

Community news and information published by the City of Kirksville

## 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.



### KIRKSVILLE AQUATIC CENTER HOLIDAY HOURS

The Kirksville Aquatic Center Hours  
for the 2011-2012  
Holiday Season are:

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

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

#### **Closed Christmas Holiday**

Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup>

**Open 12-7pm**

Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> thru  
Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup>

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

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

**Open 12-5pm**

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

#### **Closed New Year's Day Holiday**

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

**Open 12-7pm**

### WANT TO HAVE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA?

The Kirksville Parks and Recreation Department has made special arrangements for Santa Claus to take time out of his very busy schedule to have breakfast with Kirksville area families. Santa will be hosting breakfast on December 10<sup>th</sup> at the St. Andrews Apartments. Tickets are \$7 per person and must be purchased in advance at the Kirksville Aquatic Center. Children 2 and under are free for the event. Two seatings will be offered: 8 am and 9:15 am. Be sure to bring a camera to capture that special photo with Santa!

### COMMUNITY CENTER NEEDS ASSESSMENT TO BE CONDUCTED

Many individuals and groups in Kirksville have expressed interest in the development of a community center. Based on this, the City of Kirksville is partnering with the Center for Applied Statistical Evaluation (CASE) at Truman State University to develop and implement a needs assessment for Adair County that will determine the level of interest in a community center and what activities and amenities would be important in such a facility. If the survey results show enough interest, the City Council will begin to look for partnerships, grants and other resources that might assist in the planning and development of a new facility, or changes to existing facilities to meet the needs of our community. Surveys will be available in early December at City Hall or on the City's web site, [www.kirksvillecity.com](http://www.kirksvillecity.com). Please be sure to complete a survey and have your opinions heard!

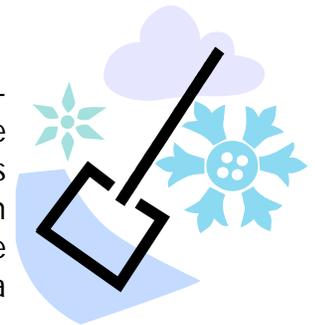
## 2012 BUDGET AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW

The City's fiscal year begins January 1<sup>st</sup>. Prior to the start of the fiscal year, the City Council must adopt a budget. The City Council began the budget process in September by outlining goals and priorities for the 2012 fiscal year. City Council directives continue to place emphasis on economic development, quality of life, fiscal responsibility and efficiency in government, and protection of City owned assets. During recent budget meetings, the Council was presented with a budget that works toward meeting those directives. Overall, the proposed expenditures for the 2012 budget are over \$2 million less than the current year's budget. The City Council spent two days reviewing the budget and meeting with city staff.

The budget document is available for citizens to review in the City Administration office located on the first floor of City Hall. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm. The City Council will hold a public hearing to give the community an opportunity to ask questions or comment on the budget. The public hearing will be on Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, at 6 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers, 201 S. Franklin Street.

## 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!



## CHRISTMAS TREE SAFETY TIPS TO REMEMBER

This holiday season, consider purchasing an artificial tree because they are safer and cleaner. If you choose to use a live tree, please remember these safety tips:

- Cut one inch off the trunk to help absorb water.
- Check the water level every day.
- Secure the tree to prevent it from tipping.
- Keep the tree away from all flames and heat sources.
- Do not connect more than three light string sets together.
- Don't overload extension cords - it could cause the cord to overheat and start a fire.
- Turn off the Christmas lights and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.
- Never use candles, even on artificial trees.
- Dispose of the tree properly and consider recycling your tree.

## 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 8<sup>th</sup>.

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