



# CITY OF EUREKA

## NEWSLETTER

### FEBRUARY 2010

"Proud Past - Promising Future"

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		<b>Chamber Website: <a href="http://www.eurekachamber.org">www.eurekachamber.org</a></b>	

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#### CANDIDATES IN APRIL 6TH ELECTION

As of January 19th, the official filing deadline, the candidates in the order in which they filed are as follows: Aldermen; Ward I-Robert Berry (unopposed), Ward II-Steven Lieser and Robert Kee, and Ward III-Don Beckerle (unopposed).

The election will be held on Tuesday, April 6th. To vote in the upcoming election, residents must be registered by March 10th. You may register at City Hall, 938-5233; Eureka Hills Library, 938-4520; and all Rockwood Schools, 938-2200.

#### WHEELED RECYCLING CARTS

The City will be distributing 65 gallon wheeled recycling carts with lids to each household next month. Funding for these containers was made possible by grants from the St. Louis County Health Department and St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District. The footprint of the new container at it's largest point is about 60 percent greater than that of the recycling bin you now use, yet it has 300 - 400 percent more capacity. The new recycling carts will be distributed the day following your regular trash day the week of March 15th. Please leave the old recycling bins out for collection at that time. In the event that you do not wish to utilize the recycling cart that is delivered to you, call City Hall or send an e-mail to [nkoebel@eureka.mo.us](mailto:nkoebel@eureka.mo.us) and we will pick it up and return a small recycling bin. Those of you who are served by a small recycling truck will continue to use the smaller bins as the new recycling carts require a specially equipped larger truck to empty them.

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

This position is responsible for performing economic development research and related activities, including commercial and industrial attraction and retention. This includes strategic planning, working with existing businesses and industries, meeting with business leaders, making recommendations, public relations and other related duties. Starting salary is \$55,000.00, plus benefits. The job description including minimum qualifications is available on the City's website at [www.eureka.mo.us](http://www.eureka.mo.us) under "Employment Opportunities" or at City Hall during business hours.

#### UPCOMING C.E.R.T. TRAINING PROGRAMS

The Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) is made up of volunteers that have completed a course of study outlined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Department of Homeland Security (DHS). This program is conducted to train communities in providing assistance to fire, police, and medical professionals following a major disaster. The training consists of disaster preparedness, fire suppression, medical operation, light search and rescue operations, psychology and team organization, and disaster simulation. The classes are scheduled throughout February and March. For additional information and/or reservations, please call Police Chief Michael Wiegand at 938-6600.

#### PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK PROGRAM

This drug program is provided by law enforcement agencies within the Rockwood School District community and in cooperation with the Rockwood Drug Free Coalition. The purpose of the program is to increase awareness of prescription and over-the-counter drug abuse issues facing our area's youth and to help eliminate prescription drugs that are no longer being used. The program provides a place for residents to safely and legally dispose of prescription drugs that are no longer needed. The Eureka Police Department will be collecting these drugs on February 20th and April 17th from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at 120 City Hall Drive. For additional information contact the Eureka Police Department at 636-938-6600.

#### CITIZEN TAX ASSISTANCE & BENEFITS

For senior citizens who qualify for the Missouri "Circuit Breaker" Program, free trash service and reduced water and sewer rates can be obtained by furnishing City Hall with a copy of your 2009 Form MO-PTC or Form MO-PTS tax return. Please be advised that even those who do not file a tax return may qualify for the "Circuit Breaker" Program. If you need assistance with the "Circuit Breaker" Program or have tax filing questions, for taxpayers age 60 and older, contact Jim Terry with AARP at 636-671-6269.

## **BOARD OF ALDERMEN ACTION**

Adopted Ordinance No. 2108 approving the Legends Corporate Center Plat III Subdivision Final Plat.

Resolution No. 1-5-10-1 was passed and approved authorizing the City's participation in a joint EECBG application relating to an energy grant with the City of Creve Coeur which is serving as the lead applicant.

Approved a petition from Charles Wilken for a Special Use Permit to provide automobile repair services and a display lot for the retail sale of used motor vehicles including activities incidental to this use on property located at 212 South Virginia Avenue.

