
City of Auxvasse

January, 2016 Newsletter

Water Project Update

The water project was completed and fully online in October of 2015. During the late spring and early summer of this year we will be revisiting the areas that were disturbed during the project to verify the grading and grass growth are in an acceptable state. In the event there are areas that will require additional work to bring to an acceptable state, the contractors will return to complete this work. Any questions or concerns about the work performed can be directed to the City Supervisor, Michael Bertschinger at 386-2280.

Crosswalk

We are looking for individuals who would be willing to donate their time as a Crossing Guard at the intersection of Harrison Street and Ann Street. This is the intersection right across from Casey's. Time slots would be from 7:45 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. Monday through Friday and/or 3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. Monday through Friday. This is for the safety of our students in the Auxvasse/North Callaway School District. If you are interested in donating your time please call City Hall at 573-386-2227.

House Numbers

Please remember each house or building within the City Limits is required to display their House Number. The House Numbers are there to aid emergency services, fire, health, and police, in locating individual locations in time of need. The House Number should be located within 5 feet of the front door of the building and should be no less than 3 inches in height with the lines of the number no less than 1/2" in width.

These numbers should be plainly readable from the street. If the building is set back from the street far enough that it is not feasible to display a readable number on the building, it is permitted to display the number on a sign. The sign shall be posted at a height not less than 24 inches from the ground and not in excess of 72 inches from the ground and no more than 15 feet from the street edge.



Contractor's Licenses

For any of your upcoming projects please remember the city requires all contractors, conducting business in the city limits, to obtain a contractor's license. The requirements for obtaining a contractor's license are minimal; proof of liability insurance and a \$25 processing fee are all that is required. These requirements insure your work is being completed by a contractor who is interested in protecting your property. Talk to your contractor and inquire if they have a license prior to starting the project. Licenses are available at City Hall.

Road Ditches

With the winter precipitation and impending spring rains, please remember to keep the road ditches free of debris such as leaves, branches and bagged lawn clippings. During rain events, any items in the road ditches could be transported by the water collecting in the road ditch. The debris could then become lodged around or in the culverts downstream creating blockages and hampering the effectiveness of the drainage system.

Winter Weather

Follow these driving tips to keep yourself safe and secure when roads are slippery.

- **Slow Down.** In normal conditions, you should maintain a following distance of three seconds between you and another car. On winter roads, increase that to a full 8 to 10 seconds. Yes, that may mean slow going, but a little patience will keep you a lot safer on the road.
- **Get Unstuck the Right Way.** Avoid the temptation to spin your wheels. You'll just dig yourself into a deeper hole. Instead, determine the path of least resistance between your car and solid ground. Then, clear the snow behind and in front of all four tires and liberally spread sand or kitty litter in front of and behind the drive wheels. Keep in mind that the sharper your front wheels are turned, the more resistance to movement in either direction you create. Consequently, try to keep the front tires as straight as possible.
- **Tackle a Skid the Smart Way.** If your car skids, keep a cool head, and follow these steps:
 - Don't panic.
 - Don't slam on the brakes.
 - Take your foot off the gas.
 - Steer your car in the direction you want to go.
 - Wait for the car to slow down so you can regain control.

Utility Rates

Starting with the February bill, the utility rates will be as follows:

Water Base \$15.00
\$7.75/1000 Gal

Sewer Base \$18.50
\$7.50/1000 Gal

Trash Increase x 1% (example \$12.04 x 1% = \$12.16)

Pet Tags

Animal Ordinance #544-2002, Section 4(b) reads:

Section 4: Licensing and registration

(b) Each year, the owner of each dog, cat, or animal, being then over the age of six (6) months, kept within the city, and for each dog, cat, or other animal then or thereafter in the

city, on attaining six (6) months of age during the year shall secure from the City of Auxvasse, a license tag for such dog, cat, or other animal, which license tag shall be issued upon payment of a yearly fee of \$5.00 or three year fee of \$15.00 if having the pet received a three year rabies shot.

The fee to be paid for the license tag of a dog, cat, or other animal which had received the rabies vaccination, shall be \$5.00 for one year or \$15.00 for three years and the owner of such animal shall provide certification thereof by a duly licensed veterinarian. A license tag shall be purchased each year before the expiration date of any dog, cat, or other animal's rabies shot expires.

Please keep your pet's vaccinations up to record and if you have not registered your pet with the City of Auxvasse, please do so as soon as possible in order to avoid a fine. This is for your pet's safety and the safety of others. There is also a leash law in Auxvasse. Your pets should never be running freely. All pets should be in a fenced yard or on a leash.

Events

Loafer's Week – 3rd week in February

Red Cross Blood Drive – Feb. 23rd
Time – 2pm – 6pm @ Grand Prairie Baptist Church

Bulky/Appliance Pickup – May 13th

All Town Garage Sale – May 14th