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GET TO KNOW YOUR CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES

You will have a chance to meet your candidates for City Council on Tuesday, March 22, 2016, at the annual Candidate's Forum! The Candidate's Forum will be held in the Mehegan Classroom on the campus of AT Still University and is sponsored by the Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce. Candidates will be available to speak with the public at 5:30 pm and the forum will begin at 6:00 pm.

Be ready to cast your vote for two of the following six candidates on the ballot for two positions on the City Council: Glen Moritz (incumbent), Kevin A. Alm, Bryant D. Kiley, Richard Detweiler (incumbent), David Lee Mountain, and Chuck Long. All City Council positions are three-year terms. After the election, the

Council votes on who will serve as Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem, each for a one year term.

Information will also be available at the Candidate's Forum on the question of whether or not to renew the 1/2 cent Economic Development Sales Tax. Read below for more information!

Be sure to mark your calendar for Municipal Election Day on Tuesday, April 5, 2016!

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SALES TAX RENEWAL

You will be asked whether or not to renew the 1/2 cent Economic Development Sales Tax during the upcoming Municipal Election on Tuesday, April 5, 2016! If approved, the tax would provide approximately \$900,000 annually for City street and stormwater projects, and \$300,000 annually for economic development.

This existing tax was first approved by voters in 2002 to help four-lane US Highway 63 between Kirksville and Macon for \$11.5 million, and then renewed in 2008 to help construct the US Highway 63 Alternate Route for \$7.5 million. Citizens are now being asked to renew the tax to benefit City streets and stormwater, along with economic development, instead of state highway projects. If renewed, taxes would remain the same and not increase.

Again, if approved, 75%, or \$900,000 annually, would go towards City street and stormwater projects, and 25%, or \$300,000 annually, would go towards economic development. That 25% is broken down as follows: \$100,000 for the Revolving Loan Fund program to support new and existing businesses, \$100,000 in matching funds for grants, and \$100,000 for City funded economic development. Additionally, a one-time lump sum, estimated at \$600,000, which would otherwise be sent to the state, will instead be used for City street and stormwater projects.

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DOOR-TO-DOOR ACTIVITY

If you go door-to-door to sell goods or services, obtain donations, distribute flyers for commercial events, or enlist support for candidates, political parties, etc., then these activities categorize you as a peddler, solicitor, or canvasser. Please contact the Finance Department at City Hall to obtain the appropriate license prior to engaging in these activities. The Finance Department also maintains a "no visit" list for Kirksville residents who have signed up. This list is provided to each business or organization that applies for a peddler, solicitor, or canvasser license.

Stop by the Finance Department at City Hall, or call 660-627-1251, for more information!

HOME FIRE PREPAREDNESS CAMPAIGN

The American Red Cross Home Fire Preparedness Campaign is coming to Kirksville! On Saturday, March 19, 2016. The Fire Department is partnering with the American Red Cross to install and inspect smoke detectors. The Home Fire Preparedness Campaign is a national Red Cross program to distribute, install, and inspect smoke detectors in the homes.

The program goal is to reduce the number of injuries and deaths associated with house fires. On March 19, Fire Department and Red Cross volunteers will travel the community to help citizens prepare for house fires. If you are interested in having smoke detectors installed, your smoke detectors tested, or if you would like to better ready you and your family in the case of a home fire, you can set up an appointment by calling your local American Red Cross at 660-665-5686 prior to March 19, 2016.

SEVERE WEATHER SAFETY TIPS

Spring time is quickly approaching, and warmer weather brings the threat of severe weather. The Fire Department would like to remind you of these important severe weather safety tips.

- Have a way to receive weather warnings. NOAA weather radio is the best means of receiving these warnings.
- Have a severe weather safety plan before severe weather hits. Create a plan with your family as to where you will go in the event of severe weather and practice.
- Basements offer the best protection during severe weather. If no basement is available, seek shelter on the lowest floor in the most interior room of your home or business, away from windows. Mobile homes provide very little shelter during severe weather. If you live in a mobile home, plan ahead.
- Remember when the National Weather Service issues a "Watch" this means that conditions are favorable for severe weather. This does not mean a storm is approaching or imminent. If the National Weather Service issues a "Warning" this means a severe thunderstorm or tornado is expected or is already occurring. This is the time to take action and move to your place of safety and shelter!

15TH ANNUAL BIG EVENT

On Saturday, April 2, 2016, students from Truman State University will provide services to Kirksville residents through the 15th Annual Big Event! To sign up for service, fill out the registration form below and return it to City Hall by March 25, 2016, or signup online at serve.truman.edu/community-request-form. For more information, call the Serve Center at 660-785-7222!

The Big Event Job Request Form

Due: March 25, 2016 - Please fill out all fields

Name of Recipient: _____

Address of Worksite: _____

Please Check the preferred method of contact:

Day Phone #: _____

Work Phone#: _____

Email: _____

Number of Students needed for task: _____

Estimated time to complete task: _____ hours **Cannot exceed 5 hours

Tasks (Please check the appropriate boxes)

Raking Leaves

Trimming Trees/Hedges

Moving Dirt/Digging

Cleaning/Sweeping

Painting: Please provide a description of the painting

Inside _____

Outside _____

Other: Please provide a detailed description below

The Big Event Committee is not responsible for any damages incurred by volunteers. We are not able to complete jobs requiring power tools, mowers, weed eaters, or construction equipment. Participants shall protect, hold harmless and indemnify The Big Event against all claims, liabilities, claims, suits or demands for injuries to any person and/or property growing out of his/her participation in The Big Event, including acts or omissions constituting negligence by The Big Event.

By signing below you agree to the terms stated above.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____



Important Dates :

- 03/07—Council Meeting
- 03/08—LPRC Meeting
- 03/09—P&Z Meeting
- 03-19—Home Fire Preparedness Campaign
- 03/21—Council Meeting
- 03/22—Candidate's Forum
- 03/25—Monthly Warning Siren Test at 10:00 am
- 03/25—Big Event Registration Deadline
- 03/26—Children's Easter Egg Hunt

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City Manager	627-1225
Codes/Inspections	627-1272
Econ Development	627-1224
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
Water/Sewer Bills	627-1251
Advanced Disposal	
Trash Service:	800-778-7652

Facebook Pages:

- Parks & Recreation
- Police Department

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