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The Parks Sales Tax will provide new playground equipment for each neighborhood park.

## Parks sales tax will fund renovations to City parks

KIRKSVILLE WILL HAVE NEW recreational opportunities if voters approve a quarter cent parks sales tax on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

The revenue generated from a parks sales tax would allow the City to implement projects from the Community Strategic Plan. These projects include additional recreational programming, as well as numerous infrastructure improvements. The tax is initially set to be collected from October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2012 at which time citizens can evaluate the success of the tax and vote to renew. Capital projects that will be completed dur-

ing the first six years of the tax include:

### Neighborhood Parks

The plan proposes additions and renovations to each of the City's neighborhood parks: Brashear, P.C. Mills, Jaycee, Memorial, Rotary and Patryla Parks. Improvements include new playground equipment, adjustable Goal Setter basketball hoops, lights, additional parking, and tennis court resurfacing.

### Community Room

Seniors, business groups, youth groups and others have stated the need for a large area to hold activities and meetings. The community

room will include a kitchen area, portable seating, storage, and other amenities.

### North Park Complex

The North Park plan includes new soccer fields, a skate park, lighting, additional restrooms and concessions, new bleachers and additional parking.

### Aquatic Center

The parks sales tax revenue would allow for added features for the Aquatic Center such as a family changing room, an enclosed slide, completion of a children's play structure, and a rock climbing wall.

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## City to vote on water/sewer revenue bond

A WATER AND SEWER revenue bond issue will also be on the ballot in April. The City will be asking voters to approve a \$7 million water/sewer revenue bond issuance to complete needed water and sewer infrastructure projects.

Providing superior, quality drinking water and the proper disposal of sewer waste is important to all of us. To continue providing those services, the water and sewer operations demand regular maintenance and upkeep. These operations demand improvements to insure compliance with state and federal regulations, and they require expansion to meet the growing needs of our com-

munity.

Revenue bonds are not something new to the community. You have shown your support for both water and sewer projects in the past. By approving this debt, the City is able to take advantage of low-interest loan money through the State of Missouri.

Revenue bonds use the revenues received from the sale of water and sewer services to repay the debt.

The City has identified necessary improvement projects for both services. Since the City does not have the \$7 million in cash, we must borrow the money. Before we can borrow this money, we must obtain the

community support.

The funding will allow the City to televise sewer lines and identify leaks in order to prioritize and make the most-needed repairs. It will also allow for upgrades to lift stations, which carry sewage from various areas of town to the wastewater treatment plant.

On the water side, the funds will be used to complete upgrades at the water purification plant and will bring our capacity to 6 million gallons per day.

Is there a cost to you? No, by borrowing the low interest loan money, we are actually helping to reduce costs to our customers. ■

## News in Brief

### Reminder to trim grass and weeds

IT'S TIME TO DUST OFF that lawnmower.

The City of Kirksville would like to remind residents to trim all grasses and weeds throughout the upcoming growing season.

Residents should also mow to the street in front of, or to the side of their property and along the alley in back to beautify their lawn as required by the ordinance.

For more information on this and other City laws, visit [www.kirksvillecity.com](http://www.kirksvillecity.com) and click on the Municipal Codes link. ■

### Aquatic Center offers household pass option

THE NEW HOUSEHOLD POOL PASS covers up to a combination of five related and non-related people living at the same residence. A residence is defined as a house, apartment or mobile home.

A household one-year pass is \$250 and a household three-month pass is \$125. Each additional person beyond 5 will be assessed an additional twenty-five dollars for the one-year pass and fifteen dollars for the three-month pass. ■



The ROTC Color Guard from Truman State University assists Mayor Martha Rowe in raising the flags.

### Flagpole dedication

FLAGS ARE NOW FLYING above the Kirksville Police Department. At a ceremony on February 17, 2006, Mayor Martha Rowe helped dedicate a flag pole donated by Midwest Airlines.

The flagpole was a tribute to local emergency service personnel, who responded quickly, efficiently, and professionally, when a Midwest Airlines flight from Kansas City to Washington, DC had to make an emergency landing at Kirksville Regional Airport in May 2005. ■



A new City ordinance prohibits dogs from the North Park Complex.

## No dogs allowed in park after messy season

AREA BALL PLAYERS MAY now look forward to a season free from "surprises" from furry four-legged friends.

The Kirksville City Council enacted a new ordinance prohibiting dogs at the North Park facility and providing a penalty for any violations.

The City created the ordinance after numerous complaints from parents and spectators were made to both City staff and members of the Lakes, Parks, and Recreation Commission (LPRC). The main concerns centered on safety and sanitation.

Last season, many large dogs, including aggressive breeds, were in the park during games. Some of the dog owners were watching games

and would forget to keep on eye on their pet. Ball park activities excite the dogs, creating a dangerous situation for patrons. This frequently created safety hazards and inconvenience, including children tripping over long leashes and dogs getting in the way of other spectator's viewing.

Concerns with sanitation resulted after many owners failed to clean up after their dogs. Messes were continually left in traffic areas, spectator areas and outfields where children happened upon them during games or practices.

