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THANK YOU FOR VOTING!

The City Council would like to say "Thank You" to everyone who got out voted on April 8th! The overwhelming support of the Transportation Sales Tax will allow us to continue the maintenance of our city streets, pay for infrastructure improvements and equipment, and will help support the Kirkville Regional Airport and Kirk-Tran.

On behalf of Mayor Glen Moritz, Mayor Pro Tem Richard Detweiler, Council Members Jerry Mills, Robert Russell, and Rick Steele, thank you for continuing to make Kirkville a place, "Where People Make the Difference!"

YOUR 2014 CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS



Members of the 2014 City Council, left to right, front row: Robert L. Russell, Mayor Glen Moritz and Mayor Pro Tem Richard Detweiler. Back Row: Rick Steele and Jerry Mills.

Two Council Members were sworn into office for three-year terms at a Special Council Meeting held on April 14th. Jerry Mills was elected for a second term on the City Council and Rick Steele was elected as a new Council Member.

In their annual reorganization meeting, the City Council selected Glen Moritz to serve as Mayor, and Richard Detweiler to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for the 2014-2015 year.

The City Council invites all citizens to attend your City Council Meetings. Council Meetings are held on the first and third Mondays of each month, at 6:00 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers. The Council Meeting Agenda is available on the City website at:

www.kirkvillecity.com/council-info.

BATTLE OF KIRKVILLE MEMORABILIA AVAILABLE

A written account of the Battle of Kirkville of 1862 was compiled into a commemorative booklet. Included with this account is a compilation of newspaper articles from an August 6, 1912, special edition of the Kirkville Daily Express. One account reflected in this 38-page booklet of Battle history is: "At about 10 o'clock on the morning of August 6, 1862, Colonel Porter came to Kirkville with about 1,500 or 2,000 recruits which he had been gathering about him for two weeks or more. Many of them were unarmed and none of them had any uniforms or other equipment....For some days before coming into Kirkville, he had been pursued by Federal forces under Colonel McNeil and others who were trying to break up his command and scatter his men. The pursuit became so close and hot as he came on towards Kirkville that he decided...."

A pin was designed to capture the Adair County Courthouse which was used as a fort by the Confederates and was riddled by Union guns during the Battle. The Courthouse burned in 1865. The date of the Battle, August 6, 1862, is also inscribed on the pin.

The commemorative booklet and Battle pin are available for \$1.00 each in the Administration Office of City Hall.

HELP US KEEP THE STORM DRAINS CLEAR OF DEBRIS

Have you ever wondered why the storm drains don't seem to do their job when we have heavy rains? The answer: storm drains are often plugged by leaves, grass, sticks, and trash. This debris tends to wash into the storm drains blocking the flow of the water into the drain. To help with this, citizens should avoid blowing grass and leaves into the streets, as this will help alleviate the problem. The harder we work to eliminate the problem, the better our storm drains will work in times of need!

If you see a storm drain that is not working properly, please contact the Public Works Department at 660-627-1291.

DAVID HALL MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE SCHEDULED

The City of Kirksville, Kirksville Masonic Lodge #105 and Adair Lodge #366 are hosting a blood drive in memory of David Hall, former Director of the Kirksville Regional Airport. David lost his battle with acute myeloid leukemia in April 2013.

The event is scheduled for Wednesday, May 21st, from noon—6:00 p.m. at the NEMO Fairgrounds Multi-purpose Building. The need for blood donation is constant, and the gratification for donors is instant. Please consider giving if you are able to do so. For an appointment, please call Sonya at (660) 627-1272, or visit www.redcrossblood.org.

STONE SETTING AT JESSE KIRK'S GRAVE SITE

The City of Kirksville was named after Jesse Kirk in 1842. Mr. Kirk passed away in 1846 and was buried in Lot 62 of the Old Cemetery of the Forest-Llewellyn Cemetery. The City's Friends of Forest-Llewellyn Cemetery Committee worked to raise funds to replace the damaged original grave stone. Funding for the new stone is being provided by the City of Kirksville, Adair County and a penny collection from students of the Kirksville R-III School District.

A stone setting dedication ceremony will take place at the grave site of Jesse Kirk on Sunday, May 18th, at 2:00 p.m., in the Forest-Llewellyn Cemetery. The public is invited to attend and honor Mr. Kirk. A path to the grave site will be marked for the Ceremony.

2013 ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT AVAILABLE

The Kirksville 2013 Annual Water Quality Report is now available. Citizens may pick up a hard copy from the front counter at City Hall or the Public Works Complex. It may also be viewed online at www.kirksvillecity.com.



HAZARDS OF FLOOD WATERS

With Spring showers on their way, the Kirksville Fire Department would like to remind you to be careful around flood waters. Flood waters may contain pesticides, herbicides, and lead/heavy metals, all of which can be pose a threat to human health. These chemicals can penetrate the skin if you have even the smallest cut, rash or exposed area. In addition, you run the risk of cutting yourself on sharp debris or getting your feet caught in unstable pockets or holes. Your best defense is knowledge! Avoid flooded areas, maintain proper hygiene such as frequent hand washing and showering, understand the risks and take precautions to minimize them!

AQUATIC CENTER SUMMER SCHEDULES & FEES

Mark your calendars, the outdoor pool will open on May 24th!!

Summer Hours May 24th—August 18th

Mon - Fri: 6:00 AM - 9:00 AM (*Indoor Lap Swim*)
 Mon - Sat: 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (*Indoor & Outdoor*)
 Sun: 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (*Indoor & Outdoor*)
 Mon - Sun: 1:00 - 5:00 PM (*Concessions*)

Daily Admission Starting May 24th:

Day Pass (ages 9-54): \$4.50
 Junior Pass* (ages 3-8) \$4.00
 Senior Pass (ages 55+) \$4.00
 Children two years old and younger*: FREE

Wading Pool Hours May 24th—August 18th

Admission: FREE

Brashear Park: Mon, Wed, Fri; 2:00PM-6:00PM
 PC Mills Park: Mon, Wed, Fri; 2:00PM-6:00PM
 Jaycee Park: Tues, Thurs, Sat; 2:00PM-6:00PM



Want more info on the Aquatic Center or Parks & Recreation Department? Visit www.kirksvillecity.com, and check out all the summer programs!

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 Through Facebook...



Kirksville Police

KPD is also on Twitter!!



Let us serve you:

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| Airport | 665-5020 |
| Aquatic Center | 627-7665 |
| Business Licenses | 627-1251 |
| City Manager | 627-1225 |
| Codes/Inspections | 627-1272 |
| Community Service Dir | 627-1224 |
| Economic Development | 627-1224 |
| Engineering | 627-1272 |
| Fire Department | 665-3734 |
| 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 |

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