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CITY COUNCIL FILING OPENS DECEMBER 13

The Municipal Election for City Council will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2017. Filing for City Council candidates begins Tuesday, December 13, 2016 and continues through January 17, 2017. You may file in the City Clerk's office at City Hall, 201 South Franklin Street, during regular business hours Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, except for designated holidays.

There are two available seats on the City Council. Council terms are for three years. To qualify, you must be 21 years of age prior to taking office; a US citizen; a resident of Kirksville for one year preceding the election; a registered voter; and not been found, or pled, guilty to a felony under state and federal laws.

Prior to filing, each person must complete an "Affidavit" with the Missouri Department of Revenue affirming that all state income taxes, personal property, and real property taxes on the place of residence have been paid. This Affidavit can be obtained from the City Clerk's Office. For more information, contact City Clerk Vickie Brumbaugh at 660.627.1225.

UTILITY RATE CHANGES

Each year the City is required by the State of Missouri to conduct utility rate reviews to determine if current rates can support operations and maintenance, capital infrastructure, and the debt service of our utility system for water, wastewater, and stormwater, and the impact any increase may have on citizens. This review was presented to the City Council during a public hearing held October 17, 2016. The public hearing was advertised in the Kirksville Daily Express and no comments for or against the rates were received. Based on comprehensive studies for both water and wastewater, an increase in rates is necessary for the continued operations of the utility system. This increase was approved by the Council on October 17, 2016. The monthly bill for a household, which includes services for water, sewer, stormwater, and trash, using the minimum volume of water, will increase from \$51.02 to \$53.05. The utility rates for both water and sewer will increase an average of 4-6% for both residential and commercial users.

These changes will be reflected on the bill you receive beginning in February 2017. If you have any question or concerns, please contact Utility Billing at 660.627.1251.

HOLIDAY FIRE SAFETY TIPS!

During the holiday season many people decorate their homes and prepare food for holiday gatherings. As a result, there is a greater risk for fire! Following a few simple tips can ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season:

Christmas Trees:

- Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.
- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2 in. from the base of the trunk.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source (e.g. fireplaces, radiators, candles, etc.)
- Be sure to add water daily to the tree stand to ensure it stays fresher longer.
- Use lights certified by a recognized testing laboratory to ensure safety.
- Replace any lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections.
- Connect no more than three strands of lights, or a maximum of 50 bulbs for strands with screw-in bulbs.
- Never use lit candles to decorate your Christmas tree.
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

Holiday Entertaining:

- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking over the stovetop.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside, and ensure young children don't play with smoking materials.
- Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.

CITY OFFICE CLOSURES FOR THE HOLIDAYS

All City offices, including the Aquatic Center, will be closed on Friday, December 23, through Monday, December 26, 2016, in observance of Christmas. All City offices will reopen Tuesday, December 27, 2016, for regular business hours!

All City offices, including the Aquatic Center, will also be closed January 1 and 2, 2017, in observance of New Year's Day. Additionally, the Aquatic Center will close at 5:00 pm on Saturday, December 31, 2016. We apologize for any inconvenience these closures may cause, and wish you and yours a very happy holiday season!

ARE YOU WINTER READY?

Winter weather is upon us, and it's time to make sure your home is ready and safe for the cold months ahead! The Fire Department would like to remind you to:

- Have your furnace professionally inspected and serviced at least once a year.
- Chimneys and vents should be professionally cleaned and inspected at least once a year. Not cleaning your chimney is the leading cause of chimney fires from built up creosote.
- Ensure the wood for your fireplace or wood stove is dry, seasoned wood.
- Your fireplace screen should be metal or heat-tempered glass, in good condition, and secure in its position in front of the fireplace.
- Have a covered metal container ready to dispose cooled ashes. (The ash container should be kept at least 10 feet from the home and any nearby buildings.)
- Make sure your children know to stay at least 3 feet away from the fireplace, wood/pellet stove, oil stove, or other space heaters.
- Ensure that portable space heaters have an automatic shut-off.
- Portable space heaters need to be plugged directly into an outlet and placed at least three feet from anything that can burn, like bedding, paper, walls, and even people. Do not use an extension cord! (Place notes throughout your home to remind you to turn off portable heaters when you leave a room or go to bed.)
- Test your smoke alarms and make sure they are working. For best protection, consider placing a smoke alarm inside each sleeping room, and outside each separate sleeping area. Also, ensure multiple smoke alarms are interconnected, so when one sounds, they all sound.
- Carbon monoxide detectors are an important protection for those homes with an attached garage or fuel burning appliances. Test your carbon monoxide detectors and make sure they are working.

SANTA IS IN DOWNTOWN KIRKSVILLE!

The City of Kirksville, Kirksville Downtown Improvement Committee (KDIC), and the Office of Tourism want to remind you that Santa Claus frequents Downtown Kirksville during the holiday season!

Santa will be welcoming children at his house on the Second Floor of the Adair County Courthouse from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm on December 3, 10, and 17, 2016! Train rides will be available during every visit!

PUBLIC CHRISTMAS TREE DROP-OFF

Are you wondering what to do with your old Christmas tree after the holidays are over? The City is offering a free Christmas Tree drop-off from December 27, 2016, through January 9, 2017!

Christmas trees may be dropped off within the orange fenced-in area in the southwest corner of the Missouri Street and Main Street public parking lot. All decorations, including ornaments, lights, tinsel, etc., must be removed prior to drop-off. We appreciate your cooperation!

Important Dates :

- 12/05— Council Meeting
- 12/06— LPRC Meeting
- 12/12—Council Study Session
- 12/13— ATC Meeting
- 12/14— P&Z Meeting
- 12/19—Council Meeting
- 12/23—Christmas Eve City Offices Closed
- 12/26—Christmas City Offices Closed
- 12/30—Monthly Warning Siren Test at 10:00 am
- 1/02—New Year's Day City Offices Closed

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Engineering	627.1272
Fire Department	665.3734
Human Resources	627.1458
Municipal Court	627.1237
Parks & Recreation	627.1485
Police Department	785.6945
Public Works	627.1291
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