

CITY OF
EUREKA

NEWSLETTER

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2020 CENSUS

The census provides critical data that lawmakers, business owners, teachers, and many others use to provide daily services, products, and support for you and your community. Your response helps to direct billions of dollars in federal funding to local communities for hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads and other public services. The results from the census also determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives, and they are used to draw congressional and state legislative districts.

Please note that your response is required by law. The submission deadline is September 30th. You may complete your questionnaire online, by phone or by mail. Your information and privacy are protected and kept completely confidential. For more information and to complete the 2020 Census, please visit www.mycensus.gov

INVASION OF THE SCARECROWS

Once again, the City of Eureka will come alive from September 28th through the end of October with the Eureka Scarecrow Festival featuring creative and whimsical scarecrows posing regally in front of businesses, churches and schools. Whether you visit uptown Eureka, along Fifth Street, running parallel to I-44, or stroll down Central Avenue in Old Town Eureka, you will experience a fun and festive feast for the eyes. For information regarding voting for your favorite scarecrow and upcoming activities visit www.eurekascarecrowfestival.com

HARVEST MOON RUN

The 2020 Harvest Moon Run annual event has been cancelled, but your support is still encouraged for the HUNGER MISSION month long event starting October 1st. Now more than ever your generosity is needed to provide hunger relief in our community. Together we can fill the record-breaking nutritional needs for the Elk's Weekend Backpack Food Program and the Eureka Food Pantry. For more information, please visit www.harvestmoonrun.org

GOLF CART REGULATIONS

The Municipal Code has been amended relating to the operation of golf carts. Golf carts are permitted for 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 new golf cart regulations, a PDF of the Ordinance is available on the City's website at the bottom of the "Municipal Code & Amendments" webpage, or a hard copy is available at City Hall.

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

The Eureka Police Department and Eureka Fire Protection District would like to remind you that September is National Preparedness Month. There are a number of severe weather hazards that affect Missouri, including thunderstorms, tornadoes, lightning, floods and flash floods, damaging winds and large hail, snow and ice. Severe weather hazards have the potential to cause extensive property damage, injury and/or death. The National Weather Service and the American Red Cross have developed Emergency Preparedness Guides, which contain information about winter weather terms and tips for staying safe at home, in the car and at work or school.

Emergency preparedness is no longer the sole concern of earthquake prone Californians and those who live in the part of the country known as "Tornado Alley". Knowing what to do during an emergency is an important part of being prepared and may make all the difference when seconds count. Go to www.ready.gov for preparedness tips. For additional information, please contact Police Chief Michael Wiegand at 938-6600 or the Fire Protection District at 938-5505.

WATCH FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Just a reminder, please observe speed limits and watch for school children. State law and City ordinances require drivers to STOP when school buses load and unload and when pedestrians are using crosswalks. The 20 MPH school speed zones will be enforced during school hours.

SANITARY SEWER BACKUP INSURANCE

For protection against sanitary sewer backups, check with your insurance carrier to see if a rider is required for home and property damage coverage. The City is not liable for these occurrences; therefore, individual coverage is needed.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN ACTION

Adopted the following by Ordinance:

- Approving Windswept Farms Plat 2 Final Plat.
- Amending Chapter 5 of the Municipal Code relating to the adoption of updated St. Louis County Building Codes.
- Amending the Municipal Code to establish a new Residential Zoning District Classification.
- Authorizing and Approving a Cooperation Agreement among the City of Eureka, Fourth Street Transportation Development District, 5th Street Properties, LLC and QuikTrip Corporation; and Authorizing certain actions in connection therewith.

CodeRED EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

The CodeRED emergency notification system is a communication service available for emergency notifications such as a missing child, evacuation, bomb threat, hostage situation, natural disaster, terrorism threat, chemical spill or other emergency incidents where rapid and accurate notification is essential for safety, plus severe weather alerts if you so choose. CodeRED can employ mapping capable of geographic targeting of calls, coupled with a telephone calling system capable of delivering a pre-recorded message at a rate of up to 60,000 calls per hour. You may select which type of warning you wish to receive and/or choose to receive alerts at multiple phone numbers. CodeRED can reach Eureka residents by residential phone, business phone or cell phone. The system will make three (3) attempts to contact citizens and will leave messages in voicemail and on answering machines. The system can also send e-mails and text messages if desired.

The only way to ensure that your information is entered into the CodeRED system is to sign up for the notifications. You will be asked to provide your phone number and home address so that notifications made only to selected neighborhoods will be accurate. Again, your contact information will only be used for emergency notification purposes. To register or if you have questions regarding the CodeRED service, you may access the CodeRED website via the City's website at www.eureka.mo.us or contact the Eureka Police Department at 938-6600. The service is free for Eureka residents.

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. Used grease may be disposed of by pouring it into a metal can with a plastic lid. 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 EVENT

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD - 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.