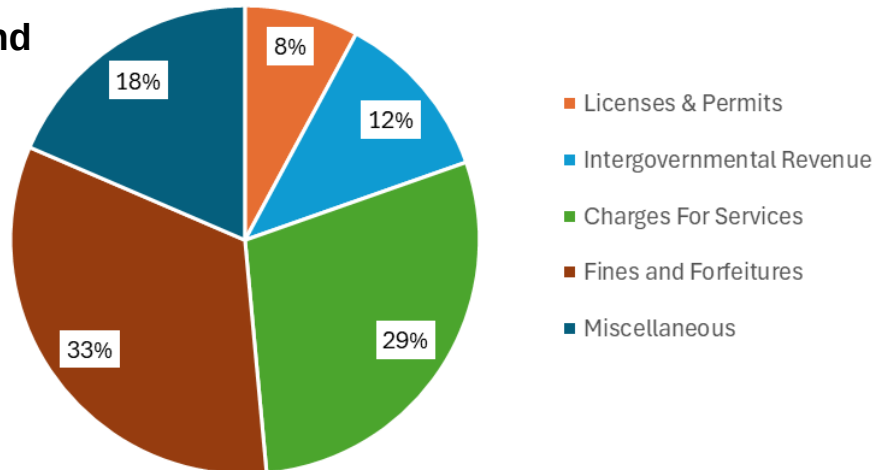
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Finance Department

DIRECTOR: MICHAEL VAUGHN

The Finance Department oversees all financial transactions and record-keeping for the City of Bethany and its associated trusts. This includes purchasing, accounts payable, utility billing, payroll, and accounts receivable. Finance Department personnel also play a major role in preparing the annual budget.

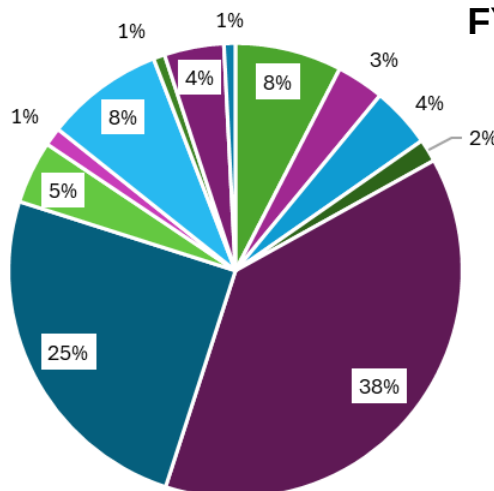
While Fiscal Year 2024 showed Sales and Use Tax growth, that growth was much smaller, reflecting the local economy levelling off. The City applied for and received additional grants for improvement projects, and many of the General Obligation Bond projects funded in the Fiscal Year were well under way – some nearing completion by the end of the year.

FY24 General Fund Revenue



- Management
- Finance
- Municipal Court
- Engineering
- Police
- Fire
- Community Development
- PW Admin
- Streets
- Fleet Maintenance
- Parks
- Contingency

