



Odessa Outlook

Monthly Newsletter

City Offices Closed for the Holidays

City offices will be closed on Friday, December 22, and Monday, December 25, in observance of the Christmas holiday. In addition, please note that City offices will be closed on Monday, January 1, in observance of New Year’s Day.

Plans to Build a New Police Facility

Almost a decade ago, the Odessa Police Department was relocated from its former building after mold was discovered in that facility and was demolished shortly thereafter. The current “temporary” location is an 1,850-square-foot building constructed in 1947, previously used as a school shop classroom located next to the 1912 school building.

It was agreed by Odessa city leadership that the current police headquarters lacks sufficient space to perform efficient police operations. A needs assessment was performed resulting in a proposed Justice Center that would not only house the police department, but also municipal court, an emergency operations center, and a public storm/tornado shelter. Upon Board of Aldermen approval, a dedicated ½ cent public safety sales tax will be presented as a question to the voters for approval on April 2, 2024, to fund the new Odessa Justice Center.

The Police Department will be hosting two open house events in December for the public to view their current police station at 310 S First Street, and learn more about the need for a new facility. The first open house will be on Wednesday, December 6, from 4:00-7:00 pm. The second open house will be on Saturday, December 9, from noon until 3:00 pm.

Community engagement is important as this process moves forward, and we encourage you to attend one of the events. If you are unable to make either date, you may call the Odessa Police Department at 816-633-7575 to schedule a visit. To learn all about this project, read the full needs assessment, and see design plans, please visit the City’s website at www.cityofodessamo.com/OdessaJusticeCenter. You can also follow the Police Department’s Facebook page @odessamopolice for news and updates.

CALENDAR

December 6, 2023

Police Department Open House
4:00-7:00 pm

December 9, 2023

Police Department Open House
Noon-3:00 pm

December 11, 2023

Board of Aldermen Meeting

December 19, 2023

Municipal Court

December 21, 2023

Planning Commission Meeting

December 22 & 25, 2023

City Hall closed in observance
of the Christmas holiday

January 1, 2024

City Hall closed for New Year’s
Day



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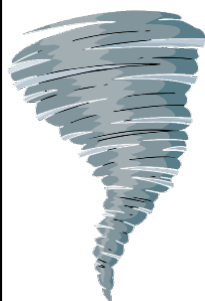
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**The Community
 of Christ Church,
 located at
 515 S First Street,
 is the community
 storm shelter.**

April General Election Filing

The annual election of officers of the City of Odessa will be held on April 2, 2024. Seats available for filing are Mayor and an Alderman in each of the three wards. The Mayor and Aldermen serve terms of two years. All candidates desiring their names on the official ballot in the election must file in person with the City Clerk at City Hall at 228 S 2nd Street, Odessa, Missouri.

The opening date for candidate filing is **Tuesday, December 5, 2023**, at 8:00 am, and will continue during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, with the closing filing date of **Tuesday, December 26, 2023**. City Hall will be closed Friday, December 22, 2023, and Monday, December 25, 2023, in observance of the Christmas holiday. Candidates will be listed on the ballot in the order in which they file. You may contact the City Clerk at City Hall for additional information at 816-230-5577.

**Holiday Trash Service**

There will be no trash service on Christmas Day, December 25, or New Year's Day, January 1. The trash normally picked up on those Mondays will be picked up on Tuesday, with the remaining week running a day behind. If you have any questions, please feel free to call City Hall at 816-230-5577.

Annual Registration for Golf Carts & UTVs

A yearly permit is required to drive a golf cart or UTV within the city limits of Odessa. The annual fee for the permit is \$15.00 due at the time of registration. All permits expire on December 31. The vehicle must first be inspected by the Police Department located at 310 S First Street, between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. You will then go to City Hall to complete the application, provide proof of insurance, and pay the fee to receive your vehicle sticker. For additional information, please call City Hall at 816-230-5577 or visit our website at www.cityofodessamo.com/UTVsandGolfCarts.