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The Official Newsletter of the City of Duenweg, Missouri

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*Electronics Recycling*

The Region M Solid Waste Management District is partnering with the City of Duenweg for a free electronics waste collection. The event will be held at **118 S Prigmore**, just South of the water tower. The event will take place on April 27th from 9:00 am—11:00 am.

**FREE E-WASTE RECYCLING****APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup> 9-11am****PUBLIC WORKS****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:



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For more information, contact:  
Patty Overman, Region M District Planner  
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*Bartley Memorial Park Dedication*

Following the recycling event on Saturday, April 27th, there will be an event to dedicate Bartley Memorial Park at 11:30 am. The park is located on the property behind the parking lot between Casey's and the strip mall. This event will include free hot dogs, drinks, and chips and all are welcome to attend to help the city celebrate the new park.

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*Nuisance Ordinances*

Spring is upon us and the Duenweg Police Department will be out enforcing Nuisance Ordinances. Our Nuisance Ordinance covers an array of things such as, refuse, garbage, abandoned property or equipment, non-operating vehicles, and unsanitary buildings are amongst some of the violations. We also have some unpopular items like salted hides left out more than 6 hours. If you have any questions on the Nuisance Ordinances or feel that you may be in violation of the Ordinance do not hesitate to contact the Duenweg Police Department. A copy of the Nuisance Ordinance will be available at the Duenweg Police Department and City Hall.

The March Council Meeting was held on March 28, 2019 and the following were on the agenda:

1. Bill NO. 2019-001. An ordinance establishing an application for permit and permit for the extension, construction, planning or development of Public or private utilities and infrastructure within the corporate limits of the City of Duenweg, Jasper County, Missouri.
2. Bill NO. 2019-002. An ordinance annexing certain adjacent territory into the City of Duenweg, Jasper County, Missouri.
3. General Business.
4. Voided/Deleted Transactions up to February 2019.
5. List of Unpaid Bills February 2019.
6. List of Paid Transactions February 2019.
7. Pay Upcoming Monthly Bills.
8. Closed Meeting.
9. Adjourn.

The April 2019 council meeting will be on Thursday, April 25, 2019 at 7:00 pm. If you have any concerns or questions that need on the agenda please notify Shirley Lewis at 417-623-2027 or email her at [slewis@duenwegmo.com](mailto:slewis@duenwegmo.com). You are welcome and encouraged to attend all city meetings to learn more about OUR community and voice your desires.

**Notices for all public meetings including Board of Aldermen, Park Board, and Public Hearings are posted on the notice board outside of the Municipal Building.**

### ***In Remembrance of Glenda Kay (Elliott) Smith***



"My name is Glenda Kay (Elliott) Smith and I died of cancer/heart disease at the age of 75. I decided to write my own obituary because they are usually written in a couple of different ways that I just don't care for. Either, family or friends gather together, and list every minor accomplishment from cradle to grave in a timeline format, or they try to create one poetic last stanza about someone's life that is so glowing one would think the deceased had been the living embodiment of a deity."

"I don't like the timeline format, let's face it, I never really accomplished anything of note. Other than marrying the love of my life Eddie Smith in 1961 and giving birth to three wonderful, loveable, witty and amazing children, Christy (Bud), Paula (Brian) and Matt (Stacy). Loving my grandchildren more than words can express, Blake (Chrissa), Kyle (Kelsey), Khloe (Tyler), Jake (Rachel Claire), Mandolin, Jonas, Lilly, and Silas; grandchildren by my children's marriages, Carrie (Ryan), Brendan, Brian, Nathan, Jordan, JJ, and Stevie; and two great-grandchildren, Oliver and Finley. Two grandchildren are already in Heaven, Ryan and Steven. Also surviving, my sister-in-law, Nancy and husband Jim; brothers-in laws, Dan and Bernice and Dick and Sherry; my sister-in-law Vivian; and cousins. A very special cousin that was more like a little sister to me, Janice Kay."

"I also didn't want a bunch of my family and friends sitting around writing a glowing report of me, which we all know would be filled with fish tales, half-truths, impossible scenarios and out-right-honest-to-goodness lies. I just don't like to put people in that kind of situation."

