

# Odessa Outlook

Monthly Newsletter

## City Offices Closed for the Holidays

City offices will be closed on Friday, November 11, for Veterans Day, as well as Thursday, November 24, and Friday, November 25, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Emergency services will still be available.



## 2022 Downtown Lighting Ceremony

Experience the magic of the holiday season at the Annual Christmas Lighting Ceremony on Monday, November 21, starting at 6:30 pm. Every year the community comes together to kick off the holidays as we flip the switch to turn on the City's beloved downtown lights. Enjoy choir performances, the Christmas parade, the Magic Tree at Railroad Park, and a visit from Santa Claus himself. For more information, please contact the Odessa Chamber of Commerce at 816-633-4044 or email [chamberodessamo@gmail.com](mailto:chamberodessamo@gmail.com).



Just a reminder that there will be no trash service on Thanksgiving day, November 24. The trash normally picked up on Thursday will be picked up on Friday, and Friday's trash will be picked up on Saturday. If you have any questions, please feel free to call City Hall at 816-230-5577.

## CALENDAR

### November 11, 2022

City Hall Closed in observance of Veterans Day

### November 14, 2022

Board of Aldermen Meeting

### November 15, 2022

Municipal Court

### November 17, 2022

Planning Commission Meeting

### November 21, 2022

Downtown Lighting Ceremony

### November 24-25, 2022

City Hall Closed in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday

### November 28, 2022

Board of Aldermen Meeting

### November 29, 2022

Park Board Meeting



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## 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 and cooling bills. Install storm windows or use window insulations kits.

**Ceiling Fans** – Reverse your ceiling fan blades to keep the warm air down in your living space. Blades should turn clockwise in cold weather.

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

**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. Don't neglect basements or crawlspaces. If 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 loose branches. Inclement weather can cause weak trees or branches to break and damage your home, cars, 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.

## Municipal Court – Fine Payment

Certain citations may be paid prior to court rather than exercising your right to have the case heard by a judge including minor traffic violations, plate violations, license violations, and animal violations. The complete schedule of fines can be found on our website at [www.cityofodessamo.com](http://www.cityofodessamo.com). Violations that include any personal or property damage, DWI, or driving while suspended/revoked require a court appearance. Payment of fine constitutes a guilty plea, waiver of trial, and possible points assessed. Contact the Municipal Court Clerk, Jennifer LeBlanc, at 816-230-5577, ext 1, for additional information.