

**FEBRUARY 2024**

**City of Odessa, Missouri**

# Odessa Outlook

Monthly Newsletter

## City Offices Closed

City offices will be closed on Monday, February 19, in observance of Presidents Day. Emergency services will still be available.



## Voting in the April Election

The annual election of officials of the City of Odessa will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2024. Voting locations are the Community Building at Dyer Park and the New Horizons Presbyterian Church on Hwy 131. Please check your voter registration card for your location. The last day to register to vote is March 6, 2024. Visit [www.sos.mo.gov/elections/goVoteMissouri/register](http://www.sos.mo.gov/elections/goVoteMissouri/register) for more information on how to register. You may even register at Odessa City Hall. Positions up for election are Mayor and an alderman in each of the three wards, all of which serve a term of two years. If you have any questions, please contact City Hall at 816-230-5577, ext. 6.

## New Schedule for Odessa Municipal Court

Starting in May of 2024, Odessa Municipal Court will be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 9:30 am. Court is held at the Odessa Community Building at 601 W Main in Odessa.

January 16 at 1:30 pm  
February 20 at 1:30 pm  
March 19 at 1:30 pm  
April 16 at 1:30 pm  
May 14 at 9:30 am  
June 11 at 9:30 am

July 9 at 9:30 am  
August 13 at 9:30 am  
September 10 at 9:30 am  
October 8 at 9:30 am  
November 12 at 9:30 am  
December 10 at 9:30 am

## CALENDAR

**February 5, 2024**

Board of Aldermen Budget Work Session

**February 12, 2024**

Board of Aldermen Meeting

**February 15, 2024**

Planning & Zoning Meeting

**February 19, 2024**

City Hall Closed in observance of Presidents Day

**February 20, 2024**

Municipal Court

**February 26, 2024**

Board of Aldermen Meeting

**February 27, 2024**

Park Board Meeting



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. To pay a citation online go to <https://www.courts.mo.gov/cnet/welcome.do>. Contact the Municipal Court Clerk, Jennifer LeBlanc, at 816-230-5577, ext 1, for additional information.

## BOARD OF ALDERMEN

### MAYOR

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### WARD ONE

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Alderwoman Karla Polson  
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### WARD TWO

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Alderwoman Donna Ehlert  
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### WARD THREE

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Alderman Bob Carey  
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## Get Help with Heating and Cooling Bills

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) helps low-income families meet their immediate energy needs. It mainly assists those who spend a large amount of their household income on energy bills.

To qualify for LIHEAP assistance, you must meet each of these requirements:

- Be the person responsible for paying home heating and cooling costs.
- Be a United States citizen or have been legally admitted for permanent residence.
- Have \$3,000 or less in bank accounts, retirement accounts, or investments.
- Meet specific income guidelines that vary according to household size.

LIHEAP can help in two ways:

The Energy Assistance Program (EA) provides a one-time payment for one fuel type for your heating or cooling cost from October-September. The amount is based on your household size, household income, and the type of energy source used in the home.

The Energy Crisis Intervention Program (ECIP) can help you pay your fuel bills when your energy is in crisis. The amount of help you receive is based on the amount of money needed to settle your crisis with the energy provider.

To apply online visit [mydss.mo.gov/utility-assistance](http://mydss.mo.gov/utility-assistance), or call 855-373-4636 for more information.

## When Snow is in the Forecast

During a snowstorm, city crews will treat the streets with sand and salt. They will normally begin around 6:00 am on the morning of or the morning after the storm. The major streets of Main, Mason, Dryden, Johnson, Phillips, First, Third, North Fourth, South Fifth, and South Ninth streets will be treated and plowed first. Other streets will be done as quickly as possible depending on the conditions. Please avoid parking vehicles on streets when snow is forecasted.

