

Odessa Outlook

Monthly Newsletter

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.

CALENDAR

October 9, 2023

Board of Aldermen Meeting

October 17, 2023

Municipal Court

October 19, 2023

Planning & Zoning Meeting

October 23, 2023

Board of Aldermen Meeting

October 24, 2023

Park Board Meeting



2023 Street Improvement Plan

The City of Odessa’s 2023 Street Improvement Plan has been completed with both chip seal maintenance and full asphalt overlay for 16 streets in Odessa. The eight completed chip and seal streets include South 5th Street (300 & 500 blocks), South Johnson Drive (300-500 blocks), North Johnson Drive (100-400 blocks), East Montgomery (400 block), West Otway (200-300 blocks), West Marlow (200-300 blocks), Cox School Road (800-900 blocks), and South 9th Street (700 block). The eight completed overlay streets include South Wells (200 block), Dryden (400 block), East College (100-200 blocks), South Connor (200 block), West Mason (600-700 blocks), East Crestview (100-200 blocks), South 9th Street (300 block) and South Russell (700-800 blocks).

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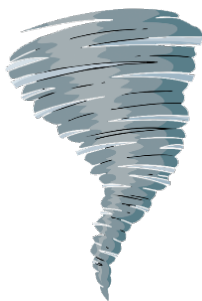
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**The Community
 of Christ Church,
 located at
 515 S First Street,
 is the community
 storm shelter.**

City Dog Tag Reminder

Dog tags are due October 1, 2023, and are valid from the date of purchase through September 30, 2024. 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 2023-2024 calendar year beginning October 1, 2023. 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 12 Ghouly Girls' Night Out**

An evening of shopping, spirits, and spooktacular prizes for the best dressed witches. Step out on the town and support your local downtown Odessa shopping district from 5:00-8:00 pm.

**October 14 Odessa Marching Band Invitational**

The 19th Annual Odessa Marching Invitational will feature a separate parade competition, field competition, and indoor guard and indoor percussion competitions. Want more info? Contact Derek Twombly at dtwonmbly@odessar7.net.

**October 28 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 13 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.