FY24 General Fund Expenses

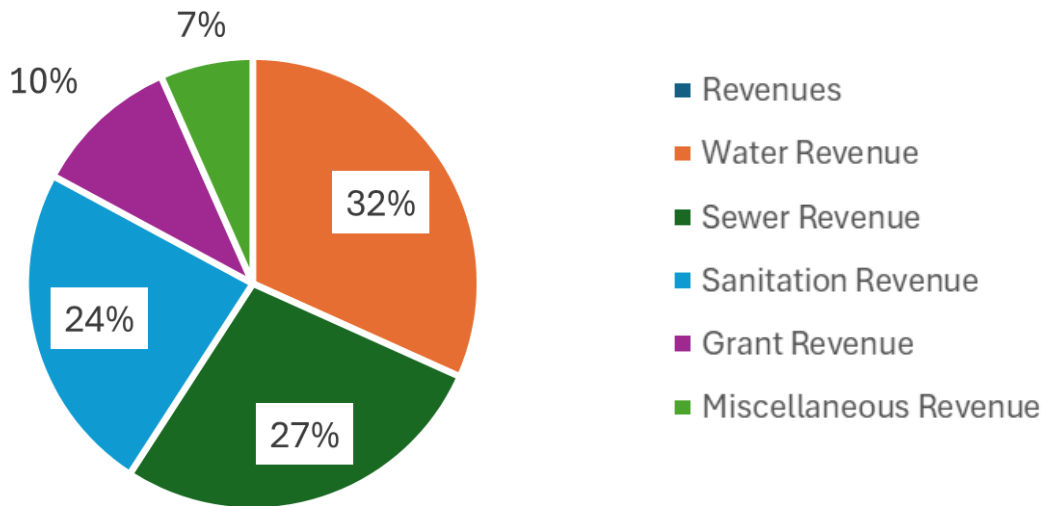


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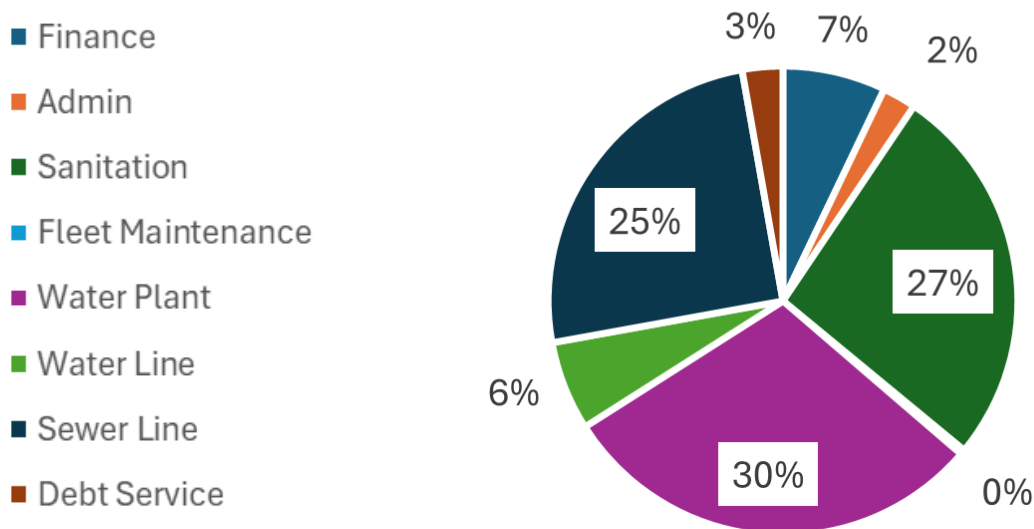
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Public Works Authority FY 24 Income



Public Works Authority FY24 Expenses



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DEPARTMENTAL FOCUS *Department of Human Resources*

DIRECTOR: LEASA FURR

Fiscal year 2023-2024 involved significant progress for the City of Bethany both internally and externally. The Department of Human Resources (HR) manages the internal affairs of the city to foster a positive and inclusive workplace culture.

These vital functions allow for city staff and officials to have a professional, stable, and safe environment to work. Advancing and expanding these efforts was made possible by providing city staff with employee safety training from OMAG, supervisory training, and basic employee training for new hires. HR also completed major overhauls of the city pay plan to allow more steps for years of service, and a new employee handbook. Furthermore, union negotiations were completed for unprecedented 2 year contracts that keep the best of the best employed by Bethany.

By investing in continuous learning and skill enhancement programs, employees were able to hone their expertise and contribute effectively to the growth and success of the City of Bethany.



By the numbers:

- 6 Retirements
- 103 Employee Evaluations Completed
- Flu Shot Clinic Hosted
- Quarterly Safety Training
- Benefits Enhanced
- Handbook and Pay Plan Review



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DEPARTMENTAL FOCUS

Planning & Community Development

DIRECTOR: BRETT CRECELIUS

Fiscal year 2023-2024 was an amazing year for Community Development! With the help of community partners and residents, we saw an incredible valuation of nearly \$150 million invested in our community. Over \$8.5 million of this investment comes to our community in the form of new or renovated residential dwellings. New retail business licensing has increased by 6% while the number of commercial remodel projects has increased by over 25%.



