

City of Maryville Newsletter



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City Officials

- Mayor—Chad Jackson
- City Council Member—Carole Coutts
- City Council Member—Pat Cummings
- City Council Member—Ron Moss
- City Council Member—Mike Thompson
- City Manager—Matt LeCerc
- City Clerk—Sheila Smail
- Finance Director—Denise Town
- Human Resources Manager—Amy Strough
- Parks & Recreation Director—Rod Auxier
- Public Safety Director—Keith Wood
- Public Works Director—Greg Decker

Mozingo Lingo

by Rick Schultz, Golf Professional

Mozingo Lake Golf Course is in full summer golf mode and running on all cylinders. Junior Golf has had a record 97 kids register from the ages of 5-14. They meet every Wednesday morning for instruction and playing opportunities. It is quite the sight to see these future tour players take over the front nine and battle the great game of golf.

The Rotary Club, Lions Club and Bearcat Classic tournaments have had record numbers this year and each one was a great success. Using a golf tournament as a fund raiser is a win-win for everyone and is a wonderful way to showcase your organization and the Mozingo Lake Golf Course.

Besides managing Men's, Ladies and Senior leagues, the

course also hosts four of its own tournaments. The S.B.A. and Mozingo Open have just wrapped up, but we still have the 2-man best ball in August and the Labor Day Shamble in September.

As always the golf course is in great shape, so get your clubs and your friends and come on out to the golf course.

The Good Old Days...

by Sheila Smail, City Clerk

Recently, I came across some old minute and ordinance books dating back to the early days of the City of Maryville. I would like to share with you a few excerpts of one of the minute books.

February 1, 1878

W.E. Trueblood, Street Commissioner, makes report that he had contracted with J. Yorkman to build sidewalks on the east side of Buchanan Street commencing at the south side of Second Street and running thence south 213 feet at a cost of \$38.35.

April 12, 1878

M.G. Roseberry and L.M. Lane make report in regard to the obtaining of legal advice in relation to the powers and duties of the Board in case of Draw Shop License. On motion Allen H. Vines of St. Joseph was selected to assist the town attorney in drafting ordinances relative to Draw Shops, also that said Vines be allowed \$20.00 in assisting said town attorney for said services.

May 3, 1878

On motion the salaries were fixed for the coming year, of Marshall at \$40.00 per month, City Attorney at \$100.00 per year, Assessor at \$80 per year, Collector at 3 percent commission on all money collected and Street Commissioner at \$1.25 for each day actually worked.

September 6, 1878

The Cemetery Committee reported favorable in regard to the buying of 13 acres of land on William Shanks' north and adjoining old cemetery. On motion the Chairman and N. Session were appointed to committee to close contract with William Shanks for said 13 acres of land and to give receipts against lost notes given by parties to the town for cemetery lots by said parties giving new note for same. *(The amount paid for the 13 acres was not noted.)*

(At this meeting, there were four separate petitions for draw shop licenses submitted, as well as two petitions for Wine and Beer House licenses.)

Thomas Shoemaker asked to be allowed to dig a well in the street near Depot on Third Street, also to lay piping underground to convey water from same.

October 4, 1878

Street Committee reported favorable in regard to allowing Thomas Shoemaker the right to dig a well on Third Street between Mattie Street and Laura Street and burying piping from same to Hotel (Valley House). On motion it is ordered that he be allowed to dig well in said street, provided he keep said well in a good and safe condition and shall also place said piping leading from same at least three feet under ground but where said well shall become unsafe, it shall be declared to be a nuisance and deemed as such according to the ordinance common to this town.

On motion the Marshall is ordered to purchase such amount of coal as is necessary to supply town hall for fuel. *(Later, it notes that Andrew Brothers was paid \$8.28 for coal.)*



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Hours of Operation

City Hall

M—F 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Maryville Community Center

M—Th 5:30 a.m.—10:00 p.m.

Fri. 5:30 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 7:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

Sat. 7:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m. *

*Closed on Saturdays Nov. 1—Mar. 1



City offices will be closed on Monday, September 1 in observance of Labor Day.

