

JULY 2020

City of Odessa, Missouri

Odessa Outlook

Monthly Newsletter

Update on the Closure of City Hall

During budget discussions in February of this year, estimates were included to renovate the front lobby of City Hall to provide additional security and improve the safety of our government building. This project was approved to be completed within the current budget. Now that we have encountered a global pandemic, this renovation is even more critical to help protect the health of not only our employees but the public that enters the building. We feel that moving forward with the construction while keeping City Hall closed will create minimal interruption while allowing it to be completed as quickly as possible.

Please know that our staff continues to work from City Hall, Monday through Friday, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm. Despite the change to our traditional ways of operation, we are committed to providing professional service to our customers. You may pay your utility bill online or over the phone, or by dropping it off at one of the two drop boxes as City Hall. The fee to use a credit/debit card will remain waived during the building closure. Fishing/boating permits for the city reservoir will continue to be waived. And our staff will assure that any items of business that would normally be completed at the front counter will continue to be accomplished. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to give us a call at 816-230-5577 or send us an email at info@cityofodessamo.com.

Missouri Primacy Fee & Sewer Connection

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's 4-Step Recovery Plan for COVID-19

STEP FOUR – JUNE 27 at 11:59 pm through JULY 18 at 11:59 pm

- No occupancy restrictions on businesses
- Gathering size limitations of 250 people or less
- Social distancing must be maintained at six (6) feet

CALENDAR

July 3, 2020

City offices closed for Independence Day

July 13, 2020

Board of Aldermen Meeting

July 21, 2020

Municipal Court

July 27, 2020

Board of Aldermen Meeting



Severe Weather Information

The Community of Christ Church, located at 515 S First Street, is the community storm shelter.

Parks & Recreation

The Odessa Aquatic Center opens on July 1, 2020, with some restrictions in place. No lounge chairs or tables will be available. You may bring a lawn chair or towel to sit on. The concession stand will only be selling pre-packaged food. There will be increased cleaning of bathrooms and shared surfaces. Social distancing should be maintained. Season passes for the pool will not be available this year.

Daily admission is \$5 for ages 3 and up. Hours of operation are 1:00-6:00 pm every day of the week except on Fridays, which is 1:00-7:00 pm. Swimming lessons will begin on July 20. Pool party rentals are available seven days a week. Please contact the Park office at 816-633-8324 for additional information.

Odessa Business Licenses

City business licenses are due July 1. The fee to renew an Odessa business license from July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021, has been waived. This does not include new business licenses. All other rules and requirements apply. Businesses located in buildings in Odessa are required to have an annual safety inspection before licenses are issued. Please call 816-230-5577 ext. 2 to set up an appointment.

Volunteers Needed

The City of Odessa's Boards are staffed by volunteers. We currently have openings on our Park Board, Planning and Zoning Commission, Board of Zoning Adjustments, and Board of Appeals. We encourage our citizens to become actively involved in City government and help shape the future of Odessa by serving on a City Board. You must be 18 years or older and live within the city limits of Odessa to apply. If interested, please complete the application on our website at www.cityofodessamo.com and return it to City Hall either in one of the drop boxes or by email at info@cityofodessamo.com.

Municipal Court – Fine Payment

Certain citations may be paid prior to court rather than exercising your right to have the case heard by a judge including minor traffic violations, plate violations, license violations, and animal violations. The complete schedule of fines can be found on our website at www.cityofodessamo.com. Violations that include any personal or property damage, DWI, or driving while suspended/revoked require a court appearance. Payment of fine constitutes a guilty plea, waiver of trial, and possible points assessed. Please contact the Court Clerk, Jennifer LeBlanc, at 816-230-5577, ext. 1, for additional information.

Fourth of July Holiday

Odessa residents may shoot off fireworks within city limits on July 3, 4, and 5 during the hours of 8:00 am to 10:00 pm on residential property with the following restrictions:

- No fireworks may be ignited on a public street
- Bottle rocket fireworks are prohibited
- No fireworks may be ignited within 600 feet of a church or school
- Ignited fireworks may not be thrown from, into, or at a motor vehicle

The VFW will have a fireworks display on July 4 at Dyer Park starting around 9:00 pm.

More pets go missing during Fourth of July festivities than at any other time of the year. The loud noise of fireworks can be very frightening to many pets and cause them to run if left unattended and/or loose.

Please keep your animals at home in a quiet, sheltered, and escape-proof area of your home. You can also speak with your veterinarian about medications that will calm a nervous pet.

