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Spring Clean Up Will Take Place

Spring Clean Up is coming to your home. The City of Kirksville has set the dates for this year's cleanup.

Spring Clean Up will start March 31, with expected completion on April 25. The City will be divided into four sections, with clean-up in each section taking one week. Sections will be based on the Velolia trash collection schedule.

Residents should plan to place their items at their curb on or before the Sunday before their Clean Up week. For example, residents whose trash day is on Monday should plan to place their items at their curb on or

before Sunday, March 30.

City crews will pick up metal items, tree limbs and branches (but NOT bagged yard waste, which is collected by the regular trash hauler), household furniture and other items such as household solvents, cleaners, solidified latex paint and hardened oil-based paint. Items placed at the curb must be separated into the three groups listed above. Items not sorted properly will not be picked up. Crews will only make collections from the curbside.

Treasure hunters who remove discarded items from piles before the Clean Up are asked to be

courteous and leave the remaining items in neat piles.

City crews will not remove items such as commercially generated hazardous wastes, demolition materials, regular household trash, or automotive items such as tires, batteries, motor oil and lubricants.

The City will coordinate appliance pickup for residents. Appliances will be picked up during the Spring Clean Up, but might not be picked up at the same time as the other Spring Clean Up items.

Remember there is a limit of ten cubic yards per address.

Spring Clean Up Summary

Limit 10 cubic yards per address

Items approved for Clean Up

1. Metal items and appliances
2. Tree limbs and branches
3. Household Items:
 - Furniture
 - Household solvents and cleaners
 - Solidified latex paint
 - Hardened oil-based paint

The items listed above must be separated into these three categories and placed at the curb.

Items NOT approved

- Bagged yard waste
- Commercially generated hazardous
- Regular Household trash
- Demolition materials
- Automotive items

If your trash day is:	Spring Clean Up dates:	Area:
Monday	March 31 —April 4	East of Baltimore, North of Illinois
Tuesday	April 7—April 11	East of Baltimore, South of Illinois/Downtown
Wednesday	April 14—April 18	West of Baltimore, South of Missouri/Illinois
Friday	April 21-April 25	West of Baltimore, North of Missouri/Illinois

KREDI— Economic Development Report

Each year, the Kirksville Regional Economic Development Incorporated, (KREDI) organization provides an annual report to its membership. In an effort to share this information with as many people as possible, KREDI issued an invitation to the community through newspaper, radio and television advertising, to attend their annual meeting on February 5th at the Kirksville Shrine Club. As a result of this effort, several citizens took KREDI up on its invitation as the crowd was larger than normal despite the winter weather that evening.

KREDI's Director of Job Creation Phil Tate began his report stating

that the purpose of KREDI remains focused on creating new jobs in the community. Mr. Tate emphasized the impact the general economic environment and public attitude have on job creation. He outlined several national issues such as rising fuel costs and foreclosures that have affected the economy. Tate told the crowd, "KREDI is doing everything possible to create new jobs. And I believe that it's our charge to keep a positive outlook and sustain a long term, high quality organization focused on job creation."

Despite recent corporate layoffs and downsizing, KREDI has kept a positive attitude and has been

working diligently to create new jobs. Tate cited several positive outcomes from 2007 including the addition of 125 new jobs added by Adair Foods (a Kraft facility). Mr. Tate informed the group that a California based company, focused on forensic DNA testing, had chosen Kirksville as a finalist of four communities after a nation-wide search. Tate expressed optimism about the community's chances to land this company.

Mr. Tate concluded his remarks stating, "Kirksville continues to be a great place to live, work, and raise your family".

Let us serve you:

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Business Licenses	627-1251
City Manager	627-1225
Codes/Inspections	627-1272
Economic Development	627-1224
Engineering	627-1272
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Fire Department	627-3734
Municipal Court	627-1237
Parks & Recreation	627-1485
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Spur Pond—New Attraction for Residents and Visitors

The Powell family enjoyed ice fishing for trout on Spur Pond recently. As of February 1st those with a fishing license and trout license can catch and keep four trout a day. David Powell caught two trout in a matter of minutes. His daughter, Jessica, caught a trout almost immediately after she dropped her line into the water. "This is great to have trout fishing right here. It saves me a long drive to south Missouri," Powell commented. When asked how he cooks his trout, Powell shared his recipe. "Gut the fish. Leave the skin on. Stuff the trout with onion and bacon, salt, pepper and butter to taste. Wrap in foil

and throw it on the grill."

