

Duquesne Quarterly Newsletter

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Duquesne City Hall
1501 S. Duquesne
Joplin, MO. 64801

Chief Kitch is Retiring....

Our very own Duquesne Police Chief Tommy Kitch announced at the May 10th City Council meeting that he has decided to retire. He has spent thirty years in law enforcement, 17 of which has been as Duquesne's Police Chief.

Chief Kitch stated that the relationships he has built in Duquesne through the last 17 years have been meaningful. There are a lot of people here where he knows the families and the kids. He has had the opportunity to watch them grow and have children of their own.

Chief's wife retired last year and he says he is ready to spend more time at home. For his post-retirement life, he plans to go hiking and camping.

The City is planning a retirement reception on June 24th from 2PM to 4:30PM at City Hall. We are inviting the public to come and wish Chief Kitch the very best on his next adventure.

HAPPY
retirement

IN PARK NEWS.....

The Memorial Park Committee received a check in the amount of \$10,000 as a donation to the new park by Southwest Missouri Bank. Terry Crider and Peggy Fuller representing Southwest Missouri Bank presented the check to Barbara Welch, chair of the Park Committee at the May 10, 2021 Board of Aldermen meeting. We would like to thank Southwest Missouri Bank for their very generous donation to the park.



BOARD OF ALDERMEN

MAYOR

Bill Sherman
2023

ALDERMEN

Ward 1

Chris Ellsworth
2023
(President of the Board)

Becca White
2022

Ward 2

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2022

Myra Gonzalez
2023

PLANNING & ZONING

Ray Brown, Chair
12/10/18-12/10/22

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Vice Chair
10/14/19-10/14/23

Kerry Devine
4/12/21-4/12/24

Chris Ellsworth
Board Representative
12/31/2023

Rick Gamboa
4/12/21-4/12/24

Gary Jackson
12/31/2023

Tom Johnston
12/31/2023

FOOD TRUCK THURSDAYS

First Thursday of every month

4:30PM – 7:30PM

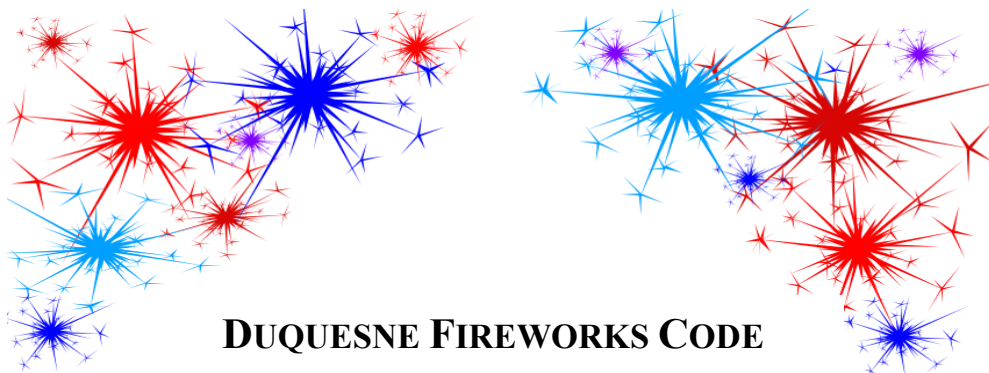
Located at 25th Street

and Freeport

Watch Facebook for updates



A 4th of July Celebration Reminder



DUQUESNE FIREWORKS CODE

July 1, 2, 3, and 4th are the only days
fireworks are allowed.

