

Odessa Outlook

Monthly Newsletter

Upcoming Scheduled Power Outage



We have been informed by Evergy that there is additional maintenance required in our substation. As in September, a brief outage for Odessa utility customers will be necessary to conduct this maintenance. This should be the the final maintenance needed. The outage will take place at night beginning the evening of Saturday, October 16, at approximately 11:45 pm. The power should be restored by 6:00 am on Sunday, October 17, barring any unforeseen issues. Please plan ahead for this outage regarding electronics, medical needs, etc.

City Dog Tags Reminder



Dog tags are due October 1, 2021, and are valid from the date of purchase through September 30, 2022. All dogs within Odessa city limits are required to be licensed with the city and vaccinated against rabies. You may purchase city dog tags at City Hall for the 2021-2022 calendar year beginning October 1, 2021. The cost is \$6.60 per tag with those 65 years of age or older receiving their first dog tag free of charge. Bring your dog's current rabies vaccination receipt.

Upcoming Community Events

October 7 *Ghouls Night Out*

A delightful night of after-hours fun, spooktacular treats, and boo-tique shopping. Step out on the town and support your local downtown Odessa shopping district.

October 16 *Odessa Marching Band Invitational*

Thirteen bands will participate with a parade from 9-11 am through downtown Odessa, Indoor Percussion and Indoor Guard at the Odessa Middle School, and Field Competition at the Odessa High School. Want more info? Christina Dawson at christinamdawson@gmail.com.

October 30 *Downtown Trick-or-Treat*

A night full of costumes, candy, and fun! Enjoy the Optimist train, costume contest, fun & games area, and trick-or-treating with participating businesses. Starts at 5:30 pm.

November 22 *Downtown Lighting Ceremony*

Kick off the holidays with our beloved downtown lights. Enjoy caroling, the parade, and a visit from Santa Claus! Starts at 6:30 pm.



CALENDAR

October 1, 2021

City Hall Closed – Technical System Upgrades

October 4, 2021

Water Quality Preventative Maintenance Program Begins (see back page for information) →

October 11, 2021

Board of Aldermen Meeting

October 16-17, 2021

Planned Power Outage
11:45 pm – 6:00 am

October 19, 2021

Municipal Court

October 21, 2021

Planning & Zoning Meeting

October 25, 2021

Board of Aldermen Meeting

October 26, 2021

Park Board Meeting





Water Quality Preventative Maintenance Program

In a continuing effort to distribute high quality water, the City of Odessa will conduct a routine Water Quality Preventive Maintenance Program beginning on **October 4, 2021 and ending November 5, 2021**. This process involves a temporary switch from the current chloramines to chlorine in order to optimize water quality. It will also include flushing the distribution system to clean water mains.

Why change disinfectants?

The Environmental Protection Agency and the state of Missouri recommend this process to preserve water quality by ensuring persistent disinfection levels exist in the distribution system. The temporary change helps to remove bacteria and sediments from the pipes, reduce corrosion and the formation of nitrates and nitrites, and improve overall drinking water quality.

What should I expect during the process?

Throughout the process, the water will continue to meet federal and state standards for drinking water and is safe for consumption and use. While most will not notice any change, some users may detect temporary color, taste, and odor differences. This is a normal part of the process and customers should be assured that water quality will not be affected. Minor fluctuations in water pressure may take place while flushing is occurring, and utility crews may be seen operating fire hydrants to flush the system.

It is recommended that customers continue to remove chloramines and chlorine from water prior to use in the kidney dialysis process, fish aquariums and ponds, and with some types of manufacturing practices. Customers are advised to seek professional advice concerning the removal methods for chlorine and chloramines.

Additional information may be obtained from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources website at <https://dnr.mo.gov/document-search/nitrification-temporary-conversion-chloramine-free-chlorine-pub2646/pub2646>. Additionally, you may contact MoDNR's Kansas City regional office at 816-251-0700 or the Public Water Drinking Branch at 573-751-5331.

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