

Community news and information published by the City of Kirksville

## YOUR COMMUNITY SUPPORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!

Kirksville – Where People Make the Difference – AND you did make a difference with approving the Use Tax question on the November ballot. Your support of the Use Tax will help our hometown merchants by keeping tax dollars in our community. Regaining revenue, which would have been lost without the passage of this tax, also provides for the continuance of our city fire service, police protection and street maintenance. This use tax on purchases of intangible personal property (cars, trucks, trailers, boats, etc., catalog and internet purchases) will take effect on January 1, 2013.



The Kirksville City Council says "Thank you" to our supportive citizens!

Mayor Richard Detweiler and Council members Tony Fajkus, Roger Edge, Jerry Mills and Robert Russell

### KIRKSVILLE AQUATIC CENTER HOLIDAY HOURS

The Kirksville Aquatic Center Hours  
for the 2012-2013  
Holiday Season are:

Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

**Closed Christmas Holiday**

Wednesday, December 26<sup>th</sup> thru  
Friday, December 28<sup>th</sup>

**Open 6-9 am and 12-7 pm**

Saturday, December 29<sup>th</sup>

**Open 12-7pm**

Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>

**Closed**

Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

**Open 6-9 am and 12-5 pm**

Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

**Closed New Year's Holiday**

Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Open 6-9 am and 12-7 pm**

### ADOPT-A-CHILD PROGRAM OFFERED

The holiday season is here once again and that means it is time for the annual Adopt-A-Child Program. This program ensures children in need will receive a special present at the annual Christmas event.

If you would like to participate in this event, you can do so in a number of ways including:

- Adoption of a child in need
- Donation of wrapping paper and/or tape
- Donation of items for the homemade stockings (candy, toys, coupons for free items, etc.)
- Donation of generic toys or items to put with gifts for either a girl or boy
- Donation of gifts utilized for either door prizes or for gifts which are delinquent
- Donation of homemade or purchased cookies for the party
- Donation of a monetary contribution to the program

For more information, contact Teresa at the Kirksville Fire Department at 665-3734 or KTUF at 627-5883. This program is sponsored by the Kirksville Fire Department, KTUF and Adair County Family Services.

### WINTER IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

Snow will be falling, making our daily life a challenge. Please keep the snow emergency rules in mind when snow is in the forecast. Snow removal involves all the citizens of Kirksville. Property owners and tenants are required to keep the sidewalks along and in front of their property clear of snow, and must remove all snow from sidewalks within 24 hours after a snowfall. City crews will work as quickly as possible to clear the streets. Your patience and cooperation will ensure winter storms are a minor inconvenience, rather than a major disaster. Have a safe winter season!

## POLICE BEGIN PROJECT TO INCREASE BICYCLE/VEHICLE AWARENESS AND SAFETY

Bicycling is a great way to get around. It's healthy, reduces traffic congestion and frees up parking spaces. Cyclists have all the rights and responsibilities afforded to those who drive motor vehicles. Unfortunately, some out there (both cyclists and motorists), either don't quite understand this, or disagree.

Whether it is a motorist who passes too close, or harasses a cyclist; or a cyclist who runs a stop sign or rides on the sidewalk where prohibited, there are ample opportunities for misunderstandings and conflict. Although the majority of cyclists and motorists get along safely and courteously, complaints on both sides are common. As a result, the Police Department, in collaboration with others in the community, would like to try and make this a safer and more enjoyable place for all of those who use the roadways in Kirksville.

The first piece of this project will involve cyclists who ride on the sidewalks in the downtown area (which is a violation of Municipal Ordinance). Why? It is a safety issue for cyclists, pedestrians and motorists. New signs have been posted downtown and painted on the sidewalks informing everyone that you cannot ride your bicycle on the sidewalks in the downtown area. Once that is complete, officers will begin an education campaign. Hopefully, voluntary compliance will resolve this safety issue. If not, as a last resort, the Police will resort to enforcement.

In the future, there will be campaigns to deal with aggressive drivers, bicycles at night without lights, bike registration (the Department disposes of hundreds of found bikes every year), drivers who fail to yield to cyclists and cyclists who do not obey the rules of the road. Anyone interested in helping with this project, or who may have input on future efforts, contact Officer Nick Panos, Bicycle Community Project Coordinator; [npanos@kirksvillecity.com](mailto:npanos@kirksvillecity.com), 660-785-6945.



## WATER METER REPLACEMENT UPDATE

The water meter replacement project that the City will be implementing is now scheduled to begin in early January 2013. This project will install a new water meter at every residence and commercial business/school/government building that has water service. The new meters will have a radio-read capability that will allow meter readers to drive by a location, and the meters will read automatically without the driver even stopping the vehicle. This will reduce our meter reading time, saving the city money, and will eliminate meter readers from having to enter people's yards and buildings.

Next month in the Connection, we will have information on the identification badges that the workers will be using so citizens can make sure the people knocking on their door have a legitimate purpose and are affiliated with Schneider Electric, the General Contractor, or Pedal Valve, the Subcontractor. Everyone with water service will be contacted to arrange a meeting time and date for the work. We plan to have phone numbers in place next month for citizens to call if you have questions about the project that is scheduled to be completed by next July.

The City of Kirksville hopes to have the least disruption possible to citizens and their water service.

### Let us serve you:

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
Veolia Trash Service	800-778-7652

## WONDERING WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR LIVE TREE AFTER THE HOLIDAYS?



The City of Kirksville offers a **free Christmas Tree drop-off** in the public parking lot located at the corner of Missouri Street and Main Street. This drop-off will be available from December 26<sup>th</sup>—January 6<sup>th</sup>. All decorations must be removed prior to drop-off.

**Please note:** The Finance, Utility Payment and the Municipal Court Offices will be closed from 3-5 pm on Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> for an employee meeting.