

CITY OF
EUREKA

NEWSLETTER

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SALE OF WATER AND WASTE WATER SYSTEMS

The City of Eureka has closed on the sale of our water and waste water systems to Missouri American Water Company. You will receive one last bill from the City for July usage in mid-August, to which your City utility deposit will be applied as a credit (if your account ends up having a credit balance, a refund check will be issued by late October). Missouri American will be sending out information regarding the transition including a means to answer any questions you may have. Your bill will be increasing to the same rate as all other customers in St. Louis County that Missouri American serves. The City is pleased that we were able to follow through on what the community voted for in 2020, and look forward to everyone enjoying great water in the near future.

CITY NEWSLETTER

Beginning in September the City's newsletter and information can be viewed on the City's website, in the *Eureka Leader* newspaper and supplemented by email. A printed version can be provided to you at City Hall if you do not have an email address or Internet access.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City offices will be closed on Monday, September 5th in observance of Labor Day.

TRASH AND RECYCLING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

In observance of Labor Day, Monday, September 5th, all service days will be changed from their scheduled day to the following day. If your service is normally scheduled for Monday it will be picked up on Tuesday of that week, Tuesday's pickup will be on Wednesday, Wednesday's pickup will be on Thursday, Thursday's pickup will be on Friday, and Friday's pickup will be on Saturday.

EUREKA DAYS 2022

Eureka Days 2022 is being held on Friday, September 30th from 5:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m., Saturday, October 1st from 11:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 2nd from 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. (Sunday will feature \$1.00 carnival rides). The event will include a parade (Saturday, 11:00 a.m.), carnival rides, bar & beer garden, Kids' Korner, live music, vendors and much more. Friday night will have live music by Steven Woolley, while Saturday will spotlight The Teenage Dirtbags and a spectacular fireworks display. The date is quickly approaching and volunteers are needed in many areas. This exciting event cannot take place without a large number of community volunteers. For additional information or to view a complete schedule of events, please visit the City's website or contact Lizzie Roberds at lroberds@eureka.mo.us or 938-6775.

RECYCLING REMINDER

There has been an increase in household batteries being placed in residential recycling carts to be recycled. Batteries can become combustible and cause fires in the Recycle Trucks and Recycle Centers, making it a dangerous situation for all. Please note that batteries are not recyclable and are not to be placed in your recycling cart. To recycle your batteries, please visit www.stlouiscountymo.gov for various retail locations, such as Earthbound Recycling, that will accept single-use batteries for a small fee.

BUILDING PERMITS

A building permit is required whenever new construction or enlargements of existing structures are planned such as room additions, decks, a basement finish, etc. An application is also required when erecting a fence. In addition to City building permits and fence applications, some subdivisions regulate the installation of fencing, satellite dishes, swimming pools or the construction of freestanding buildings. Please check your subdivision indentures to determine if your subdivision restricts what you propose to build. Building and site plan requirements vary with each type of construction. If you are in doubt as to whether a permit is needed, please call the Building Department at 938-5233.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN ACTION

Adopted the following by Ordinance:

- Authorizing Entering into a Contract for Kircher Park Improvement Professional Services

ROOF STAIN CONCERNS

The dark stains that are prevalent on many roofs in the area are caused by a very hardy "blue-green" algae. Growth normally begins on the north side as well as shaded areas of the roof. As the algae grows, it holds moisture allowing the growth to accelerate. If your roof is currently clean, it likely won't stay that way if other houses in the area are already stained. Years ago, stains on asphalt shingled roofs were not a significant problem. Today it is a serious problem because the design of shingles has changed over time. For the last 30 years, asphalt shingles have been manufactured using limestone as the base filler. Unfortunately, limestone is a favorite food of this strain of algae. Algae previously starved to death when it landed on your roof - now it thrives. Green roof stains are often caused by mold and mildew. Lichen and moss are also common growths found on roofs. It is bad enough that algae causes ugly roof stains, unfortunately it also damages the roof. The algae takes root on the shingles dislodging the granules which protect and color the roof. It holds water to the roof's surface and can cause decay and rot of the underlayment. Not only is your roof being discolored, it is shortening the life of the roof leading to early replacement. Moss and lichen do the same; however, the damage normally occurs much faster. Various products are available at home improvement stores and online to clean your roof if you are having a problem with this type of staining. If you are concerned that you may have problems in the future, products are also available to help prevent the growth of algae. For additional information on remedies available, visit the "Roof Stains" link under Construction & zoning in the Building Department section of the City's website.

SOLID WASTE CONTAINER STORAGE

The Municipal Code allows for the storage of solid waste containers under a carport when stored outdoors. If no carport is available, all containers must be stored in the rear or side yard and placed and/or screened in such a manner so as to not be visible from the home's street frontage.

Please note that trash containers are required to be leakproof, waterproof and covered with a fly-tight lid. All trash is to be bagged and placed in containers. The trash hauler will not be responsible for picking up items spread about when the containers are not properly covered.

Occasionally large quantities of construction materials or materials that result from home remodeling projects are placed at the curb for pickup. These items are not considered to be normal household waste. Our trash contract states that items to be picked up must be from normal household waste and construction materials do not fall within this category. You may contact Waste Connections at 636-321-2100 or a hauler of your choice to arrange for the pickup of these items. Depending on the nature of the project and volume of material, a construction dumpster may be required.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH - 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 \$11.00 and children are \$5.00 (ages 5 and under are free). Eggs, bacon, sausage, French toast, a variety of pancakes, home fries and biscuits & gravy will be served. Proceeds from the breakfasts are used for Eureka High School Scholarships and Shriners Hospital.

FRIDAYS, SEPTEMBER 16TH - FREE CONCERT

Eureka's St. Francis Episcopal Church, The Arbors of Rockwood neighbors and Lindell Bank presents the third, free summer concert on the church parking lot at 602 Rockwood Arbor Drive on Friday, September 16th from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Bring a cooler and a chair and enjoy the music of Pick Two Trio. For more information, please contact office@stfranciseureka.com