



CITIZENS' NEWSLETTER

Keeping Our Citizens Better Informed



SEVERE WEATHER SHELTER LOCATION

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APRIL 4, 2017, GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

A General Municipal Election will be held in the City of Odessa, Missouri, on Tuesday, April 4, 2017, 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 located at 4266 MO Hwy 131 just south of town. Candidates who filed for this election are:



Alderman ~ Ward 1

John Carmody
James Keehler (withdrawn)

Alderman ~ Ward 2

Brian Henning

Alderman ~ Ward 3

Michael G. Stevens

For election questions please contact Odessa City Hall at (816) 230-5577.

EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT — VOTE ON APRIL 4TH

ALSO ON THE BALLOT.....QUESTION 1

Shall the City of Odessa, Missouri, be authorized to sell its water and wastewater (sewer) utilities to Missouri-American Water Company?

CITY FISHING AND BOATING PERMITS

Permits for fishing and boating will be sold at City Hall, Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. You may also purchase them at the Odessa Police Department (816-633-7575) anytime. You must bring exact change to the Police Department.

Fishing permits

\$ 1.50 Individual per day (16-65)
\$ 7.50 Individual Season (16-65)
\$10.00 Family Season (incl spouse & children under 16)

Boating Permits

\$ 1.00 Single Day Boat Permit (no motor)
\$ 5.25 Season Boat permit (no motor)
\$ 2.00 Single Day (with motor)
\$10.25 Season Boat Permit (with motor)

ENERGY ASSISTANCE SERVICES

Missouri Valley Community Action Agency will be at the Odessa Community Service Center on the second Friday of each month to provide energy assistance services. They will be there from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. Call 660-584-3131 to schedule an appointment.

2012 BUILDING CODES ADOPTION

The City of Odessa is considering adopting the 2012 International Building Codes in the near future. The 2012 code books are available for viewing at City Hall. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Codes Department at (816) 230-5577 ext. 6.



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ODESSA COMMUNITY ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

It's still not too late to enroll in an adult education class for personal enrichment. Classes run through April 2017. Class hours are in the evenings from 6:00 pm-8:30 pm and are located on the campuses of Odessa High School or Middle School. District adults are invited to browse on-line through the Spring 2017 Community Adult Education Course Catalog for subjects that interest you. Visit www.odessa.k12.mo.us to view the course catalog or call (816) 633-5316 for copies of the catalog. 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 have provided a class supply list that students will be required to bring.... SIGN UP TODAY!



HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF SITE IN LAFAYETTE COUNTY

Lafayette County now has a hazardous waste drop off program. This has been put together by Pioneer Trails Regional Planning Commission. You must call and schedule an appointment to drop off the waste. The site will be open from April to October. The drop off times are from 8:00 am until noon. Odessa's collection day is the first Wednesday of every month. The service is free to Lafayette County residents. The first drop off day is April 5th.

The number to schedule an appointment is (660)-463-7934. The location is 400 N First Street. There will be someone on site to help with the drop-off. Dropping off hazardous waste without an appointment WILL result in a citation being issued. There are certain materials that will not be accepted. You can check out the list at www.trailsrpc.org.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE ~ WEEDS

Before you know it, it will be time to start mowing the lawn, trimming the weeds, and getting rid of the brush piles. The City of Odessa has adopted the 2006 International Property Maintenance Code. In **Section 302, Subsection 302.4 ~ Weeds**, it states in part; All premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth in excess of 10". Weeds shall be defined as all grasses, annual plants and vegetation, other than trees or shrubs provided; however, this term shall not include cultivated flowers and gardens.



PLEASE HAVE YOUR PET SPAYED OR NEUTERED



The Humane Society estimates that everyday, roughly 70,000 puppies and kittens are born in the United States. As a result, every year millions of animals are killed because there are just not enough homes for them. There are statistics that show an animal is euthanized every 6 1/2 seconds in this country. Animal overpopulation has reached a crisis. The cost to catch, feed and destroy these animals is staggering. The only way to guarantee that an animal will not reproduce is to make sure you have them spayed or neutered. Please consider calling an animal shelter or rescue group if you are interested in getting a new pet. There are many purebred animals in shelters. Opt to adopt.