



CITIZENS' NEWSLETTER

Keeping Our Citizens Better Informed



CITY OFFICES CLOSED



City offices will be closed on Monday, December 24, Tuesday, December 25, and Tuesday, January 1, 2019, for the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays.

APRIL 2, 2019 ELECTION FILING INFORMATION



The filing dates for candidates for the April 2, 2019, General Municipal Election, are from 8:00 am on December 11, 2018, through 5:00 pm on January 18, 2019, during regular office hours. Positions up for election are Alderman in Ward 1, Alderman in Ward 2, and Alderman in Ward 3. If you have any questions about filing for office, please contact the City Clerk at (816) 230-5577.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS DAY TRASH SERVICE

There will not be trash service on Tuesday, December 25, and Tuesday, January 1, 2019. Trash service and recycling pickup will run one day later for those two weeks.



SEVERE WEATHER SHELTER

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

CITY OF ODESSA PUBLIC MEETINGS IN DECEMBER

If you are interested in attending Odessa public meetings this month, the Board of Aldermen will meet on Monday, December 10, 2018. The Planning & Zoning Commission will meet on Wednesday, December 5, 2018. The Park Board will meet on Tuesday, December 18, 2018. These meetings are held at the Odessa Community Building located in Dyer Park at 601 W. Main Street and start at 7:00 pm. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend these meetings.



STREET SNOW PLOWING NOTICE

During a snow storm city crews will treat the streets with sand and salt as beneficial. Crews will normally start around 6:00 am on the morning of or the morning after the storm. The major streets of Main, Mason, Dryden, Johnson, Phillips, First, Second, Third, North Fourth, South Fifth, and South Ninth will be treated and plowed first. Other streets will be done as quickly as possible depending on conditions. Please move your vehicle off of the street when a winter snow storm is predicted.



BRRR... IT'S COLD OUTSIDE ~ KEEP YOUR PETS SAFE

Please remember your pets this winter season. They depend on you for their safety, health, and comfort. If not kept indoors, please make sure they have a warm, dry, draft free shelter and be sure their water is unfrozen. And always have your pets spayed or neutered.



Dear Friends of the Odessa Senior Center,

In October, our agency – Care Connection for Aging Services –celebrated 45 years of providing services and resources to the seniors in 13 counties. Odessa Senior Center joined the agency family in 1981 and since then, we've been serving the seniors of Odessa and surrounding communities.

Our vision is that seniors in our area will live with maximum independence, respect and dignity. We make a difference in the lives of people by providing them with services and resources that empower them to create healthy aging experiences.

We operate on a balanced budget and this year we must raise \$31,465 to ensure we can provide the services we believe that our seniors need. To do that, we fundraise in different ways. This letter campaign is one of our efforts and our goal is to raise \$11,300 during the next several weeks.

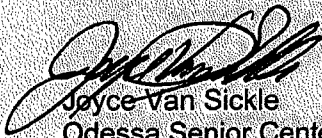
Your contribution will help us continue to provide our meal service – to our seniors that come to the center and to our homebound seniors. Over 8,903 meals were served at the center and 8,130 delivered to our homebound seniors during our last fiscal year. These meals nourish the body and are life saving for some seniors.

But that's not all, we provide education on health related topics and on fun topics that enrich the mind. We provide fitness classes that strengthen the body. We provide benefits counseling that can help keep money in their pockets. And best of all, we provide a community that feeds the spirit of our seniors.

Read the story on the right. We call this a **Mission Moment** and it highlights the success of our services. This is a story about Elaine. She is a real client of the Odessa Senior Center. This is her story.

Help us continue to help Elaine and hundreds of others just like her, to create their own Mission Moment. Your donation stays in Odessa and supports the seniors that we serve. Our mission is awesome, our seniors are amazing, and your donations will help us continue our work.

We appreciate your generosity.



Joyce Van Sickle
Odessa Senior Center Coordinator

Here is my gift to help you continue to create Mission Moments for our seniors.

\$25 \$50 \$75 \$ _____ to help as much as possible

Thank you again for your support. Please make your checks payable to Odessa Senior Center. Or you can donate on-line. Go to www.goaging.org then select Donate. Complete the form and don't forget to designate the **Odessa Senior Center**.

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail Address: _____



Mission Moment

Since I moved here a year and a half ago, I have met so many people through the senior center. I found my new church through new friends I met here.

Each morning when you come in, you are greeted with warm smiles and friendly hellos. You really feel that these new friends are glad to see you.

I love to volunteer and help out in any way I can. The home delivered meals is a great service and I enjoy doing anything to help with it or just whatever is needed.

It doesn't matter what you come in to do, whether it's crochet, play bingo, exercise with Silver Sneakers or play cards, everyone will welcome you into joining them.

You just feel better after spending some time here.

- Elaine

Year End Letter Campaign
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