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STORM DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT BONDS ON APRIL BALLOT



The City of Kirksville has received record amounts of rainfall in the past few years; almost twice the normal amount in both 2008 & 2009. This rainfall and the damage it caused due to flooding resulted in a Presidential Disaster Declaration in 2008. The amount of water has overwhelmed the existing storm water system, much of which was developed prior to 1970. Many citizens who have never had to deal with flooding and storm sewer back-ups in their homes are now dealing with this issue. City Hall has received numerous complaints and concerns from citizens about these on-going issues.

The City currently budgets \$50,000 each year to storm drainage improvements. City Staff have been looking for other ways to fund these much needed improvements and was given an opportunity to do just that with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. This act of Congress authorized Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds for various cities and counties across the country. Adair County was one of the counties designated to receive these bonds. City staff met with the Adair County Commission and they have agreed to let the City of Kirksville use these bonds, with voter approval, to fund the improvements to our storm drainage system. If approved, this project would address some public access areas with drainage issues but it will also help improve the privately held areas with drainage issues that have affected so many citizens.

Every registered voter in the City of Kirksville will have a chance to help decide if this project is something that is important and should be funded on April 6th, 2010. If passed, the bonds would be paid back through a monthly Storm Water User Fee estimated at \$2.25 for each water customer. The bonds would be repaid over a 20 year period. If you would like more information about this project, please plan to attend a public meeting on March 8th at 5:00 p.m. at the Adair County Annex.

In addition to the bond issue, voters will have the opportunity to elect two members to the City Council. Three candidates are vying for the two council seats. The candidates, in order of how they will appear on the ballot, are Richard L. Detweiler, Tony Fajkus and Aaron Rodgerson.

PLEASE VOTE on April 6

TRASH CONTRACT UPDATE

The City Council approved a new trash contract with Veolia at the February 15th City Council meeting. This new contract will go into effect on April 1st, 2010. There are lots of new options and changes to your existing service. A mailing to give you the complete information including route schedules and enrollment forms will be mailed to your home around March 15th. Below is a summary of the major changes to the trash service for the City of Kirksville:

- Weekly curbside trash service using a 65-gallon plastic tote container provided by Veolia
- Bi-weekly curbside recycling service using a 65-gallon plastic tote container provided by Veolia (customer to contact Veolia)
- Disposal of one bulk item placed curbside on day of regular trash day (television, recliner, mattress, etc.)
- Yard waste drop off at Public Works facility free to citizens and accessible weekdays 7:30 am to 4:00 pm
- Curbside yard waste service will be contracted directly with Veolia by resident
- Fee for service will be \$10.47 per month and \$8.67 for senior citizens (individuals 65 years of age or older who are the account holder signed up for utility service, and must provide proof of age to receive discount)

Watch your mailbox the week of March 15th for more information!

CENSUS 2010 UPDATE

The City and County, with the help of the Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce, are partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau to support the 2010 Census and their effort to complete an accurate count of our nation's population. The Census is conducted every ten (10) years, and is used to determine state representation at the federal level. Missouri is on the cusp of losing a representative, which for Kirksville /Adair County and Northeast Missouri could mean an expansion of our congressional district.



Census numbers are also used by the federal government to distribute federal funds annually to states and local governments. The census determines our share of money from the State Highway Fund and includes revenues from motor fuel tax, license and registration fees, and one-half of the state sales tax on automobiles. The Census is also used in other ways that help bring money to our area by providing median income and total population numbers to recruit new retail establishments, and workforce information to attract and locate new industry.

In 2010, every person living in the United States should be counted. This includes people of all ages, races, ethnic groups, and whether a citizen or noncitizen.

As a 2010 Census partner, we want to assure you that the Census is a snapshot of information and the form includes only ten (10) questions. Census forms will be delivered or mailed to households in March; each household should complete and mail a census form. To learn more, visit 2010census.gov or call City Hall at 627-1224.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HOLDS SKYWARN STORM SPOTTER TRAINING

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 2010 SKYWARN Storm Spotter (Tornado Spotter) Training Program will be held Tuesday, March 30th, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at the Missouri Department of Conservation building in Kirksville on South Highway 63 (3500 South Baltimore). The training is sponsored by the Adair County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC).

Topics covered will include:

- Under what conditions do thunderstorms develop
- What makes one thunderstorm severe and another one not
- How to visually identify and report severe weather
- How to stay safe during severe weather

32nd ANNUAL CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT SCHEDULED



The 32nd Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 3rd at 10 a.m. 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, Cardinal Key and the Adair County Family YMCA. For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 627-1485.

TINY TOTS THEATRE TROUPE OFFERED

The Kirksville Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to present the Tiny Tots Theatre Troupe. This program will give children ages 3-5 a chance to experience the fun of theatre. The classes will be held on Wednesdays from 10—11 a.m. at the Adair County YMCA. The session will run from March 17th—April 28th. Registration is \$15; contact Heather Darrah, Kirksville Parks and Recreation for more information at 627-1485.

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