



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 Monday, November 12, in observance of Veteran's Day, and on Thursday, November 22, and Friday, November 23, in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. Emergency Services will be available. We hope you have a wonderful holiday with your family.



HOLIDAY TRASH REMINDER



Just a reminder that there will not be trash/recycling service on Thanksgiving day, November 22. 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. 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 4. Remember, this is also a great time to replace the batteries in all of your smoke alarms.



PROTECTING YOUR HOME FROM BASEMENT FLOODING



Heavy rains that fall over short periods of time can overwhelm city sewer systems. Overloaded sewers can back up through sewer lines and flow into basements. There are steps you can take to greatly reduce the risk of sewer backup and basement flooding. You can install a backwater valve and a sump pit drainage system. A backwater valve is a device that prevents sewage in an overloaded sewer line from backing up into your basement. A properly installed backwater valve automatically closes if sewage backs up from the main sewer. A sump pit drainage system includes a sump pit, a sump pump and a pump discharge pipe. The pump pushes water outside your house through the discharge pipe. You direct this pipe to a place on your property. You should have the backwater valve and sump pit checked regularly. You can also improve drainage around your house. You will need a permit and inspections to install a backwater valve and a sump pit. We recommend that you use a licensed and insured plumber for

MISSOURI VALLEY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY 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 to 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 Little Bit Country, A Little Bit Rock-N-Roll event, on Friday, November 16, from 6:00 - 8:30 pm at Berry Acres, at 6825 Highway 131. Ticket prices are \$20.00 in advance, and \$25.00 at the door. Tickets are available at the Mixing Bowl, Sunrise Market, Bank of Odessa (both locations), NASB, Central Bank, Concordia Bank, The Loft, Silver Fox Antiques, and the Chamber Office. Please contact the Chamber of Commerce at (816) 633-4044, if you have questions. Stay for the after party from 8:30 pm to 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 through November 16. The public is encouraged to enter to win wreaths by purchasing tickets for a particular wreath. Tickets are \$1 for 1 ticket; 6 tickets for \$5; \$10 for an arms length of tickets, and \$20 for an arm span of tickets. Odessa Outreach will announce the winners at the Holiday Lighting Ceremony, November 19. 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 Second 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 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 2 through November 30. 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.



2018 DOWNTOWN LIGHTING CEREMONY

Experience the magic of the Holiday Season at the annual Christmas Lighting Ceremony in Odessa, on Monday, November 19, starting at 6:30 pm. There will be caroling by the OHS, OMS and OUE School choirs. The Optimist Club will have hot chocolate, Cub Scout Troop 120 will have baked goods for sale, and the parade will bring the star of the night...SANTA. Santa visits will start after the parade. Most of the downtown shops will stay open late for some early Christmas Shopping. For more information, please contact the Chamber of Commerce Office at (816) 633-4044. We hope to see you there!



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 the animal 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...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. **2018-2019** dog tags were due October 1 and are available at City Hall. You will need to bring your dogs current rabies certificate to purchase the license.