

# Odessa Outlook

Monthly Newsletter

## CALENDAR

### City Office Closures for the Holidays

City offices will be closed on Monday, November 11, for Veterans Day, as well as Thursday, November 28, and Friday, November 29, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Emergency services will still be available.



### 2024 Downtown Lighting Ceremony

Experience the magic of the holiday season at the Annual Christmas Lighting Ceremony on Monday, November 18, starting at 6:00 pm. Every year the community comes together to kick off the holidays as we flip the switch to turn on the City's beloved downtown Christmas lights. For more information, please contact the Odessa Chamber of Commerce at [chamberodessamo@gmail.com](mailto:chamberodessamo@gmail.com) or 816-633-4044.



Just a reminder that there will be no trash service on Thanksgiving day, November 28. The trash normally picked up on Thursday will be picked up on Friday, and Friday's trash will be picked up on Saturday. If you have any questions, please feel free to call City Hall at 816-230-5577.

**November 5, 2024**

General Election

**November 11, 2024**

City Hall Closed in observance of Veterans Day

**November 12, 2024**

Board of Aldermen Meeting

**November 12, 2024**

Municipal Court

**November 18, 2024**

Downtown Lighting Ceremony

**November 20, 2024**

Park Board Meeting

**November 21, 2024**

Planning Commission Meeting

**November 28-29, 2024**

City Hall Closed in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday



## City Dog Tags

Dog tags for the 2024-2025 year are now available for purchase at City Hall. All dogs within Odessa city limits are required to be licensed with the city and vaccinated against rabies. The cost is \$7.00 per tag with those 65 years of age or older receiving their first dog tag free of charge. Please be sure to bring your dog's current rabies vaccination receipt with you.

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## Colder Weather is on the Way

It is important to winterize your home and yard now before winter sets in. Here are a few tips:

**Doors and Windows** – Replace worn out weather stripping and broken glass. Weather stripping and caulking helps keep your house weather tight and lowers your heating and cooling bills. Install storm windows or use window insulations kits.

**Ceiling Fans** – Reverse your ceiling fan blades to keep the warm air down in your living space. Blades should turn clockwise in cold weather.

**Gutters** – Maintain and clean your gutters by removing all debris so water can drain properly.

**Roof** – Replace damaged shingles. If you have a fireplace, check for gaps around the flashing.

**Water Heater** – Wrap your water heater in an insulating jacket.

**Furnace** – Have your furnace and fireplace checked by a professional. Change furnace filters once a month.

**Insulation** – Check the insulation in your home. Don't neglect basements or crawlspaces. If well insulated, your pipes stand a better chance of not freezing. Use heat tape where needed.

**Siding** – Repair or replace loose siding.

**Exterior Areas** – Remove all brush piles and junk piles where rodents can hide. Roll up hoses and store them in a dry place. Pick up all debris from the yard.

**Trees** – Look out for loose branches. Inclement weather can cause weak trees or branches to break and damage your home, care, utility lines, or someone just walking by your property.

**Rodent Infestation** – Seal possible entrances to your home by using expanding foam, sheet metal, steel wool, or concrete.