"The truth, or my version of it, is this: I was born on June 10, 1943. I came from a very dysfunctional family. I was adopted by my maternal grandparents, Glover and Audrey Elliott at two months old. I was put into the Catholic Convent St. Peter's in Joplin at the age of six until the age of fourteen. For all of my crazy comments, jokes, complaints over the years, I really did love people. My life was not perfect, and I encountered many bumps in the road. But mostly, I enjoyed life. Some parts of it were harder than others, but I learned something from every bad situation, and I couldn't do more than that. I have always tried to do my best. Sometimes I succeeded, most of the time I failed, but tried."

"Some folks told me that writing my own obituary was morbid, but I think it is great because I get a chance to say thank you to all the people who helped me along the way. My own personal family, my church family and friends at First Baptist Church of Duenweg, where I have been a member for many years. Those who loved me, assisted me, cared for me, laughed with me, prayed for me and taught me things so that I could have a wonderful, happy life. Knowing all of you is what made my life worthwhile."

"If you think of me, and would like to do something in honor of my memory do this:

- Volunteer at a school, church, or hospital
- Write a letter to someone and tell them how they have had a positive effect on your life
- If you smoke – quit
- If you drink and drive – stop
- If you text and drive – stop
- Turn off the electronics and actually talk to each other
- Forgive someone who doesn't deserve it
- Make someone smile today if it is in your power to do so.

# April 2019

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

	1	2	3 Trash Day	4	5	6
7	8	9 Park Board Meeting 7:00 pm	10 Trash Day	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Trash Day	18	19 City Hall Closed	20
21 Easter Sunday	22 Water Bill Late Fees ***** Municipal Court 5:30 pm	23	24 Trash Day	25 Water Bill Shut Offs ***** Board of Aldermen 7:00 pm	26	27
28	29	30				



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS



Chance Milton	5
Roma Nolan	7
Chance Milton	12
Thomas Jefferson	13
Jaxon Ross Trombley	14
Mackenzie Vice	19
Nate Hoss	20
Susan James	20
Samantha Wilcox	21
Ron Klein	23
Marty Bland	29
Summer Tyndall	29



## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES



Rob & Melinda Ingram	1
Russell & Brenda Olds	24

If you have a birthday or an anniversary that you would like to appear in the newsletter, please contact City Hall at 417-623-2027 or [aweston@duenwegmo.com](mailto:aweston@duenwegmo.com).

## Important Reminders...

### 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.

### 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 not 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!

### IF YOU USE PAYPAL

To pay your water, sewer, trash bill with the City of Duenweg, PLEASE set it up for payment by the 13th of the month so it will clear and be posted to the CITY'S account before your bill is past due! We do NOT receive notifications that a payment has been made UNTIL that payment is DEPOSITED into OUR account, therefore, if you pay your bill using PayPal after the 13th of the month, we may not receive notice that you have paid that bill until after we have processed it for late payment! This does NOT affect payments made in person or over the phone using your debit or credit card.

*Thank you!!!!*

### 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 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 two business days before the meeting.

All Board Meetings are held in the Municipal Building at 118 Webb Street.

### City Water Bill Payments are Due Upon Receipt

Bills can be paid online through the City's web site and PayPal or in person at City Hall. 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 bills 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 if your water is turned off for non-payment. If you have any questions, please contact City Hall at (417) 623-2027.

### Letters to the Editor...

*The following was submitted anonymously to City Hall and is thoroughly endorsed by Mayor Olds.*

Note: As spring approaches, I wanted to publish a poem in the WIGMO newsletter. The Duenweg Plague generally has an upsurge in spring and lasts through fall. Because Duenweg is plagued for most of 75% of the year, this poem was written out of necessity.

#### The Duenweg Plague

It lurks and prowls, it has four legs.  
It breeds and howls, it's the worst of plagues.

There are too many, please have your  
snipped; this mass population must be  
nipped!

I drive just a block and I pass a half dozen.  
They lounge in the streets: brother, mother,  
and cousin.

The authorities are helpless.  
I won't be vague.  
I tell you it's madness!  
Cats are the plague!

They prey on pity from the aging; the slyest  
kitty avoids a caging.

Don't feed the stray, let him run away!  
Feeding the cat has made him fat.

He's so incredibly lazy... No interest in  
snakes and mice? That's crazy!

I have had enough! I have had it!  
Every guest in my yard steps in S#!t!

I don't know what to do, but I'm sick of all  
the cat poo!

So, please help out and please just do your  
part! Rid us of this plague, bring joy to my  
heart!

I make my plea with this poem:  
Keep your cat at home! Dogs are not al-  
lowed to roam!

Written by: a caring citizen of  
Duenweg, MO