



CITIZENS' NEWSLETTER

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SEVERE WEATHER INFORMATION

The First Christian Church, located at 3rd and Dryden, will be open for severe weather.



CITY OFFICES TO BE CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY



All City offices (with the exception of the Police and Ambulance Departments) will be closed on Monday, May 30, 2016, for Memorial Day. We hope you have a wonderful holiday weekend.

ODESSA'S FARMERS MARKET

The Odessa Farmer's Market has opened the 2016 season! Local and regional vendors will bring fresh produce, flowers, eggs, baked goods and craft items for sale every Thursday starting April 28th through September. The hours will be from 3:45 pm to 7:15 pm. The Market is also working this season with local businesses and musicians to increase foot traffic, sales and good fun in Downtown Odessa.



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE & ELECTRONIC WASTE DROP-OFF



Lafayette County now has a Household Hazardous Waste drop off program in place. This has been put together by the Pioneer Trails Regional Planning Commission. The service is free to residents of Lafayette County. This site will be open from April to October. Times will vary.

Drop offs will be by appointment only. The number to schedule appointments is: 1-660-463-2449. This is the **ONLY** way to drop hazardous waste off. The location is 400 N. 1st Street, Odessa MO. Dropping off hazardous waste without an appointment will result in citations being issued. There are materials that will **not** be accepted. You can check out the list at: www.trailsrpc.org.

The electronic waste drop off will be **Saturday, May 21, 2016 from 9 am to noon**. The location is 19717 N. Outer Road, Higginsville MO, at the Lafayette County Road Shed. Items that will be accepted are: heaters, laptops, TV's (all sizes) radios, computers, printers, servers, DVD players, VCR's, clocks, microwaves, stereos, small kitchen appliances, and anything with a cord.

ODESSA RESERVOIR—A GREAT PLACE TO VISIT

If you have not been out to the Odessa Lake "Reservoir" lately, you might consider taking a trip out there. It is a great place to hike, boat and a wonderful place to fish. If you plan on fishing or boating, you must have a State Fishing license AND a City permit. The money received goes directly back to the upkeep and upgrades of the Lake. **(If you are under 16 or over 65, you do not need a fishing permit, but you will still need a boating permit.)** To obtain the City Permit, you can stop by City Hall, from 8:30 am—5:00 pm, Monday thru Friday. You can also stop by Whistle Stop, open 24/7, Odessa Gun & Pawn Tues.—Friday 10:00 am—5 pm, & Sat 9:00 am—3:00 pm, or the Odessa Police Department ~ call OPD for availability. The Odessa Police Department does not keep money on site, so please come with the exact amount in currency or check. It does not cost anything to walk or hike out there. The complete list of Lake Ordinances are posted on the Odessa website. The Lake is open from 6:00 am to 11:00 pm. Ordinances will be enforced. Fishing at Lake Venita only requires a State fishing license.



NOTE: Each year the City applies for an annual burn permit for the Reservoir from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. This allows the City to offer the residents a place to dispose of yard waste and small branches. Please do NOT dump trash out there. If the State revokes the permit, it will be impossible to obtain it again.



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2016 ODESSA RODEO

The Odessa Rodeo will be held at the Dyer Park Arena, June 17th and 18th, 2016.



Tickets will be on sale starting Monday May 23, 2016 at the following businesses:

Bank of Odessa, Central Bank, B & L Bank, Whistle Stop, Kleinschmidts, and Orschlens.

Ticket prices are: Adults \$10, kids 4-12 \$5, and kids under 3 are free.



The Queen contest will be on Friday evening. Mutton Busting for 8 years and under will be Friday & Saturday evening before the Rodeo. Our favorite hometown Clown Dalton Morris will perform nightly. Events include: Saddle and Bareback Bronc riding, steer wrestling, calf roping, barrel racing and more.

2016 PRICING FOR THE ODESSA AQUATIC CENTER

Season Passes : Individual Season Pass ~\$90.00

Family of Four Season Pass ~ \$200.00 for 4 members ~ \$30.00 for each additional person— (must live in the same residence to qualify for a family pass).

Daily Fees ~ \$5.00 (ages 3 and up) - Punch Cards ~ \$45.00/10 Punches

Pool Hours: Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Sat, and Sun 1 pm—6 pm **Pool Hours:** Friday 1 pm — 7pm

Season pass holders can enter the center at 12:45 every day to avoid long lines and get their seats.

Pool Rental is available on Monday—Friday from 7:15 pm to 9:15 pm

Saturday—Sunday from 6:15 pm to 8:15 pm or 8:30 pm to 10:30 pm

Call The Park Office for information on Swim Lessons, Water Aerobics, and pool rental (816) 633-8324.

You can reach them at (816) 633-8324 or by e-mail at: odessaparks@cityofodessamo.com

BRUSH PILES

According to the International Property Maintenance Code, (2006 IPMC Section 307.1 and 202, adopted by the City of Odessa on July 25, 2011) brush piles are considered rubbish, which is a violation of City Code. Brush can be taken to the City reservoir located on OO Highway south of town. There is an area designated for brush piles and ONLY brush piles. It can also be burned in town with permission from the Odessa Fire Protection District. The City held a pick up day for brush piles on March 19th. In the coming days, residents with large brush piles will be sent violation letters and asked to remove piles. Failure to do so could result in a citation, which would include a court appearance. Thank you for your cooperation.

CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE



Calling all bargain hunters — The Citywide garage sale will be held Saturday, May 7, 2016, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. City Ordinances prohibit placing anything on utility poles, including garage sale signs.

DOGS ON THE LOOSE

Please do not let your dog run free. As the weather gets nicer, we will have more people active in the Parks and on streets including walkers, joggers, cyclists, etc. Dog owners must have control of your dogs at all times. When you take your dogs out for walks, be sure to carry dog baggies to “clean up after them”. We encourage you to walk your dogs, but we want to keep our Parks and streets safe and beautiful. The City has many ordinances concerning dogs that must be obeyed or you may be cited for violations.

PLEASE SPAY OR NEUTER YOUR PETS.