



CITIZENS' NEWSLETTER

Keeping Our Citizens Better Informed.



MERRY CHRISTMAS



City offices will be closed on December 24th & December 25th, 2019, and Wednesday, January 1st, 2020, for the Christmas and New Year's Holidays.



APRIL 7, 2020 ELECTION FILING INFORMATION



Candidate filing for the April 7, 2020 General Municipal Election begins at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 17, 2019. Filing closes at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 21, 2020. During the filing period, candidates can file during normal business hours. (City offices are closed on 12/24, 12/25, 1/1 and 1/20.) Seats available for filing include an alderman in each of the three wards, Mayor, and City Collector. If you have any questions, please contact the City Clerk at (816) 230-5577.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS DAY TRASH SERVICE

Heartland waste will not pick up trash or recycling on Wednesday, December 25, 2019 or on Wednesday, January 1, 2020 to allow employees to be with their families. If your normal trash pick up day is on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, these two weeks, your pick up day will be delayed one day. two



YARD WASTE DROP-OFF SITE ~ 400 N. 1 ST. STREET


The yard waste dumpster, located at 400 N. 1st Street is provided as a service for the citizens of Odessa. Recently, some people have been using it as a regular dumpster for trash. It is meant for yard waste only. Yard waste is considered: leaves, (in paper bags only, NOT PLASTIC). The dumpster is emptied every Monday. If the dumpster is full, please call City Hall. Please do not dump the leaves, bags, etc. at the site.

CITY OF ODESSA PUBLIC MEETINGS IN DECEMBER

For those who would like to attend Odessa public meetings this month, the Board of Aldermen will meet on December 9, 2019. The Planning & Zoning Commission will meet on December 19, 2019, and the Park Board will meet on December 16, 2019. All meetings are held at the Odessa Community Building located in Dyer Park at 601 W. Main Street. All meetings start at 7:00 p.m. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend these meetings.



STREET SNOW PLOWING NOTICE

 During a snow storm, City crews will plow and treat the streets with sand and salt. The major streets of Main, Mason, Dryden, Johnson, Phillips, 1st, 3rd, North 4th, South 5th, and South 9th Street will be treated and plowed first. Other streets will be done as quickly as possible depending on the storm conditions. **Please avoid parking vehicles on streets when snow is forecasted.**



Dear Odessa Senior Center supporter,

At the Odessa Senior Center, we make a difference in the lives of people by providing them with opportunities to create positive aging experiences.

Look at what your support – as part of the Odessa community – has enabled us to do in the last year:

- We have served more than 8,316 meals to seniors who are able to come into the dining room and enjoy our food here.
- We have served more than 8,905 meals to our seniors who are homebound and unable to get out of their home much at all.

But meals aren't everything we do! We provide fitness, education, health insurance counseling, tax consulting, family caregiver support, in-home services, transportation, recreational opportunities and a sense of belonging to a community. If there is a need, we search for a way to fulfill that need.

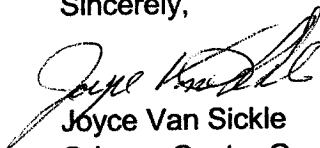
Truthfully though, we do not do this alone. Whether you choose to support us with a monetary donation, through an in-kind donation of goods or through your volunteer support of delivering meals, working in the center or providing rides to medical appointments – you are part of what makes us successful and part of the solution to helping our seniors.

I'll be honest with you. This year our need is great. Because of the continued rising cost of goods and labor, we must raise \$48,282 just to balance our budget and to provide services we estimate will be needed. This does not give us much room for growth.

Won't you help us continue to provide services for our seniors? Our vision is that the people we serve will live with maximum independence, respect and dignity. You can help us achieve that vision by providing a monetary donation today. Simply return the lower portion of this page with your donation. If you're also interested in volunteering, please contact me at the number listed below.

There are so many seniors that need the Center – that need *us*. Help us continue to be there for them.

Sincerely,


 Joyce Van Sickle
 Odessa Center Coordinator
 217 S. Second
 Odessa, MO 64076
 816-633-4616



Here is my gift to help us continue to be there for our seniors.

- \$25 \$50 \$75 \$ _____ to help as much as possible

Thank you again for your support. Please make your checks payable to the Odessa Senior Center. Or you can donate on-line. Go to www.goaging.org then select Donate. Complete the form and don't forget to designate the **Odessa Senior Center**.

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail Address: _____ Your gift may be tax deductible if you itemize your tax return.