



# CITIZENS' NEWSLETTER

Keeping Our Citizens Better Informed

## APRIL 4th GENERAL ELECTION



A General Municipal Election will be held in the City of Odessa, Missouri, on Tuesday, April 4, 2017, between 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. Check your voter registration card to see where you should go to vote. Candidates for the election are:

### Alderman Ward 1

John Carmody  
James Keehler

### Alderman Ward 2

Brian Henning

### Alderman Ward 3

Mike Stevens

The last day to register as a voter in this election is Wednesday, March 8th, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall. For election questions, please contact City Hall at (816) 230-5577. **EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT — VOTE ON APRIL 4th !!**

## UTILITY LEVEL PAY SIGN-UP

If you are interested in signing up for the Utility Level Billing Plan, please submit your application to City Hall no later than April 1st. The new cycle for level billing will begin with the April bill. Late submissions may not be accepted. Applications may be picked up at 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 and 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 post payments early to ensure receipt, as we are not liable for the postal service.

Here are a few 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 technology, arts, and design, as well as personal enrichment. Our faculty bring skills as practicing professionals, and educators, and are eager to pass along their knowledge to our adult students. Classes will be offered Monday through Friday, 6:00-8:30 pm on the campuses of the Odessa High School and Middle School. View class offerings and enroll online at [www.odessa.k12.mo.us](http://www.odessa.k12.mo.us) 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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## NEW CITY STORM SHELTER



As of March 1, 2017, the new City Storm Shelter will be the Community of Christ Church located at 515 S 1st Street. The City has moved all of the directional signs accordingly.

## STATEWIDE TORNADO DRILL

The State Wide Tornado Drill will be at 10:00 pm Tuesday, March 7, 2017. In the event of severe weather on the day of the drill, the make-up drill will be held on Thursday, March 9, 2017, at 10:00 am.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE CITY WIDE CLEAN-UP

The Community Clean-up day is Saturday, March 18, 2017, 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 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 at (816) 230-5577. When we work together we can make a good community even better.

## LOCATION AND STORAGE OF TRASH CONTAINERS

Trash containers for use in one and two family dwellings shall be stored to the side or rear of the residence, and may be situated at the curbs NOT MORE THAN 24 HOURS prior to the scheduled day of collection. (Chapter 5, Section 5.603-2)

## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS



Its that time again...On Sunday, March 12, 2017, we will spring forward. Daylight Savings time begins at 2:00 am on Sunday morning. 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. Many 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 or 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, they 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 such a social animal to spend

## HOW TO CONTACT MAYOR - ALDERMEN

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

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

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