

# Odessa Outlook

Monthly Newsletter

## City Hall Closed

City Hall will be closed on Monday, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day.

## ECA Credit Opt-in Program

The City of Odessa implemented an Energy Cost Adjustment (ECA) in 2019 as part of its electric utility billing structure. The ECA is a standard rate mechanism designed to reflect fluctuations in wholesale energy costs and was developed with the assistance of professional engineering guidance at the time of adoption.

In February 2026, a concern was raised regarding the calculation of the ECA. The City was already undergoing an electric rate study by an independent engineering firm. The engineer confirmed that the ordinance did not fully specify all factors used in the calculation formula, resulting in a discrepancy for a portion of the ECA.

Upon confirmation of the issue, the City took immediate steps to address it. The Board of Aldermen amended the City Code to ensure the ECA calculation aligns with the correct methodology, and updated billing began reflecting the revised calculations in February 2026.

In order to return the discrepancy portion of ECA charges to eligible customers, the City has developed a structured, voluntary credit program. The program will apply to electric utility accounts active between May 2019 and January 2026. Customers will be required to opt in by submitting an application and verifying account information. Credits will be calculated individually based on each customer’s billing history and length of service during the affected period.

This process is designed to ensure accuracy, fairness, and administrative consistency while maintaining the financial integrity of the electric utility. Participation in the program is voluntary, and applicants will be asked to acknowledge terms related to acceptance of the credit.

The City of Odessa remains committed to transparency throughout this process and will continue to provide updates as additional information becomes available.

## CALENDAR

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

### May 11, 2026

Board of Aldermen Meeting – 6:00 pm

### May 12, 2026

Municipal Court – 9:30 pm

### May 20, 2026

Park Board Meeting – 7:00 pm

### May 21, 2026

Planning & Zoning Meeting – 6:00 pm

### May 25, 2026

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **The opt-in period is open until June 28, 2026.**
- **After the opt-in period closes, the City will process refunds.**
- **The refund will be applied to one utility bill. If you are no longer a City of Odessa customer, a refund check will be mailed.**
- **Refund eligibility will be verified using City utility billing records.**
- **You will be asked to acknowledge a statement from the City’s attorneys regarding acceptance of the refund.**

## CITY HALL STAFF

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](http://www.cityofodessamo.com).

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## Community Clean Up Day

The City of Odessa, along with Lafayette County, will be holding a Community Clean Up Day on Saturday, May 9, 2026, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. This is a free service for residents of Lafayette County – proof of residence is required. Dumpsters will be available at Dyer Park (601 W Main St, Odessa). Acceptable items include: furniture/clothes, electronic scrap (e-scrap), bulk debris, two (2) appliances per household (Freon based appliances like window units/refrigerators will NOT be accepted), \$2 per automobile tire (up to 4)/\$5 for each additional. Tires will only be accepted without rims. Yard waste and household hazardous waste will NOT be accepted at this event. A reuse swap area will be available for residents to drop and swap reusable items such as furniture. If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact Jenny Neel at City Hall at 816-230-5577, extension 2.

## Odessa Aquatic Center

The Odessa Aquatic Center at Dyer Park opens on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25. The daily fee is \$6 for ages 3 and over. A season pass is \$110 for an individual. The family season pass is \$250 for four members, with \$40 for each additional person (family members must live in the same residence to qualify).

Pool hours are 1:00-6:00 pm Monday-Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, and 1:00-7:00 pm on Friday. Pool rental is available seven days a week for pool parties. Contact the Park Office for information on swimming lessons, water aerobics, and pool rental by email at [lindsey.adams@cityofodessamo.com](mailto:lindsey.adams@cityofodessamo.com) or call 816-633-8324.



## 2025 Water Quality Report

The 2025 Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) for Odessa is available for review at [www.cityofodessamo.com](http://www.cityofodessamo.com) or at <https://dnrservices.mo.gov/ccr/MO1010599.pdf>. If you would like to receive a paper copy, please call City Hall at 816-230-5577 or stop by during normal business hours.