



CITIZENS' NEWSLETTER

Keeping Our Citizens Better Informed

GENERAL ELECTION APRIL 3, 2018



A General Municipal Election will be held in the City of Odessa, Missouri, on Tuesday, April 3, 2018, between the hours of 6:00 am and 7:00 pm. Voting polls are located at the Community Building in Dyer Park and at the New Horizons Presbyterian Church south of town on Highway 131. Check your voter registration card to see where you should go to vote. Candidates for the election are:

Mayor

Adam R. Couch

Collector

Jennifer LeBlanc

Alderman Ward 1

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Alderman Ward 2

Steve Wright

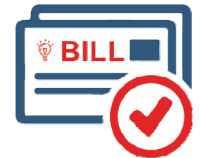
Alderman Ward 3

Ray Harves

The last day to register to vote in this election is Wednesday, March 7, 2018, at 5:00 pm at City Hall. Please contact City Hall at (816) 230-5577 if you have questions. **EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT — VOTE ON APRIL 3.**

UTILITY LEVEL PAY SIGN-UP

If you are interested in signing up for the Utility Level Billing Plan, please contact City Hall as soon as possible. The new cycle for level billing will begin with the April utility bill. Late submissions may not be accepted. Applications may be printed from the City website at www.cityofodessamo.com or picked up at City Hall. If you have any further questions, please call City Hall.



PAYMENT OF UTILITY BILLS

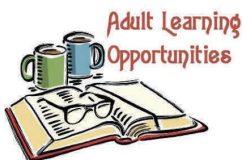
Utility bills are due on the 15th of each month to avoid a 5% penalty. All bills must be paid in full on or before 5:00 pm on the 20th of each month. If not paid, utilities will be disconnected without notice on the 21st. A fee of up to \$100 plus the total bill will be due to reconnect service. All bills are mailed as a courtesy, but failure to receive a bill does not relieve the obligation to pay the bill when due. Please mail your payments early to ensure receipt, as we are not liable for the postal service.

Here is a short list of numbers you can call to seek assistance.

Community Service Center ~ (816) 230-7558

Missouri Valley Community Action Agency (660) 584-3131

Helping Hands ~ (816) 655-2048



ODESSA COMMUNITY ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

A wide range of creative adventures await adult students at Odessa R-VII School District Adult Education Program. Spring courses are available March through April in a broad range of subjects including technology, arts and design, and personal enrichment. The faculty brings skills as practicing professionals and educators and are eager to pass along their knowledge to adult students. Classes will be offered Monday through Friday, 6:00-8:30 pm on the campuses of McQuerry Elementary, Odessa High School, and the Middle School. View class offerings and enroll online at www.odessar7.net or call (816) 633-5316. Those that enroll will benefit from these learning experiences at no cost for the course, however, some instructors require a fee to cover materials and or have provided a class supply list that students will be required to bring.



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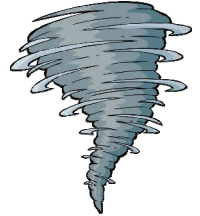
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NEW CITY STORM SHELTER

The City Storm Shelter is now the Community of Christ Church, located at 515 S First Street. The City will move all the signs accordingly.

STATEWIDE TORNADO DRILL

The State Wide Tornado Drill will be on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, at 10:00 am. In the event of severe weather on that day, the make-up drill will be held on Thursday, March 8, at 10:00 am.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE CITY WIDE CLEAN-UP

Community Clean-up Day is Saturday, March 17, from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. If you know of an elderly person, a disabled person, or anyone who might need assistance, please let us know. We will accept trash, junk yard waste, and electronic waste. Hazardous waste will not be accepted. (The Pioneer Trials Regional Planning Commission will be offering a hazardous waste drop-off service for Lafayette County starting in April.) If you belong to an organization that would like to volunteer time and help 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.

LOCATION AND STORAGE OF TRASH CONTAINERS

Trash containers shall be stored to the side or rear of the residence and may be situated at the curb for no more than 24 hours prior to the scheduled day of collection.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

Its that time again. On Sunday, March 11, 2018, we will spring forward with Daylight Savings time. Be sure to set your clocks ahead one hour.

PET OVERPOPULATION ~ PLEASE SPAY OR NEUTER YOUR PETS

It won't be long before unwanted puppies and kittens start arriving at area shelters. Most of them will be euthanized. If you are thinking of getting a pet, please consider adopting one from a local animal shelter or rescue group. And then, please have your dog and cat spayed or neutered. Dogs especially need a lot of attention and work to become good canine citizens. If you get a dog and keep it chained up in the yard with no interaction, it will become a nuisance to you and your neighbors. Dogs that spend their entire lives chained can become uncontrollable, broken, aggressive and dangerous. This is no way for a social animal to spend its life.

HOW TO CONTACT YOUR MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

Mayor ~ Adam Couch ~ Cell # (816) 661-4837 / e-mail: acouch@cityofodessamo.com

Alderman Ward One ~ John Carmody ~ Cell # (816) 263-0656 / e-mail: jcarmody@cityofodessamo.com

Alderman Ward One ~ Steve Lockhart ~ Cell # (816) 263-3939 / e-mail: slockhart@cityofodessamo.com

Alderman Ward Two ~ Brian Henning ~ Cell # (816) 651-1771 / e-mail: bhenning@cityofodessamo.com

Alderman Ward Two ~ Steve Wright ~ Cell # (816) 918-6634 / e-mail: swright@cityofodessamo.com

Alderman Ward Three ~ Ray Harves ~ Cell # (816) 524-6311 / e-mail: rharves@cityofodessamo.com

Alderman Ward Three ~ Mike Stevens ~ Cell # (816) 674-6222 / e-mail: mstevens@cityofodessamo.com