# Odessa Outlook

# Monthly Newsletter

## **City Hall Closed**

City Hall will be closed on Monday, September 1, in observance of Labor Day. Trash will run all routes on that day so there will be no delay in pickup. We hope you have a great holiday!

#### School is Back in Session

Odessa students have returned to school and so have our School Resource Officers (SROs). Our SROs maintain an open and interactive relationship with students and work directly with the school district to serve and protect the students and faculty. From left to right, SRO Ben Brown – Upper Elementary, SRO Sam Bell along with CIRT K9 Radar – Middle School, SRO Andrew Lockhart – High School, and SRO Mat Osborn – McQuerry Elementary.



Be sure to watch for crossing guards and obey their signals. Always stop for school buses that are loading and unloading children. Also, be sure to get back in the habit of slowing down in school zones. It may seem like a crawl when driving just 15 miles per hour in a school zone, but it only takes a second for a child to run out in front of a vehicle. If you are speeding, you might not have enough time to react. Please buckle up, put your phone down, and drive safely.

# **CALENDAR**

Meetings/Court are held at the Community
Building at 601 W Main, Odessa

#### September 1, 2025

City Hall is Closed in Observance of Labor Day

#### September 2, 2025

Public Hearing – 1:00 pm Variance to Chapter 50 City Ordinance Section 50-580 Off Street Parking

#### September 8, 2025

Board of Aldermen Meeting - 6:00 pm

#### September 9, 2025

Municipal Court - 9:30 am

#### September 17, 2025

Park Board Meeting – 7:00 pm

#### **September 18, 2025**

Planning & Zoning Meeting – 6:00 pm

#### **September 22, 2025**

Finance Committee Meeting – 4:30 pm

#### **September 22, 2025**

Board of Aldermen Meeting – 6:00 pm



# **City of Odessa Newsletter**

### **BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

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

## **City Dog Tags**

Dog tags are due October 1, 2025, and are valid from the date of purchase through September 30, 2026. 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 2025-2026 calendar year beginning October 1, 2025. The cost is \$7.00 per tag with those 65 years of age or older receiving their first dog tag free of charge. You must bring your dog's current rabies vaccination receipt to obtain a tag.

Per city ordinance, the maximum number of dogs/cats per residence is four. Dogs are not allowed to roam and must be on a leash or within a fenced yard when outside. Adequate food, water, and shelter must always be available for any dog kept outdoors. We also recommend that dogs and cats be spayed or neutered to help reduce overpopulation.

## **Odessa Farmers' Market**

The Farmers' Market here in Odessa will end in October. Be sure to stop by this month and see local and regional vendors with their fresh produce, plants, baked goods, honey, and craft items for sale. Located at Railroad Park by the tracks on Hwy 131 just north of downtown every Thursday from 4-7 pm.



The City of Odessa makes it easy to pay and manage your utility bills online, anytime! With e-Billing and Auto Pay you'll no longer have to wait for your utility bill to arrive or drop off/mail in your payment. Simply log in to your account online and view your bill as soon as it is posted at the first of each month. Enroll today by visiting www.municipalonlinepayments.com/odessamo or call us at 816-230-5577 and we'll walk you through the sign-up process. You may also pay by phone by calling 888-291-1842.