



Odessa Outlook

Monthly Newsletter

Mask Order and Closure of City Hall

The Lafayette County Board of Trustees voted unanimously to reinstate a mask order for Lafayette County that began at 12:01 am on November 19. A Proclamation was signed by Mayor Wright to support these efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19. By doing so, our hope is that it will bring relief to our health care system, provide protection to those most vulnerable, ensure that our local businesses can remain open, and aid the ongoing efforts of the school district.

To help ensure the continuity of operations to our customers and keep residents and staff healthy, city facilities will be closed to the public until further notice. Please know that our staff continues to work from City Hall, Monday through Friday, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm and will provide our customers with the same services we've done throughout the pandemic. We encourage our customers to use the resources available for contactless payment of their utility bills by either dropping their payments in one of the two secure drop boxes at City Hall or paying online with a credit/debit card (www.cityofodessamo.com). 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.

Setup Your Online Utility Account

Earlier this year, as the effects of the pandemic evolved, we decided to waive the credit/debit card fee on all utility payments to make it easier for our customers to pay their bills from home. The fee has now been permanently eliminated to encourage our customers to take advantage of the convenience of paying their utility bills online. To setup your online utility account, just visit our website at www.cityofodessamo.com. After clicking on "Setup Your Online Utility Account" on the homepage, click the blue Login button, then click Register to create your account. You will need to have your account number and last amount paid.

City Offices Closed

City offices will be closed on Thursday, December 24, Friday, December 25, and Friday, January 1, 2021, for the Christmas holiday and New Year's Day.

Holiday Trash Service

Just a reminder that there will not be trash/recycling service on Friday, December 25, 2020, and Friday, January 1, 2021. The trash normally picked up on Friday will be picked up on Saturday. If you have any questions, you may call City Hall at 816-230-5577. Please be sure to have your trash set out by 7:00 am.

CALENDAR

December 14, 2020

Board of Aldermen Meeting

December 15, 2020

Municipal Court

December 24 & 25

Christmas Holiday





Dear Neighbor,

Older adults in our community continue to rely on Odessa Senior Center for nutritious hot meals, fellowship, and resources to help them make their golden years their best years. None of that has changed since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. In fact, the need has only grown.

In mid-March, your center staff pivoted to provide more home-delivered meals and curbside pickup meals to keep older adults safe. **Help from friends like you provided more than 14,000 meals from our center to older adults who needed them last fiscal year.** We provide meals to qualified recipients regardless of their ability to contribute toward the cost. For some older adults, this is their only hot, nutritionally-balanced meal of each day.

In times of hardship, these services are more important than ever. **Would you consider making a year-end donation of \$25, \$50, or \$100 to help the center deliver meals and support services to the older adults in our community?** Your gift in any amount, great or small, will help. You can send a check to 217 S Second Street, Odessa, MO 64076, or you can give online at www.goaging.org/donate.

In tough times, we cannot do it alone. I'm grateful that older adults turn to the Odessa Senior Center for help when they need it, and that we can turn to you for support. **I hope you'll consider helping today.**

Sincerely,
Joyce Van Sickle
Odessa Center Coordinator

April General Election Filing Information

The annual election of officers of the City of Odessa will be held on April 6, 2021. Seats available for filing include an Alderman in each of the three wards for a term of two years. All candidates desiring their names on the official ballot in the election must file in person with the City Clerk at City Hall. The filing hours are 8:00 am to noon on the first day of filing, Tuesday, December 15, 2020, and 12:30 pm to 5:00 pm on the final day of filing, Tuesday, January 19, 2021. Any candidates wishing to file between these days can do so by appointment with the City Clerk. City offices are closed on December 24 and 25, as well as January 1 and January 18. If you have any questions, please contact the City Clerk at 816-230-5577.

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, First, Third, North Fourth, South Fifth, and South Ninth 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.

