

January 2020

The Official Newsletter of the City of Duenweg, Missouri

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- Ward Two Aldermen -
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Traci Kessler
- Administrative Assistant-
Ron Klein

Water Rates & Sewer Rates

Each year there are public hearing posted to discuss the annual water rates and sewer rates. After the previous hearing and by the decision of the Board of Aldermen, the sewer rates for Duenweg will increase by 6%. The water rates will increase by 5%. These changes will be reflected beginning with the February 1st, 2020 bills.

Winter Weather

With the colder months coming, the threat of snow and ice increases. In the past, Duenweg Public Works has done a great job at keeping the roads clear and safe. A big part of this is thanks to the consideration of our residents in keeping the roads cleared. Please remember that moving vehicles or other items such as basketball goals from along the roadway helps our guys perform their job to the fullest extent.

The following was submitted by a resident that was inspired from the puzzle that was put in the December 2019 newsletter regarding the Twelve Days of Christmas.

There is one Christmas Carol that has always baffle me. Here's what I found out. From 1558 until 1829 the roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly, so someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning, plus a hidden meaning known only to members of their church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember:

- The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ.
- Two turtle doves were the Old & New Testaments.
- Three French hens stood for Faith, Hope, and Love.
- The four calling birds were the four Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.
- The five golden rings recalled the Torah or Law, the first 5 books of the Old Testament.
- The six geese a-laying, stood for the six days of Creation.
- Seven swans a-swimming represented the Sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit. (Prophesy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy.)
- The eight maids a-milking were the eight Beatitudes.
- Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit—Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, and Self-Control.
- The ten lords a-leaping were the Ten Commandments.
- The eleven pipers piping, stood for the eleven faithful disciples.
- The twelve drummers drumming, symbolized the twelve point of Belief in the Apostles' Creed.

This knowledge was shared with me, and I found it interesting, and possible, as the Christians were under much persecution during that time frame, looks like it's on our doorstep now as well. I forgot to mention: My "True Love," was God Himself.

—Duenweg Resident

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News From The...

Board of Aldermen...

The December Council Meeting was held on December 19th, 2019 and the following were discussed:

- Bill NO. 2019-014. An ordinance establishing rules, regulations, and rates for the operation of the water and sewer supply system to be constructed and owned by the City of Duenweg, Jasper County, Missouri. Passed on a majority vote.
- Bill NO. 2019-015. An ordinance authorizing and approving the contract for purchase of property between Schroeder Holdings LLC and the City of Duenweg located within the city limits of the City of Duenweg, Jasper County, Missouri. Passed on a majority vote.
- Bill NO. 2019-016. An ordinance authorizing and approving the contract for sale of property between Watkins Quest LLC and the City of Duenweg located within the city limits of the City of Duenweg, Jasper County, Missouri. Passed on a majority vote.
- Proposed 2020 Budget was discussed and passed on a majority vote.
- Board of Aldermen approved the survey of Ashcraft east from Wolfe Drive to Robin Street.
- Drainage pipe for storm water was approved to purchase for the Ashcraft corridor east of Wolfe Drive.
- The Board of Aldermen approved the list of individuals brought to them by Mayor Olds for a new planning board.
- The expenditure for the repair of the patrol car was approved by the Board of Aldermen.

The January 2020 council meeting will be on Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 7:00 pm. If you have any concerns or questions that need on the agenda please notify Shirley J Lewis at 417-623-2027 or email her at slewis@duenwegmo.com. You are welcome and encouraged to attend all city meetings to learn more about OUR community and voice your desires.

Park Board...

The Duenweg Park Board meeting will be held on January 14th, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the Duenweg Municipal Building, 118 Webb Street, Duenweg, MO and the following will be discussed:

- Report on progress of shelter at Bartley Park.
- Report on progress of table refinishing at Apple Park.
- Water fountain fix/replacement at Apple Park.
- Decide placement of fence extension at NW corner of Bartley Park, as well as getting bids for the project.
- Discuss plans for ballfields development, Phase 1:
 - Dog park & possible Heartland sponsorship
 - Basketball court
 - Skate/bicycle park

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 11th, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

BRING THIS COUPON INTO
DUENWEG CITY HALL AND
SAVE \$1.00 TOWARD YOUR
WATER BILL
DUE ON JANUARY 20, 2020!

**\$1.00
OFF**

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1 Happy New Year's!	2 Trash Day	3 Mayor's Morning Coffee Meeting @ Fire Department 7:30 -10:00 am	4
5	6	7	8 Trash Day	9	10 Mayor's Morning Coffee Meeting @ Fire Department 7:30 -10:00 am	11
12	13	14	15 Trash Day	16	17 Mayor's Morning Coffee Meeting @ Fire Department 7:30 -10:00 am	18
19	20 Municipal Court 5:30 p.m.	21 Water Bill Late Fees Applied	22 Trash Day	23 Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	24 Mayor's Morning Coffee Meeting @ Fire Department 7:30 -10:00 am	25
26	27 Water Shut Offs	28	29 Trash Day	30	31 Mayor's Morning Coffee Meeting @ Fire Department 7:30 -10:00 am	



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



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|--------------------|--------------------|
| 6 Elizabeth Fowler | 26 Edith Terry |
| 9 Samara Dodson | 28 Tyler Atkinson |
| 11 Ellen Webb | 29 Mike Riley |
| 12 Howard Crouch | 31 Howard Reding |
| 13 Adrienne Weston | 31 Robert Thompson |
| 18 Amy Klein | 31 Newwa Decker |
| 19 Keith Johnson | |
| 24 Gary Nichols | |
| 26 Brenda Olds | |

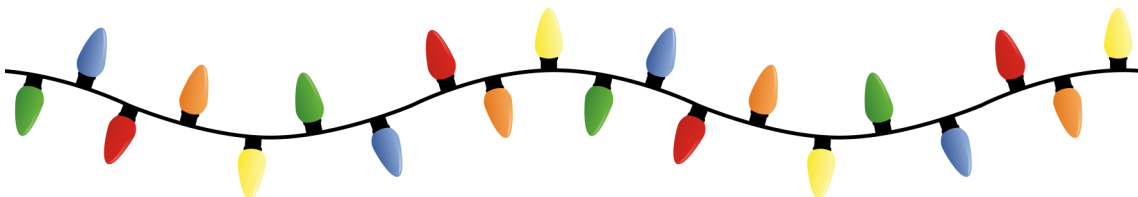


JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES



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| 3 Gary & Bonnie Wells |
| 21 Ron & Amy Klein |

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 slewis@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 14th 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 and past due notices are mailed out to those who have not paid their bills by that date. If the past due notices are not paid by the 25th of the same month at 8:00 a.m., 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.

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 the office clerk at slewis@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.

HISTORY OF JANUARY

January was named after the Roman god Janus. Janus is also the Roman word for door. The god Janus had two faces which allowed him to look forwards into the coming year and backwards into the past year.

The original Roman calendar only had 10 months. January and February were not included, but were added later.

Fun Facts about January

- On average, it is the coldest month of the year in the Northern Hemisphere.
- It is the second month of winter.
- In the Southern Hemisphere January is a summer month the equivalent of July.
- Sometimes the Saxons called January the wolf month because hungry wolves would come into their towns searching for food this time of year.
- For a long period of European history, the start of the New Year occurred in March.