



# CITIZENS' NEWSLETTER

Keeping Our Citizens Better Informed.

## SEVERE WEATHER SHELTER

The First Christian Church, located at corner of 3rd & Dryden Streets, is the City's Severe Weather Shelter.

## DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON NOVEMBER 8, 2016

Just a reminder to vote on November 8. This is a very important election. Please exercise your right to vote.

## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS ~ FALL BACK



Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 6, 2016. Remember, this is a great time to replace the batteries in all of your smoke alarms.

## SWEET & SAVORY ~ A FOOD & BEVERAGE EVENT

The Odessa Chamber of Commerce is having their Annual Sweet & Savory: A Food and Beverage Event on Saturday, November 19th, from 6:00—8:30 p.m. at Berry Acres, located at 6825 Highway 131. Ticket prices are \$15.00 in advance, and \$20.00 at the door. Tickets are available at The Mixing Bowl, Bank of Odessa—(both locations), B & L Bank, Central Bank of Warrensburg, Silver Fox Antiques, and The Chamber Office. Please contact the Chamber of Commerce at (816) 633-4044 if you have questions.



## ODESSA OUTREACH WREATH DRAWING/TREE LIGHTING



Decorated wreaths, donated by area businesses, groups and individuals will be on display at The Odessan and City Hall from October 24th thru November 20. Public is encouraged to enter to win wreaths by purchasing tickets. Those purchasing wreaths may enter for a particular wreath. Tickets are \$5 each. Odessa Outreach will announce the winners at the Holiday Lighting Ceremony, Nov. 21. All donations go to Odessa Outreach and will be distributed to local nonprofit organizations. All donations are tax deductible. Donations may be mailed too Odessa Outreach, PO Box 40, Odessa MO 64076. Odessa Outreach is also accepting donations to decorate the Community Christmas tree located at 101 N. 2nd Street. Strands of lights are \$100, tree top is \$250, and ornaments are \$20. You can make donations at these locations: The Odessan, Don's Appliance, and Odessa Diesel Repair.



## MISSOURI VALLEY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY ~ ENERGY ASSISTANCE

Attention Residents of Odessa...MVCAA will be at the Odessa Community Service Center on the 2nd Friday of each month to provide energy assistance services. Hours are from 9 am—2 pm. If you need assistance, please call 660-584-3131 to schedule an appointment.



## DUTIES OF DOG AND CAT OWNERS

According to Chap. 2, Section 2.802 of the City Code of Odessa: The owners of a dog or cat shall provide it with humane shelter from heat, cold, rain, wind and snow, and shall give it food and water adequate to keep animal in good health and comfortable. Shelters shall be soundly constructed and shall be provided in cold rainy weather with clean bedding. **2016 dog tags were due October 1st and are available. Bring your dogs current rabies vaccination receipt with you.**



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## CITY OFFICES CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS



City offices will be closed on Friday, November 11th in observance of Veteran's Day, and on Thursday, November 24th & Friday, November 25th in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. Emergency Services will be available. We hope all of you have a safe and wonderful holiday with your family.

## 2016 TAXES.....JUST A REMINDER

Your 2016 City taxes will be on your tax bill from Lafayette County. You will get ONE Personal Property tax bill and ONE Real Estate tax bill from the County. Your City portion will be on the County bill. **DELINQUENT TAXES.....**If you owe 2014 or prior years taxes, you will still receive billing from the City for those taxes and you will be turned over to Collections at the end of the year.



## HOLIDAY TRASH REMINDER

Just a reminder that there will not be trash service on Thursday, November 24, Thanksgiving Day. The trash normally picked up on Thursday will be picked up on Friday, and Friday's trash will then be picked up on Saturday for that week. If you have any questions, please feel free to call City Hall at (816) 230-5577. Again, the trash/recycling service for Thursday and Friday will be delayed by one day. Please make sure to have your trash set out by 7:00 a.m. Thank you.

## ENERGY CONSERVATION TIPS

With the weather getting colder, try turning your thermostats down to 68 degrees or lower while at home. Reduce the setting down to 55 degrees before going to bed or when leaving for the day. Studies show that for every 1 degree you lower, you'll save 5% on your heating bill. Open shades on the sunny side of the house during the day, but close blinds and shades at night to reduce heat loss through windows. Keep a blanket, quilt or comforter on your favorite chair to cover up with. Make sure you have your furnace checked to make sure it is working properly. Clean or replace your furnace filter at least once a month. Caulk and weather strip doors and windows that leak air. Slow-cookers, crock-pots and electric frying pans use less energy than ovens and stoves. Always turn off lights when leaving a room, and buy energy efficient light bulbs. There is a website that is devoted to energy efficiency. The website is: [beenergyefficient.org](http://beenergyefficient.org).



## ODESSA COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER CHRISTMAS ADOPTION PROGRAM



The Odessa Community Service Center is going to have our annual Christmas Adoption Program again this year for children in the Odessa R-7 School District. Families can apply from November 2, 2016 through Nov. 21. The list of families to be adopted will be published in the Odessan. Please consider adopting one of our families by calling the Community Service Center at (816) 230-7558.



## 2016 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DOWNTOWN LIGHTING CEREMONY

Come experience the magic of the Holiday Season at the annual Christmas Lighting Ceremony in downtown Odessa, on Monday, November 21 2016. Listen to Christmas Carols and visit with Santa Claus. The festivities will begin around 6:30 p.m. For more information, please contact the Chamber of Commerce Office at (816) 633-4044.

