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YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

As a citizen of Kirkville, are you a registered voter? We hope you are so that you can vote in the Municipal Election on Tuesday, April 7. You will have the opportunity to choose one of four candidates on the ballot to serve on the City Council for a three-year term. The four candidates to appear on the ballot are: Betty L. McLane-Iles, Robert “Bob” Russell, Kevin A. Alm, and Phillip Biston. These individuals are seeking election to the Council seat currently held by Bob Russell.

Prior to the April election, the Kirkville Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a Candidates’ Forum in March where citizens can meet the candidates, ask them questions, and hear candidates answer questions from our local media. Watch for the date of the Forum in next month’s Kirkville Connection.

FEBRUARY IS HEART HEALTH MONTH!

Not only is February the month for Saint Valentine’s Day, it is also American Heart Health Month! According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Cardiovascular Disease (CVD), including heart disease, stroke, and high blood pressure, is the number one killer of men and women in the United States. Here is what can you do to reduce your risk:

- Work with your health care team
- Monitor your blood pressure
- Get your cholesterol checked
- Eat a healthy diet
- Maintain a healthy weight
- Exercise regularly
- Don’t smoke
- Manage your diabetes
- Take your medicine

We also offer CPR training through the American Red Cross at the Aquatic Center! Call 665-7665 for more info!

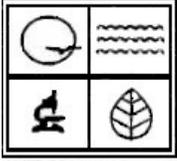
SIDEWALK SNOW & ICE REMOVAL: SOME FRIENDLY TIPS

Speaking of heart-healthy exercise, winter is here, and with it comes ice and snow! When we have our next snowfall, please be prepared to remove the ice and snow from your sidewalks within twenty-four (24) hours after the snow has stopped falling. If you have removed the snow and ice from your sidewalk then your liability is reduced in the event of an accident. Snow and ice removal from your sidewalk is required by City ordinance. If the ice and snow has not been removed from your sidewalk, we may leave a reminder note on your door. If you are a renter, have you and your landlord discussed who is supposed to maintain your sidewalk? If not, this is something you should discuss. Thanks to everyone who shovels their walks on a regular basis; we see you out there and greatly appreciate your efforts!

BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWAL REMINDER

If you are a business owner, and you have not received your 2015 Business License Renewal, please contact the Finance Department at 627-1251 as soon as possible. Renewals went out at the end of December. The renewal notice lists all of the documentation that you will need to submit in order to renew your business license. Your completed renewal, along with all required documents, must be received at City Hall **by February 28th**.

Licensed contractors, plumbers and electricians: if your renewal is late you will have to take and pass the contractor test again. Give us a call or stop by if you have any questions!



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER
Turbidity Monitoring Requirements not met for Kirksville



Dear Customer,

Our goal is to provide the highest quality water and maintain the best service. Your satisfaction with the quality of the water is our ultimate goal. The state and federal governments set quality standards for all agencies supplying drinking water and the City continuously tests the water we provide to meet, and in most cases exceed, those standards. For about a week during the month of October 2014, the City's water system did not meet the minimum water quality standard regarding one particular test (turbidity). During this time, our water remained safe to drink. You have the right to know what happened and what we did to correct the situation. The table below summarizes the results:

Contaminant	Sampling Frequency	Number of Samples Taken	Number Meeting 0.3 NTU Standard	% in Compliance
Turbidity	Every 4 hours	240	188	78%

Turbidity is a measure of suspended particles or "dirt" in drinking water. State and federal standards require the level to be less than "0.3 Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU)" in 95% of the combined samples taken during each month. While this has no direct health effect, it can interfere with the disinfection process and may provide a medium for microbial growth. It may also indicate the presence of disease causing organisms including bacteria, viruses and parasites which could cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea and associated headaches. Unfortunately, this indicates that a treatment plant's operation was inadequate. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791. People with severely compromised immune systems, infants and some elderly may be at an increased risk of infection by microbes and should seek advice from their local health care provider. Nonetheless, our water was, and is, safe to drink.

What happened and what was done to correct it?

The Water Treatment Plant experienced a higher than normal level of dirt in the water received from Forrest Lake due to rain storms and at the same time experienced a mechanical failure within the plant causing enough dirt to remain in the water to be out of compliance for about a week. The City began using water from Hazel Creek Lake and additional chemicals were added during the treatment process while the mechanical failure was corrected, bringing the plant back into compliance. The added chemicals were removed before the water was pumped into the storage tanks. Before this incident, our turbidity level was 0.13 in August and 0.15 in September 2014. During this incident our turbidity level was 0.27 for October 2014. On average this is less than the maximum of 0.3, but for one week during October, levels exceeded 0.3. Afterwards, our turbidity levels were 0.17 in November and 0.13 in December 2014. Please be assured that during this time, continuous testing of the water verified it was safe to drink.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Leonard Kollars, Deputy Public Works Director at (660) 627-1272 or at City Hall, 201 S. Franklin Street, Kirksville, MO 63501. You may also contact the Missouri Department of Natural Resources Northeast Office at 660-385-8000 or Public Drinking Water Branch at 573-751-5331.

This notice is being sent to you by the City of Kirksville. Our State Water System ID # is: MO2010429.

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