Common Summer Code Violations

by John Scarbrough, Code Inspector

During the summer months in Maryville, the most common violations of the Maryville Municipal Codes and the 2006 International Residential Code fall under four categories: storable residential swimming pools, trash and debris, derelict vehicles, and grass nuisances. Each year the Code Enforcement Department oversees the installation of approximately 10 swimming pools and responds to an average of 82 trash and debris violations, 44 derelict vehicles, and 162 grass nuisances.

Safe pool installation is a necessity with swimming accidents claiming the lives of over 1,000 children each year. A child can drown in less than 5 minutes and 2 inches of water, and the majority of drowning cases among children ages 1 to 4 years occurs in residential swimming pools where homeowners failed to properly secure their pool. Obtaining the proper permits prior to installation is the first step towards meeting the requirements for a safe pool installation. According to the pool requirements in Chapter 41 of the recently adopted 2006 International Residential Code, any swimming pool manufactured to hold 24 inches

of water requires a permit. The fee for this permit is \$1.00 per 1,000 gallons with a minimum fee of \$20.00, which is a one time permit. In addition, any pool over 24 inches deep will require a barrier of 48 inches and must meet all the requirements of the International Residential Code. In the case that the swimming pool wall is 48 inches tall or greater, it will serve as the barrier as long as the ladder can be removed or locked in a way to deny access to the pool.

Trash and debris accumulations cause a threat to the health, safety and welfare of the public. Household garbage is one of the main sources of litter. Research shows that people litter if they do not feel any personal "ownership" in, or responsibility for their community. Clean communities have a better chance of attracting new businesses and new residents than those where litter is common. It is up to everyone to help keep our community clean. Many business owners also have the great responsibility of ensuring their dumpsters are well maintained.

Derelict vehicles are unsightly and compromise the natural beauty of our community. Most

derelict vehicles contain hazardous materials that are harmful to our environment. The City of Maryville has 4 classifications which define vehicles as a nuisance. Section 215.130 declares abandoned vehicles, elevated vehicles, junk vehicles, and unlicensed vehicles as a nuisance.

Tall grass and weeds are not only unsightly, but they deter economic development and new residents to our community. In addition to tall grass and weeds having an adverse affect on property values, they also cause a threat to the health and safety of the public because they harbor mosquitoes, which like to live in moist shady places, such as tall grass and dense shrubbery.

Communities that have codes in place and provide proper enforcement of those codes are providing a service to their citizens. Code enforcement protects the aesthetic appeal of our community as well as the health and safety of the general public. Anyone with a code enforcement question is encouraged to call either Jim Wiederholt, Code Enforcement Officer or John Scarbrough, Code Inspector at 562-8012.

Community Center Expansion on the August 5th Ballot

by Maryville Friends of the Park

Among the various items on the August 5th ballot will be the proposed expansion to the Maryville Community Center, which can be completed with no increase in the tax rate.

If passed, the proposed features of the newly expanded Community Center would include:

- Aerobic room size will double PLUS addition of a new cardio room, yoga room, and kids dance room

- Additional space in new cardio area, weight room, and new area by track for stretching
- Potential for concession area for coffee and socializing
- Additional fitness equipment provided
- New storage area for aerobics equipment and separate area for personal training equipment
- New meeting room twice the size of current meeting rooms

A "no" vote would be in opposition of the measure and a "yes" vote will allow the City to issue its general obligation bonds in the amount of \$1.9 million for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, renovating, and equipping to improve the Maryville Community Center. This issue will allow the Maryville Aquatic Center to be refinanced and the existing bond extended, which will allow the addition to the Maryville Community Center. All citizens are encouraged to execute their right to vote.

Patience Please

By Keith Wood, Public Safety Director

You may think it a bit strange that your Public Safety Director would write you to deal with patience, but that is what we will all have to have when it comes to our Main Street construction project area.

