

City of Maryville Newsletter



Gearing Up for Garage Sale Season

by Sheila Smail, City Clerk

With the warmer weather upon us, many residents are looking forward to getting rid of items that are no longer of use by having a garage sale. If you are one of these residents, it's time to price those items and get them ready for sale because the annual Maryville city-wide garage sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 1, 2010.

As you begin making plans for your garage sale, keep in mind the following city ordinances regarding your garage sale signs.

SECTION 555.085: GARAGE SALE SIGNS

Signs for public or private temporary sales located in residential districts (e.g., garage, yard or porch sales) shall be subject to the following provisions:

1. A maximum of five (5) signs may be used for notifying the public of temporary garage sales and yard sales.
2. Each sign shall be no more

than four (4) square feet (24" x 24") and each sign shall contain the following information:

- a. General statement of a "garage sale" or "yard sale";
 - b. Location of the garage or yard sale;
 - c. Dates and times which garage/yard sale shall be occurring.
3. Sign height is limited to three (3) feet from the ground to the highest point of the sign. Signs cannot be affixed to stop signs, street signs, utility poles, speed limit signs or any other object permanently existing in the City right-of-way (R-O-W).
 4. Signs must be placed in the ground utilizing a pole, stake, rod, etc.
 5. Signs may be placed in the City of Maryville street R-O-W provided they are not ob-

structing the view of traffic from any direction and must be at least one (1) foot from the curbing of the road.

6. Garage sales, yard sales and the like shall be limited to operating hours of 6:00 A.M.--7:00 P.M. on any given day.
7. All signs from said garage/yard sale sign(s) shall be installed no more than twenty-four (24) hours prior to start of sale and shall be removed from the locations within twenty-four (24) hours from the time of the end of the sale.
8. All signs must be non-illuminated.
9. No person shall post a sign in violation of this Section. Each violation of Subsections (1) through (8) of this Section shall be subject to a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each day said violation occurs.

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Celebrate Safe

by Keith Wood, Director of Public Safety



Underage Drinking: Not a Minor Problem

It's hard to believe that we have come around to another spring and another season of High School Proms and Graduation.

This is such a special time of the year as our young people celebrate life milestones such as graduations and those highly anticipated social events that they wait all year for, Prom.

It is also a special time for families and friends as we watch our "kids" grow up.

A sad reality of this time of year is that it is also a time for heavy use of alcohol by our youth as they celebrate these events.

Along with that comes the heightened risk of accidents and injuries.

Are kids going to drink? Some, yes. Does that mean that we sit back and simply accept that and turn a blind eye? I don't think we can do that in good conscious. There are significant risks to our youth when consuming alcohol and we must keep up the fight to keep our kids healthy and safe.

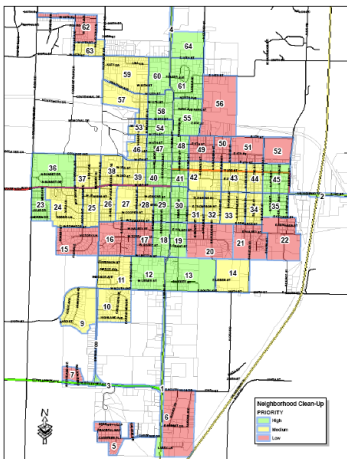
Moms and Dads, Grandmas and Grandpas, Aunts and Uncles, don't do nothing if you have family participating in

these events that might fall subject to the temptations of drinking during this time. Talk to your kids, let them know how proud we are of them and the health and safety risks of drinking. You never know when that simple talk may give someone the courage to say "no thanks" when offered that drink that could lead to another, and another, and then a bad decision to get behind the wheel and,....well, you get my drift.

Enjoy the season, celebrate our youth as they celebrate their youth and successes and keep them safe.



City offices will be closed for Memorial Day on Monday, May 31.



Map of neighborhoods available for adoption

Hours of Operation

City Hall

M–F 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Maryville Community Center

MWTh 4:30 a.m.–12:00 a.m.

Tue. 4:30 a.m.–1:00 a.m.

Fri. 4:30 a.m.–8:00 p.m.

Sat. 7:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Sun. 12:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.

Library

M–F 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Sat. 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Landfill

M–F 7:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Volunteer Opportunities Available Through New POM Program

by Abbie Renshaw, Executive Assistant & Amy Strough, Human Resources Manager

In an effort to connect volunteers with community projects, the City of Maryville has established the Pride of Maryville (POM) program. POM will also be a way for those in the community to become directly involved in keeping our city cleaner, safer, and a more beautiful place to live.

POM gives individuals or groups the opportunity to participate in one or more of the following programs:

Adopt a Neighborhood

Recognizes the commitment of volunteers to keep our City's roadways and sidewalks free from litter, debris, and weeds.

