

CITY OF  
**EUREKA**

# NEWSLETTER

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## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City offices will be closed on Monday, September 7th in observance of Labor Day.

## TRASH AND RECYCLING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

In observance of Labor Day, Monday, September 7th, 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 CANCELLATION

In light of the public health circumstances due to COVID-19, a determination was made that it is necessary to cancel the Eureka Days event this year. We look forward to being able to resume holding the event next year.

## CREDIT CARD UTILITY BILL PAYMENT

The City is now accepting credit cards as a form of payment for utility bills. Payment can be made by visiting the City's website at [www.eureka.mo.us/departments/utility-billing/](http://www.eureka.mo.us/departments/utility-billing/) Click on the "Utility Bill Credit Card Payment" link which will redirect you to a secure website where you will be asked to enter your account information. Your utility account balance information will be updated by 5:00 PM on the day payment is made. If you have questions or need assistance, please call Tracy Campise or Barbara Flint at City Hall for more information.

## INVASION OF THE SCARECROWS

Once again, the City of Eureka will come alive throughout the month of October with the Invasion of the Scarecrows Festival featuring creative and whimsical scarecrows posing regally in front of businesses, churches and schools. Whether you visit uptown Eureka along Fifth Street, running parallel to I-44, or stroll down Central Avenue in Old Town Eureka, you will experience a fun and festive feast for the eyes. For information regarding voting for your favorite scarecrow and upcoming activities visit [www.eurekascarecrowfestival.com](http://www.eurekascarecrowfestival.com)

## 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.stlouisco.com](http://www.stlouisco.com) for various retail locations, such as Earthbound Recycling, that will accept single-use batteries for a small fee.

## SANITARY SEWER BACKUP INSURANCE

As a reminder, you need to protect your home against potential sanitary sewer backups. Check with your insurance carrier regarding sewer backups to see if a rider is required for coverage and the level of coverage you will receive, particularly if you have a basement. The City is not liable for these occurrences; therefore, individual coverage is needed.

## BOARD OF ALDERMEN ACTION

Adopted the following by Ordinance:

- Adopting the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 City Budget
- Approval of The Arbors of Rockwood Plat 5 Final Plat

Resolution No. 7-7-20-1: Amending the Fiscal 2019-20 Budget to reflect actual events which took place during the 2019-20 Fiscal Year

## **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.

## **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, you may visit the "News and Notes" Link at the Building Department section of the City's website at [www.eureka.mo.us](http://www.eureka.mo.us)

## **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, AUGUST 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.

### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 29TH - EUREKA VFW POST 5468 "FEED THE NEEDY" EVENT**

The Eureka VFW Post 5468 along with the VFW Auxiliary of Post 5468 will be holding a "Feed the Needy" event on Saturday, August 29th, from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at the Eureka Fire District Training Center, located at 18765 Old U.S. Highway 66. Several varieties of fruits and vegetables will be given to those in need.