

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE—APRIL 6TH



Since the City began providing information to the community about the storm water sewer bond issue, a number of really good questions have been brought to our attention. The balance of this article is focused on giving you information to answer those questions.

The City was presented with an opportunity through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, when a series of bond programs were announced. Adair County was given the ability to allocate the bonds to both public and private projects, and chose to allocate the bonds for public improvements to the City of Kirksville.

The total amount of the bonds available for public improvements in Adair County was \$2.274 million. The City requested this total amount. Therefore, the dollar amount of \$2.274 million reflects only what was available through the program and not the total cost of all storm water improvements needed within our community.

Another important fact to know is that when the federal government established this bond program they also provided an incentive; they will pay 45% of the interest on the bonds. Our local cost will be the \$2.274 million, and only 55% of the interest.

The funds will be used to complete storm water improvements throughout the community. We have identified 8 specific regions of the community where there have been significant issues, and expect to spend around \$300,000 in each of these areas. The City has to prepare a plan by the end of June 2010, and the funding must be secured by January 1, 2011. The monthly cost to repay the bonds for each utility customer is estimated at — \$2.25. Every customer inside the city limits will pay the same fee. We have determined that the majority of the problems that exist are within residential areas. Existing businesses, such as Wal-Mart and Hy-Vee, have had to make storm water improvements, and new developments, like Walgreens and Home Depot, have spent considerable funds to install adequate storm water facilities for their properties.

If you have any other questions or need more information on the bond issue, please visit the City's web site at www.kirksvillecity.com, or contact Mari Macomber, City Manager, at 627-1225.

IT'S TIME TO RETURN YOUR 2010 CENSUS

In the last Connection, we told you about the local effort to partner with the US Census Bureau to support the 2010 Census. Article One, Section Two of the US Constitution mandates that a census be completed. The Census is conducted every ten (10) years, and is used to determine state representation at the federal level. Think about it, the first Census was conducted in 1790, making the 2010 Census the 23rd time our Nation has participated in this process.

Our local census counts need to include everyone here in Kirksville, whether you are living here temporarily for work, staying with family, going to school, or are a non-citizen. If you are living in Kirksville during the 2010 Census, you should be counted. If there is more than one family residing in a household, all families should be counted in Kirksville. The Census consists of ten (10) questions and represents a snapshot of information. The information that we provide to the Census is confidential, and is not available to others to use.



As a 2010 Census partner, we are asking everyone to get involved with the 2010 Census. Choose to be part of something important for our country and your community. Census forms are still being delivered to households; each household should complete and return a census form. To learn more, visit 2010census.gov. If you did not receive a census form, or for more information, please call City Hall at 627-1224.

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WANT TO KNOW THE LATEST INFORMATION?

The City Council is always looking for opportunities to keep all citizens informed about what is going on around town. In an effort to make information more readily available to everyone, the City has expanded the access to information that is available by text message and/or e-mail.



The Kirksville Parks and Recreation Department began offering TextCaster last Spring, as a way to keep patrons aware of pool closures, ball game cancellations and special events. This service has been a very popular service, and currently has hundreds of citizens enrolled. The City Council decided to expand this service to include a variety of other meetings and events.

You can now sign up for notifications about City Council meetings, General City Announcements, Street Closures, Bid Postings and much more.

To sign up for this free service, please visit the City's website, www.kirksvillecity.com, and click on the "Notification and Newsletters" button on the main page. Then follow the directions at the bottom of the screen to sign up for text messages and/or e-mails. For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 660-627-1485.



Also, The Kirksville Police Department has launched Nixle—a new Community Information Service similar to TextCaster. Nixle Service delivers important and timely public safety information to residents of Kirksville through a webpage, e-mail and text messages.

The webpage can be viewed by visiting <http://nixle.com/kirksville-police-department>, or you can sign up at www.nixle.com. Information is posted regularly regarding safety tips, fugitives, and current cases. Nixle is easy to use and available at no cost to the City or its subscribers. Notifications can be sent through various categories, but it is suggested that users sign up for all categories until you see what is most useful to you.

The Police Department not only hopes to inform the public about community happenings, but to enlist your help in making the community safer.

SPRING BRUSH AND LIMB PICK-UP SCHEDULED

The Kirksville Public Works Department will begin picking up tree limbs and large brush on Monday, April 5th. This scheduled time is for ALL areas of Kirksville. Limbs must be set curbside by 7:00 a.m. on Monday, April 5th. The spring brush and limb pick-up will last the entire week of April 5th-9th.

Bagged leaves and other bagged yard waste can be disposed of in the yard waste roll-off container at the public works building, located at 2001 N. Osteopathy, Monday – Friday, from 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. For information about curbside yard waste collection, please contact Veolia ES Solid Waste Midwest LLC at 800-778-7652.



SAVE DURING SHOW-ME GREEN SALES TAX HOLIDAY

The City of Kirksville is once again participating in the Show Me Green Sales Tax Holiday. From 12:01 a.m. on April 19th through midnight April 25th, state and Kirksville city sales taxes will be exempted on the sale of certain energy star certified appliances, up to \$1,500 per appliance. Only appliances that have been approved by the US Environmental Protection Agency and the US Department of Energy, and display the energy star label, are eligible for exemption from sales tax under this holiday. Appliances that are eligible include clothes washers and dryers, water heaters, trash compactors, dishwashers, conventional ovens, ranges, stoves, air conditioners, furnaces, refrigerators and freezers.

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| Municipal Court | 627-1237 |
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