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CITY COUNCIL SEATS FOR APRIL ELECTION

On April 8, citizens will have the opportunity to elect two of the five members of the City Council. Council members are elected to three-year terms. Filing for City Council concluded at the end of the day Tuesday January 21 with four individuals meeting the state's requirements to run. Those candidates as their names will appear on the ballot are: Michael Ambrosia, Roger Edge, Rick Steele, Jerry Mills.

DIVE-IN MOVIE AT AQUATIC CENTER

Jack Sparrow and his pirates have ambushed the Kirksville Aquatic Center! If you are in 9th-12th grade, come out for a Dive-In Movie. This event will take place on February 8th, 2014. The doors will open at 7:30pm and the movie will start at 8:00pm. The cost is \$8/person and includes admission, pizza and drinks!! The Aquatic Center will allow rafts and other floatables for this one night only! Aaargh matey.....see you at the pool!



For movie selection or other questions, please call the Kirksville Aquatic Center at 660-627-POOL (7665).

TRANSPORTATION SALES TAX ON APRIL BALLOT

The April election will also provide citizens with the opportunity to consider whether or not to continue the 1/2 cent Transportation Sales Tax. This sales tax was first approved 27 years ago and has been used ever since on the construction of new streets and the reconstruction and maintenance of existing streets; including the annual concrete pavement repair and asphalt overlay programs, and curb and gutter projects for storm drainage improvements.

The Transportation tax generates about \$1.2 million annually and is used solely for transportation purposes. A majority of the funds, 95%, has gone toward road and

right of way improvements. The remaining 5%, or \$60,000, has been used annually to support Kirk-Tran transportation service, which provides public transportation for citizens for employment, medical and other transportation needs. A portion of the 5% also goes to the Kirksville Regional Airport to support the local share of capital projects, including the most recently completed roadway improvements and the upcoming airstrip lighting project.



Some of the large scale projects that have been completed using Transportation Sales Tax funds include: Jamison from Hwy 6 to Hwy 11; Halliburton from LaHarpe to Patterson; New from Baltimore to Northtown Road; and Osteopathy from Gardner to Jefferson.

These funds are important for the future maintenance of the City's streets. If not approved by the voters on April 8, this tax will expire on December 31, 2015.



UTILITY RATE CHANGES

In January, after reviewing the operational costs of both the water and wastewater operations and debt service payments that will be paid to cover the cost of the new \$18 million wastewater treatment plant, the City Council implemented new water and sewer rates. The rates shown below were the minimum needed to meet operational obligations and the Department of Natural Resources funding requirements. The last rate increase was approved in 2011. The new rates are outlined below:

Water:

Service Availability Fee:	\$8.50 per month (no change)
Tier 1 Volume fee	\$3.14 per 100 cubic feet for first 2,000 cubic feet
Tier 2 Volume fee	\$2.75 per 100 cubic feet for next 98,000 cubic feet
Tier 3	\$2.54 per 100 cubic feet anything of 100,000 cubic feet
Special Industrial	\$0.7254 per 100 cubic feet for anything over 400,000/month

Sewer:

Service Availability Fee:	\$9.50 per Month
Volume fee	\$3.47 per 100 cubic feet of water

So, what does this mean for the citizens of Kirksville? Here are a couple examples:

The monthly fee for water and sewer for a household using the minimum volume of 200 cubic feet will go from \$28.86 to **\$31.22** for an increase of less than 8%.

The monthly bill for water and sewer for a household using 700 cubic feet or slightly more than 5,000 gallons of water per month will go from \$56.76 to **\$62.32** or a 9% increase.

The rates go into effect on February 1 and will be seen on the bill received at the end of February.

PARKS & RECREATION GEARING UP FOR SPRING!

The Parks & Recreation Department has a new Spring Program Guide with lots of new and exciting programs and events! Here are just a few:

- Swim Lessons beginning January 27th
- Water Aerobics
- Spring Dinner Theatre "*Maybe Baby, It's You*" - auditions for ages 18 & up on March 17th at 7:00pm
- Creative Writing Workshop - Tuesdays and Wednesdays in April
- Easter Egg Hunt April 19th

Find the Program Guide on the Current Programs & Events Page <http://www.kirksvillecity.com/programs-events> or call 660-627-1485 for more information.

WINTERIZING YOUR WATER METER

Depending on the location of your water meter, it might be a good idea to winterize it. If your water meter is in a location that is easily affected by wind or water, you should insulate it to prevent the meter from breaking.

Make sure you have a tight fitting lid on your meter pit, and that it is completely closed. If the lid doesn't fit well, a good way to winterize your meter is to fill the pit with fiberglass insulation.

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