

# Odessa Outlook

Monthly Newsletter

## CALENDAR

**October 10, 2022**

Board of Aldermen Meeting

**October 18, 2022**

Municipal Court

**October 20, 2022**

Planning Commission Meeting

**October 24, 2022**

Board of Aldermen Meeting

**October 25, 2022**

Park Board Meeting



## National Pedestrian Safety Month

October is National Pedestrian Safety Month. Walking can be a great way to get more active and has many health benefits both physically and mentally. Unfortunately, in 2020 there were 6,516 pedestrians killed in the United States. On average a pedestrian was killed every 81 minutes and injured every 10 minutes in traffic crashes. It is important for both motorists and pedestrians to stay safe and remember the following:

### MOTORISTS

- Yield for pedestrians.
- Put the phone down.
- Always remain alert and focused.
- Obey all posted signs and speed limits
- Do not block crosswalks at intersections.
- Take extra care while driving around schools, playgrounds, and neighborhoods.
- Avoid alcohol and drugs when driving.



### PEDESTRIANS

- Always walk on sidewalks if they are available.
- When sidewalks are not provided, always walk on the left side of the road facing traffic.
- Cross streets at crosswalks or intersections whenever possible.
- Any pedestrian crossing a roadway – other than within a crosswalk – must yield the right-of-way to vehicles on the road.
- Watch for vehicles entering or exiting driveways or parking spots.

## 2022 Street Improvement Plan

The City of Odessa's 2022 Street Improvement Plan is nearing completion with both chip seal maintenance and full asphalt overlay for 17 streets in Odessa. The nine completed chip and seal streets include Action Avenue (40 Hwy to W Main), East Mason (1<sup>st</sup> to Johnson), 9<sup>th</sup> Street (OO to Golf), East Dryden (1<sup>st</sup> to Dyer), McDowell (4<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>), Golf (3<sup>rd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>), Walnut (Johnson to dead end), Main Street Terrace (Johnson to Woodlawn), and Woodlawn (Main St Terr to E Main). The completed overlay streets include West Phillips (2<sup>nd</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup>), SE Railroad (W Mason to W Dryden), South 4<sup>th</sup> (W Dryden to W Orchard), North 3<sup>rd</sup> (W Otway to W Main), South Russell (E Main to E Dryden), and South 5<sup>th</sup> (Golf to W College). The final two overlay streets – W Orchard (2<sup>nd</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup>) and SW Railroad (W Main to W Mason) – should be completed within a few weeks, weather permitting.

We are just as excited as you are to see freshly paved streets across Odessa and appreciate your patience as we strive to improve our community.

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**City Dog Tag Reminder**

Dog tags are due October 1, 2022, and are valid from the date of purchase through September 30, 2023. 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 2022-2023 calendar year beginning October 1, 2022. The cost is \$7.00 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 13      *Ghouls Night Out***

A delightful night of spooktacular treats, boo-tique shopping, and costume contests. Step out on the town and support your local downtown Odessa shopping district from 5:00-9:00 pm.

**October 15      *Odessa Marching Band Invitational***

The 18th Annual Odessa Marching Invitational will feature a separate parade competition, field competition, and indoor guard and indoor percussion competitions. Want more info? Christina Dawson at christinamdawson@gmail.com.

**October 29      *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 5:00 pm.

**November 21      *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.

**November 26      *Small Business Saturday***

A day to celebrate and support small businesses and all they do for our community. Odessa is blessed to have so many wonderful small businesses for us to enjoy.