



CITIZENS' NEWSLETTER

Keeping Our Citizens Better Informed

SEVERE WEATHER SHELTER

The Community of Christ Church, located at 515 S First Street, is the City's severe weather shelter.



CITY OFFICES CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS

City offices will be closed on Monday, November 11, in observance of Veteran's Day, and on Thursday, November 28, and Friday, November 29, in observance of Thanksgiving.

Emergency services will still be available.



HOLIDAY TRASH REMINDER

Just a reminder that there will not be trash/recycling service on Thursday, November 28, on Thanksgiving Day. The trash normally picked up on Thursday will be picked up on Friday, and Friday's trash will then be picked up on Saturday for that week. If you have any questions, please feel free to call City Hall at (816) 230-5577. Again, the trash/recycling service for Thursday and Friday will be delayed by one day. Please make sure to have your trash set out by 7:00 am. Thank you.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS ~ FALL BACK

Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 3, 2019. This is also a great time to replace the batteries in all of your smoke alarms.



PROTECTING YOUR HOME FROM BASEMENT FLOODING

Heavy rains that fall over short periods of time can overwhelm city sewer systems. Overloaded sewers can back up through sewer lines and flow into basements. To greatly reduce the risk of sewer backup and basement flooding you can install a backwater valve and a sump pit drainage system. A backwater valve prevents sewage in an overloaded sewer line from backing up into your basement. A properly installed backwater valve automatically closes if sewage backs up from the main sewer. A sump pit drainage system includes a sump pit, a sump pump and a pump discharge pipe. The pump pushes water outside your house through the discharge pipe. You direct this pipe to a place on your property. You should have the backwater valve and sump pit checked regularly. You can also improve drainage around your house. You will need a permit and inspections to install a backwater valve and a sump pit. We recommend that you use a licensed and insured plumber for these modifications.



MISSOURI VALLEY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY ~ ENERGY ASSISTANCE

Attention residents of Odessa. The MVCAA will be at the Odessa Community Service Center on the 2nd Friday of each month to provide energy assistance services. Hours are from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm. If you need assistance, please call (660)-584-3131 to schedule an appointment.



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. Lunch is served from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm.



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BOARD MEETING DATES

Board of Aldermen Meetings - Nov 11 & 25 • Planning & Zoning - Nov 21 • Park Board - Nov 26 • Municipal Court - Nov 19. All meetings are held at the Odessa Community Building at 601 W Main Street in Odessa.

BEANS AND BARLEY FESTIVAL

Enjoy a chili contest, beer expo, and a makers market on Saturday, November 2, from 10 am to 6 pm. The event will take place at the 1912 building at the corner of First and Dryden. If you or someone you know are interested in participating in any or all of these areas, please contact the Chamber Office at 816-633-4044 or e-mail the Chamber at chamberodessamo@gmail.com.



ODESSA OUTREACH WREATH DRAWING/TREE LIGHTING



Decorated wreaths donated by area businesses, groups, and individuals will be on display at The Odessan through November 25. The public is encouraged to enter to win a wreath by purchasing tickets. Tickets are \$1 for 1 ticket; 6 tickets for \$5; \$10 for an arms length of tickets, and \$20 for a wingspan of tickets. Odessa Outreach will announce the winners at the Holiday Lighting ceremony, November 25. All donations are tax deductible and will be distributed to local nonprofit organizations. Donations may be mailed to Odessa Outreach, PO Box 40, Odessa MO 64076.

DECORATE THE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

Odessa Outreach has turned the Decorate the Community Christmas Tree fundraising campaign over to the Alpha Epsilon Alpha Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority. Funds raised will benefit the Odessa R-VII Public Foundation. All donations are tax deductible and checks should be made payable to the Odessa R-VII Public Foundation. The foundation provides teacher grants, student scholarships, and improvements to the Odessa school district. Those wishing to pay honor to a loved one may make a donation of \$20 or more for an angel, star or ball ornament, \$100 for a string of lights or \$250 for the tree top with names of those honored printed in the Odessan. The ornaments may be reserved at the Odessan or the Drug Store. The campaign begins at the Christmas Lighting Ceremony and will continue through the end of the year. Those wishing to mail a donation may do so to Alpha Epsilon Alpha c/o Renee Spaar, PO Box 80, Odessa, MO 64076.



ODESSA COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER CHRISTMAS ADOPTION PROGRAM

The Odessa Community Service Center is going to have their annual Christmas Adoption Program again this year for children in the Odessa R-7 School District. Families can start signing up November 4th. Adoptions will start after sign ups are complete. The list of families to be adopted will be published in the Odessan.

2019 DOWNTOWN LIGHTING CEREMONY

HO! HO! HO! Come one, come all, on Monday, November 25, 2019, at 6:30 pm for some holiday cheer. This will be the debut of the City's new Christmas lights! There will be caroling by the Odessa High School, Odessa Middle School, and Odessa Upper Elementary choirs followed by the parade which will bring out the star of the night...SANTA. Santa visits will start after the parade. It will be a fun evening for all ages.

DUTIES OF DOG AND CAT OWNERS



In accordance with Chapter 2, Section 2.802 of the City Code of Odessa: The owners of a dog or cat shall provide the animal with humane shelter from heat, cold, rain, wind and snow, and shall give it food and water adequate to keep animal in good health and comfortable. Please spay or neuter your pets.

