City of Duquesne, MO

Small City, Big Heart Newsletter

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REGISTER YOUR STORM SHELTER!

Having a storm shelter is great, Having it registered, even better! Or visit our website at

Duquesnemo.org for link!



This year's recycling event will be for E-Waste only: Appliances, computers, TV's, VCR/DVD's, Stereos, Cell phones, Office equipment, etc, *anything with a cord or runs on a battery* will be accepted! This event will be held at City Hall, **please** enter on 14th Street and circle around to City Hall, 1501 S. Duquesne. Event open to everyone in surrounding communities!

Get Counted! #2020 Census

If you haven't already done so, getting counted in this year's #2020 Census has never been easier! Visit our website at

duquesnemo.org for a link or visit 2020Census.gov for a quick online registration. You may also call 844-330-2020. Funding for our community is calculated by our total number of residents! Get counted today!



COVID - 19



Gotta streetlight burned out in your area?



Don't stay in the dark! Call us with the nearest address/location!





Put a lid on it please!

A Spring Like No Other...

The past several months has been a new experience for all of us. We have had to make changes in the way we do everything, it hasn't always been easy. We appreciate everyone having been respectful of the regulations that have been in place and we encourage everyone to continue to follow the guidelines to keep not only you, but our community safe. City Hall has been open "By appointment ONLY" during this time and may continue to do so for a while. We are here for phone calls and emails during regular hours, and necessary business at City Hall by appointment only. We are still operating as per usual, simply have our lobby closed to walk-in traffic. We are here to serve you! For up-to-date information about City business and COVID-19, please visit our website at <u>duquesnemo.org</u>. You may visit the <u>Showmestrong.mo.gov</u> website for new, up-to-date information about the State of Missouri's recovery plan. Let's continue to stay strong and follow recommended guidelines to help keep our community safer.



Stormwater is something many of us may not think much about. The City of Duquesne is mandated to operate under a MS4 permit and we work to help keep stormwater where it is supposed to be and to keep it free of pollutants. Please help us keep our water clean by doing your part. Only water goes down the drain, keep the ditches free of debris and chemicals, control erosion by planting regional plants, and recycle pollutants when possible. See our website or visit City Hall for more details on how you can do your part!

Local Storm Shelters for Public Use

City of Duquesne residents have options as to where they can seek shelter in case of severe weather. Residents within a ¹/₂ mile radius of Soaring Heights Elementary School (4604 E. 20th Street) are encouraged to use the storm shelter at the rear of the building. There is a storm shelter located southeast of the City Hall building located at 1501 S. Duquesne that is open and available during severe weather. Celebration Church located at the corner of 13th and Duquesne also provides a storm shelter at the southeast corner of their lot. It is the building that is furthest East. We recommend finding these locations before needing to locate them in a hurry! Call 781-5085 if you have any questions.



Shooting off Fireworks in the City of Duquesne

The City of Duquesne Fireworks Code

Discharging of Fireworks Fireworks are allowed to be used **ONLY** on

July 1, 2, 3, and 4

Between the hours of Noon and 11pm

Violations are \$100.00 per occurrence

*NO bottle rockets *NO Chinese Lanterns *Shooting off fireworks on street is

PROHIBITED

Violators can be sited upon first occurrence.

Food Trucks! YUMMY!

Duquesne held its first Food Truck event on May 22nd! Freeport Street between 25th and 26th Streets was the location to fill your tummy with yummy food from The Slider Shack, Smack Dabs, Cochinitas, and Hershey's Ice Cream. Many of the neighboring residents attended, with many from other areas of Duquesne driving over to attend. Out of town patrons also participated. The event was very successful and many residents have asked for it to be hosted again. We are excited to announce we will have the next event *June 19th*!

Event time will be posted on our City of Duquesne Facebook page. Please note that if you drive to the location, please park on the East side of Freeport between 25th and 24th Street, follow signage and please make sure to park on the street, not on the grass.



City Wide Garage Sale to be held June 13th!

Got stuff to sell?

Our regular annual CityWide garage sale was cancelled due to COVID-19.

With the relaxing of some regulations we are setting a new date for a

CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE

for June 13^{th}

SOCIAL DISTANCING remains a must, please plan accordingly. Garage sale permit fees will be waived for 6/13 only.





Saturday, July 4th Celebrate our Country's Freedom!

Fireworks Safety Tips

We hope your celebration is fun and safe. Here are some tips to keep in mind while shooting off fireworks:

*Do not shoot off under trees, near vehicles, or near windows

*Place on ground to avoid accidental burns

*Adult supervision should always be used, even with sparklers

*Keep a bucket of water or watering hose close to douse fireworks before discarding in the trash

*Do not try to relight fireworks that did not fully light.

*Spectators should be at least 20' away from lighting area

*Be considerate of your neighbors, follow times allowed to shoot and don't shoot you fireworks in their yard to have to pick up.

*Don't leave debris!



Please don't put grass clippings on street, thanks!

Remember that all people working in the City requires a business license. Permits are needed for: pools, roofs, fences, and many other projects. Please call us to verify at 417-781-5085.

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Please don't cover up our manholes, thanks!



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Phone 417-781-5085 Fax 417-781-4652 E-mail cityclerk@duquesnemo.org Current Resident or Listed below resident:

A Thanks to Barbara Welch and Future Park Hopes

The City of Duquesne would like to thank Board of Alderman, Barbara Welch, for her continued support and service to our City and community. Barb has been a citizen of Duquesne for 32 years and has seen many changes throughout that time. Barb lived here during the 2011 tornado and witnessed the devastation, but has also seen the growth and development of many new homes and businesses. Barb started attending Duquesne's council meetings in 2012 and took a run for a seat on the Board of Aldermen. "The first time I ran against Frank Herron and it ended in a tie. (Who says every vote does not count!). We had a run off and I lost by 8 votes. The next time I ran against Dale Daniels and it was close, but I won." She took her Board of Aldermen seat in 2014. Barb has served six years, under three Mayors: Denny White, Lisa Daughtery, and current Mayor Gary Heilbrun. Along with serving on the Board of Alderman, Barb has served on the Planning and Zoning Commission and is currently serving as chairperson for the Parks Committee. With all the rebuilding after the tornado, Barb has felt that the City of Duquesne could use a park and she has actively been working on that dream. Work got underway and Paula Bone drew up a drawing for the future park. Years later, the hopes of a park rekindled and an official committee was formed and the City is working towards the first phase of the park with building an 8' concrete sidewalk for a walking trail. The City has applied for a grant for this project and hopes to know if the grant has been awarded by September of this year. Work on phase 2 will soon then follow with an application for a grant for a pavilion, children's playhouse, trees, etc. The park would be located to the South of City Hall on Duquesne Road on a 2-acre lot owned by the City. Drawings of the future park can be viewed at City Hall, 1501 S. Duquesne.

Barb will resign her aldermen seat in June, but will continue to serve on the Parks Committee and will be appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission. She would love to work towards having the park completed in the next few years. When asked what she feels the community can do to be more supportive of the City, she responded, "attend the city council meetings, serve on a committee, ie. Parks, P & Z, or the Board of Adjustments." Barb's finals words as a council member is "It's been a learning experience and I am proud to have been able to give back to my community."

Thank you, Barbara Welch, for your time and commitment to the citizens of Duquesne. Your continued work and support of the City is appreciated.