

CITY OF
EUREKA

NEWSLETTER

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WATER AND SANITARY SEWER RATE INCREASE

The City recently adopted a new water and sanitary sewer rate structure effectively starting on February 1, 2020. Your March bill will include rate adjustments to reflect this new structure. For the new rate schedule, please visit the City's website at www.eureka.mo.us

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City offices will be closed Monday, February 17th 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.

UNMANNED AIRCRAFT REGULATIONS

It is unlawful to knowingly operate an Unmanned Aircraft System (commonly referred to as a drone) directly over the private property of another without the property owner's consent, if the operation of such (a) enters into the immediate reaches of the air space next to private property and (b) if it interferes substantially with the property owner's use and enjoyment of their property, as stated in Section 15-73 of the Municipal Code. For additional information regarding unmanned aircraft regulations, please visit the City's website at www.eureka.mo.us

TRASH CONTRACT EXTENSION

Pursuant to a recent agreement with Waste Connections, Inc., the City's trash contract has been renewed for one (1) year with no increase to the current rate of \$25.03 for trash, recycling, yard waste, "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. To prevent this from occurring, you may wish to dispose of items by first placing them in plastic bags prior to placing them in the containers. To contain recyclable materials, the City encourages residents currently using recycling bins to consider upgrading to a recycling cart to keep recyclables contained and dry, 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 Waste Connections, Inc. (636-321-2100) to see if an appointment is necessary for these 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.

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:

- Authorizing Entering into an Agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for a Flood Risk Management Feasibility Study
- Authorizing Entering into a Athletic Fields Lease Agreement with the Eureka Sports Association
- Authorizing Entering into an Agreement with Nomad Trails Development, LLC for the Construction of a Mountain Bike Park
- Amending the Municipal Code Relating to Ward 2 Boundaries

Resolution No. 12-3-19-1: Authorizing Entering into a Transportation Development District Funding Agreement

Resolution No. 12-3-19-2: Authorizing Applying for a Recycling Cart Grant

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. For pet registration, vaccinations, animal bites, and stray dogs and cats, please call St. Louis County Animal Control at 314-615-0650.

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.

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 2019 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 26TH - ITALIAN SAUSAGE DINNER

The Eureka-Pacific Elks are hosting an Italian Sausage Dinner on Sunday, January 26th from 12:00 Noon until 3:00 p.m. at the Eureka-Pacific Elks Lodge. The cost of the dinner is \$10.00 which includes Salsiccia with green peppers and onions, pasta and a choice of one (1) glass of wine or beer. Carry-out service is also available. For additional information you may call the Lodge at 938-6720.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26TH - 14TH ANNUAL MEN'S CHILI COOK-OFF

The River at Eureka, a United Methodist Church, will hold its 14th Annual Chili Cook-Off on Sunday, January 26th from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at The Timbers Recreation Center. Doors open at 3:30 p.m. to allow contestants time to set up. The entry fee is \$10.00. 100% of the proceeds go to Celebrate Recovery, a national program designed to help individuals facilitate recovery from a wide variety of troubling behavior patterns. If you are interested in entering the cook-off or for additional information, please call Ken at 314-791-6464 or you may visit www.the-river.church/chili-cook-off

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST - ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST

The Eureka Masons host a breakfast the first Saturday of each month from 6:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at the Masonic Lodge (across from Farmers and Merchants Bank). Adults are \$9.00 and children are \$4.00 (ages 5 and under are free). Eggs, bacon, sausage, French toast, pancakes, home fries and biscuits & gravy will be served. Proceeds from the breakfasts are used for Eureka High School Scholarships and Shriners Hospital.