



CITIZENS' NEWSLETTER

Keeping Our Citizens Better Informed.



CITY OFFICES CLOSED MONDAY JULY 4

City offices will be closed on Monday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.

We hope you and your family have a safe and happy holiday.

MISSOURI PRIMACY FEE AND SEWER CONNECTION FEES

The State of Missouri, through the Department of Natural Resources, requires community water systems to collect a Primacy Fee and a Sewer Connection Fee from each customer to pay for the administration of the Safe Drinking Water Act. This fee appears on the enclosed utility bill as a once a year charge. All fees collected are sent to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. Level pay customers will see this amount as an addition to this month's level bill only.

ODESSA BUSINESS LICENSES

City Business Licenses are due July 1, 2016. If you run your business out of a building in town, you are now required to have an annual safety inspection before the license will be issued. We will start assessing penalties for unlicensed businesses on July 2.

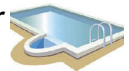
UTILITY RE-CONNECT REMINDER

Please Note: The City will do after hours utility reconnects for unpaid utilities only until 6:00 p.m. Connects will resume the next morning of the following business day.

"DIVE IN" AT THE AQUATIC CENTER



Odessa Parks and Recreation will be holding a "Dive In" at the Aquatic Center on Thursday, July 7. The gates open at 8:30 p.m. and the movie will start at 9 p.m.



The cost is \$5 per person, season pass holders \$2.50. Come with a member and receive a dollar off admission.

Full concessions will be available.



10th ANNUAL OUTREACH DUCK RACES



The 10th Annual Duck Race is co-sponsored by Odessa Outreach and Odessa Parks & Recreation. The race is Monday July 4, at the Odessa Aquatic Center, and starts at 10:00 a.m. Ducks may be purchased for \$5 each at Don's Appliance, Odessa Diesel Repair, The Odessan, Odessa Branch of Trails Regional Library, Tucker's Liquor, and the Odessa Parks & Recreation office. All donations are distributed to nonprofits. You do not need to be present to win, but you are encouraged to attend. We have many prizes to give away.

Also, the Odessa Outreach is holding a "Trivia Night" on Saturday, July 16. It will be held at New Horizons Presbyterian Church. Doors open at 6:00, event starts 6:30 p.m. Call Phyllis Ferguson at (816) 633-5387 for more information.



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THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH IS THE CITY SEVERE WEATHER SHELTER

THE VFW WILL HAVE A FIREWORKS DISPLAY ON JULY 4th, AT DYER PARK

6 HOLIDAYS OBSERVED BY HEARTLAND TRASH COMPANY

- * New Year's Day
- * Independence Day, July 4
- * Thanksgiving (4th Thursday in November)
- * Memorial Day (Last Monday in May)
- * Labor Day (First Monday in September)
- * Christmas, December 25

Trash will not be picked up on these dates, and will run one day later on those weeks. On the weeks that trash is running one day later, recycling will also run one day behind. For pick-up of large items, please call Heartland (888) 561-5225.

LOCAL FIREWORK LAWS

IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL AT ALL TIMES IN THE CITY OF ODESSA TO:

Possess or ignite any fireworks on a public street, or

Explode or ignite a bottle rocket firework, or

Explode or ignite any form of fireworks within 600 feet of a school or church, or

Throw any ignited firework from, into, or at a motor vehicle, or

Possess or explode any form of fireworks within the City except on residential property on July 3, 4, and 5 between the hours of 8 am and 10 pm.



KEEPING YOUR ANIMALS SAFE DURING THE HOLIDAY

Remember that during the 4th of July holiday, most pets will be very frightened by the sound of fireworks. It's better to leave them at home in a confined, cool, and safe space with plenty of shade and fresh cold water, with some soothing background noise to keep them calm. You can also talk to your veterinarian about medications that will calm a nervous pet.



MUNICIPAL COURT ~ CUSTOMER SERVICE CHANGES

To provide better service for those individuals who received a summons and would like to handle the matter outside of the court rather than exercising their right to have their cases heard by a judge, we have implemented a drop box in the lobby of the police department. The drop box is for those hours/times the Court Clerk is unavailable. Call the Odessa Police Department for a list of summonses that can be handled outside of a court appearance. Any charge not on the list is a mandatory court appearance. During those times the lobby door is locked, call the number on the sign and an off duty officer will respond to allow you to gain access (weekends, holidays, and after hours). We have provided pens and envelopes along with instructions on how to meet the requirements on the drop box. If you would like a receipt mailed or e-mailed to you, please make that noted.

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