The Business and Construction Services division worked tirelessly to foster significant development in our community. The department issued 111 more business and contractor licenses than the previous year and completed over 1,000 inspections on building and renovation projects throughout the city.

By the numbers:

- **1,389** Notice of Violations Issued
- **2,064** Code Violations Identified
- **48** Incidents from Report-A-Concern
- **68** Abatements Completed
- **283** Building Permits Issued
- **694** Contractor Licenses Issued
- **130** New Business Licenses Issued
- **15** Planning Cases Heard
- **4** Board of Adjustment Cases Heard
- **16** Permitted Special Events
- Nearly **\$150 Million** of permitted work valuation



BEFORE CODE ENFORCEMENT ACTION



AFTER CODE ENFORCEMENT ACTION



Our Code Enforcement division took a large step forward in assisting the city in recovering costs. Not only did they work with homeowners to keep our community safe and healthy, they also increased our capacity by working with dilapidated structures. By working with these owners, and not against, they helped drive the \$8.5 million residential development in our community. Additionally, they have begun working alongside our Public Works department on structures with past due or service cutoff notices. They provide support for these building owners after Public Works has given them their due process and work to ensure recovery of costs from the city. In FY 23-24, Code Enforcement helped to recover approximately \$57,000 by working utility cut-off incidents.

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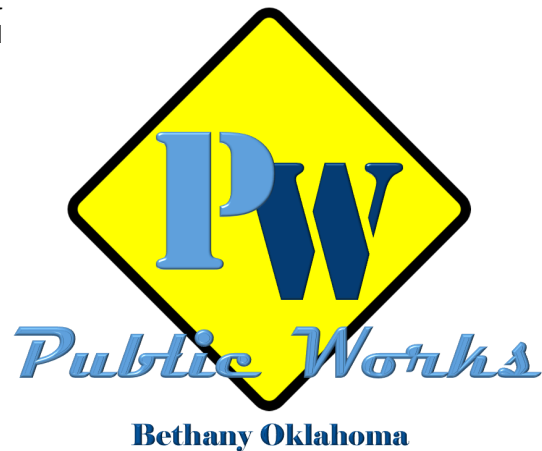
Public Works

DIRECTOR: PHIL STOWELL

The Department of Public Works encompasses eight departments (divisions) that provide infrastructure and quality of life services for the citizens of Bethany.

Divisions:

- Public Works Administration
- Fleet Maintenance
- Sanitation
- Street
- Park
- Water Treatment
- Water Distribution
- Waste Water Distribution



Public Works currently is budgeted with 45 full time positions. Public Works Administration is responsible for the work, information flow and oversight of all Divisions in the Public Works hierarchy. Administrative duties include fielding calls from citizens, service order generation, maintaining division and department workflows, establishing policies and procedures, project and personnel management. Public Works Administration has three employee positions.

The Sanitation Division provides trash pick up services for the city. These services include regular weekly pick up, scheduled pick up of large items and debris, **two** Bulk Trash pickup events, **two** Free Landfill Days a year, and Customer Convenience Roll-Offs located at the Public Works yard. The Sanitation Division has 13 employee positions. During Fiscal Year 2023-2024, sanitation services removed a total of **15,576.63 tons** of trash and debris from Bethany which included **829** completed service orders, **227** big hauls, and **264** green tags.



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Public Works

DIRECTOR: PHIL STOWELL



Fleet Maintenance keeps city vehicles and equipment running. Seventy-four vehicles and over 30 pieces of equipment are maintained by Fleet. This division has two employee positions. During FY 2023-2024, Fleet Maintenance completed **270** service orders.