The new ordinance will help alleviate these concerns to create a safer and cleaner environment for Kirksville ball players and spectators. ■

## Weather safety reminders

THE KIRKSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT has once again issued some weather safety tips and reminders about being prepared for severe weather. According to Police Chief Jim Hughes, this is particularly important since we are entering severe storm season and Kirksville is located in tornado alley. Hughes stresses that the key to being safe is personal responsibility. It's very important for everyone to realize that Kirksville's emergency sirens have limitations. For example, the warning sirens do not cover

all areas inside the Kirksville city limits, citizens who are indoors with fans or air conditioners running may not be able to hear the sirens, and occasionally sirens do malfunction. Hughes recommends that citizens rely on local radio and television stations or the NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) to receive their immediate emergency information. Residents may want to consider purchasing a NOAA Weather Radio, available from most retailers who sell electronics for around \$40. ■

# Dates set for annual Spring Clean Up

THE CITY HAS SET DATES for the annual Spring Clean Up.

Spring Clean Up will start on April 3, 2006, with expected completion on April 28, 2006. The City will be divided into four sections, with clean-up in each section taking one week. Sections will be based on the Onyx trash collection schedule. The new system should help minimize the volume of trash at curbsides, since each area will have a one week window rather than two.

Residents in each of the four areas 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 Monday should plan to place their items at their curb on or before Sunday, April 2.

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 should 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 because city employees are not allowed to go onto private property or into alleys.

The City asks that treasure hunters who remove discarded items from piles before the Clean Up 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 is again coordinating with Onyx to pick up appliances. To have an appliance picked up you must purchase a sticker and affix to the appliance. Stickers are \$10 for non-freon appliances (washers, dryers, ranges) and \$20 for freon containing appliances (refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners) and can be purchased at the front counter at City Hall. Appliances will be picked up during the Spring Clean Up, but might not be picked up at the same time as other items.

There is a limit of ten cubic yards per address. Those planning major clean up projects should contact the Public Works Department to arrange for pick up. ■

## Items approved for Clean Up:

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

Please separate items into these three categories and place at curb.

Limit 10 cubic yards per address.

## Items NOT approved:

- Bagged yard waste
- Commercially generated hazardous waste
- Regular household trash
- Demolition materials
- Automotive items: tires, batteries, motor oil, lubricants, etc.

If your trash day is:	Spring Clean Up dates:	Area:
Monday	April 3- April 7	East of Baltimore, North of Illinois
Tuesday	April 10- April 13	East of Baltimore, South of Illinois + Downtown
Wednesday	April 17- April 21	West of Baltimore, South of Missouri/ Illinois
Friday	April 24- April 28	West of Baltimore, North of Missouri/ Illinois

# Parks sales tax

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## Trail System

Another project involves creating additional paths to connect portions of the City's existing multi-purpose trail system.

## Other Projects

As funds become available, the City will look at other projects including, but not limited to, landscaping for all parks, renovating restrooms, adding pedestrian lighting, improving drainage, adding water fountains and maintaining shelter houses.

To make the available funds go further, the City plans to use sales tax funds to serve as a match to leverage grant funds for some of the projects. The

City will also continue to development partnerships with various community groups, to get their assistance with projects, as well as to instill a sense of community ownership in recreation projects and facilities.

In addition to the improved recreation the City hopes to provide to the citizens, some of the projects may have an economic benefit by encouraging those from outside of the City to come to Kirksville to take advantage of the new amenities. While they are here they will likely shop, eat in local restaurants, and take part in other activities. ■

## What would the Parks Sales Tax cost the average family?

We anticipate that the average Kirksville family would pay \$25—\$35 per year for the Parks Sales Tax.

If your weekly purchases total approximately:	The amount of Parks Sales Tax paid is:
\$100	25¢
\$200	50¢
\$300	75¢

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# City Calendar

## April

- 2 Daylight Saving Time begins  
Set clocks ahead one hour
- 3 Spring Clean Up begins
- 4 Election
- 8 Mayo Clinic Presentation  
1 p.m. at the Aquatic Center
- 11 Memory Lane Matinee  
10 a.m. at the Downtown Cinema 8  
Mayo Clinic Presentation  
7 p.m. at the Aquatic Center

## May

- 9 Memory Lane Matinee  
10 a.m. at the Downtown Cinema 8
- 27 Outdoor and wading pools open  
at Aquatic Center and local parks



## Summer Pool Hours

- 14 City Offices Closed - Good Friday
  - 15 Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt  
10 a.m. at the Truman Quad  
Free to the public
  - 15-30 Adult Softball Signups  
at the Aquatic Center
- Indoor Pool**  
Monday-Friday 6a.m.-9a.m.  
Monday-Friday 12p.m.-8p.m.  
Saturday 12p.m.-7p.m.  
Sunday 12p.m.-6p.m.

- 18 Mayo Clinic Presentation  
11 a.m. at the Aquatic Center
  - 22 Children's Hershey Track Meet  
at Spainhower Field
- Outdoor Pool**  
Monday-Friday 12p.m.-7p.m.  
Saturday 12p.m.-7p.m.  
Sunday 12p.m.-6p.m.
- For more information about City programs, contact the recreation staff at 660-627-1485.

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# Aquatic Center Programs

- Aquabox Kickboxing**  
5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
**Fluid Yoga**  
5:15 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday  
**Water Pilates**  
6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday  
**Friends Aerobics**  
1:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
**Arthritis Class**  
12 p.m. Monday through Friday