



# CITIZENS' NEWSLETTER

Keeping Our Citizens Better Informed



## SEVERE WEATHER SHELTER

The Community of Christ Church, located at 515 S First Street, is the City's Severe Weather Shelter.



## CITY OFFICES CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS

City offices will be closed on Friday, November 10, in observance of Veteran's Day, and on Thursday, November 23, and Friday, November 24, 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.



## HOLIDAY TRASH REMINDER



Just a reminder that there will not be trash/recycling service on Thanksgiving Day and will be delayed by one day. The trash normally picked up on that 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. Please make sure to have your trash set out by 7:00 am. Thank you.

## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS ~ FALL BACK

Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 5, 2017. Remember, this is also a great time to replace the batteries in all of your smoke alarms.



## 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 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 [www.beenergyefficient.org](http://www.beenergyefficient.org).

## MISSOURI VALLEY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY ~ ENERGY ASSISTANCE

Attention Residents of Odessa - MVCAA will be at the Odessa Community Service Center on the second Friday of each month to provide energy assistance services. Hours are from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. If you need assistance, please call (660) 584-3131 to schedule an appointment.



## FROM ODESSA SENIOR CENTER~ HOME DELIVERED MEALS

Home delivered meals are available to qualified, homebound seniors in Lafayette County. If you or someone you know could benefit from these home delivered meals, call the Odessa Senior Center at (816) 633-4161. The Odessa Senior Center is open from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm. Lunch is served from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm.



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## SWEET & SAVORY ~ A FOOD & BEVERAGE EVENT

The Odessa Chamber of Commerce is having their Annual Sweet & Savory: A Food and Beverage Event, as well as Odessa's Ugly Sweater Contest, on Saturday, November 18, from 6:00 - 8:30 pm 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, Tilly & Co, Sunrise Market, Bank of Odessa (both locations), NASB, Central Bank, Silver Fox Antiques, and The Chamber Office. Please contact the Chamber of Commerce at (816) 633-4044 if you have questions. Stick around for the after party from 8:30 - 10:30 pm.



## 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 24 through November 15. The public is encouraged to enter to win wreaths by purchasing tickets. Those purchasing wreaths may enter for a particular wreath. Tickets are \$1 for one ticket, \$5 for six tickets, \$10 for an arms length of tickets, and \$20 for a wingspan of tickets. Odessa Outreach will announce the winners at the Holiday Lighting Ceremony on November 20. All donations go to Odessa Outreach and will be distributed to local nonprofit organizations. All donations are tax deductible. Donations may be mailed to 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 The Odessan, Don's Appliance, and Odessa Diesel Repair.



## ODESSA COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER CHRISTMAS ADOPTION PROGRAM

The Odessa Community Service Center is going to have their annual Christmas Adoption Program again this year for children in the Odessa R-7 School District. Families can sign up from November 1 through December 1. Adoptions will start after sign ups are complete. 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.



## 2017 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 20. Listen to Christmas carols, enjoy the parade, shop, and visit with Santa Claus. The festivities will begin around 6:30 pm. Most of the downtown shops will be staying open late for some early Christmas shopping. Enjoy hot chocolate and apple cider while the Odessa High School, Middle School, and Upper Elementary School Choirs sing carols. It will be a fun evening for all ages. For more information, please contact the Chamber of Commerce Office at (816) 633-4044.

## DUTIES OF DOG AND CAT OWNERS

According to Chapter 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. **ALSO...Please be aware that there is a leash law in Odessa.** It shall be unlawful for any person owning, keeping, or harboring any dog to permit or allow said dog to run at large within the City. Just a reminder that 2017-2018 dog tags were due October 1 and are available for just \$3.50 per dog. You must bring the dog's current rabies vaccination receipt with you.