

CITY AWARDED TRIM GRANT FOR PURCHASE OF TREES AT FOREST-LLEWELLYN CEMETERY



In August, the City of Kirksville was awarded a Tree Resource Improvement and Maintenance (TRIM) Grant through the Missouri Department of Conservation. This program will provide \$5,233.75 to fund a portion of the costs to plant thirty-six new trees in Forest-Llewellyn Cemetery.

The TRIM program is a competitive cost-share program provided and administered by the Missouri Department of Conservation in cooperation with the Missouri Community Forestry Council and the U.S. Forest Service. The purpose of the program is to provide financial assistance for the management, improvement or conservation of our community forests. The City's share of the costs will be \$2,850.78.

The City has a master tree plan developed for five of its eight City Parks, as well as Forest-Llewellyn Cemetery at this time. The main purpose of the tree management plan is to ensure that the loss of trees due to weather, insects and disease is minimized at each park, as well as throughout the City of Kirksville. The master tree plans are created considering the use of each park, trees at the specified and surrounding parks, as well as creating boundaries using multiple varieties of trees and landscaping. Thanks to the TRIM Grant, Forest-Llewellyn Cemetery's master tree plan will now be completed.

Our thirty-six new trees are expected to be delivered during the second week of November, with planting to follow soon after. With assistance from the Missouri Department of Conservation's local Forester, Yvette Amerman, the City will host an educational training session immediately before the planting event. Participants will learn how to plant a tree, how to prune a tree, trees to avoid, and how to care for a tree.

More details about the events will be released very soon!



If you or a group you are involved in would like to take part in the class, and/or assist with the planting, be sure to contact Sarah or Lindsay at 660-627-1224 or e-mail shalstead@kirksvillecity.com.

TIME FOR AN OIL CHANGE? PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ACCEPTS USED OIL

The City of Kirksville is accepting used oil at the Public Works Facility, located at 2001 N. Osteopathy. We ask that people limit the oil containers to no larger than 5-gallons in size, and the oil should be in an original oil container. The City recycles the used oil by using it in an oil burning furnace to heat our mechanic's shop.



If you would like to drop off your used oil, there is a signed drop off location along the South fence of the parking lot. The gates are open from 7am—4pm, Monday through Friday. If you have questions, please contact Public Works at 660-627-1291

HAVE YOU READ YOUR WATER METER LATELY?

With the installation of the new water meters almost complete, City Staff would like to remind residents that at least once per year, the owner of the property should read the meter and compare that reading to the most recent bill. This will help ensure that the meters are continuing to function properly, and may save the resident/owner money in the long run. The sooner an issue is caught, the less it will cost to correct the situation. Per City Code, if the reading is higher than the reading on the most recent bill by at least one thousand (1,000) cubic feet or two (2) times the average bill, whichever is greater, then the property owner shall contact the finance department. The property owner is responsible for any difference between the meter reading and the reading on the last bill. By working together, we can make sure any issues are caught early.



CITY AWARDED PROJECT COMMUNITREE GRANT

The City of Kirksville submitted a grant request for a Project CommuniTree Grant through Forest ReLeaf of Missouri in September. The program's mission is: "To provide trees for public and not-for-profit plantings and present educational programs to increase stewardship of the trees and forests in Missouri and surrounding regions. Our vision is a region of healthy community trees and forests sustained by volunteer efforts and our continued partnership with the public and private sectors." The trees are granted on a first come, first serve basis. The grants are offered each spring and fall.

The City of Kirksville requested 50 trees through the program, and received notification on October 22nd that we will receive 45 of those requested. The trees will be placed in Brashear Park, P.C. Mills Park and North Park. City Staff will travel to St. Louis to pick up the trees and bring them back to Kirksville. The trees are free, so the only costs to the city will be mileage, labor to pick up the trees, mulch, labor for planting, and minor supplies.

If you know of a group that might be interested in the program, or would like to support Forest ReLeaf of Missouri, visit <http://www.moreleaf.org/> today for more info!

CITY OFFICES CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS



In observance of Veteran's Day, all City Offices will be closed on Monday, November 11th. The Aquatic Center will open for regular open lap swim from 1pm—7pm.

In observance of Thanksgiving, all City Offices will be closed on Thursday, November 28th, and Friday, November 29th. The Kirksville Aquatic Center will be closed on Thursday, November 28th, but will reopen for regular open swim from 1pm—7pm on Friday, November 29th. All offices will reopen at 8am Monday, December 2nd.



Happy Thanksgiving

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