Guidelines

1. Application form must be completed and approved by the POM Coordinator.
2. Any individual, group, organization, or business is eligible to adopt a neighborhood in the City.
3. Adopter must pick up litter along the streets in the adopted neighborhood and remove any weeds in the adjacent sidewalks no less than once every three months, which is four times annually.
 - January-March
 - April-June
 - July-September
 - October-December
4. Adopter must conduct a safety meeting with participants before each litter collection effort. Very important when you have children assisting with the litter pick up.
5. Go over the rules of watching for traffic.
6. Children should clean up the right-of-way furthest away from the edge of the road. The adult should clean the curb line or edge of pavement area.

7. 1 adult per 4 kids is encouraged.
8. Everyone is required to wear a safety vest.
9. City will furnish orange trash bags and safety vests. City will pick up bags of trash on the first work day following the litter collection effort or when notified of litter pick up. The bags of trash should be deposited at the South West intersection of the adopted neighborhood.
10. City will post the name of the adopter for each neighborhood on its website and may release it through a press release or news article.
11. Any adopter which fails to perform litter pick up and weed control for six consecutive months, or who fails to comply with safety guidelines will be removed from the program.
12. The adopters are recommended to commit to one year of clean up, but we do allow for one time clean-up.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

We invite you to join the City's community volunteer effort or on an individual basis by creating your own volunteer opportunity. If you know of someone who could use a helping hand, perhaps you could be that helping hand for the day. You can also nominate that volunteer opportunity for community help, by clicking on the City of Maryville's Volunteer Opportunity "Neighbors Helping Neighbors". Nominees for special projects that are needed throughout the year are placed on a list on the City's website. Volunteers can check the listing on the website for opportunities and contact the nominees directly.

Beautification Awards Program

In an effort to honor Maryville homes and businesses for the beautification and/or improve-

ments to their property, POM and the City of Maryville would like to initiate the Beautification Awards Program.

Every month from April to October, one award will be given to either a commercial or residential property. Anyone can nominate homes or businesses based on beautification or rehabilitation to the property. Self nominations with not be accepted. You may nominate the same property every month, however, one property cannot receive more than one award per year.

To nominate a commercial or residential property email arensshaw@maryville.org or pick up a nomination form at City Hall. Please include your name, contact info, nominee, nominee's address, and 3 different pictures of the property. If you are nominating a property for rehabilitation, please include a before and after picture.

Awards will be made at the end of every month. City of Maryville Code Enforcement will judge the nominations. Winners will have a picture of their home or business posted on the City's website and will receive a proclamation from the Mayor of Maryville.

Maryville in Boom

The coneflower has been adopted as our city flower to hopefully encourage the unification and beautification of our community. A celebration day in honor of our city flower will take place each year.

If you would like to become a volunteer or would like more information about POM, please contact either Abbie Renshaw or Amy Strough at City Hall, 660 -562-3271 or visit our website at www.maryville.org and follow the link the Pride of Maryville page.

City of Maryville Investigating Plans to Develop a New and Improved Website

by Matt LeCerf, City Manager

Recently the City of Maryville has established a city committee for the purposes of developing a new and improved city website. Currently the City's website at www.maryville.org serves some basic functions, but lacks a true outlet and enjoyable experience for citizens and businesses to reach and connect with the organization.

Currently the existing website has basic information related to addresses, phone numbers, office hours, basic calendar, publications for downloading, including budget and other forms as well as information on various programs, and other miscellaneous information.

Some of the aspects that the City is investigating about implementing into the new website would include the opportunity to submit forms online, making appointments with city officials, paying utility bills and parking fines, even possibly establishing the ability to participate in online town hall meetings. In a best case scenario, the city's website would act as a one stop shop portal, where all transactional services are offered online to help meet the needs and the conveniences expected by the citizens and the businesses.

Ultimately, the City will advertise for bid for services to de-

velop the website. We are hoping to incorporate additional changes for your benefit. As the committee works to establish what aspects we would like to incorporate into the city website, I would encourage you as citizens and business partners in the City of Maryville, to contact us directly, either by phone or email to let us know what you would like see on the city website to help better serve you through an online capacity. The city website acts as a marketing tool for the City, surrounding area, and region. We plan to establish a website that can reach out and meet this demand and need for all of Maryville.

Get Twitter updates regarding City activity by following City Manager, Matt LeCerf at <http://twitter.com/mlecerf>



Mayor, Chad Jackson & Councilman, Glenn Jonagan taking their oath of office

City Officials

- Mayor—Chad Jackson
- City Council Member—Pat Cummings
- City Council Member—Glenn Jonagan
- City Council Member—Ron Moss
- City Council Member—Shawn Wake
- City Manager—Matt LeCerf
- City Clerk—Sheila Smail
- Finance Director—Denise Town
- Golf Course General Manager—Ron Darnell
- Human Resources Manager—Amy Strough
- Parks & Recreation Director—Rod Auxier
- Public Safety Director—Keith Wood
- Public Works Director—Greg Decker
- Airport Manager—Kevin Rankin

Employee of Quarter

by Amy Strough, Human Resources Manager

Golf Maintenance employee, Tim Wolters has been selected as the employee of the quarter for the first quarter of 2010. Other nominees were Sheila Smail, Rachel Crawford, and Adam James.

