



CITY OF EUREKA NEWSLETTER

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WHEELED RECYCLING CARTS

The City will be distributing new 65 gallon wheeled recycling carts to each household **the day after your regular trash day** the week beginning March 15th. Please leave your old recycling bin out for collection at that time, if you wish to receive a new container. If you do not leave your bin out for pickup we will not leave the toter. If after using the recycling cart, you decide you do not wish to keep it, call City Hall or send an e-mail to nkobel@eureka.mo.us and we will pick it up and return the 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. Funding for these containers was made possible by grants from the St. Louis County Health Department and St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District.

TOWN HALL MEETING

The Mayor is hosting a Town Hall Meeting, Monday, April 26th at 6:30 p.m. at the pavilion adjacent to the Community Center in Legion Park. In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be held in the Community Center. Complimentary food and beverages will be served followed by a presentation. This is your opportunity to have questions answered and become more informed about the latest plans for the City.

WEED VIOLATIONS

All weeds or vegetation which have attained a height of 12 inches or more, growing or existing upon land within the City, with the exception of land used for farming or gardening purposes, are considered a public nuisance and prohibited per Ordinance No. 862. Whenever private property abuts a public right-of-way or easement which consists of a tree, lawn or grassy area between the private property line and the edge of the street pavement, landowners are responsible for maintaining the grassy area up to the edge of the street pavement, as noted in Ordinance No. 993. As a result of a Municipal Code amendment, only one (1) notice of violation will be sent in a single calendar year, no subsequent notices will be given and all penalties will be immediately imposed seven (7) calendar days from the date of receipt per Ordinance No. 2058. Failure to comply with such notice will result in a summons being issued, and upon conviction, shall be subject to penalties as provided for in the ordinance including any fees associated with the removal of the weeds by the City. To report weed violations, call the Weed Violation Line at 938-5233 (Ext. 120).

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 under "Employment Opportunities" or at City Hall during business hours.

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 Eureka Police Department will be collecting these drugs on April 17th from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at 120 City Hall Drive. For additional locations and information, please contact the Police Department at 636-938-6600.

SANITARY SEWER BLOCKAGES

We have, on occasion, encountered problems with grease deposits causing blockages in our sanitary sewer system and would like to remind commercial and residential customers to dispose of grease properly and avoid pouring it down the drain as it hardens over time and becomes lodged in the line causing backups and problems at the treatment facility.

SANITARY SEWER BACKUP INSURANCE

As a reminder, residents need to protect themselves against potential sanitary sewer backups. Residents should check with their insurance carriers regarding sewer backups to see if a rider is required for coverage. The City is not liable for these occurrences; therefore, individual coverage is needed.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN ACTION

Adopted the following as Ordinances:

- No. 2109 - Authorizing the annexation of Route 66 State Park into the City limits.
- No. 2110 - Entering into a contract with St. Louis County for Mosquito Control Services.
- No. 2111 - Authorizing the renewal of an agreement with St. Louis County for the provision of Police Communications Services.

Resolution No. 2-2-10-1 - An Anti-fraud and Corruption Policy was passed and adopted.

NATIONAL POLICE K-9 WORKSHOP

The Eureka Police Department will be hosting the North American Police Work Dog Association National Workshop, April 30th-May 7th at Six Flags St. Louis. The event is the largest Police K-9 event held annually with over 200 of the top Police K-9 teams. There will be a public demonstration at Eureka High School on Thursday, May 6th at 7:00 p.m. The demonstration is free and will provide the public with an opportunity to watch some of the best Police K-9 teams from across the country.

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. - 1:00 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

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.

CENSUS SATELLITE OFFICE

A Census representative will be available at City Hall for on-site visits from March 19th-April 19th on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 a.m - 3:00 p.m. to answer questions you may have regarding the 2010 Census.

BEWARE OF 2010 CENSUS SCAMS

The Census happens every ten years but a lot has changed since 2000, especially the tactics used by scam artists. The census form you will receive will ask ten simple questions, no more. No one will ask for personal financial data. Census workers will knock on the door of every household from April-July that does not mail back a completed form. Census workers carry official badges and will only ask you the questions that appear on the census form. Census takers will never contact you by e-mail, solicit for donations or ask for your social security number, bank account number, or credit card numbers.

TORNADO AWARENESS MONTH

Keep alert by listening to NOAA Weather Radio or the commercial media for the latest weather information. People in the path of the storm should take immediate lifesaving action. In schools, hospitals, factories, shopping centers and other public places, move to designated shelter areas; interior hallways on the lowest level are best. Stay away from windows and out of auditoriums, gymnasiums, or structures with large free span roofs. Do not try to outrun a tornado in a vehicle. Abandon your vehicle, if necessary, and lay face down in a nearby ditch or depression and cover your head.

SIREN WARNING SYSTEM

The St. Louis County Police Department, Office of Emergency Management, operates the largest outdoor warning system controlled from a single point in the United States. There are 211 radio-controlled sirens under a constant preventive maintenance program. Sirens are tested on the first Monday of each month, unless there is inclement weather. Remember that these are "outdoor" warning sirens and may not always be heard within buildings, hence the need for tone-alert weather radios. If you hear a siren, listen to a weather radio, AM radio station or television for details and expiration of the event. If you have questions regarding the system, contact the Office of Emergency Management at 314-628-5400.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

SATURDAY, MARCH 20TH - CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER

The Wednesday Club will sponsor a Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on Saturday, March 20th from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Eureka Community Center. The cost is \$10.00 for adults, and \$5.00 for children 10 and under. Carry-outs are available for \$10.00. All proceeds will support the Eureka Food Pantry. Donations of canned goods will be accepted at the door. For tickets and additional information, please call Sharon Patton at 636-795-8233 or any Wednesday Club member.

SUNDAY, APRIL 4TH - ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST

The Eureka Masons are hosting a breakfast Sunday, April 4th 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.

SATURDAY, APRIL 10TH - ECO-ART EXHIBITION AND GREEN LIVING EXPO

St. Louis Community College is sponsoring an Eco-Art Exhibition and Green Living Expo on Saturday, April 10th beginning at noon until 3:00 p.m. at their Wildwood Campus located at 2645 Generations Drive. This event will feature local and regional talent and is open to the public. For additional information, please contact Debbie at 636-422-2241.

FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, APRIL 9TH - MAY 1ST - LIONS BAR-B-QUE

The West St. Louis County Lions Club is hosting their annual Bar-B-Que every Friday and Saturday April 9th through the weekend of May 1st. The stand will be open from 10:30 a.m. until sundown (or until sold out) and is located at Hwy. 109 and Central Avenue on the spur. Proceeds will benefit Lions Eyecare, EHS Scholarships, youth and community projects. The dinners/sandwiches include pork steaks, pork ribs, brats, and chicken. For lunch delivery on Fridays for orders of five or more, call 314-807-1348 by 10:30 a.m. Carry-out service is also available. This is a major fundraiser for the Lions.