



CITIZENS' NEWSLETTER

Keeping Our Citizens Better Informed



HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HALLOWEEN



Downtown Trick or Treat will be Saturday, October 26, from 5-7 pm.

The Optimist Club will have the Optimist Train set up and hold a costume contest.

There will be bouncy houses and games sponsored by Life Point Church.



As a new feature, the Chamber of Commerce & Life Point Church will be doing a "Movie on the Lawn" event, starting at 7:30 pm featuring Hotel Transylvania at the 1912 field. Please bring lawn chairs and a snack to extend your trick-or-treating fun.

All children must be accompanied by an adult. Trick-or-treating is a family oriented event for children 12 years and younger. For more information, contact the Odessa Chamber (816) 633-4044 or chamberodessamo@gmail.com. If your older children are going out alone, plan and review a route that is acceptable and agree on a specific time when they should return home. When walking the streets, please avoid using electronic devices that cause you to keep your heads down. Outfit your trick-or-treaters with costumes that allow clear vision and will not cause them to trip. Have reflective materials on the costumes or provide something for them to carry so they are easily seen by motorists. **MOTORISTS** ~ Watch out for ghosts and goblins that are walking on the roadways. In residential areas, drive slower than the posted speed limit. We want everyone to be safe and have an enjoyable evening. Remember to keep your cats and dogs inside on Halloween as well. With all the ghosts and goblins running around, your pet could get confused, frightened, or hurt and possibly bite someone. Your pets count on you to keep them safe.



COLDER WEATHER IS ON THE WAY



It is important to winterize your home and yard now before winter sets in. Here are a few starter tips.

Doors and Windows: Replace worn out weather stripping and broken glass. Weather stripping and caulking helps keep your house weather tight, **and lowers your heating / cooling bills**. Install storm windows or use window insulation kits.

Ceiling fans: Reverse your ceiling fan blades to keep the warm air down. Blades should be turning clockwise.

Gutters: Maintain and clean your gutters by removing all debris so water can properly drain.

Roof: Replace damaged shingles. If you have a fireplace, check for gaps around the flashing.

Water Heater: Wrap your water heater in an insulating jacket.

Furnace: Have your furnace and fireplace checked by a professional. Change furnace filters once a month.

Insulation: Check your home's insulation. Don't neglect basements or crawlspaces, if they are well insulated, your pipes stand a better chance of not freezing. Use heat tape where needed.

Siding: Repair or replace loose siding.

Exterior areas: Remove all brush piles and junk piles where rodents can hide. Roll up hoses and store them in a dry place. Pick up all debris from the yard.

Trees: Look out for loose branches. Inclement weather can cause weak trees or branches to break and damage your home, car, utility lines, or someone just walking by your property.

Rodent Infestation: Seal possible entrances to your home by using expanding foam, sheet metal, steel wool, or concrete.





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SEVERE WEATHER SHELTER



The Community of Christ Church, located at 515 S First Street, is the City's Severe Weather Shelter.

WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM

The weatherization program is sponsored by The Missouri Valley Community Action Agency (MVCAA) and is a free service for homeowners or renters who qualify (renters must have approval of owner and owner participation). The program helps to make the homes of low-income people energy efficient. **If you qualify, all work and materials are provided at no or minimal cost to you.** If you are interested, please call Higginsville MVCAA at (660) 584-3131 for an appointment.



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

The Beans and Barley Festival is changing the date to Saturday, November 2, 2019, from 9 am to 6 pm.

The Christmas Lighting Ceremony will be Monday, November 25, 2019, starting at 6:30 pm.

The Sweet & Savory Event will be Saturday, March 28, 2020, at Berry Acres, with "Hat-tastic" theme.

The Student Development Day date has not been set yet.

More information will be coming out when available.



ODESSA MARCHING INVITATIONAL

Band Day is October 12, 2019. The parade starts at 9:30 am, and the route will be the same as last year. Please come out and support the marching band kids as they perform in competition. The indoor percussion and guard performances start at 10:15 am. The field shows start at approximately 2:15 pm. The cost for adult admittance is \$10, seniors and students are \$5, and children under 3 are free.

FROM ODESSA SENIOR CENTER ~ HOME DELIVERED MEALS

Home-delivered meals are available to qualified, homebound seniors in Lafayette County. If you or someone you know could benefit from these home delivered meals, call the Odessa Senior Center at (816) 633-4161. The Odessa Senior Center is open from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm. Monday through Friday. Lunch is served from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm.



DOG TAGS ARE DUE OCTOBER 1, 2019

Dog tags for 2019-2020 are now available for purchase. All dogs within the City limits are required to have a current license. The cost is \$3.50 per tag. Please bring your pet's current rabies vaccination receipt with you to City Hall to purchase the license. Senior citizens, 65 years of age or older, are allowed one free tag. You will still need to bring a current rabies vaccination certificate for the dog. Please have your **PETS** spayed or neutered.



LAFAYETTE COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

The hazardous waste drop-off sites for Lafayette County are in Lexington and Concordia. You must make an appointment to drop off hazardous waste. To schedule a appointment in Concordia, please call 1-660- 463-2228. Concordia drop off days are Thursdays, from 10 am to 1 pm. For Lexington, please call 1-660-232-3827 and ask for Chuck or Dennis. This is a free service to Lafayette County residents.