



THE WIGMO CITIZEN

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City Officials & City Staff

Mayor -
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Water Facilities Director -
Ron Klein

Court Clerk;
Utilities Clerk -
Michael Henderson

Building Department -
Colton Harbin

Office Clerk -
Shirley Lewis

Welcome!!

You may have seen some new faces patrolling our streets.

Please welcome Officer Justin Grall and Officer Hattie Roehrs!

Calling all Volunteers!!!

We are in need of volunteers for the fall D-Towne Jamboree!
Show your support and commitment to making this years Jamboree
a great success.

We know you have that community spirit,
let's let everyone else know too!!

Contact Terry Edwards at the City Hall to sign up or email at
tedwards@duenwegmo.com

In Case You didn't Know.....

A roll-off dumpster is provided to citizens to place their
bulk items in at no charge.

This service is provided by GFL Trash Services and
assists in keeping our rates low.

The roll-off is located in the well yard and is open
M-F 8 to 4.

Please utilize this service as an alternative to placing
items at the curb.



The Board of Aldermen met on March 23, 2023 at 7:00 pm. Discussion included:

- *Discussed Ordinance No 2005-001, Section 04-05, Article 6*
- *Repairs to the backhoe and Ford Explorer*
- *Discussed grant application from Region M*
- *Discussed rock expenditures for well yard #3*
- *Discussed the annual renewal of the workman's comp policy*

The next Board of Alderman meeting will be on April 27, 2023 at 7 p.m.



The Park Board met on March 13th, 2023 at 7:00 pm. Discussion included:

- Discussed partnering with the Joplin Speech & Debate team at events as a fundraiser
- Discussed purchasing storage shelters, bleachers and patio heaters for Cossey Park
- The Board intends on applying for a grant for a walking trail at Cossey Park
- Discussed clean up day at Cossey Park
- Allocated funds for the purchase of tents for events
- Discussed an open position on the Park Board



The next Park Board meeting is on April 10th at 7 p.m.

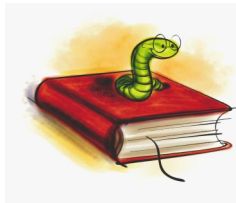
The Planning Board did not meet in March. The next meeting will be April 20th, at 7p.m.



Did you know that Newsletters are always available at the City Hall? Yes, they are! Pick yours up today!

Lending Library

Former Public Works Administrator, Dennis Hutson, recently donated several books to the Lending Library. One in particular is “32 minutes in May, the Joplin Tornado.” A tragic time in our history, presented in pictures and stories. In addition, 2 books offering a pictorial history of Joplin. Thank you, Dennis, for your donation!!



For Your Information

Any new construction, building or remodel requires a Building Permit from the City Hall.

If you are planning any of these projects or even something larger, please contact the Building Department at City Hall.



April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5 TRASH DAY	6	7 City Hall Closed Good Friday	8
9 Easter 	10 Park Board Meeting @7pm	11	12 TRASH DAY	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 TRASH DAY	20 Water Payments due Planning Board Meeting @ 7:00 PM	21 Late Fees Applied	22
23	24 Court 5:30 PM	25 Shut Offs	26 TRASH DAY	27 Council Meeting @ 7:00 PM	28	29
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APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Rob & Melinda Ingram
- 24 Russell & Brenda Olds

APRIL 2023

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| 1 Kellie McClintock | 20 Susan James |
| 3 Anthony Fleming | 21 Samantha Wilcox |
| 7 Roma Nolan | 23 Ron Klein |
| 13 Thomas Jefferson | 27 Crystal Fiala |
| 14 Jackson Ross Trombley | 29 Marty Bland
Summer Tyndall |
| 15 Kash Hosey | 30 Jaxon Sowell |
| 18 Oakley Hubler | |
| 19 Karen Drake
Mackenzie Vice | |



**Have a Birthday or Anniversary
you would like to see here or one
that you would prefer to be
removed?**

Let us know by emailing
tedwards@duenwegmo.com



City News ...

Trash Pick-Up Dates —

Trash Day is Wednesday. If there is a holiday on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday, then Trash Day is still on Wednesday. If the holiday is on Wednesday then the trash day will be on Thursday. If you have any questions, please call 417-623-6620.

Also, trash service is earlier than normal. Please have your carts out the night before. Trash cans should be removed from the curb within 24 hours of pick up.



Storm Sirens —

Just a reminder, we will continue to test the storm sirens on the **second Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.** If you doubt one of the storm sirens is working properly please notify City Hall at (417) 623-2027.

Want to Get Involved?

The Planning Board and the Park Board frequently have open seats. Interested in knowing more? Ask at City Hall what you have to do to get an assignment. Get Involved! This is **OUR** City — be a part of its future!

NOTICE

Please do not place cash in the drop boxes.

The City is not responsible for cash left in drop boxes.



Special Notices

- This is a reminder that dogs are not permitted to run at large in the City. Additionally, they should only be tied out or tethered for 30 minutes at a time.
- With spring just around the corner this is a reminder to keep yards and weeds mowed. Failure to do so could result in a \$100.00 fine.

