

Small City, Big Heart Newsletter

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REGISTER YOUR STORM SHELTER!

<https://www.jasco.org/contact/storm-shelter-inventory/>

Or visit our website at

Duquesnemo.org for link!

Happy 4th of July!

Warmer weather, outdoor gatherings, pool parties, BBQ's, and fireworks are all part of celebrating Independence Day!

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

*Don't leave debris in street



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***

****NO "1.4G or 1.3G" allowed***

Violators can be cited upon first occurrence.

Twelve Inches...Time to Cut!

Grass that is over 12 inches tall is considered a nuisance. All property under an acre should be mowed out to the adjacent street/roadway in the right-of-way.

Grass should never be blown out into the roadway. Grass clippings in the road is a stormwater concern and hazardous to motorcycles.



Shred It Event!



The Region M Solid Waste Management District is partnering with the City of Duquesne and offering a Summer Clean-Up recycling event. Services will be provided by CRC Shredding, a division of Computer Recycling Center, NAID AAA Certified.

July 13th, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

**Duquesne City Hall
1501 S Duquesne**

Securely shred and recycle your confidential documents to a mobile shredding truck. All the shredding will be performed onsite. Paper must be dry; no wet paper will be accepted.

All electronics will be accepted, regardless of condition. If it ran on a cord or battery – we'll take it! Computers, printers and other items with sensitive data will be properly destroyed.

- All Computers and Office Equipment
- All Appliances, big or small
- Stereos and Speakers
- Etc., Etc.!

This project is funded by:



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For more information, contact:
Patty Overman, Region M District Planner
417-649-6400 Extension 302



**All Dogs if not in
fenced yard,
should be on a
leash & please
pick up after
your dog.**



This event is available to anyone, they do not have to be a resident of Duquesne to participate.
This is a great time to rid yourself of any unwanted appliances and electronics.

Please to help with traffic, turn East on 14th Street and circle around to City Hall.

Please remember that paper must be dry. Sensitive data on electronics will be properly destroyed.

Working or Building Without a Permit

Homeowners are responsible for ensuring they have obtained the proper building permit before building and making repairs to their home. This includes putting up a new pool (which by the way, requires a barrier/fence), a new fence, driveways, accessory buildings, new roof, electrical, plumbing, and in most cases when you are repairing or building on your property. If you are unsure, please call City Hall at 417-781-5085 to find out what you need to be in compliance with code.



Do You Need a Permit for That???

The City of Duquesne has ordinances to help protect homeowners from various adverse events that may potentially occur.

The Municipal Code for the City of Duquesne along with the 2006 International Building and Residential Code help protect homeowners from workmanship that is less than standard that could be dangerous and/or costly to homeowners.

In order to ensure our codes

are being enforced to help protect you, building permits are necessary for much of the work that is done to your home and property. Not only are the proper inspections completed, but all contractors and sub-contractors are required to have a city license before beginning work on your property. A city license ensures that the person doing the work on your property has the proper insurance in

place so that you are protected from injuries that may occur or work that is less than standard which could potentially cause you insurance problems.

You can call City Hall at 417-781-5085 to check to see if you need a permit and to ensure that the company you choose has the proper city license and insurance requirements.

Putting in a Pool?



Thinking about those hot dog days of summer and how nice a pool would be?

We can help get you on the right track! Installation of above ground and in-ground pools *require a building permit. All pools in-ground or above ground pools over 24" require fencing* or proper barrier in order to meet the minimum requirements of the 2005 Residential Building Codes which the City of Duquesne currently has in place.

These provisions keep your family and others safe and helps ensure placement of your pool meets the requirements of setbacks and avoids known easements.

Be sure to contact us before installation of your new pool!



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

**Small City,
BIG Heart!**

Permits are needed for...

Permits are easily obtainable from City Hall at 1501 S. Duquesne.

Building permits are needed anytime that you are doing more than a simple remove/replace type of repair. In other words, if you are planning to "construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish the occupancy of a building or structure, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any electrical, gas,

mechanical or plumbing system" that is regulated by the codes of the city, you need to obtain a permit before work begins.

***Building** –Home new/repair

***Accessory Building**- includes prefabricated

***Electrical**

***Plumbing**

***HVAC**

***Roofs** (new and repair)

***Driveways**

***Sewer**

***Fence**- installation or repair

***Land Disturbance**- If more than one acre of land

***Pools**- above and in-ground

We can get you started on the right track.

Call 417-781-5085 to verify your contractor has a current license and insurance.

Duquesne Codification!

The City of Duquesne had been working towards getting our City codes codified. What does this mean? Our City code will be available online for easy access to the public after final approval.

There will be two public hearings concerning approval of codification:

May 6th and May 13th @ 7p.m.

1501 S. Duquesne / Duquesne City Hall

Target date for online access is the end of May 2019.



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Contact Us!

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Current Resident or Listed below resident:

The History of America's Independence Day

"Taxation without representation!" was the battle cry in America's 13 Colonies, which were forced to pay taxes to England's King George III despite having no representation in the British Parliament. As dissatisfaction grew, British troops were sent in to quell the early movement toward rebellion. Repeated attempts by the Colonists to resolve the crisis without military conflict proved fruitless.

On June 11, 1776, the Colonies' Second Continental Congress met in Philadelphia and formed a committee whose express purpose was drafting a document that would formally sever their ties with Great Britain. The committee included Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, Roger Sherman and Robert R. Livingston. Jefferson, who was considered the strongest and most eloquent writer, crafted the original draft document (as seen above). A total of 86 changes were made to his draft and the Continental Congress officially adopted the final version on July 4, 1776.

The following day, copies of the Declaration of Independence were distributed, and on July 6, *The Pennsylvania Evening Post* became the first newspaper to print the extraordinary document. The Declaration of Independence has since become our nation's most cherished symbol of liberty.

Bonfires and Illuminations

On July 8, 1776, the first public readings of the Declaration were held in Philadelphia's Independence Square to the ringing of bells and band music. One year later, on July 4, 1777, Philadelphia marked Independence Day by adjourning Congress and celebrating with bonfires, bells and fireworks.

The custom eventually spread to other towns, both large and small, where the day was marked with processions, oratory, picnics, contests, games, military displays and fireworks. Observations throughout the nation became even more common at the end of the War of 1812 with Great Britain.

In June of 1826, Thomas Jefferson sent a letter to Roger C. Weightman, declining an invitation to come to Washington, D.C. to help celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. It was the last letter that Jefferson, who was gravely ill, ever wrote. In it, Jefferson says of the document:

"May it be to the world, what I believe it will be ... the signal of arousing men to burst the chains ... and to assume the blessings and security of self-government. That form, which we have substituted, restores the free right to the unbounded exercise of reason and freedom of opinion. All eyes are opened, or opening, to the rights of man. ...For ourselves, let the annual return of this day forever refresh our recollections of these rights, and an undiminished devotion to them."

- Thomas Jefferson
June 24, 1826 Monticello

Congress established Independence Day as a holiday in 1870, and in 1938 Congress reaffirmed it as a paid holiday for federal employees. Today, communities across the nation mark this major midsummer holiday with parades, firework displays, picnics and