



CITY OF EUREKA NEWSLETTER MARCH 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, you must have registered by March 9th.

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. Approval of this measure will allow the City to continue to receive revenue which funds vital services and will not place Missouri dealers at a competitive disadvantage to out-of-state dealers.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - RECORDS CLERK

The City is accepting applications for the full-time position of Records Clerk. There is no application deadline and interviews will be conducted periodically until the position is filled. Relevant experience is preferred. The starting salary is \$28,500.00 plus excellent benefits. An application and job description are available from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Police Department, 120 City Hall Drive, Eureka, MO 63025 and on the City's website at www.eureka.mo.us. Direct applications to: Chief Michael A. Wiegand, Eureka Police Department, 120 City Hall Drive; Eureka, MO 63025.

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.

TORNADO AWARENESS MONTH

Keep alert by listening to NOAA Weather Radio or the commercial media for the latest weather information. Anyone in the path of a 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. If necessary, abandon your vehicle, lay face down in a nearby ditch or depression and cover your head.

WEED VIOLATIONS

All weeds or vegetation which have attained a height of twelve (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. Whenever private property abuts a 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. While one is given seven (7) days to comply after the initial violation, there is no notification requirement for subsequent violations in the same growing season. Failure to comply with a 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 Hotline at 636-938-5233 (Ext. 120).

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 for this information.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN ACTION

Adopted the following by Ordinance:

- Approving a subdivision of an approximately 3.27 acre parcel located at 531 Howerton Lane.
- Approving a subdivision of an approximately 1 acre parcel located at 1 West Fifth Street.
- Authorizing entering into a Contract for Swimming Pool Management Services.
- Authorizing the renewal of an Agreement with St. Louis County for the Provision of Police Communication Services.

Granted approval of the following petition:

- Glenn Travers, representing Mission Hills Development, for a Special Use Permit for a motor and recreational vehicle service and body repair shop located at 18449 U.S. Highway 66.

ANIMALS CREATING A NUISANCE

Just a reminder, it is unlawful to permit your cat or dog to go off your premises unless it is securely tied or led by a leash, just as it is unlawful for any person responsible for any animal to allow it to create a nuisance by causing a disturbance from excessive barking, howling, meowing or other noise making. To report such disturbances contact the Police Department at 636-938-6600.

SENIOR CITIZEN TAX ASSISTANCE

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 note 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. 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. Taxpayers with complex tax returns are advised to seek paid assistance.

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, typically, at 11:00 a.m., 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. If you have questions regarding the system, contact the St. Louis County Office of Emergency Management at 314-628-5400.

SANITARY SEWER BLOCKAGES

We occasionally encounter problems with grease deposits causing blockages in our sanitary sewer system, and would like to remind you 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. You may dispose of used grease by pouring it into a metal can. Vegetable shortening cans will not work since they are foil lined and cannot withstand the heat. Once it has cooled and solidified it can be disposed of in the trash can. Oils that do not solidify can be saved and reused as long as they are strained, refrigerated and used within a few weeks. Small amounts of oil can be used to lubricate squeaky hinges, wheelbarrow and wagon wheels, pruners, loppers and garden scissors. It can also be applied to garden shovels and spades to prevent them from rusting. A thin coating can be applied to a snow shovel to prevent the snow from sticking. If these options won't work for you, to help solidify this type of kitchen oil try mixing it with bark chips, kitty litter or sand and then disposing of it with your normal household waste.

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. 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 636-938-5048.

SATURDAY, APRIL 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 and children are \$3.00 (ages 5 and under are free). Eggs, bacon, sausage, French toast, pancakes, home fries and biscuits & gravy will be served.

FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS - APRIL 1ST - APRIL 23RD - LIONS BARBECUE

The West St. Louis County/Eureka Lions Club is hosting their annual barbecue every Friday and Saturday beginning April 1st through the weekend of April 23rd. The hours are from 10:30 a.m. until sundown (or until sold out) at Highway 109 and Central Avenue at the new concession facility located at the spur. Proceeds from this major fundraiser will benefit the Missouri School for the Blind, Lions Eyecare, EHS Scholarships, care packages to our troops overseas, and youth and community projects. The dinners/sandwiches include pork steaks, pork ribs, brats and chicken. For lunch delivery on Fridays for orders of 5 or more, call 636-388-5775 by 10:30 a.m. Carry-out service is also available.

SATURDAY - APRIL 16TH - EUREKA HISTORICAL SOCIETY LUNCHEON

The Eureka Historical Society is having their Spring Luncheon on Saturday, April 16th at 11:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn. The guest speaker is Elizabeth Terry (author and historian). Tickets are \$20.00. For tickets or additional information you may contact Marilyn Leistner at 636-938-4428 or Carolyn Parmer at 314-517-1250.