Meeting Times & Schedules

The City of Duenweg Board of Aldermen (Council) meets on the **FOURTH** Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. If you would like to be listed on the agenda, please notify City Hall at (417) 623-2027 at least two business days before the meeting.

The City of Duenweg Park Board meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. If you would like to address the Park Board, please notify City Hall at (417) 623-2027 by the Monday before the meeting to be listed on the agenda.

The City of Duenweg Planning Board meets on the **THIRD** Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. If you would like to be listed on the agenda, please notify City Hall at (417) 623-2027 at least two business days before the meeting.

All Board Meetings are held in the City Hall at 7409 Johnson Highway Duenweg, Mo.

City Water Bill Payments are Due Upon Receipt

Bills can be paid online through the City's web site, in person at City Hall or placed in either drop box. Beginning on the 21st of each month, or on the Monday following that date if it falls on a weekend, a late charge of 10% is applied. If the past due amounts are not paid by the 25th of the same month at 8:00 AM, then your water service will be discontinued on the 25th or the next business day if it is on a weekend or holiday. There is a reconnect fee of \$25.00 if your water is turned off for non-payment. If you have any questions, please contact City Hall at (417) 623-2027.

Newsletter Content

If you have an article, information, or idea for the Wigmo Citizen, submit it to City Hall no later than the 15th of the month in order to be considered for the next month's newsletter. You can do this by dropping it off at City Hall, by mailing to PO Box 105, or by emailing it to: tedwards@duenwegmo.com

SPECIAL NOTICE....

The Public Works Department would like you to know that if you have issues with City Utilities after hours, please call 417-623-2263 so the proper authorities can be notified.



EMERGENCY

MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

With storm season upon us I wanted to take a moment to inform every one of the city's policies on warning sirens. Our sirens are for outdoor warning. If you are indoors you need to rely on television or a NOAA weather radio. The sirens will sound when a tornado warning is received for our portion of our county or surrounding counties or when winds speeds reach 70 MPH or higher. We will not issue an all clear.

The city residents have access to the storm shelter owned by the Joplin School District, located at 801 S Irwin. The fire station is not a shelter. If you go to the fire station you will be sent to the shelter at the school. The shelter will be opened when severe weather approaches our area. The school district has a policy that any animal in the shelter must be in a cage or carrier. This is for everyone's safety. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know. Let's all work together to make this a safe season for all. —Ron King



Paschal Full Moon: The First Full Moon of Spring



This year, April's full Moon is the first full moon of the spring season, which began with the spring equinox on March 20, 2023. This means that April's full moon is the **Paschal Full Moon**—an important moon to those who celebrate Easter, since Easter's date depends on the date of the Paschal Full Moon. Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday after the Paschal Full Moon (i.e., the first full moon of spring), which means that it will be celebrated this year on Sunday, April 9 (following the full moon on April 5-6).

→ Why Is It Called the Pink Moon?

The full moon names used by *The Old Farmer's Almanac* come from a number of places, including Native American, Colonial American, and European sources. Traditionally, each full moon name was applied to the entire lunar month in which it occurred, not only to the full moon.

Although we wish this name had to do with the color of the moon, the reality is not quite as mystical. In truth, April's full moon often corresponded with the early springtime blooms of a certain wildflower native to eastern North America: Phlox subulata—commonly called creeping phlox or moss phlox—which also went by the name “moss pink.”

Thanks to this seasonal association, this full moon came to be called the pink moon.

Dandelions

Before long we will be seeing Dandelions everywhere! Here are some fun facts about this vibrant little flower or weed, however you look at it.



The dandelion is the only flower that represents the 3 celestial bodies of the sun, moon and stars. 🌞 🌙 ★. The yellow flower resembles the sun, the puff ball resembles the moon and the dispersing seeds resemble the stars.

The dandelion flower opens to greet the morning and closes in the evening to go to sleep. 😴 Every part of the dandelion is useful: root, leaves, flower. It can be used for food, medicine and dye for coloring.

Up until the 1800s people would pull grass out of their lawns to make room for dandelions and other useful “weeds” like chickweed, malva, and chamomile.

The name dandelion is taken from the French word “dent de lion” meaning lion's tooth, referring to the coarsely-toothed leaves. 🦁

Dandelions have one of the longest flowering seasons of any plant. Their seeds are often transported away by a gust of wind and they travel like tiny parachutes. Seeds are often carried as many as 5 miles from their origin!

Animals such as birds, insects and butterflies consume nectar or seed of dandelions. Dandelion flowers do not need to be pollinated to form seeds.

Dandelions can be used in the production of wine and root beer. Roots of dandelions can be used as a substitute for coffee. ☕ 🍷

If you mow dandelions, they'll grow shorter stalks to spite you. Dandelions are, quite possibly, the most successful plants that exist, masters of survival worldwide. 🌿

A not so fun fact: Every year countries spend millions on lawn pesticides to have uniform lawns of non-native grasses, and we use 30% of the country's water supply to keep them green.



Just for Fun!