Tim began working for the City as a Golf Course Technician on February 1, 1995 just when the Mazingo Lake Golf Course was opening up. The proper application of fertilizers, insecticides, etc., as well as the operation and service of the irrigation system are among his many job responsibilities.

Tim was nominated for his strong work ethic and dedication toward the success of the golf course. He considers the conditioning of the golf course

to be a direct reflection upon himself. He takes great pride in the course and if something is not quite up to par he fixes it. A good example of this goes clear back to 1995 when Tim first began working for the City. That spring the course was suffering from eroding rainfalls and the city administration directed the Mazingo staff to work daylight to dark in an effort to repair the course and open it on time. Tim was an integral part of this project and thanks to his efforts the course was looking fantastic only to be wiped out with a 3.5 inch rainfall in July. He tirelessly started over and had the course looking great again in no time.

Tim is also a quality leader. His leadership skills are not defined

by his charisma but by the example he sets. His hard work motivates the employees and he expects no less from them.

On top of being very involved with his work, Tim also finds plenty of time to be an active family man and father. He has coached soccer and baseball since his children were old enough to participate. He is also active in his community and school.

Tim is not only a good example of a quality employee, he also exemplifies the qualities of a great human being and an active citizen of Maryville. Thanks for all of your hard work Tim and congratulations on your nomination!!



Tim Wolters being presented his Employee of the Quarter award for the first quarter of 2010 by Mayor Chad Jackson



The Masters is Over...Let the Golf Season Begin

by Ron Darnell, Golf Course General Manager

Masters week signifies the unofficial start of the golfing season at Mozingo as well as at most of the cooler season golf courses around the country. As all of the golfers at Mozingo know, Masters week is also a prelude to their least favorite time of the season, aerification week. The aerifier is such a cruel machine as it destroys greens that were just starting to roll really nice. If aerification is so universally despised, why do we keep doing it? My answer to this is: "Does grass grow on a cow path?". Repeated foot and vehicle traffic compresses the soil. Daily mowing and 25 thousand rounds of golf close up

the air spaces in the soil and form a hard layer that does not allow the movement of water and air. No grass can survive under these conditions. That is why we take pre-emptive action and roll out the aerifier each spring. There are no other less painful remedies, so keep in mind that aerification week is a small inconvenience that reaps great benefits come the stresses of summer.

Update: AIRIFICATION WAS COMPLETED ON 4/21/2010. The greens are well on their way to complete recovery.

Make plans for our 10th annual Memorial Day Golf Tournament

on May 31st. This is a fun two person team event with a unique format called an SBA. That is six holes of scramble, six holes of best ball, and six holes of alternate shot. The entry fee includes golf, cart, range balls and prizes. Season passes will of course be honored. Sign up now at the pro shop or call Payton at 562-3864.

Reminder: We are taking registrations for the Mozingo Lake Junior Golf Program. Junior golf runs from June 9 to August 4th every Wednesday morning. This is a wonderful program so call or email Payton for more information.

Follow Mozingo Lake Golf Course on Facebook



Water Quality is a Top Priority

by Greg Decker, Public Works Director

Annually, the City of Maryville releases an informational pamphlet to all of its water users regarding the past year's data of test results concerning the quality of water distributed to its customers. This pamphlet, called the Consumer Confidence Report, was mailed out on the 18th of April and should have been received by all of our customers the following week. While this document gives you vast information regarding the source of our water and the parameters of constituents that we test for, it also gives you historical information about chemicals that are found in the water. The information collected for this report helps our staff at the water treatment plant make adjustments to the filtering process to assure for the best quality of water available. Unfortunately these reports sometimes show us when we exceed the quality limits of particular parameters. All information collected is passed onto

the State of Missouri Department of Natural Resources and then reported to our consumers so that they are aware of any concerns we may have and the actions we are taking to improve our operation. While some limits are exceeded, we are always confident that when we step out of bounds, the health risk is minimal, as is the case with the Total Haloecetic Acids. The Total Haloecetic Acids have exceeded the quality limit, but will only pose a health risk if large volumes (60 +gallons) of the water are consumed by our users in a short period of time. Since we are very conscience of our water quality, we want our customers to know the quality of our water and be assured that it is safe.

The City of Maryville is going to great lengths to improve the quantity and quality of water treated for its customers. We have signed a contract to construct 2 new 750,000 gallon

water towers within city limits. Additionally, we plan to begin adding Chloramines to the water at the water treatment plant, so that we can guarantee the quality of water throughout our entire distribution system. Our distribution system consists of more than 70 miles of water lines and it is sometimes difficult to assure that the water quality will be the same at your faucet as it was when it was treated at the plant. This chemical (ammonia) ensures that the chlorine residual remains in the system and the water. By doing this we will not have any future problems with meeting the limits expected by us from the regulatory agencies at the state and federal level.

Don't forget to look in your mail for the latest Consumer Confidence Report, and as always we welcome your feedback and any questions regarding our water treatment operation here in Maryville.

"Since we are very conscience of our water quality, we want our customers to know the quality of our water and be assured that it is safe".

Visit our website at www.maryville.org to view Current Job Openings with the City