

City of Sturgeon Newsletter ~ October 2011

Greetings from the City Office ~

Enclosed you will find two surveys, one from the Park Board and on the back side of that page a survey regarding credit card and ACH (auto debit) services for customers use in paying recreation center dues, water bills, etc. We are very interested in hearing feedback from the community, so please fill them out and drop them off at either the city office or the Recreation Center. If you have any questions about either of the surveys you can contact the city office- 573-687-3321

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
- Charles Holland ~ Ward II
- Kevin Abrahamson ~ Ward II

Park & Tree Board~

This year's application for the TRIM grant has been approved and the work will be scheduled in the coming weeks. We will remove several more hazard and dying trees and plant another 20 new ones. The new park shelter house is complete and makes a very nice addition to the city park. The old one provided us shelter for picnics and many activities for over 50 years. Does anyone know when it was first built? The Park & Tree Board is always in need of volunteers and welcomes all donations and suggestions. Funding is minimal and we have enclosed a short survey for your suggestions on how to fund improvements. Please take a minute to fill it out and return it.

Reminder of our Burn Ordinance #724 ~

The fundamental purpose of this ordinance is to promote the health, safety and general welfare of the residents and property owners of the City of Sturgeon; to limit and restrict the outdoor open burning of garbage, refuse and rubbish which may cause foul odors within the boundaries of the City; to prohibit all open burning upon public right- of- way, and public property; to regulate and restrict open burning so as to avoid conditions that may be hazardous to life and property and to prevent ill effects upon adjoining residents and property owners caused by smoke, odors, ash and other by-products of the uncontrolled burning of garbage, refuse, rubbish, wet yard waste and other materials and debris.

Paper, cardboard and untreated wood products (including leaves and limbs) may be burned within a burning container. The burning shall at all times be attended and supervised to ensure that the fire is controlled.

PLEASE STOP BY THE CITY OFFICE FOR A COMPLETE COPY OF THE ORDINANCE

Mt. Horb Cemetery~

The Perpetual Care fund's interest returns have fallen well below expenses to maintain the cemetery. We are in a deficit situation and must curtail mowing and other maintenance until we can pay for them. Except for contract mowing all other maintenance is volunteered. Even then there are material expenses. Mount Horeb has enjoyed many years as a very well kept and lovely cemetery. We hope friends and families will step up to the challenge to keep Mount Horeb maintained in a respectable manner. If anyone would be willing to help with a donation, please make checks payable to: "City of Sturgeon" and note it is for Mount Horeb Cemetery maintenance.

The cemetery board is planning a big yard sale as a fundraiser. We don't have any storage space for donations but will gladly accept them as the time approaches. Please watch for the date.

Fire Hydrant Testing and Flushing~

All fire hydrants will be tested and flushed sometime this month. This will stir up some deposits in the main waterline so be aware that your water may be discolored for a few seconds. Open your water taps and let them run a few minutes until it clears up.

Recycling~

Thank you to all that have been using the recycling containers, this has been a huge success. Although this is a free service that Boone County is providing, it's very important that we only recycle the items that are listed on the container.

Please break down your boxes to conserve space and allow your neighbor room to get their recyclables in.

We also want to remind you of the Good Will donation box set behind the elementary school, all donations are greatly appreciated.

Sturgeon Neighborhood Watch Program~

The City of Sturgeon will be forming a Neighborhood Watch Program to help make our community safer. The first meeting will be held at the City Hall on Tuesday October 11, 2011 at 7:30 PM. We are looking for any interested persons who are willing to help create a safer community for us all. Hope to see you there!! If you have any questions please contact Officer Rhyne Miller at 573-682-7661.

Chamber of Commerce ~

The Sturgeon Chamber of Commerce is asking the Sturgeon community for candy donations from local businesses, churches, individuals, etc. If you would like to donate wrapped candy for the Sturgeon Elementary School Halloween Parade, please contact June Kelly at 687-2122 and I can make arrangements to pick it up. Becky Ridgway at the Sturgeon Boone County National Bank will also be collecting candy if that is more convenient.

The Halloween Parade will be Monday, October 31st at 2:00pm. The Chamber will be distributing candy again this year in front of Larry's A&F. Family/friends are welcome to watch the parade as they go through downtown Sturgeon and pick up their bags of candy

Water Bills~

Refer to the back of your utility card.

- Water bills are due by the 10th of each month.
- 10% penalty if paid after the 10th.
- Payment must be made by noon on the 21st to avoid disconnection.
- If your water is disconnected, there is a \$50.00 reconnect fee.
- If there are unforeseen circumstances that may prevent you from paying your bill on time, please come to the office and discuss an extension. Penalty fees will still be assessed to any payment received after the 10th regardless.
- We do not send out SECOND Notices

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**

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