



CITY OF EUREKA NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2016

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HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City offices will be closed Monday, February 15th in observance of Presidents' Day. The trash collection during this week will remain unchanged, due to the fact that the trash hauler does not observe this holiday.

PROPOSITION ON APRIL 5TH BALLOT

On April 5th residents will be given the opportunity to decide whether the City will continue to apply and collect local sales tax on titling of motor vehicles, trailers, boats and outboard motors that were purchased from a source other than a licensed Missouri dealer. Rejection of this measure will result in a reduction of local revenue to provide for vital services for the City and it will place Missouri dealers of motor vehicles, trailers, boats and outboard motors at a competitive disadvantage to non-Missouri dealers of motor vehicles, trailers, boats and outboard motors.

SEWER RATES

Based on the City's sewer rate structure, your annually adjusted rate may change based upon your January, 2016 water usage. The new sewer rate will appear on your March, 2016 utility bill and will remain at that rate for a 12 month period.

TRASH CONTRACT EXTENSION

Pursuant to a recent agreement with Progressive Waste Solutions, the City's trash contract has been renewed for one (1) year with the rate remaining at \$25.03 for trash, recycling, yard, "white goods" and bulky waste collection.

TRASH COLLECTION NOTE

On extremely windy days, the City often receives calls regarding trash and recyclable materials blowing out of the containers and being scattered throughout the neighborhood. Please note that trash containers are required to be leakproof, waterproof and properly covered with a fly-tight lid. At times the problem is caused by trash that is not placed in trash bags allowing loose items to blow away when the containers are emptied. Fortunately, new recycling technologies allow the use of 14 or 30 gallon kitchen trash bags to contain recyclable materials as long as the bags are tied to secure the contents. The City encourages the use and placement of such bags inside or on top of the recyclable cart or bin (so the trash hauler knows they contain recyclables versus household trash), thus avoiding loose materials from blowing in the wind.

TRASH COLLECTION APPOINTMENT

Please remember that major appliances, which include "white goods" such as water heaters, washers, dryers, etc., require an appointment for pick up. Bulky waste includes any item, except major appliances, generated from normal household operation. Bulky waste includes furniture, small appliances, rugs, etc., but excludes tires and car parts. If an individual bulky waste item weighs more than seventy-five (75) pounds, or is of such an irregular size or shape so as to impede lifting or placement for removal without special service, an appointment may be required. We suggest you call Progressive Waste Solutions (636-321-2100) to see if an appointment is necessary for such items before placing them at the curb.

TOTER PLACEMENT GUIDELINES

When possible, please place toters at least three (3) feet away from other carts or objects, including mailboxes or parked cars and make sure the handles face toward your residence so the mechanical arm on the truck can automatically pick them up and set them down safely.

PARKING IN CUL-DE-SACS

If you live in an area where vehicles are being parked in the cul-de-sac on days scheduled for trash pick up, your trash will not be picked up until the next regularly scheduled day for pick up when the cul-de-sac is free of vehicles or the containers are brought to the public street.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN ACTION

Adopted the following by Ordinance:

- Providing for the vacation and granting of certain utility easements.

Resolution No. 12-1-15-1 authorizing submitting an application for funding under the Municipal Parks Grant Program was passed and approved.

PET REGULATIONS

It is unlawful for any person owning, controlling, possessing or having the management or care, in whole or in part, of any dog or cat to permit the animal to go off the premises of the owner or keeper thereof, unless it is securely tied or led by a line or leash of a length of no more than six (6) feet. All dogs and cats four (4) months or older shall be vaccinated against rabies, and wear a current rabies registration and vaccination tag. All female dogs must be kept securely confined in an enclosed place while in heat. As of January 2, 2007 it is no longer permissible to keep an American Pit Bull Terrier or American Pit Bull Terrier cross-breed within the City limits. This prohibition is not applicable to such dogs being kept within the City prior to this date. For pet registration, vaccinations, animal bites, and stray dogs and cats, please call St. Louis County Animal Control at 314-615-0650.

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.

HOME OCCUPATION REGULATIONS

A home occupation is a permitted use in all residential zoning districts and residentially utilized structures located in other zoning districts. As is required by ordinance, a business license must be obtained prior to the business commencing operation. Before a business license can be issued, an agreement must be executed acknowledging that the applicant has read, fully understands and agrees to comply with the provisions for a home occupation. If you wish to operate a home-based business, please contact City Hall as there are additional requirements.

WATER PRESSURE REGULATORS

It is recommended that a periodic inspection and testing be performed for those of you who have water pressure regulators installed in your home to help ensure they remain in good working order. A malfunctioning water pressure regulator may result in low household water pressure or high pressure which could potentially damage your fixtures and/or appliances affixed to water lines.

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 2015 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. AARP Tax-Aide is the nation's largest, free, volunteer run tax assistance and preparation service available to taxpayers with low to moderate income with special attention to those age 60 and older. Taxpayers with complex tax returns are advised to seek paid tax assistance. You do not need to be a member of AARP or a retiree to use this service. If you need assistance with the "Circuit Breaker" Program or have tax filing questions, please call the AARP Tax-Aide helpline at 314-525-1660.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31ST - ITALIAN SAUSAGE DINNER

The Eureka-Pacific Elks are hosting an Italian Sausage Dinner on Sunday, January 31st from 12:00 Noon until 3:00 p.m. at the Elks Lodge (corner of West First Street and North Central Avenue). The cost of the dinner is \$10.00 which includes a beverage. Carry-out service is also available. For additional information you may call the Lodge at 938-6720.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31ST - EUREKA UNITED METHODIST MEN'S CHILI COOK-OFF

A Chili Cook-off is being held on Sunday, January 31st at 5:00 p.m. at The Timbers Recreation Center (doors open at 4:00 p.m. to allow contestants time to set up). The entry fee is \$10.00. 100% of the proceeds go to the Eureka Food Pantry. Canned goods are appreciated to help replenish the food pantry shelves. Over 150 families in the area depend on our pantry. If you are interested in participating, please call Ken at 314-791-6464 or 938-6377.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH - 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.