

# Small City, Big Heart Newsletter

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Leaves ARE  
Falling  
AUTUMN  
IS Calling



## REGISTER YOUR STORM SHELTER!

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

[Duquesnemo.org](http://Duquesnemo.org) for link!

## E-Waste Event Coming Up!

### FREE E-WASTE RECYCLING

October 10<sup>TH</sup> 9-11am

The Region M Solid Waste Management District is partnering with the City of Duquesne to host this free electronics waste collection. The event will be held in the parking lot at City Hall 1501 S Duquesne, Duquesne MO.

#### Safety And Securely Recycle

- Computers
- Monitors
- Cables/Wires
- Televisions
- VCR/DVD Player
- Appliances
- Stereo Equipment
- Office Equipment
- Cell Phones
- Etc.

If it ran with a cord or battery,  
we'll take it.

No matter the condition!

Data destruction and electronic recycling services provided  
by Computer Recycling Center, NAID AAA Certified.

This project is funded by:



MISSOURI  
DEPARTMENT OF  
NATURAL RESOURCES



For more information, contact:  
Patty Overman, Region M District Planner  
417-625-6626 [patty@regionm.org](mailto:patty@regionm.org)



This Fall'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 14<sup>th</sup> Street and circle around to City Hall, 1501 S. Duquesne.** Event is open to everyone in the surrounding area! **Date: Oct 10<sup>th</sup> from 9am-11am**

## Food Truck Friday for October will be on the 23<sup>rd</sup>!

We hope that you will join us for  
our Food Truck Friday event

October 23<sup>rd</sup>  
From 4:30-7:30pm.

This event is held on Freeport  
between 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> Street with  
parking between 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>.  
There's always great food  
and desserts!





**A big thanks to the  
Duenweg Fire Dept**



**Call 417-623-7408**

***FIRST!***



## Updating Our Building Codes

The City of Duquesne is updating our building codes! Most all surrounding communities are using the 2018 building codes. We currently are in the timeframe that these books are available for public viewing and comments. Books are available for viewing at City Hall. This update will help keep all new building and improvements/repairs current with up to date standards. If you have any questions or comments about these updates, please call City Hall at 417-781-5085. You may also stop by with an appointment. 1501 S. Duquesne



### Rules to Allow Burning of Leaves

From the Duenweg Volunteer Fire Department

***Before you BURN...FIRST...CALL 623-7408***

- \* Wind speed not to exceed 10mph
- \* Must stay with the fire until fire is completely out
- \* Fire must be extinguished by dark
- \* Must have water source nearby
- \* Must have a rake and/or shovel nearby
- \* No burning anything but wood or yard debris

When calling the DVFD you must give them your name, phone number and a good address of location of intended burning. The DVFD can't be dispatched without calling prior to burning.

NOTE: Any damage due to the burning of leaves and other debris is the responsibility of the person burning. Be smart, call first! **In Case of Emergency, Call 911!**

## Help prevent stormwater issues...



Who knew that what we do each day could make such an impact on stormwater! Your yard and what you do in it, plays a large roll in the "Big Problems" pictured above. What can you do to help prevent these types of issues? By limiting trash and debris from your yard, animal waste can be picked up, limit the use of fertilizers, limit the loose soil on your property to prevent erosion, don't use your ditch to put yard debris in, keep all solvents in leak proof containers and stored properly. We can each play a part in keeping our stormwater clean and help protect our streams.

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



## Duquesne is working towards a park!

### The City of Duquesne Park Committee

has been busy working on obtaining grants and making plans for a proposed City Park. Come by City Hall and check out the proposed plans.

A walking trail, pavilion, splash pad & memorial are planned. Park will be next to City Hall.



## Your City Council:

Each April elections are held for two of your Duquesne Board of Aldermen.

