

CITY OF
EUREKA

NEWSLETTER

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AUGUST 4TH WATER AND WASTE WATER PROPOSITION

On Tuesday, August 4th voters will decide whether the City of Eureka sells our Water and Waste Water utilities to Missouri American Water. There will be town hall meetings held at The Timbers of Eureka (Recreation Center) at 1 Coffey Park Lane on Thursday, July 23rd and Thursday, July 30th, both at 7:00 P.M. Interested citizens can attend the meetings in person or view them online (either live during the event or after the event on the City's YouTube Channel; a link will be posted on the City's website). As the City is committed to your safety, we ask that those attending in person follow all federal, state and local directives for social distancing, including the mandatory face covering order issued by St. Louis County. Masks will be available if you need one. For more information regarding the upcoming proposition, please visit our website at www.eureka.mo.us

THE TIMBERS OF EUREKA PHASE 1 REOPENING

The Timbers of Eureka will reopen Monday, July 20th using a phased approach to address restrictions and guidelines associated with COVID-19. The facility will operate on a reduced schedule with available areas of use to include the fitness center, gymnasium and restrooms. At this time the facility will be open to members only; no walk-ins or daily passes will be sold. Pursuant with St. Louis County guidelines, capacities will be limited to 50% and will be monitored by staff. Hours of operation and a full list of COVID-19 related restrictions can be found on the City's website at www.eureka.mo.us or by calling 636-938-6775. A full list of St. Louis County guidelines pertaining to recreation centers can be found at www.stlcorona.com

ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT

The current Water Quality Report is available at the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (www.dnr.mo.gov/ccr/mo6010258.pdf). The report is also posted at City Hall and on our website at www.eureka.mo.us (via a link on the Public Works Department webpage). Please note there were no drinking water regulation violations last year. If you require a printed copy of the report, please call City Hall.

GOLF CART REGULATIONS

Golf carts may travel on City streets with a posted speed limit of not greater than thirty (30) miles per hour. One must possess a valid Driver's License and Insurance when operating a golf cart on streets within the City, and the golf cart must first pass an inspection to verify compliance with National Traffic Safety standards. An inspection appointment must be made through the Building Department, and such inspections are performed at City Hall. Upon passing the inspection, the City will issue a compliance sticker (at no cost) which must be displayed in the lower left-hand portion of the windshield. Golf carts are prohibited within the boundaries of any City Park (other than designated parking areas), trails, sidewalks or medians. To view all of the golf cart regulations, a PDF of the Ordinance is available on the Municipal Code & Amendments section of the City's website, or a hard copy is available at City Hall.

TRASH COLLECTION REMINDERS

During the summer months when lawn sprinklers are turned on, please be mindful of the fact that if you place your paper yard waste bags near an area that is sprinkled they may fall apart, leaving debris in your yard and the street when the trash hauler attempts to transport them to the truck. To avoid this type of situation, please place paper yard waste bags in an area not directly watered by the sprinkler.

If you feel you have an excessive amount of bulky trash to be picked up which might require more than one person to load the items onto the truck, please call Waste Connections at 636-321-2100 so they can evaluate the situation prior to the regularly scheduled pickup and remove the articles in a timely fashion.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Unlike wastewater, stormwater is not treated at a sewage treatment plant. Anything dumped or placed on the ground is carried away by stormwater runoff and will end up in the City's storm drains which discharge into our ditches, reservoirs, creeks, ponds, lakes and rivers. Yard waste such as leaves and grass clippings cause elevated levels of nutrients in our waterways and are harmful to fish and aquatic organisms. Properly disposing of these materials will prevent them from entering the City's storm drains. You may wish to consider establishing a compost pile for use in your vegetable and flower gardens. Pet waste left on the ground contains high concentrations of bacteria and can be carried by stormwater runoff, which is harmful to fish and aquatic organisms. Bag it up and place it in the garbage or flush it. Applying lawn and garden chemicals sparingly and according to the directions not only saves you money, but helps protect our ditches, reservoirs, creeks, ponds, lakes and rivers. Excessive application adds to the nutrient levels in these waterways and is harmful to fish and other animals who depend on clean water for their health.

THEFT PROTECTION MEASURES

Garages may be entered via garage door openers left in unlocked vehicles and through unlocked doors, and alcoholic beverages may be taken from garage refrigerators while you are sleeping. Be sure to lock your vehicles and remove valuable items and close and lock garage doors. If you witness any suspicious activity, please call the Police Department at 938-6600.

RACCOON NUISANCE CONCERNS

If raccoons are creating a nuisance by making themselves comfortable on your property, the Missouri Department of Conservation has suggested the following to deter them:

1. Place ammonia soaked rags in the problematic area, reapplying ammonia to the rags as they dry out.
2. Squirt the raccoons with the hose from a distance. Raccoons will run as long as they have an escape route.
3. Bang pots and pans together to scare them off.
4. Keep trash secure and do not leave pet food and/or water outside.

If problem still persists, call Missouri Department of Conservation at 314-301-1500 and they will loan residents traps and provide instructions on proper use.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN ACTION

Adopted the following by Ordinance:

- Amending the Municipal Code relating to Certain Park Provisions
- Agreement with the Jefferson County Public Sewer District for Waste Water System Services
- Contract with Ideal Landscape Construction for Park Drainage Improvement Services

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EXTERIOR APPEARANCE PROGRAM

Please note that pursuant to the City's Exterior Appearance Program, before any property can be sold an inspection must be performed by the Building Department to determine if there are any deteriorated conditions that need to be addressed prior to closing. An option is available for the buyer to accept responsibility for any issues that are identified. For additional information, please contact the Building Department at 938-5233.

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 in high water pressure which could potentially damage your fixtures and/or appliances connected to water lines.

COMMUNITY EVENT

PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO COVID-19 THIS EVENT MAY BE CANCELLED

SATURDAY, AUGUST 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.