The City of Bethany Street Division provides street, curb and sidewalk repairs, storm water system maintenance, street surface painting and striping, street and regulatory sign maintenance as well as street right of way and easement mowing. The Street Division has seven employee positions. During FY 2024 Street services put down **119.36 tons** of asphalt, **29 cubic yards** of concrete, and **22.71 tons** of cold patch, **2 miles** of driving surface restriping, and **12** intersection (crosswalks) restriped, regularly mowed **3.5 miles** of right-of-way and easements, completed **104** service orders, and replaced **42** street and traffic signs.

The Parks Division encompasses **12** city parks totaling over **106 acres**. Park personnel provided landscape and hardscape maintenance for the city parks, including the Bethany Cemetery, city facilities, and the center medians along 39th Expressway, maintained the municipal pool, Bulk Trash pickup, and completed **50** service orders. The Parks Division has a total of six employees, two of which are certified with the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture as Certified Pesticide Applicators.

Bethany's Water Treatment Plant creates quality water for citizens and monitors the city's water supply through stringent daily, monthly and annual testing procedures. The Water Treatment Plant is a 24-hour, 365 day a year operation and has nine employee positions. All personnel are certified through the Department of Environmental Quality. During Fiscal Year 2023-2024 the Water Treatment Plant produced an average of **1.4** million gallons of treated water per day. **Nine** daily water quality tests are ran along with additional **20** monthly tests, **two** quarterly tests, **four** annual tests, **one** biannual, and **one** three-year test. Bethany's water is tested for many things to ensure the safety of our citizens. During fiscal year 2023-2024, a total of **10,320,000** gallons of water was purchased from OKC.



Bethany's Water Distribution and Wastewater Distribution Divisions are collectively referred to as Utility Line Maintenance. Utility Line is responsible for maintenance and repairs to the city's water and sewer systems. The Water Distribution and Wastewater Distribution divisions each have two employees and both Divisions report to the Utility Line Supervisor. All personnel are certified through the Department of Environmental Quality. Duties of Utility Line Maintenance include water and sewer line assessments and repairs, water meter assessments and replacements, sewer lift station maintenance, manhole assessments and repairs, and storm sewer repairs. During Fiscal Year 2023-2024, **581** service orders were completed.

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DEPARTMENTAL FOCUS *Municipal Court*

DIRECTOR: STACI PECK

The Bethany Municipal Court provides a vital service for our partners in law enforcement. All Ordinance issues in Bethany are brought before the Municipal Court, including animal control, code enforcement, juvenile affairs, citizen complaints, and traffic violations that are misdemeanor crimes.

With the important function of preserving public safety, protecting the quality of life, and deterring future criminal behavior, the Municipal Court is an essential piece of the Judicial Branch.

Fiscal year 2023-2024 was a busy period for the Bethany Municipal Court. With nearly 5,000 officer citations issued, our team proudly took that challenge head-on and worked to provide exemplary service.

Additionally, more than half-a-million dollars in warrants were cleared by the municipal court, and almost twice that sum was issued by the court.



By the numbers:

- **4,631** Officer Citations Issued
- **60** Animal Control Citations Issued
- **99** Code Enforcement Citations Issued
- **5** Citations Issued by SNU
- **36** Arraignment Dockets
- **12** Juvenile Dockets
- **12** Citizen Complaint Dockets
- **12** Disposition Dockets
- **33** Cost Dockets
- **607** Warrants Issued

Financial Value:

- **\$682,432.62** in Warrants Issued
- **\$482,490.40** in Warrants Cleared
- **\$33,641.98** in Warrant Oklahoma Tax Intercept



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DEPARTMENTAL FOCUS *Police Department*

POLICE CHIEF: J.D. REID

Welcome to the Bethany Police Department! Our mission is to provide our community with the highest quality law enforcement services, ensuring that every citizen and visitor to our city enjoys a fantastic quality of life. We take pride in consistently delivering professionalism and exceptional customer service. We continuously improve our processes by prioritizing efficiency and employee performance, with a focus on achieving citizen satisfaction. Your dedicated team is committed to serving others and making Bethany an excellent place to live, work, and visit. It is our goal to provide the very best in law enforcement services for our community!



