

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 which went into effect February 1st. The bill you will receive this month for your February consumption 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

APRIL 7TH ELECTION CANDIDATES

As of the official filing deadline, the following individuals are seeking elective office: Alderperson; Ward 1 Candidates - Jerry Diekmann and Brian Smith, Ward 2 Candidates - Bryan Kiefer and Kevin Kilpatrick, Ward 3 Candidates - Jerry Holloway and Brian Johnson. The election will be held on Tuesday, April 7th from 6:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. To vote in the upcoming election, one must be registered by March 11th. You may pick up an application for new voter registration or an address change at City Hall or by visiting the Missouri Secretary of State website at www.sos.mo.gov

WATER SYSTEM TREATMENT

Several months ago, after receiving approval from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, the City started introducing a product by the name of SeaQuest into our water system. This product is to reduce any potentially corrosive characteristics of the City's aquifer sourced water, with increased water appliance life being among the possible intermediate to long-term benefits. While SeaQuest is used throughout the country, as we were the first water system in the State to introduce it, our use was considered to be under a pilot program. We intend to continue to treat our water with this product, and are working with the State to include it as part of our regular State water system operating permit in recognition of the benefits associated with its use.

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.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL COURT CLERK

The City of Eureka is accepting applications for an experienced part-time Assistant Municipal Court Clerk. There is no application deadline, and interviews will be conducted periodically until the position is filled. Employment Application and job description are available at Eureka City Hall, 100 City Hall Drive, and on the City's website (www.eureka.mo.us). Knowledge of IMDS-Plus and Show-Me Courts is preferred. The position requires assisting the Court Clerk in daily office functions and court administration. Duties include, but are not limited to, data entry, receiving payments and interacting with the public, in person, by telephone and via email. Hours for this position are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M., and two evening court sessions per month (2nd and 4th Tuesday). Compensation is \$13.00 per hour. Send resume and/or job application to Daphne Marler at dmarler@eureka.mo.us or P.O. Box 125 Eureka, MO 63025. For additional information, contact Daphne Marler at dmarler@eureka.mo.us or 636-549-1828. The City of Eureka is an EOE/ADA employer.

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. It is also 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 & 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.

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 additional information.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN ACTION

Adopted the following by Ordinance:

- Amending the Municipal Code relating to Setbacks and Building Permit Provisions
- Authorized Boundary Adjustment with the City of Pacific
- Authorized Repealing Certain Subdivision Provisions

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 APRIL 3RD - MOST SACRED HEART PARISH FISH FRY

The Most Sacred Heart Parish is hosting their annual fish fry every Friday (except Good Friday) through April 3rd from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Fried Cod, coleslaw, pasta, green beans, and dessert will be served. Prices are \$12.00 for carry out, \$9.00 for the small dine-in meal, \$12.00 for the large dine-in meal, and \$17.00 for fine dining buffet style in Father Dowling Hall. To make your reservation for the 5:00 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. seating or for additional information, please visit www.sacredhearteureka.org/fish-fry or call 636-938-5047.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH - 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.