Fireworks can be shot off between
12 noon - 11pm

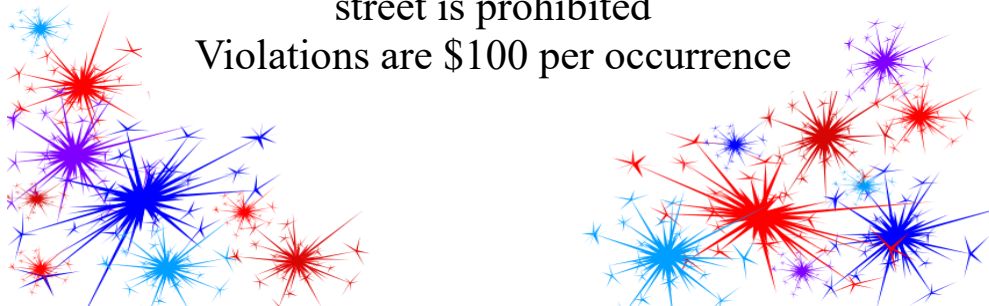
Please remember

***NO bottle rockets**

***NO Chinese Lanterns**

Shooting off fireworks on the
street is prohibited

Violations are \$100 per occurrence



SIMPLE STEPS TO PREVENT STORMWATER RUNOFF POLLUTION

Storm water can be damaging to a neighborhood, community and waterways if not managed properly. Effective storm water management reduces the amount of runoff and runoff pollution. Slowing runoff and allowing it to soak in prevents erosion and the passing of dangerous chemicals into waterways. It also keeps the flow of water moving safely and not collecting in roadways which can be hazardous. Residents can help by following these simple steps which can prevent chemicals or sediments into the waterways of our area.

- **Sweep grass clippings out of street gutters after mowing.** Grass clipping can be pollution to the waterways due to the nitrogen and phosphorous in them. These chemicals added to the waterways cause growth of algae and aquatic weeds that can be harmful.
- **Check your car for leaking fluids and recycle your motor oil.** Improper disposal of used oil, contributes to storm water pollution. If you have a spill, use sand or kitty litter to soak it up so it can be swept up as a solid material. If you have used motor oil, please be sure to recycle it.
- **Pick up trash and don't litter.** Litter can wash into area creeks and streams through storm drains. Litter is also dangerous to wildlife that mistake it for food or get tangled up in it.
- **Pick up after your pet.** Pet waste can easily wash into area creeks and streams. This waste can add harmful bacteria to the water and make it unsafe to swim or play in. Pet waste also has nutrients that cause algae to grow which can be harmful to the animals that live in and around the waterways.
- **Don't ever dump anything down ditches or storm drains.** Storm drains are not part of the sanitary sewer system which flows to the wastewater treatment area. Storm drains go directly to local streams, rivers, lakes and wetlands.



Remember clean water coming from sump pumps can go into storm water drains and **SHOULD NOT** go into the city's waste water system.



Don't ask for pests in your yard Check for standing water

When mosquito populations are present, citizens can protect themselves and loved ones from being bitten by:

- ✓ Stay indoors at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active
- ✓ Wear long sleeved shirts, socks, and long pants when you must be outdoors
- ✓ Use an approved insect repellent, and follow the instructions on the product label
- ✓ Talk to your physician or health care provider before applying insect repellants to young children
- ✓ Make sure your window screens fit tightly and are free from holes

Remember the best way to control mosquito populations is to eliminate the standing water sources that the mosquitoes need to reproduce.

Current Resident or Listed below resident:

If you would like to get the newsletter by email instead, you can visit our website and submit a request by using the contact us tab.



Follow us on Facebook at
"City of Duquesne"

Tornado Sirens are tested
the **2nd Wednesday**
of every month
at 10:00 am
weather permitting.

Contact Us!

Phone 417-781-5085

Fax 417-781-4652

E-mail

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SEVERE WEATHER PLAN

MAKE SURE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE PREPARED.

Make sure you have a good safety kit ready. Recommended supplies for a basic kit are:

- Backpack or storage tub to hold supplies
- Bottled water
- Non-perishable food
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- First Aid supplies
- Tissues and paper towels
- Toilet paper and bags with ties for personal sanitation
- Paper and pen for taking notes
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket, rain gear
- Wrench or pliers
- Personal hygiene items (travel size)
- Whistle to signal for help
- Important documents, cash
- Emergency reference materials
- Battery powered radio
- Formula and diapers (if there is an infant in house)
- Extra pet food
- Mask, plastic sheeting and Duct Tape
- Can opener for food
- Cups and utensils
- Fire extinguisher
- Change of clothes

Our area Storm Shelters are located:

1. Storm shelter on SE corner behind City Hall, 1501 S. Duquesne.
2. Celebration Church at SE corner of 13th and Duquesne, shelter furthest to the East
3. Soaring Heights Elementary School, after school hours, shelter is available to residents within ½ mile radius. The shelter is in the rear of building, look for signs.