Your City Aldermen are as follows:

### Ward One

*Chris Ellsworth*

President of the Board

*Becca White*

(newly elected)

### Ward Two

*Jane Baine*

(re-elected)

*Rick Gamboa*

(recently appointed)

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[Duquesnemo.org](http://Duquesnemo.org)

For more information

## Do you need a permit? Workers need license?

It's always a good idea to check with the City to see if you need a permit for home repairs and additions. You can have your contractor obtain the permit, but ultimately, it is the homeowner's responsibility to make sure that a permit is obtained *before* work begins. Often times we have roofs being installed/repared with no permit. This can cause a problem for both the homeowner and the roofer (or other trade). Our offices are open every day Monday – Friday by appointment only, but we can certainly make sure to get all permits taken care of with the proper advanced notice. Why are permits required? A permit verifies that the intended building meets our building codes and will be safe for you and any future home owners. Inspections are performed after the work is completed to ensure current codes have been met. You certainly wouldn't want to pay for a job that doesn't meet the requirements!

*Just exactly who did you hire? You will want to make sure that the person doing work on your property has a City of Duquesne license. This helps protect YOU! Without the proper license, it is potentially putting you in a position of liability if they were to be hurt or harm others while working on your property.*

**PERMIT  
REQUIRED**



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

## Help us keep our sewer running smoothly...

**Our sewer, is your sewer...**

Keeping the City's sewer system running smoothly is to benefit all residents. Per code, all Duquesne residents should be connected to the City's sewer system. Here are some tips to help keep your lines and the City's sewer running more efficiently: \*Take care of grease the right way, never pour it down the drain! (this is one of the main reasons for blockage) \*Wipes, paper towels, towels, feminine products, diapers, and other similar products should not be flushed, even those that say they are flushable can cause issues \*Tree roots can cause blockage \*You can have a City of Duquesne licensed plumber clean your lines as needed.



*Please don't cover up  
our manholes, 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.*



**We're on the Web!**

[duquesnemo.org](http://duquesnemo.org)

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"City of Duquesne"

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by using the  
"Contact Us" tab!*

## Contact Us!

**Phone** 417-781-5085

**Fax** 417-781-4652

**E-mail**

cityclerk@duquesnemo.org

Current Resident or Listed below resident:

## A little history about the Duenweg Volunteer Fire Department

The Duenweg Volunteer Fire Department (DVFD) was established in 1958, with Lester Watson as Fire Chief. In January 1960, Don Johnson was named Fire Chief and served as Chief until 1998. Allyn Reding was named Fire Chief in 1998 and served until July 5, 2019, when he passed away. Howard Reding was then named Fire Chief on July 12, 2019 and is currently serving as Fire Chief.

In 1986, the Duenweg Fire Protection District was formed with 3 elected Board of Directors. The district includes the cities of Duenweg, MO., Duquesne, MO., along with the unincorporated areas of Prosperity, Scotland, Atlas, and the rest of the Jasper County rural areas in the Duenweg Fire Protection District. The Duenweg Fire Protection District signed a contract with the Duenweg Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. to provide emergency service in the district.

In June 1991, the Duenweg Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., moved into their new building at 303 Wolfe Dr., Duenweg, Mo. 64841.

In the beginning years, the DVFD had 19 volunteer members and made an average of 75 calls per year.

In 2019, the DVFD had 15 volunteer firefighters and first responders with two (2) full time paid, 15 part time, and 1 resident staff member and made more than 1000 calls.

In addition to firefighting, the DVFD provides EMS first responders (equipped with Basic Life Support Equipment), Haz-Mat Response, Water Rescue, Extrication, Rescue, Search for Lost Person, Public Education and Awareness programs, and Station Tours.

Today their fleet includes a 1997 KME Engine, 2001 KME Engine/Rescue, 1967 American Fire Apparatus Engine, 1991 LTI 75' Ladder Truck, 2000 GMC 2,000-gallon Tanker, 1980 Chevrolet Brush Truck, 1995 GMC Brush Truck, 2001 Chevrolet Service Truck, 1986 Chevrolet Brush Truck and a Zodiac Water Rescue Truck.

If you are interested in becoming a DVFD Member, stop by their station and fill out an application. Here are some requirements: \*Must pass a background check \*Physical condition \*Be willing to commit time to the Department for training and other activities \* Have a valid driver's license \*Proof of Insurance

The City of Duquesne would like to thank the DVFD for all that they do in our community and for their continued support! Go by and see them!