

City of Sturgeon Newsletter ~ May 2009

Greetings from the City Office ~

Notice: Because of Memorial Day the next city council meeting will be Tuesday 26th of May.

Current City Council: (Ward I is West of Ogden & Ward II is East of Ogden)

- Mayor Gene Kelly
- Shawn Arends ~ Ward I
- Andy Perkins ~ Ward I
- Dean Connolly ~ Ward II
- Kevin Abrahamson ~ Ward II

.Qualifications for Alderman:

RSMo 79.070: No person shall be an alderman unless he or she is at least twenty-one years of age, a citizen of the United States, an inhabitant and resident of the city for one year preceding his or her election and a resident at the time he or she files and during the time he or she serves of the ward from which he or she is elected.

Notice concerning Mt. Horeb Cemetery Decorations

Effective May 15th, 2009, all shepherd's hooks, solar lights, and any other decorations not permanently attached to the monument **MUST BE REMOVED.** This will also include any decorative markers, flowers, etc. on graves where no monument exists. This requirement is being enforced during the mowing season of March 1st to October 31st of each year to assist in keeping the mowing costs down as well as prevent injuries. HOWEVER, decorations for Memorial day will be allowed from approximately May 15th through June 15th. If the items are not removed by March 1st, then the decorations will be removed by city personnel and volunteers. If you have any questions concerning this, please contact the cemetery board through the Sturgeon City Office at 573-687-3321.

City Wide Cleanup

Its time for a city wide spring cleanup and fix up: Bulk pickup will be May 5th and many of the items to large to go into the garbage truck can be set near the curb for pickup. Tree limbs and leaves may be put on the city's brush pile at the west edge of town. The brush pile is at the end of Old Sturgeon Cemetery Road.

Sidewalks

Depending on weather the sidewalk project is suppose to take 75 days to build starting the 15th of April, 2009. It will start out at the high school and will run to the elementary school.

Areas of Committee Involvement:

- Sturgeon Recreation Board
- Historical Society Committee ~ 4 Vacancies
- Fairgrounds Committee/Board
- Planning & Zoning Committee ~ 3 Vacancies
- Park & Tree Board ~ 2 Vacancies
- Cemetery Board
- Board of Adjustment
- Sidewalk Committee

Community involvement is a great way to meet other residents, learn more about the history of Sturgeon and to further enhance the future of Sturgeon!! Anyone interested in being on a committee call Gene Kelly @ 573-687-3321.

Regarding your Utility Bill ~

Our policy for payments is outlined on the backside of your bill.

On the Cashier's Stub that you return with your payment there are three (3) dollar amounts shown; the **first one** is the amount to pay **BY the 10th**, the **second is the late fee** that is included in the **third amount** which is the amount to pay **AFTER the 10th**. If the 10th falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or a holiday the water bill may be mailed in as long as it's post mark is before the 10th. Also, the water bill can be dropped in the night deposit box at the city office on or before the 10th.

Each month the city generates over 400 utility bills and delivers those to the post office. It goes without saying that there is always a chance that your water bill may get lost in the shuffle from the time that it leaves our hands. Please check your delivery address and notify us of any changes.

If you are ever in question as to whether or not your bill has been mailed or we have received your payment, please do not hesitate in calling the office for verification.

Unfortunately we do not have the time or the manpower to contact each and everyone that has not paid their bill by the disconnect date of the 21st of every month, as during any given month there are number of accounts that remain unpaid as of that date.

Unless prior arrangements have been made with the city office these accounts are subject to disconnection.

Everyone living inside the city limits is billed for trash based upon the contract the City of Sturgeon has with Veolia, with the only exception being if a building, house, apartment or duplex is not being resided in.

The Minimum Rates are:

- Water ~ \$8.50 1st 1000 gallons
- \$5.00 each additional 1000 gallons
- Sewer ~ \$14.78 (4000 gallons) Min charge
- Trash ~ \$14.63 Residential; \$13.40 Senior
- If you live outside the City Limits you are charged a 30% Surcharge.

Police Department:

Officer Trish Bible has been made Police Chief. A second police officer started work March 30. His name is Jonathan Maddox. Lets all give him a friendly Sturgeon welcome. He plans to make his home in Sturgeon.

House Numbers ~

The Emergency Management Director and the personnel of the BCFPD Station # 6, would like to point out that house numbers are required by **City Ordinance Number 279**, which is allowed by RSMo 67.318

Even though Sturgeon is a small community and most everyone knows where most people live; calls to 911 are not dispatched by landmarks or generic descriptions. To ensure that fire, police and medical personnel arrive at your residence or business in a timely manner, please make sure that your house, business or building is clearly marked with its assigned number.

Ord. # 279 ~ Section 3:

“It shall be the duty of the owner or occupant of each business, house or dwelling to install or display the assigned number of such business, house or residence in a conspicuous place on the front of such business, house or residence and each such number shall be at least 2 ½ inches in height.

RSMo 67.318

“The governing body of any county or municipality may by order or ordinance require that all residences and commercial businesses have the numbers of their street addresses **conspicuously posted so that providers of fire protection services or other emergency services may better find the proper location when responding to an emergency call.** Where such an ordinance or order is established, the fire department, fire protection district or volunteer fire protection association which provides fire protection services for the municipality or county, or portion thereof, shall enforce the provisions of such ordinance or order. The ordinance or order shall prescribe a grace period for persons who violate the ordinance or order, which shall allow such violator at least fifteen days to comply with the ordinance before any fine may be imposed.

Sturgeon Recreation Center:

Membership Rates ~ SRC

Payments may be made at the city office or the Recreation Center.

- Single/Monthly - \$15.00
- Single/Annual - \$75.00
- Family/Monthly - \$20.00
- Family/Annual - \$150.00
- Senior/Annual - \$35.00

Please call the city office if you are interested in reserving the Recreation Center. (573) 687-3321

- **Deposit - \$100.00**
- **Fridays & Holidays - \$100.00**
- **Saturday's - \$150.00**
- **Sunday's - \$75.00 (Noon to 6:00 P.M.)**

Youth Center:

Please call the city office if you are interested in reserving the Youth Center. (573) 687-3321

- \$100.00 **Deposit**
- \$50.00 – **Rent** (residents within Sturgeon School District)
- \$100.00 – **Rent** (non-residents)

City Council Schedule ~

The council meets the 4th Monday of each Month. Tentative agendas are posted in the window at the city office.

Public attendance is encouraged and the public is given an opportunity to speak at the first part of the meeting. If you would like to be placed on the agenda as a guest, please contact the city office no later than the Wednesday before the Scheduled Date of the council meeting. If you have any documentation that you would like to have presented to the board of alderman, submit that at the same time. The council packets are delivered to the council the Friday afternoon before the scheduled meeting.

Office Hours:

(573) 687-3321

Monday ~ Thursday: 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Friday: 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Sturgeon Police Dept:

(573) 687-3300

In case of an **Emergency - 911**

City of Sturgeon

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