



## WASTEWATER BOND ISSUE ON APRIL BALLOT

On April 2, the City Council is asking citizens to consider allowing the City to obtain bonds in an amount not to exceed \$18 million for renovations to the existing wastewater treatment plant. Here are some of the facts to help you decide how to vote on this important ballot issue:

**Why is this project necessary?** The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) have issued new regulations which will require the City to upgrade its wastewater treatment facilities to meet more stringent requirements for ammonia removal and to "treat every drop." The existing wastewater treatment plan is not capable of achieving these requirements; therefore, the City must upgrade their wastewater treatment plant.

**Is this project required?** Yes. The new regulations are legally binding requirements under the Clean Water Act. The City is required to achieve compliance with them within a specified time or they will be subject to penalties and/or fines.

**What are the proposed improvements?** The proposed improvements consist of primary treatment (screening and grit removal) and secondary treatment (aeration, biodegradation, and clarification). The new facilities will be designed to accommodate 4.0 million gallons per day (mgd), which is an increase over the current plant capacity of 3.16 mgd. The existing anaerobic digesters will be converted to aerobic digesters and a basin will be constructed to store biosolids generated by the plant.

**How much will this project cost?** The total estimated project cost is projected at 18 million dollars.

**How will it be paid for?** With a successful bond election, the project will be paid with Revenue Bonds which are supported by the users of the system through their sewer bill. These Revenue Bonds will be State and Federal Tax free and will, therefore, have a low interest rate. This election is not a tax.

**What will it cost me?** The impact on combined water and sewer rates as the project is implemented is estimated to be a 10% yearly increase for the next five years, with the additional revenues to be applied to the principal and interest on the bonds, plus additional operation and maintenance.

**What if the election fails?** The City will be required to complete the project regardless of whether the election passes or fails. The City will have to use different financial options such as Certificates of Participation (Lease Purchase), which have a higher interest rate than the tax exempt revenue bonds. This additional cost will be passed on in the water and sewer bills every month. The Certificates of Participation can be issued by the City as an annual appropriation without a vote of the people.

**Where can I get more information?** The City will be holding 2 public open houses to discuss this project and answer questions. The first one will be on March 12th at the Adair County Annex, 300 North Franklin Street, from 5-7 pm. The second one is scheduled for March 19th at the Economic Development Alliance, 315 South Franklin Street, from 5-7 pm. City staff, as well as the Project Engineer, will be available at both events to discuss the designs and plans and answer any questions about the project. In addition, information will also be available at the Candidates Forum hosted by the Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce on March 26th at the El Kadir Shrine Club, 2401 South Baltimore Street. The doors will open at 5 pm with formal remarks beginning at 6 pm.

## DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON APRIL 2

The Kirksville City Council has two positions that will be filled at the general municipal election on Tuesday, April 2, 2013. The City Clerk's Office had six residents file, and five of those met the qualifications for placement on the election ballot. Please exercise your privilege to vote for two of the five candidates: Brandon Athon, Richard Detweiler, Richard Green, Randall R. Bacon and Glen Moritz.



Each term for City Council is three years. Citizens will have a chance to meet all the candidates at the Candidates Forum, sponsored by the Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce on March 26th at the El Kadir Shrine Club, 2401 South Baltimore Street. The doors will open at 5 pm with formal remarks beginning at 6 pm.

## ADVANCED DISPOSAL ADJUSTS TRASH COLLECTION RATES

The current waste collection contract with Advanced Disposal Trash Services allows for an annual price adjustment based on the Consumer Price Index. The City has received notification from Advanced Disposal that they will be increasing the rates by 2.07% as of April 1, 2013. The new rates for trash collection services will be \$11.03 per household and \$9.13 for Senior Citizens. If you have questions about your trash service, Advanced Disposal Trash Services can be reached by calling 800-778-7652.

## WATER METERS PROJECT UPDATE

Schneider Electric Company is close to starting the upgrade projects in the City that they have been hired to complete. The water meter replacement project is now tentatively scheduled to start the week of March 4, depending on software completion. This has been on hold until the software company was able to complete modifications to the utility accounting software. The remaining aspects of the project including lighting upgrade and HVAC replacement are now underway or out for bid with all work to be completed this spring.

## SKYWARN STORM SPOTTER TRAINING SCHEDULED

Meteorologist Andy Bailey from the National Weather Service will be conducting a storm spotter class in Kirksville and the public is invited to attend. The 2013 SKYWARN Storm Spotter (Tornado Spotter) Training Program will be held Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, at the Rehoboth Baptist Church, 100 Pfeiffer Avenue. The training is sponsored by the Adair County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC).

## SPRING BRUSH AND LIMB PICKUP

The Street Maintenance division of the Kirksville Public Works Department will begin picking up tree limbs and large brush beginning Monday, April 1. This scheduled time is for ALL areas of Kirksville. Limbs must be set curbside by 7 am, on Monday, April 1. The spring brush and limb pickup will last the entire week of April 1-5.

Bagged leaves and other bagged yard waste can be disposed of year round in the yard waste roll-off container at the Public Works Complex, located at 2001 N. Osteopathy, Monday – Friday from 7 am – 4 pm. For information about curbside yard waste collection, please contact Advanced Disposal Trash Services at 800-778-7652.

## 35<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT SCHEDULED



The 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, at 10 am, on the Truman State University Quadrangle. This event is free to the public. This much loved event is proudly sponsored by the Kirksville Parks and Recreation Department and the women of Cardinal Key. For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 660-627-1485.

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