



CITIZENS' NEWSLETTER

Keeping Our Citizens Better Informed



HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HALLOWEEN



The Odessa Chamber of Commerce, The Optimist Club, and the City of Odessa will sponsor the "Downtown Trick-or-Treating Event" on Monday, October 31, from 5:00-7:00 pm. Events being held that evening are:

The Optimist Club Train

Costume Contest (sponsored by the Optimist Club)

Trick-or-Treating at Participating Businesses



Mason Street will be closed from 2nd Street alley to alley from 4-8 pm

and from Dryden Street to Main Street from 5-7 pm



All children must be accompanied by an adult. Trick-or-treating is a family-oriented event for children 12 years and younger. For more information, contact the Odessa Chamber (816)633-4044 or chamberodessamo@gmail.com. If your older children are going out alone, plan and review a route that is acceptable and agree on a specific time when they should return home. When walking the streets, please avoid using electronic devices that cause you to keep your head down. Outfit your trick-or-treaters with costumes that allow clear vision and will not cause them to trip. Have reflective materials on the costumes or provide something for them to carry so they are easily seen by motorists.

MOTORISTS ~ Watch out for ghost and goblins that are walking on the roadways. In residential areas, drive slower than the posted speed limit. We want everyone to be safe and have an enjoyable evening. Remember to keep your cats and dogs inside on Halloween evening as well. With all the costumed children running around, your pet could get confused, frightened, or hurt and possibly bite someone. Your pets count on you to do the right thing for them.



COLDER WEATHER IS ON THE WAY



It is important to winterize your home and yard now before winter sets in. Here are a few tips:

Doors and Windows: Replace worn out weather stripping and broken glass. Weather stripping and caulking helps keep your house weather tight, and lowers your heating bills. Install storm windows or use window insulation kits.

Ceiling fans: Reverse your ceiling fan blades to keep the warm air down. Blades should be turning clockwise.

Gutters: Maintain and clean your gutters by removing all debris so water can properly drain.

Roof: Replace damaged shingles. If you have a fireplace, check for gaps around the flashing.

Water Heater: Wrap your water heater in an insulating jacket.

Furnace: Have your furnace and fireplace checked by a professional. Change furnace filters once a month.

Insulation: Check the insulation in your home, and don't neglect basements or crawlspaces. If they are well insulated, your pipes stand a better chance of not freezing. Use heat tape where needed.

Siding: Repair or replace loose siding.



Exterior areas: Remove all brush piles and junk piles where rodents can hide. Roll up hoses and store them in a dry place. Pick up all debris from the yard.

Trees: Look out for branches. Inclement weather can cause weak trees or branches to break and damage your home, car, utility lines, or someone just walking by your property.

Rodent Infestation: Seal possible entrances to your home by using expanding foam, sheet metal, steel wool, or concrete.





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SEVERE WEATHER SHELTER

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

WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM

The weatherization program is sponsored by The Missouri Valley Community Action Agency (MVCAA) and is a free service for homeowners or renters who qualify (renters must have approval of owner and owner participation). The program helps to make the homes of low-income people energy efficient. **If you qualify, all work and materials are provided at no or minimal cost to you.** If you are interested, please call Higginsville MVCAA at (660) 584-3131 for an appointment.



ODESSA FALL FESTIVAL 2017



Be sure to stop by Railroad Park on Saturday, October 14, from 8 am-4pm and join in the fun at the Odessa Fall Festival. Check out the crafts, pumpkin patch, mums, games and more. This event is sponsored by the Odessa Chamber Merchants Group.

ODESSA MARCHING INVITATIONAL

Band Day is October 21, 2017. The parade starts around 9:30 am with the same route as last year. Please come out and support the marching band kids as they perform in competition. The field show starts at approximately 1:30 pm. Cost for admittance to the field show is \$10.00. (includes program)



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, Monday through Friday. Lunch is served from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm.

DOG TAGS ARE DUE OCTOBER 1, 2017

The 2017-2018 dog tags are now available for purchase. All dogs within the Odessa city limits are required to have a yearly dog tag. The cost is \$3.50 per tag. Please bring your dog's current rabies vaccination receipt with you to City Hall to purchase the dog tag. Senior citizens, 65 years of age or older, are allowed one free tag. You will still need to bring a current rabies vaccination certificate for the dog. Please help control pet overpopulation and always have your pet spayed or neutered.



LAFAYETTE COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL



The last hazardous waste drop-off day for the City of Odessa is October 4, 2017. You must make an appointment to schedule a drop-off. The number to call is (660) 463-2449. The drop-off location is 400 N First Street. Dropping off hazardous waste without an appointment will result in a citation being issued. This service has been provided by the Pioneer Trails Regional Planning Commission.

DELINQUENT TAXES

If you owe unpaid personal property taxes, you will be turned over to collections at the end of the year. If you are unsure if you have delinquent taxes, please call City Hall at (816) 230-5577.