I have some good news and I have some bad news. First the good, the seven new blocks of pavement, complete with curb and gutter, storm drainage and everything else that stretch of road has needed for years is going to be FANTASTIC when complete. We as a community should applaud ourselves for the passage of the new CIP that enabled this project and others yet to be seen. The bad, I fear that getting around during the construction is going to get worse before it gets better

(sorry to be the cynic).

As I understand it, there is an intense push on the first two blocks of South Main Street from First to Thompson. The remaining three southern most blocks on South Main to Halsey and two blocks of West Jenkins and West Thompson between Main and Buchanan are scheduled for completion in mid-December. This project has surely been an inconvenience for the businesses along the construction route and they all deserve a great deal of thanks for their cooperation during the completion of this project.

As is usually the case over the summer, we locals become accustomed to a significantly

lighter traffic volume than is the reality for the other nine months of the year. Enjoy because that is going to change pretty quick. In just a couple of weeks our Bearcats will be back in full force. They will bring with them a near doubling of traffic volume. They have not been exposed to the detour routes as yet, so it will take some getting use to for them.

So, I plead, patience please. Remember this fall when you leave the house that your journey may take a little longer with this progress in process. Leave a couple of minutes sooner, plan your trip/route ahead to avoid the construction congestion if possible, and above all, simply be a friendly, safe, patient motorist.



Election Day
is Tuesday, August
5. Polls will be
open from
6:00am-7:00pm.

City to Participate in Missouri Sales Tax Holiday

by Matt LeCerf, City Manager

Section 144.049, RSMo, establishes a sales tax holiday effective during a three-day period beginning at 12:01 a.m. on the first Friday in August and ending at midnight on the Sunday following (August 1 – August 3, 2008). Certain back-to-school purchases, such as clothing, school supplies, computers, and other items as defined by the statute, are exempt from sales tax for this time period only.

The sales tax holiday will apply to state and local sales taxes since the City decided to participate in the holiday. Local jurisdictions can choose to not participate in the holiday, but the City Council recognizes the benefits of this program option as the new school season is on the horizon.

The sales tax exemption is limited to:

- **Clothing** – any article having a taxable value of \$100 or less
- **School supplies** – not to exceed \$50 per purchase

- **Computer software** – taxable value of \$350 or less
- **Personal computers** – not to exceed \$3,500
- **Computer peripheral devices** – not to exceed \$3,500

Qualifying Items

Section 144.049, RSMo, defines items exempt during the sales tax holiday as:

“Clothing” - any article of wearing apparel, including footwear, intended to be worn on or about the human body. The term shall include but not be limited to cloth and other material used to make school uniforms or other school clothing. Items normally sold in pairs shall not be separated to qualify for the exemption. The term shall not include watches, watchbands, jewelry, handbags, handkerchiefs, umbrellas, scarves, ties, headbands, or belt buckles.

“School supplies” - any item normally used by students in a standard classroom for educational purposes, including but not limited to, textbooks, note-

books, paper, writing instruments, crayons, art supplies, rulers, book bags, backpacks, handheld calculators, chalk, maps, and globes. The term shall not include watches, radios, CD players, headphones, sporting equipment, portable or desktop telephones, copiers or other office equipment, furniture, or fixtures. School supplies shall also include computer software having a taxable value of three hundred fifty dollars or less.

“Personal computers” - a laptop, desktop, or tower computer system which consists of a central processing unit, random access memory, a storage drive, a display monitor, and a keyboard and devices designed for use in conjunction with a personal computer, such as a disk drive, memory module, compact disk drive, daughterboard, digitalizer, microphone, modem, motherboard, mouse, multimedia speaker, printer, scanner, single-user hardware, single-user operating system, soundcard, or video card.



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Not on our
mailing list?

