



# CITY OF EUREKA NEWSLETTER APRIL 2016

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## **PASSAGE OF PROPOSITION B**

As you may have read or heard by now, Proposition B allowing the City to continue to apply and collect local sales tax on titling of motor vehicles, trailers, boats and outboard motors purchased from a source other than a licensed Missouri dealer was passed with 444 in favor and 164 opposed. Approval of this measure allows the City to continue to receive revenue which funds vital services and does not place Missouri dealers at a competitive disadvantage to out-of-state dealers.

## **AMEREN SAFETY TIPS FOR SPRING**

Spring brings perfect winds for kite flying, home improvements and tree planting, but also ushers in a season when people face increased risk of injury from spring activities near power lines. Following are some seasonal safety tips: Use only non-conductive materials for kites. Wire, tinsel and metal conduct electricity when they touch electric wires or are struck by lightning. Fly kites in wide-open places far away from power lines. If your kite gets caught in a power line, leave it there. Avoid flying kites in stormy weather. Wet kite strings can conduct electricity from power lines and lightning. When climbing trees, check to make sure there are no power lines hidden among the limbs. If you are painting or making repairs to your house, be careful where you carry and place your ladder. Avoid contact with wires running overhead. Avoid planting trees in locations that will cause problems with power lines once the trees have matured. April is considered Safe Digging Month throughout the Nation. Before digging in your yard, call the Missouri One Call System (MOCS) at 1-800-DIG-RITE (1-800-344-7483), or just dial 811 and you will be connected to the One Call center for your area to make sure you do not strike underground power lines, natural gas, water or sewer mains, telephone and fiber optic cables. In Missouri, such notification is required by State law. For additional power line safety information, visit Ameren's website at [www.ameren.com](http://www.ameren.com) or the Safe Electricity website at [www.safeelectricity.org](http://www.safeelectricity.org)

## **FAIR HOUSING ORDINANCE**

The City of Eureka is committed to fair housing for all of its citizens. It is unlawful to discriminate against any person because of race, gender, color, religion, disability, familial status or national origin. The City has enacted a Fair Housing Ordinance which prohibits unlawful discrimination and sets forth the process for filing a complaint. If you, or anyone you know, believe that you have been unlawfully discriminated against, contact City Hall. For additional information, call 636-938-5233 or 1-800-735-2466 (Relay Missouri).

## **STORMWATER QUALITY - YOU CAN HELP**

As stated in previous newsletters, the City is enhancing stormwater management measures to protect our waterways. One of these measures is to educate everyone on improving stormwater quality within the City and areas downstream. All stormwater runoff within the City eventually drains to the Meramec River. Following are several things you can do to help keep our water resources clean:

- Keep lawn fertilizer off your driveway and street as it will run directly into the storm drain and surface water systems.
- Keep grass clippings off your driveway and street and never dump leaves and grass clippings into ditches as they not only cause clogging of the drainage system, but add to impair water quality.
- If you are doing any kind of building addition or landscaping work, keep dirt off your driveway and street where it may collect in the stormwater system. If dirt spills onto the street, sweep it up and contain it on your property. If soil erosion is a problem, installation of a silt fence may be required to contain the soil on the site.
- Never dispose of used motor oil, antifreeze, paint, etc., into stormwater inlets, ditches or ponds. Please recycle or properly dispose of these items at a hazardous waste site. If you observe someone improperly disposing of such items, please report it to the City at once. You may email [stormwater@eureka.mo.us](mailto:stormwater@eureka.mo.us) or contact City Administrator Craig Sabo at 636-938-5233.

## BOARD OF ALDERMEN ACTION

Adopted the following by Ordinance:

- Amending the Municipal Code relating to Signage Regulations.

### **PAY WATER/SEWER/TRASH BILLS ELECTRONICALLY**

For your convenience the City is now accepting automatic payments (EFT) for water/sewer/trash bills. For additional information, please visit the City's website at [www.eureka.mo.us](http://www.eureka.mo.us) (link at bottom of home page) or contact City Hall at 636-938-5233.

### **SANITARY SEWER BACKUP INSURANCE**

As a reminder, you need to protect your home against potential sanitary sewer backups. Check with your insurance carrier 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.

### **AFTER-HOURS SEWER AND WATER ASSISTANCE**

To obtain assistance for water and sewer problems after 5:00 p.m. on weekdays, and on weekends and holidays, please call the Police Department at 938-6600. Calls at these times will be automatically forwarded to St. Louis County for dispatching, at which time you would need to inform the dispatcher of the problem and that you are a Eureka resident. Be sure to inform the dispatcher that Eureka has its own water and sewer systems and as such is not served by the Missouri-American Water Company or the Metropolitan Sewer District.

### **NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK PROGRAM**

According to a National Survey on Drug Use and Health, more Americans abuse prescription drugs than the number of those using cocaine, hallucinogens and heroin combined. In addition, research indicates that usual methods of disposal, such as flushing them down the commode or throwing them in the trash pose potential safety and health hazards.

In an effort to clear homes of potentially dangerous, expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs, the Eureka Police Department is collecting these items 24 hours a day 7 days a week at 120 City Hall Drive. A receptacle is available to the public in the Police Department building lobby. The City is focusing on enhancing the health and wellness of the Eureka community. For additional information, you may visit the Missouri Prescription Pill and Drug Disposal website at [www.missourip2d2.org](http://www.missourip2d2.org) or contact the Police Department at 636-938-6600.

### **ADDRESS NUMBERS**

Just a reminder, as required by City Code, all residential property located within the City limits must have address numbers, a minimum height of four (4) inches, affixed to each 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.

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

### **FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS - CURRENTLY THRU APRIL 23RD - LIONS BARBECUE**

The West St. Louis County/Eureka Lions Club is hosting their annual barbecue every Friday and Saturday 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 **636-375-9520** (new number) by 10:30 a.m. Carry-out service is also available.

### **THURSDAY, MAY 5TH - 65TH ANNUAL NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

You are invited to join your neighbors, civic leaders, friends and millions of people across the country to participate in the National Day of Prayer observance on Thursday, May 5th from 12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m. at Eureka City Hall. The theme this year is "Wake Up America!". In case of rain, the event will be held in the City Hall meeting room.

### **FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS - MAY 6TH - MAY 28TH - KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BARBECUE**

The Eureka Knights of Columbus are hosting their annual barbecue every Friday and Saturday beginning May 6th through the weekend of May 28th. The stand will be open from 11:00 a.m. until sundown (or until sold out) at Highway 109 and Central Avenue at the new concession facility located at the spur. Proceeds will be donated to local charities. The lunches/dinners include pork steaks, brats, hamburgers and chicken with beverages. Carry-out service is also available.

### **SATURDAY, MAY 7TH - 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.

### **SATURDAY, JUNE 11TH - RUMMAGE SALE**

The Most Sacred Heart Women's Club will host their annual Rummage Sale on Saturday, June 11th at 350 E. Fourth Street. Doors open at 7:00 a.m. For additional information, please call 636-587-6003.