



# CITIZENS' NEWSLETTER

Keeping Our Citizens Better Informed.

## APRIL 5th GENERAL ELECTION



A General Municipal Election will be held in the City of Odessa, Missouri on Tuesday, April 5th, 2016, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Voting polls are located at the Community Building in Dyer Park and at the New Horizons Presbyterian Church. Check your voter registration card to see where you should go to vote. Candidates for the election are:

<u>Mayor</u>	<u>Alderman Ward 1</u>	<u>Alderman Ward 2</u>	<u>Alderman Ward 3</u>	<u>Collector</u>
Adam Couch	Steve Lockhart	Steve Wright	Ray Harves (filed as write-in)	Jennifer LeBlanc

The last day to register as a voter in this election is Wednesday, March 9th, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall. For election questions, please contact City Hall at (816) 230-5577. **EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT — VOTE ON APRIL 5th !!**

## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

Its that time again...On Sunday, March 13th, we will spring forward. Daylight Savings time begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday morning, the 13th. Be sure to set your clocks ahead one hour.



## STATEWIDE TORNADO DRILL

The State Wide Tornado Drill will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 15th, 2016.

## UTILITY LEVEL PAY SIGN-UP

If you are interested in signing up for the Utility Level Billing Plan, please submit your application to City Hall by April 1st. The new cycle for level billing will begin with the April bill. Late submissions may not be accepted. Applications may be printed from the City website @[www.cityofodessamo.com](http://www.cityofodessamo.com) or picked up at City Hall.

## COMMUNITY ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

The Odessa R-VII School District is pleased to announce open enrollment for spring Adult Education classes held between March 7 and April 29, from 6:00—8:30 pm, Monday through Friday, on the campuses of Odessa High School and Middle School. Our mission is to promote opportunities for adult learners to engage, enrich and empower their lives through learning. District adults are invited to browse online the spring 2016 Community Adult Education course catalog for subjects that interest you and sign up today. Instructors are eager to assist you in learning more about topics such as: parenting, financial planning, keyboard refresher, Google drive basics and docs, Microsoft Word, fitness app use as a tool in weight loss program, essential oils, sewing, custom quilts (memory), card making and scrapbooking, cooking and more. Visit [www.odessa.k12.mo.us](http://www.odessa.k12.mo.us) to view the courses, or copies may be obtained by calling (816) 633-5316.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE CITY WIDE CLEAN-UP

The Community Clean-up day is Saturday, March 19 from 8 am to 1 pm. If you belong to an organization that would like to volunteer time, and help others during the community clean-up day, please contact Sybille Wilson at City Hall ~ (816) 230-5577. When we work together we can make a good community even better.

## FROM THE DESK OF CHIEF OF POLICE SCOTT NEWHOUSE

The Odessa Police Department will be taking an extreme interest in those who choose to engage in illegal drug activity no matter how slight one feels the use might be. Illegal drug activity tends to increase other types of crimes in communities that ultimately can have a profound impact on quality of life. The Odessa Police Department's goal is to take a proactive stance, related to illegal drug issue prior to jeopardizing our community. To meet the Police Department's goal in this effort, we are encouraging the community to report behavior that is consistent with illegal drug activity. One way a community member can get involved is to call the telephone number provided: 660-259-6789. When calling this telephone number you may remain anonymous if you choose to, but please provide as much detail as possible about your observation. This issue is a shared community concern, not one strictly for Law Enforcement to manage alone.