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City of Odessa, Missouri

Odessa Outlook

Monthly Newsletter

Voting in the April Election

The Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026. The last day to register to vote is March 11, 2026. You can register in person at City Hall at 228 S 2nd Street in Odessa, the County Clerk's Office at 1001 Main Street in Lexington, or at any Department of Motor Vehicles office. You are also able to register to vote online at https://www.sos.mo.gov/elections/goVoteMissouri/register.aspx. 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.

For more information on elections and how to register, visit https://www.lafayettecountymo.gov/services/county_clerk/elections_voter_information.php.

Positions up for election are Mayor and an Alderman in each of the three wards, all of which serve a term of two years. Candidates are:

Mayor
Bryan Barner
Bruce Whitsitt

Alderman Ward 1
Mickey Starr

Alderman Ward 2
Amy Finch
Ron Finn

Alderman Ward 3
Forest Palmer

In addition to electing City Officials, voters will also consider two important ballot measures (see included insert for more information):

Proposition A – Public Safety Sales Tax If approved this measure will provide dedicated funding for public safety improvements that include the construction of a new police facility with accountability ensured through citizen oversight and a sunset clause so the tax is removed once the facility is completed.

Proposition U – Transportation Use Tax If approved, this would help fund vital street maintenance and transportation improvements throughout the City with the revenue gained from a local use tax on goods purchased from out-of-state vendors, ie, internet purchases.

If you have any questions, you may contact City Hall at 816-230-5577 or the County Clerk at 660-259-4315.

CALENDAR

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

March 9, 2026
Board of Aldermen Meeting – 6:00 pm

March 10, 2026
Municipal Court – 9:30 am

March 11, 2026
Last Day to Register to Vote

March 18, 2026
Park Board Meeting – 7:00 pm

March 19, 2026
Planning & Zoning Meeting – 6:00 pm

March 23, 2026
Finance Committee – 4:30 pm
Board of Aldermen Meeting – 6:00 pm

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For general information and/or questions about the City of Odessa, please contact City Hall at 816-230-5577, or visit our website at www.cityofodessamo.com.

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I Love Odessa Event

The "I Love Odessa" community event is being held on Friday, March 20 and Saturday, March 21. The team is looking for projects in our community that include construction, yard work, service, home repair, etc. In order to qualify, you must submit your project along with the details required to complete it. The project must be able to be completed within two days. You must also reside within the Odessa school district. Visit www.fbcodessa.org/i-love-odessa and complete the form online to volunteer or request assistance. You can also contact the First Baptist Church Odessa at (816) 633-5535 for more information.

Odessa Community Clean Up Day

In conjunction with the "I Love Odessa" event, the City of Odessa will be holding a Community Clean Up Day on Saturday, March 21, 2026, from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. This is a free service for Odessa residents only, and proof of residence is required. Dumpsters will be available at Dyer Park (601 W Main) for your electronic waste and household items, up to two loads per household. **Items that will NOT be accepted include hazardous waste, liquid waste, yard waste, car parts, appliances, tires, concrete, and construction materials.** Brush, yard waste, and natural vegetation may be dropped off at the City's Northwest Wastewater Treatment Plant (7174 Hughes Road) on March 21 as well. If you have any questions regarding this event please contact Jenny Neel at City Hall at 816-230-5577, extension 2.

The Odessa Farmers' Market

The Odessa Farmers' Market will open for the 2026 season on April 9. Local and regional vendors will bring fresh produce, flowers, eggs, baked goods, and craft items for sale. Come on out every Thursday from April 9 through October to Railroad Park by the train tracks on Highway 131 just north of downtown, 4:00 to 7:00 pm.