

Odessa Outlook

Monthly Newsletter

Voting in the August Election

On August 6, 2024, voters of the City of Odessa, Missouri, will be asked to establish a half-cent public safety sales tax that would improve funding for a new police facility for our community.



If approved, the tax would support the construction of a justice center including a much-needed storm shelter. This multipurpose facility would not only provide a secure environment for law enforcement operations and legal proceedings but would also serve as a designated safe space for residents during emergencies. By integrating advanced security measures and resilient infrastructure, this justice center would provide enduring protection and preparedness, enhancing community safety, and ensuring a lasting investment that would benefit generations to come. For more information about the proposed half-cent public safety sales tax, please visit <https://www.cityofodessamo.com/PublicSafetySalesTax>

Voting locations for Odessa residents are the Community Building at Dyer Park and the New Horizons Presbyterian Church on Hwy 131. Your voter registration card will indicate your location.

2024 Puddle Jumper Days

Puddle Jumper Days will take place from Thursday, August 1, to Saturday, August 3. The carnival will begin set up on Monday, July 29, closing Dryden from Russell to Second Street (131 Hwy). Then starting around 11:00 am on Thursday, Dryden will be closed from Russell to Third Street, Second Street will be closed from Cobb Ave to the alleyway by Ralph O Jones Funeral Home, Mason will be closed from First Street to Third Street, and First Street will be closed from Orchard to the church alleyway. The majority of the streets, including Second Street, will be back open for traffic by Sunday morning, August 4.

Due to street closures, the only vehicle access to City Hall during Puddle Jumper Days will be the alleyway between Dryden and Mason off First Street. For the most updated information about the 2024 Puddle Jumper Days including the daily schedule, entertainment, vendors, and registration for all of the events, please visit www.odessapuddlejumperdays.com.

CALENDAR

- August 6, 2024** 
Primary Election Day
- August 12, 2024**
Board of Aldermen Meeting
- August 13, 2024**
Municipal Court
- August 15, 2024**
Planning & Zoning Meeting
- August 21, 2024**
Park Board Meeting
- August 26, 2024**
Board of Aldermen Meeting
- September 2, 2024**
City Hall is Closed in Observance of Labor Day

Odessa Business Licenses

The deadline for renewing City of Odessa business licenses has been extended to August 31, 2024. The City is currently implementing a new online renewal process for business licenses. For more information on how to electronically renew, please visit www.cityofodessamo.com/GetaBusinessLicense. The Community Development Coordinator will be conducting annual safety inspections during the month of August, in accordance with Odessa Code of Ordinances Sec 12-35 – Inspections. For further details, please contact City Hall at 816-230-5577.

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City Dog Pound

Per City Ordinance, the Odessa Police Department picks up and houses stray or lost dogs found within Odessa city limits. While the majority of these dogs are reunited with their families, a few are sadly never claimed. Currently, the City has four amazing dogs waiting to find their forever homes. For adoption information, please contact the Odessa Police Department at 816-633-7575.