Call Sheila Smail at
562-8001
or email her at
ssmail@maryville.org

Phone Numbers

City Hall	562-8001
Airport	582-2233
Animal Shelter	562-3333
Code Enforcement	562-8027
Court Clerk	562-3526
Finance/Water Bill	562-8005
Transfer Station	562-8018
Mozingo Golf Maint.	562-2638
Mozingo Golf Course	562-3864
Mozingo Lake Maint.	562-2089
Public Library	582-5281
Community Center	562-2923
Park & Rec Maint.	562-2636
Swimming Pool	562-2663
Public Safety	562-3209
Public Works	562-8012
Street Dept.	562-8012
Water Maint. Dept.	562-8019

Recycling in Maryville

by Greg Decker, Public Works Director

Occasionally we receive inquiries regarding recycling here in Maryville. With that in mind, I would like to attempt to clarify this issue as it applies to areas within the city limits of Maryville. In 1993 the City of Maryville opened and operated a recycling center on our landfill property. While this was a very popular program for the citizens of Maryville, the operating cost became very burdensome. Any potential profit the City may have realized when selling the materials collected for recycling was consumed by transportation costs, since all of the recycled material had to be transported to markets in Kansas City, Omaha and Des Moines. With this in mind the City explored other funding options. One option was the City Council's decision to place a referendum on the ballot asking the citizens to consider applying a

recycling fee to all residents of the City. This fee would have been a monthly fee added to each resident's monthly water bill. However, the citizens of Maryville failed to support the referendum that was placed on the ballot, and because of the lack of support, the City Council decided that we could no longer afford to offer recycling as a city service.

The hope of the Council was that private industry would step up to the plate and offer recycling services so that the citizens still had a recycling option. Fortunately, this is the case today. Northwest Missouri State University allows all citizens to drop off paper products at its pellet plant located on Country Club Road, just north of Donaldson Park. This is a very important aspect of recycling since studies have shown that

around 52% of all waste is a paper product. Just by separating your paper products from your other waste creates a potential decrease in landfill waste by as much as 52%.

Other options available to the citizens of Maryville are Williams' Service on North Main. Williams offers a full recycling drop-off facility for anyone who would like to recycle. Additionally, Williams as well as many of the other independent waste haulers in Maryville offer recycling pick up with their normal trash removal service. Currently, the City feels confident that private industry is providing a recycling service that is effective and very user friendly. We encourage every citizen to discuss the best method of recycling at their residence with their trash hauler.



City Dogs Tags Equal a Free Ride Home?

by Kristina Martinez, New Nodaway Humane Society Board Member

That's right! Maryville Public Safety Officers make every effort in the field to return licensed dogs to their owners. This prevents you and your dog from having to go to the Animal Shelter. That's important because of the 6-8 Million dogs and cats that enter animal shelters in America every year, only 2-5 percent of the cats, and 20-30 percent of the dogs are reunited with their owners. Licensing your dog increases its chances of being returned to you.

The City of Maryville has an ordinance (Section 220.060) that states no person shall keep any dog over 6 months of age without first procuring from the City a license tag for such dog. A veterinarian certificate of inoculation against rabies must

be presented at the time of licensing. A vaccinated and properly licensed pet reflects a responsible pet owner and a good citizen.

The City has set a lower licensing fee for dogs that have been spayed or neutered. No license shall be issued for a spayed or neutered dog without a certificate of verification from a veterinarian. It is estimated that 3-4 millions pets in America are euthanized every year. By rewarding owners that sterilize their dogs, it may reduce the burden that stray and unwanted dogs place on our community. Have your pet sterilized so that it does not contribute to the pet overpopulation.

Unvaccinated dogs over 6 months of age acquired or moved into the City must be

rabies vaccinated within 30 days after arrival.

The American Veterinarian Medical Association estimates that there are 1.7 dogs for every household. Maryville has approximately 4000 households, with 2000 being family households. By licensing your dog the City and the Humane Society may better prepare for emergencies.

Dog's license tags may be purchased at City Hall located at 415 N. Market.

License fee are as follows:

- Male (neutered) \$1.50
- Female (spayed) \$1.50
- Male (unaltered) \$3.00
- Female (unaltered) \$3.00

If you are interested in becoming a guest columnist in upcoming newsletters, please contact either Sheila Smal or Amy Strough at 562-8001.