

Odessa Outlook

Monthly Newsletter

CALENDAR

October 8, 2024

CANCELLED – Municipal Court

October 14, 2024

Board of Aldermen Meeting

October 16, 2024

Park Board Meeting

October 17, 2024

Planning & Zoning Meeting

October 26, 2024

Downtown Trick-or-Treating

October 28, 2024

Board of Aldermen Meeting



National Pedestrian Safety Month

October is National Pedestrian Safety Month. Walking can be a great way to get more active and has many health benefits both physically and mentally. Unfortunately, in 2020 there were 6,516 pedestrians killed in the United States. On average a pedestrian was killed every 81 minutes and injured every 10 minutes in traffic crashes. It is important for both motorists and pedestrians to stay safe and remember the following:



MOTORISTS

- Yield for pedestrians.
- Put the phone down.
- Always remain alert and focused.
- Obey all posted signs and speed limits.
- Do not block crosswalks at intersections.
- Take extra care while driving around schools, playgrounds, and neighborhoods.
- Avoid alcohol and drugs when driving.

PEDESTRIANS

- Always walk on sidewalks if they are available.
- When sidewalks are not provided, always walk on the left side of the road facing traffic.
- Cross streets at crosswalks or intersections whenever possible.
- Any pedestrian crossing a roadway – other than within a crosswalk – must yield the right-of-way to vehicles on the road.
- Watch for vehicles entering/exiting driveways or parking spots.

2024 Street Improvement Plan

The City of Odessa’s 2024 Street Improvement Plan has been successfully completed, featuring both chip seal maintenance and full asphalt overlay for multiple streets in Odessa. The streets completed with asphalt overlay include Ozark Shortline (700/800 blocks) and Owl Creek Pkwy (800 block). In addition, a section of E Benning Street (400 block) was improved for the Pine Creek Townhomes multifamily housing addition.

Several streets also received chip seal maintenance to extend their lifespan and improve driving conditions, including Kirkpatrick Street (500/600/700 blocks), Venita Street (700 block), Opera House Lane (700/800 blocks), Owl Creek Pkwy (700/900/1000 blocks), Clayton Drive (700 block), and Venita Drive (900 block). We are just as excited as you are to see these freshly improved streets across Odessa and greatly appreciate your patience as we continue to improve our community's infrastructure.

City Dog Tag Reminder

Dog tags are due October 1, 2024, and are valid from the date of purchase through September 30, 2025. All dogs within Odessa city limits are required to be licensed with the city and vaccinated against rabies. You may purchase city dog tags at City Hall for the 2024-2025 calendar year beginning October 1, 2024. The cost is \$7.00 per tag with those 65 years of age or older receiving their first dog tag free of charge. You must bring your dog's current rabies vaccination receipt to obtain a tag.

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October 10 – Ghouly Girls Night Out



Join us for a ghoulish good time on a wicked witch hunt while enjoying shopping, spirits, and spooktacular prizes for the best dress witch. Step out on the town and support your local downtown Odessa shopping district from 5:00-8:00 pm.



October 12 – Odessa Marching Band Invitational

The 20th Annual Odessa Marching Invitational will feature a separate parade competition, field competition, and indoor guard and indoor percussion competitions. Want more info? Contact Travis Wittman at twittman@odessar7.net.



October 26 – Downtown Trick-or-Treat

A night full of costumes, candy, and fun! Bring the little ones out to enjoy the costume contest and trick-or-treating with participating businesses. Begins at 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm.



November 18 – Downtown Lighting Ceremony

Kick off the holidays with our beloved downtown lights. Enjoy caroling, the parade, and a visit from Santa Claus! 6:00-8:00 pm.