

CITY OF
EUREKA

NEWSLETTER

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CITY NEWSLETTER FORMAT CHANGE

Following the closing of the sale of the City water and sanitary sewer systems to Missouri American Water, the City will be transitioning our newsletter to an email format. To ensure you receive City news and information you may find to be of interest, please provide your email address to Communication Director Julie Wood at jwood@eureka.mo.us. If you provided the City with your email address upon signing for utilities we already have it on file. If, however, your email address has changed since signing up, please provide it to us.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

City offices will be closed on Friday, December 24th and Friday, December 31st, in observance of the Christmas and New Year's holidays. The entire City staff extends best wishes to you and your family for a happy holiday season. City offices will also be closed on Monday, January 17th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

TRASH AND RECYCLING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Trash collection services will be unaffected on Friday, December 24th and Friday, December 31st. Trash collection during the week of January 17th will remain unchanged, due to the fact that the trash hauler does not observe Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

CANDIDATE FILING - APRIL 2022 ELECTION

Filing for the position of Alderpersons in Wards 1, 2 and 3 for the April 5, 2022 election opened at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 and close at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 28, 2021. The minimum age is 18 for the Alderperson position. Candidates may file for office at City Hall during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. For additional qualifications and filing requirements you may visit the City's website. Prior to filing you may wish to contact City Hall at 938-5233 to ensure the City Clerk or Assistant City Clerk are in the office.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

There are a number of severe weather hazards that affect Missouri, including thunderstorms, tornadoes, lightning, floods and flash floods, damaging winds and large hail, snow and ice. Severe weather hazards have the potential to cause extensive property damage, injury and/or death. The National Weather Service and the American Red Cross have developed Emergency Preparedness Guides, which contain information about winter weather terms and tips for staying safe at home, in the car and at work or school. Emergency preparedness is no longer the sole concern of earthquake prone Californians and those who live in the part of the country known as "Tornado Alley". Knowing what to do during an emergency is an important part of being prepared and may make all the difference when seconds count. Go to www.ready.gov for preparedness tips.

SNOW REMINDER

During winter storms, it is a great help to the City's Public Works Department if vehicles are parked in driveways. City snowplow crews are able to do a more thorough job if they do not have to plow around parked vehicles on streets.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN ACTION

Adopted the following by Ordinance:

- Amending the Planned Commercial Zoning at 431 Meramec Boulevard to allow for Special Use Permit consideration of Recreational Uses and Activities.
- Amending the Municipal Code relating to Elective Office Candidacy Declaration Provisions.
- Authorizing the Acquisition of Certain Real Property.
- Authorizing entering into an Agreement with Wheels Up, LLC for Mountain Bike Park Instructional Services.
- Authorizing entering into an Agreement with Roots Mountain Biking, LLC for Mountain Bike Park Instructional Services.
- Amending the Municipal Code relating to Motor Vehicle Tampering.

THEFT PROTECTION MEASURES

Garages may be entered via garage door openers left in unlocked vehicles and through unlocked doors allowing items to be stolen while you are sleeping. Be sure to lock your vehicles, remove valuable items and close and lock garage doors. If you witness any suspicious activity, please call the Police Department at 938-6600.

HOME SAFETY TIPS

The high cost of home heating fuels and utilities has caused many people to search for alternate sources of heating. The following is a list of things to help prevent potential fire hazards:

- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Never allow children to play near any heating source such as a fireplace or space heater.
- Have your chimney inspected and cleaned annually by a certified chimney professional and use a metal mesh screen when in use.
- Have a fire extinguisher available.
- Store fuels in proper containers keeping them out of the reach of children and away from combustibles.
- Teach young children that hot things can burn them.

In at least 23% of all fatal residential fires no smoke alarms were present. Keep your family safe by installing a smoke and carbon monoxide alarm on every level of your home and inside bedrooms. If your bedrooms are on an upper level, you may want to purchase an emergency escape ladder. In addition, have an escape plan ready and practice it on a regular basis.

LIVE CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

All decorations (including tinsel) should be removed for Christmas tree disposal after the holidays. Do not place trees in plastic bags. It is not necessary to cut and bundle Christmas trees for pickup.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY RULES

Just a reminder when walking or riding bicycles along thoroughfares - the rule of thumb when walking is to always walk facing the oncoming traffic. However, when riding a bicycle, you should be traveling in the same direction as the traffic flow. In both instances, wear light colored clothing and reflective material during the evening hours.

COMMUNITY EVENT

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1ST - ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST

The Eureka Masons host a breakfast the first Saturday of each month from 6:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at the Masonic Lodge (across from Farmers and Merchants Bank). Adults are \$9.00 and children are \$4.00 (ages 5 and under are free). Eggs, bacon, sausage, French toast, pancakes, home fries and biscuits & gravy will be served. Proceeds from the breakfasts are used for Eureka High School Scholarships and Shriners Hospital.