Type of calls for Service	FY2023	FY2024
Traffic stops	7,518	7,331
Arrests Made	739	515
Reports Taken	3,084	3,340
Non-Emergency Calls Received	27,134	24,436
911 Calls Received	14,112	17,242
Citations Issued	5,575	4,631
Warnings issued	2,073	1,383
Accident Non Injury	305	312
Accident Injury	65	58
Accident Fatal	1	1
Domestic Calls	376	381
Mental Health Calls	251	199
Property Crimes	855	635
Violent Crimes	221	142
DUIs	100	33
Total Calls for Service	17,353	17,641

Animal Welfare	2023*	2024*
Animal Welfare Calls	692	756
Animal Intakes	463	612
Animal Adoptions	182	222
Return to Owner		155
Transferred to Rescues		63

**Animal Welfare statistics are registered in the calendar year.*



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DEPARTMENTAL FOCUS

Fire Department

FIRE CHIEF: BRIAN MURRAY

The City of Bethany Fire Department was officially established in 1926. The department started with 16 volunteer firefighters and two hand pulled hose carts. Bethany Fire Department now consists of 23 total members including 21 suppression personnel and two administration personnel. Bethany Fire Department currently has a fleet consisting of two engines, one ladder truck, one brush pumper truck, and two command vehicles. Bethany Fire Department has a coverage of approximately five square miles and a population of just over 20,000.

Every year, Bethany Fire Department responds to more than 3,000 calls for service. The mission of the Bethany Fire Department is to improve every situation we encounter, whether an emergency or non-emergency, while maintaining the highest degree of kindness, professionalism, knowledge, and training for the citizens of Bethany.



A glimpse at our year:

- **70** Fire Incidents
- **2,334** Rescue & Emergency Medical Services
- **84** Hazardous Condition (no fire)
- **405** Service Calls
- **184** Good Intent Call
- **165** False Alarm & False Call
- **3,000+** Kids Educated in Fire Safety
- **2,000+** Hours of Department Training

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*A look ahead to
FY 2025...*

CITY MANAGER: ELIZABETH GRAY

Through GO Bond Projects and grant funding you will soon be enjoying more detours around reconstruction projects in Bethany throughout Fiscal Year 2025:

Many of our parks are receiving much needed restroom and pavilion upgrades, along with upgrades to our Animal Shelter facility.

Water and sewer projects are ongoing including:

- Major water plant upgrades (City, OK Homeland Securities, OWRB)
- Water meter replacements (ARPA/City)
- Wellfield rehabilitation (ARPA/City)
- Sewer line replacement on NW 30th and Wilburn (City funded)
- Two-inch water line replacement NW 34th from Holloway to Mueller (CDBG/City)
- New sewer lift station at NW 25th and Shannon with a grant through Congresswoman Stephanie Bice's office
- Various sewer projects are planned to include sewer line replacements and sewer lift stations. These are being funded by ARPA, federal designation, and City funds.



Pavement Reconstruction at:

- NW 30th Street from Rockwell to Peniel (GO Bond)
- Peniel from NW 39th Expressway to NW 42nd Street (GO Bond)

