



CITY OF EUREKA NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2015

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

City offices will be closed on Friday, December 25th, and Friday, January 1st, in observance of the Christmas and New Year's holidays. The entire City staff extends best wishes to you and your family for a happy holiday season. City offices will also be closed on Monday, January 18th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

TRASH AND RECYCLING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

In observance of the Christmas and New Year's holidays, service days on Friday, December 25th and Friday, January 1st of the holiday weeks will be changed from their scheduled days to the following days. If your service is normally scheduled for Friday, Friday's pickup will be on Saturday. The trash collection during the week of January 18th will remain unchanged, due to the fact that the trash hauler does not observe Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

CANDIDATE FILING - APRIL 2016 ELECTION

Filing for Aldermanic positions in Wards 1, 2 and 3 for the April 5, 2016 election will open at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 and close at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 19, 2016. The minimum age is 18 for an Aldermanic position. Candidates may file for office at City Hall during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. For additional information, please contact City Clerk Ralph Lindsey.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

There are a number of severe weather hazards that affect Missouri, including thunderstorms, tornadoes, lightning, floods and flash floods, damaging winds and large hail, snow and ice. Severe weather hazards have the potential to cause extensive property damage, injury and/or death. The National Weather Service and the American Red Cross have developed Emergency Preparedness Guides, which contain information about winter weather terms and tips for staying safe at home, in the car and at work or school.

Emergency preparedness is no longer the sole concern of earthquake prone Californians and those who live in the part of the country known as "Tornado Alley". Knowing what to do during an emergency is an important part of being prepared and may make all the difference when seconds count. Go to www.ready.gov for preparedness tips.

HOME SAFETY TIPS

The high cost of home heating fuels and utilities has caused many people to search for alternate sources of heating. The following is a list of things to help prevent potential fire hazards:

- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Never allow children to play near any heating source such as a fireplace or space heater.
- Have your chimney inspected and cleaned annually by a certified chimney professional and use a metal mesh screen when in use.
- Have a fire extinguisher available.
- Store fuels in proper containers keeping them out of the reach of children and away from combustibles.
- Teach young children that hot things can burn them.

In at least 23% of all fatal residential fires no smoke alarms were present. Keep your family safe by installing a smoke and carbon monoxide alarm on every level of your home and inside bedrooms. If your bedrooms are on an upper level, you may want to purchase an emergency escape ladder. In addition, have an escape plan ready and practice it on a regular basis.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN ACTION

Adopted the following by Ordinance:

- Amending the Municipal Code regarding Residential and Multiple-family Interior Inspections.
- Authorizing entering into a Contract Extension for City-Wide Residential Trash Collection Services with Progressive Waste Solutions.

Resolution No. 11-17-15-1 amending the Cafeteria Plan of the City was passed and approved.

Granted approval of the following petition:

- Jason Strotheide, representing Noah's Arc Foundation - Missouri, for a Special Use Permit for a greenhouse to be located at 18675 U.S. Highway 66.

SNOW REMINDER

During winter storms, it is a great help to the City's Public Works Department if vehicles are parked in driveways. City snowplow crews are able to do a more thorough job if they do not have to plow around parked vehicles on streets.

LIVE CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

All decorations (including tinsel) should be removed for Christmas tree disposal after the holidays. Do not place trees in plastic bags. It is not necessary to cut and bundle Christmas trees for pickup.

ADDRESS NUMBERS

Just a reminder, as required by City Code, all residential property located within the City limits shall have address numbers, a minimum height of 4", affixed to your residence or placed on the property so as to be clearly visible by emergency and City vehicles from the street in front of the residence.

THEFT PROTECTION MEASURES

Garages may be entered via garage door openers left in unlocked vehicles and through unlocked doors allowing items to be stolen while you are sleeping. Be sure to lock your vehicles and remove valuable items and close and lock garage doors. If you witness any suspicious activity, please call the Police Department at 938-6600.

RECYCLING

Waste reduction has many environmental benefits. Recycling, including composting, diverts millions of tons of material away from landfills annually. Recycling prevents the emission of many greenhouse gases and water pollutants, saves energy, supplies valuable raw materials to industry, creates jobs, stimulates the development of greener technologies, conserves resources for our children's future and reduces the need for new landfills and combustors. For a list of recyclable items, you may access the City's website under Resident Information (Guide to Local Services, Pages 16-17) or for those of you who do not have Internet access, you may call City Hall.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY RULES

Just a reminder when walking or riding bicycles along thoroughfares - the rule of thumb when walking is to always walk facing the oncoming traffic. However, when riding a bicycle, you should be traveling in the same direction as the traffic flow. In both instances wear light colored clothing and reflective material during the evening hours.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

NOW THROUGH SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19TH - CHRISTMAS TREE LOT

Eureka Boy Scout Troop 322 is once again having their Christmas tree lot in the parking lot of the Wal-Mart Supercenter. The hours of operation are Monday - Friday 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. This fundraiser event supports community service activities, youth leadership training and scouting programs.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2ND - ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST

The Eureka Masons are hosting a breakfast the first Saturday of each month from 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at the Masonic Lodge (across from Farmers and Merchants Bank). Adults are \$7.00, children are \$3.00 (ages 5 and under are free). Eggs, bacon, sausage, French toast, pancakes, home fries and biscuits and gravy will be served.