



CITY OF EUREKA NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2016

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APRIL 5TH ELECTION CANDIDATES

As of the official filing deadline, the following individuals are seeking elective office: Aldermen; Ward I Candidate - Bob Berry (unopposed), Ward II Candidate - Marilyn Leistner (unopposed), Ward III Candidate - Don Beckerle (unopposed). The election will be held on Tuesday, April 5th. To vote in the upcoming election, one must be registered by March 9th. You may register at City Hall; 938-5233, Eureka Hills Library; 314-994-3300 and all Rockwood Schools; 636-733-2000.

PROPOSITION B

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.

FORBY ROAD PHASE III AND ALT ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

Within the next few to several months, the City's contractor will be commencing work on the third phase of the Forby Road project, which also includes the portion of Alt Road located in our City limits. This grant driven project will be similar to previous phases in that there will be pavement rehabilitation, some alignment adjustments, curblin storm water improvements and a multi-purpose trail. Some tree and brush clearing has taken place and will continue over the next few months in connection with utility pole relocations necessary to accommodate the improvements. Later this spring, the City's contractor will commence subsurface roadbed work and the project components. There will be some short-term detours during certain phases of the project. The detour routes and approximate schedule and durations of such will be referenced in an upcoming newsletter, at which time exhibits depicting the routes will be shared on the City's website, with a printed version being made available for viewing at City Hall.

2016 HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Applications are being accepted for the St. Louis County Community Development Block Grant money awarded to the City for home improvements. The purpose of this program is to provide financial assistance to low or 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 Debbie at 314-615-4025.

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.

BUILDING PERMITS

A building permit is required 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 City building permits and fence applications, some subdivisions regulate the installation of fencing, satellite dishes, swimming pools or the construction of freestanding buildings. Please check your subdivision indentures to determine if your subdivision restricts what you propose to build. Building and site plan requirements vary with each type of construction. If you are in doubt as to whether a permit is needed, please call City Hall at 938-5233.

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.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN ACTION

Adopted the following by Ordinance:

- Approving the Legends Terrace Apartment Subdivision Final Plat.
- Approving the Eden Community Church Subdivision Final Plat located at 555 Brewster Road.
- Approving the Eureka Commercial Park Outlot A Resubdivision Final Plat located at 108 Workman Court.
- Approving the Six Flags - Brewster Lot Split Final Plat located at 501 Brewster Road.
- Amending the Municipal Code relating to the Minimum Lot Size for Churches in Single-family Zoning Districts.
- Authorizing entering into an Athletic Fields Lease Agreement with the Eureka Sports Association.
- Authorizing entering into a Facility Lease Agreement with the Eureka Chamber of Commerce.
- Amending the Municipal Code changing the Parking Provisions within Berry Park.
- Authorizing entering into an Agreement with DG2 Design for Landscape Architectural Services.
- Authorizing Proposition B for the April 5th General Election.

Resolution No. 1-5-16-1 adopting St. Louis Regional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan was passed and approved.

Resolution No. 12-15-15-1 amending the 2014-15 Budget was passed and approved.

TRASH GUIDELINE REMINDER

Occasionally large quantities of construction materials or materials from home remodeling projects are put out for trash pickup. As these items are not normal household waste, they are not included in your weekly trash pickup. 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 Progressive Waste Solutions or a hauler of your choice to arrange for the pickup of these items for an additional fee. Depending on the type or volume of waste, a construction dumpster may be required.

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.

IRS TELEPHONE SCAM

An aggressive and sophisticated phone scam targeting taxpayers has been making the rounds. Callers claim to be employees of the IRS. They sound very convincing and use fake names and false IRS identification badge numbers. They may know information about their targets, and usually alter the caller ID to make it look like the IRS is calling. Victims are told they owe money to the IRS and it must be paid promptly through a pre-loaded debit card or wire transfer. If the victim refuses to cooperate, they are then threatened with arrest or suspension of a business or driver's license. If the phone isn't answered, the callers often leave an "urgent" call back request. The IRS will never call to demand immediate payment without first mailing a bill and giving you a chance to question or appeal the amount. They will never require a specific payment method or ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone and will never threaten to bring in local police or other law enforcement groups to have you arrested. On some occasions, the victims may also be told they are due a refund to trick them into sharing private information. Contact the U.S. Treasury Department at www.treasury.gov/tigta to report fraudulent calls.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

NOW THROUGH MARCH 25TH - SACRED HEART PARISH FISH FRY

The Sacred Heart Parish is hosting their annual fish fry every Friday through March 25th from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Meals are available for dine in or carry out. Prices are \$10.00 for a large plate and \$8.00 for a small plate (carry-outs available only for \$10.00 large plate). For additional information, please visit their website at www.sacredhearteureka.org or call 938-5048.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5TH - 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 and 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.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5TH - ANNUAL SWAP MEET/GARAGE SALE

The Eureka Chamber of Commerce will host their 9th Annual Swap Meet /Garage Sale on Saturday, March 5th from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on the Six Flags parking lot. The event is open to the public. Before February 26th the vendor fee is \$35.00, between February 29th through March 5th it is \$50.00. The food vendor fee is \$40.00 (St. Louis County Health Permit is required). Admission is \$5.00 per vehicle. If you would like additional information, you may visit their website at www.eurekachamber.org or call the Chamber at 938-6062.