Approved a petition from Burger King for a Special Use Permit for a fast food restaurant with drive-through service on property located at 235 West Fifth Street (new ownership).

### **UTILITY STUBS**

Just a reminder when paying your utility bill, please enclose the upper portion with your payment to assist the Utility Clerk when crediting your account.

### **TRASH FEE**

As you may have noticed, the February utility bill reflects an increase from \$20.03 to \$21.43 for trash, recycling, yard and bulky waste collection for 2010. This annual increase is included in the current contract with IESI which extends from 2009-2013.

### **MIDWEST'S LARGEST GARAGE SALE AND SWAP MEET**

The Eureka Chamber of Commerce will host their Third Annual Garage Sale and Swap Meet on Saturday, March 20th from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Six Flags parking lot. The event is open to the public. Admission is \$1.00 per vehicle which benefits the Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Fund. If you would like additional information, please contact the Chamber at 938-6062 or you may visit their website at [www.eurekachamber.org](http://www.eurekachamber.org)

### **2010 CENSUS**

The Census Bureau has launched a massive field operation to kick off the 2010 Census. More than 140,000 temporary Census Bureau workers are now verifying addresses across the Nation. Address verification is a critically important step to ensure that every housing unit receives a census questionnaire in March, 2010. With this operation, the representatives will go door-to-door verifying addresses and inquiring about housing units. All information collected, including addresses, is kept confidential and protected. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share respondents' answers with any other government agency. The workers will not be in uniforms but will have official identification.

### **TRASH GUIDELINES**

The City has been put on notice by the trash hauler that a number of residents are putting out large quantities of construction materials or materials that result from home remodeling projects and as these items are not by-products of normal household waste, they will no longer be included in our weekly pickups. Our trash contract states that items to be picked up must be from normal household waste and construction materials do not fall within this category. You may contact IESI or a hauler of your choice to arrange for the pickup of these items. Depending on the nature of the project and volume of material, a construction dumpster may be required.

Please note that trash containers are required to be leakproof, waterproof, fitted with a fly-tight lid and properly covered. All trash is to be bagged and placed in containers. Recently the City has been notified by the trash hauler that residents are not putting lids on their trash containers and the snow and rain are getting into the containers making them too heavy to pick up and at times the contents are freezing, making it difficult and sometimes impossible to remove without damaging the containers. Properly covered containers not only prevent the rain and snow from collecting but prevent loose items from blowing into the streets and yards and also prevent animals from tearing open the bags. The trash hauler will not be responsible for picking up items spread about when the containers are not properly covered nor will they be responsible for emptying items frozen to the container.

Cardboard boxes must be broken down for recycling. Styrofoam is not recyclable and must be included with your regular trash. Please make sure that Styrofoam packing peanuts are placed in plastic bags and tied securely so they do not blow all over the neighborhood.

### **2010 HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Applications are being accepted for the St. Louis County Community Development Block Grant money awarded to the City of Eureka for home improvements. The purpose of this program is to provide financial assistance to low/moderate income homeowners with home repairs which will correct Code violations and safety hazards. If you have any such projects and feel you could possibly qualify, please contact Rose Loehr at 314-615-4025 for additional information and an application.

### **BUILDING PERMITS**

Residents are reminded to apply for building permits whenever new construction or enlargements of existing structures are planned such as room additions, decks, a basement finish, etc. An application is also required when erecting a fence. In addition to building permits and fence applications, some subdivisions regulate the installation of fencing, satellite dishes, swimming pools, or the construction of freestanding buildings. Building and site plan requirements vary with each type of construction. If you are in doubt as to whether a permit is needed, please contact City Hall at 938-5233. Also, check your subdivision regulations to determine if your subdivision restricts what you propose to build.

### **ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST**

The Eureka Masons are hosting a breakfast Sunday, March 7th from 7:00-11:00 a.m. at the Masonic Lodge (across from the Farmers and Merchants Bank). Adults are \$6.00, children are \$3.00 (ages 5 and under are free). Eggs, bacon, sausage, ham, pancakes, home fries and biscuits and gravy will be served.