The 3.6 acre Spur Pond has been revitalized and stocked with over 1400 trout through a partnership between the City of Kirksville and the Missouri Department of Conservation. Since it opened, the Tourism Division of the Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce has promoted this attraction. "This project is a wonderful partnership," stated Debi Boughton, Tourism Director, "Trout fishing is a new activity in Kirksville that citizens and visitors alike can enjoy."

Randy Smith of Kirksville took some time to trout fish at Spur Pond. "I found a hole in the ice

and stuck in my pole but didn't get a bite," Smith explained. "Then an experienced fisherman called me over and gave me some advice. He told me to put a bobber on my line about six feet up from the hook, and he shared his secret bait. It worked and I caught my limit!"



David Powell shows off one of the trout he caught at Spur Pond.

AN INVITATION TO TALK TRASH

On February 12, the City Council was given a proposal from Veolia Environmental Services. The proposal included several changes to the current trash service contract. Since the proposal was discussed, there has been much talk, some accurate some not so accurate, about this proposal and what it means to the residents of the community.

The City Council wished to give everyone an opportunity to learn more about the proposal, ask questions and provide feedback to the City Council in this matter. Therefore, a public meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, April 17 starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Adair County Annex, 300 North Franklin. The meeting will give residents an opportunity to hear first hand from Veolia Representatives the details of their proposal. We invite you to attend to ask questions, and to give comments to the City Council.



This is a picture of a 96 gallon tote proposed by Veolia to allow for the disposal of more trash, and the elimination of the extra \$1 per bag fee currently paid by residents. Attend the public meeting on April 17 at 6:00 p.m. at the Adair County Annex, 300 North Franklin to learn more about this and other proposals from Veolia and to ask questions or provide feedback to the City Council.

Highway 63 Alternate Route on April 8 Election

On April 8 voters will be asked whether or not to extend the 1/2 cent economic development sales tax to fund a portion of an alternate route to Highway 63. The City of Kirksville and the Missouri Department of Transportation would like to invite you to a public forum on Monday, March 24 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Adair County Annex, 300 North Franklin.

Following are responses to a few of the questions that have been asked.

What is Alternate Route 63?

The Alternate Route 63 proposed

project would build an 8.5 mile two lane roadway on the east side of the City of Kirksville with four at-grade intersections. It would begin at Route 11 south of Kirksville and continue north to the City limits.

How Much Will Alternate Route 63 Cost?

The estimated total cost of the project is \$33.5 million. MoDOT has previously invested \$5 million in right of way costs by purchasing land in 1996. The remaining unfunded portion of the project is \$28.5 million.

How Will Alternate Route 63 be Funded?

A 75/25 cost share proposal between MoDOT and the City of Kirksville could fund the project. The City of Kirksville would provide 25% of the remaining portion of the total project cost, an estimated \$7.1 million investment; pending voter approval on April 8, 2008.

For more information about this project visit come to the public forum on March 24 and visit our website at www.kirksvillecity.com.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt will be held on the Truman State University Quad on Saturday March 22nd at 10am. This year's event is sponsored by the Kirksville Parks and Recreation Department, the Adair County Family YMCA, and the Women of Cardinal Key.

The Aquafina Pitch, Hit and Run will be held on Sunday, April 27th at the North Park Complex. Pre-registration is required for this

event, and will be made available online, in local schools, at the YMCA, and at the Aquatic Center. Participation is free, and open to children ages 7-14.

The Hershey Tack and Field Meet will be held on Saturday, May 3rd at Stokes Stadium on the Campus of Truman State University. Pre-registration is required for this event, and will be made available online, in local schools, and at the Aquatic Center. Participation is

free, and open to children ages 7-14.

Both Aquafina Pitch, Hit and Run and the Hershey Tack and Field Meet are sponsored by Parks and Recreation, and the Exercise Science Department of Truman State University.

Visit our website at <http://www.kirksvillecity.com/ParksRec/schedule-activities.htm>

and download the registration forms as they become available.