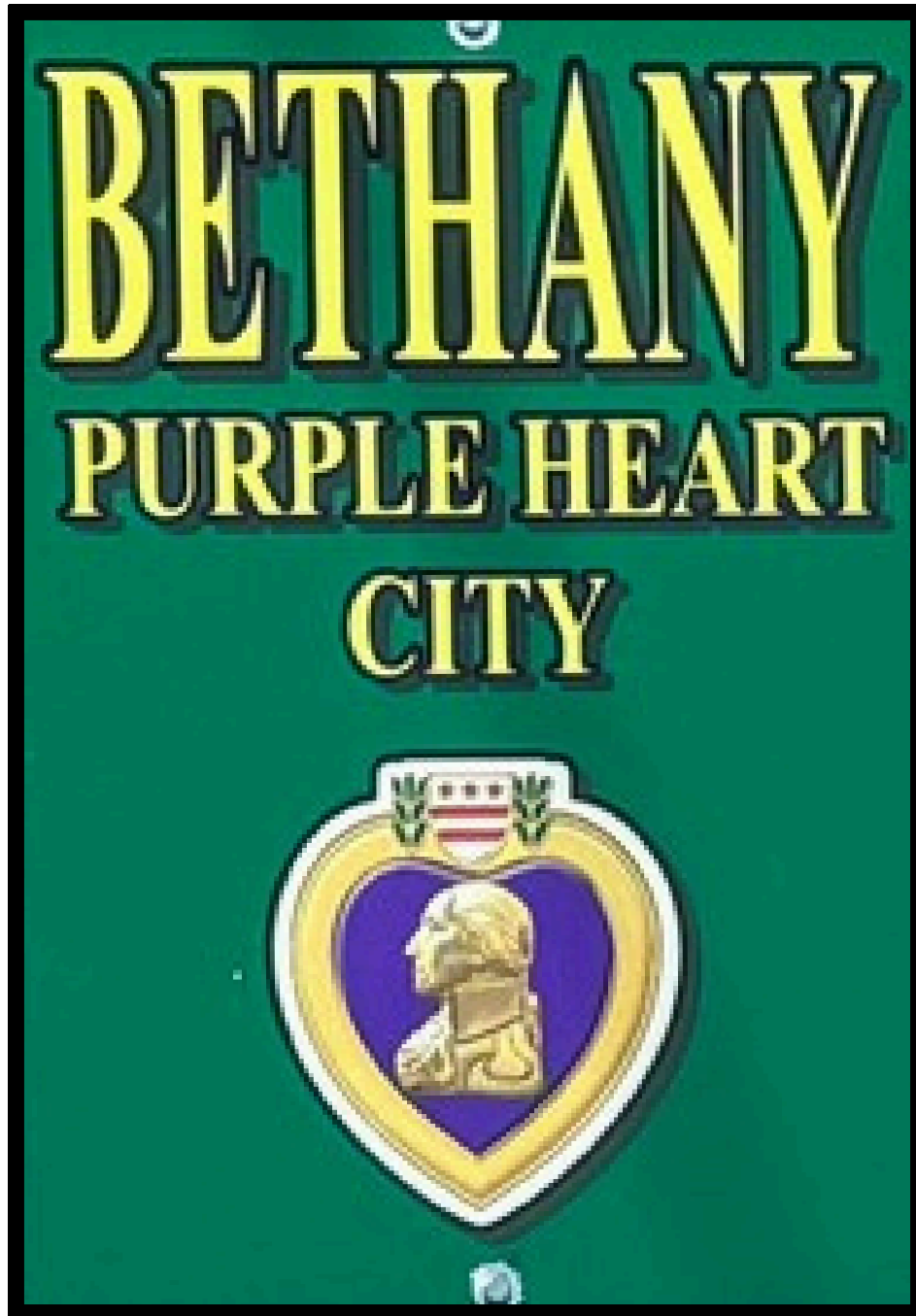
New sidewalks on NW 34th from College to Peniel (County ARPA).

Sidewalks through a 3-way partnership between Southern Nazarene University, Bethany Public Schools and the City of Bethany to be located at:

- NW 43rd-Asbury to College
- N Mueller- NW 43rd to NW 44th
- N. Mueller- South of NW 42nd

This is but a glance at what is happening in Bethany. For a more comprehensive look at projects, events, sanitation schedules and more, please visit our website at www.cityofbethany.org or visit our Facebook page. Important news and information can also be found in our periodic annual newsletters, utility bills, and Cox channel 20.

This is a great time to be in Bethany, Oklahoma!



**April 2024-Purple Heart City
sign unveiled on Hwy 66.**