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The Official Newsletter of the City of Duenweg, Missouri

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## **City Officials & City Staff**

Mayor -  
Russell Olds  
City Clerk -  
Shirley Lewis  
Ward One Aldermen -  
Don Johnson  
Karen Edge  
Ward Two Aldermen -  
William Haldeman  
Dellaca Reynolds  
Administrative Director to  
Mayor's Office-  
Justin Pryor  
Police Chief -  
Robert Vice  
Publics Works Manager &  
Water Facilities Director -  
Dennis Hutson  
Office Clerk -  
Adrienne Weston  
Court Clerk-  
Linda Martin

## **Tree Limbs & Yard Debris**

Public Works will pick up limbs left by any storm damage once a month if they are left by the road. If you plan on doing yard work, you can arrange for them to bring a trailer or truck to park overnight for you to load limbs for them to haul off. They will not pick up any bagged yard waste. If you have a company do your tree work, they will need to have a business license as well as haul off any limbs left by their work. We appreciate everyone's work to keep your yards looking great for our community!

## **How Duenweg Became a City**

On January 6, 1954, Earl Cunningham, Harley Mac Needham, Charles Little, Melton Mitchell and others, appeared with their attorney, Dalton DeShazer, to present their petition to the Jasper County Court to have the town of Duenweg incorporated. The court declaration stated that it be "ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that the corporate powers and duties of said town so incorporated shall vest in a Board of Trustees, to consist of five members, and that Charles Little, Melton Mitchell, Lloyd Rogers, Eugene Parker and Harley Mac Needham be thereby appointed as members of the first Board of Trustees". They held their appointed offices until their successors were "duly elected and qualified as provided by law". The incorporation document was signed by Frank V. Smith, Presiding Judge; Roland Shadday, Judge of the Western District; and Walter D. Frost, Judge of the Eastern District. Duenweg's first mayor, Eugene (Gene) Parker was appointed from that first Board of Trustees.

Only seven other men have been elected to serve as Mayor of the City of Duenweg: Earl Cunningham, Portor Johnson, Kenneth Neal, Albert Wolfe, Earl Wayne Goddard, Charles Cossey and Russell Olds. Donald Johnson served as Mayor Pro-tem for a short time, following the resignation of Earl Wayne Goddard.

City of Duenweg  
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106 Webb Street  
Duenweg, MO 64841  
(417) 623-2027  
www.duenwegmo.com  
Police - Non-emergency  
(417) 623-2263  
Fire - Non-emergency  
(417) 623-7408  
Emergencies - Dial 9-1-1

# News From The...

## Board of Aldermen...

The June 2018 Council Meeting was held on June 28, 2018 and the following were discussed:

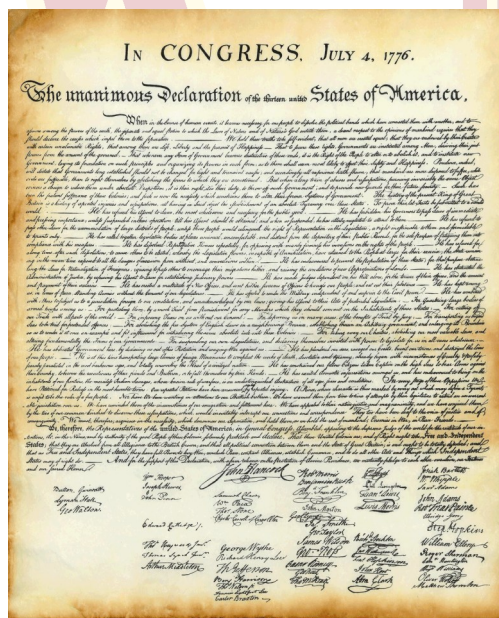
- The Board of Aldermen approved the opening of the fireworks stand to begin Friday, June 29th, 2018 and run through July 4th, 2018.
- The Board of Aldermen approved the annual maintenance for Tyler Technologies which supports our court software.
- The Board of Aldermen approved a laptop purchase for the Administrative Director to the Mayor's Office.
- The Board of Aldermen approved a Public Works package to include street repair, storm water pipe, and a tractor.
- Bill NO 2018-003 An ordinance annexing certain adjacent territory into the City of Duenweg, Jasper County, Missouri was adopted on its second and final reading.
- Bill NO 2018-004 An ordinance for the election of a city clerk for the City of Duenweg, Jasper County, Missouri was discussed and accepted on its first reading to continue the contract for Shirley J. Lewis.

The July 2018 council meeting will be on Thursday, July 26, 2018 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. 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.

### Did you know...

- Although Thomas Jefferson is often called the "author" of the Declaration of Independence, he wasn't the only person who contributed important ideas. Jefferson was a member of a five-person committee appointed by the Continental Congress to write the Declaration. The committee included Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, Robert Livingston, and Roger Sherman.
- One of the most widely held misconceptions about the Declaration of Independence is that it was signed on July 4, 1776. In fact, independence was formally declared on July 2, 1776, a date that John Adams believed would be "the most memorable epocha in the history of America." On July 4, 1776, Congress approved the final text of the Declaration. It wasn't signed until August 2, 1776.
- Philosopher John Locke's ideas were an important influence on the Declaration of Independence. Thomas Jefferson restated Locke's contract theory of government when he wrote in the Declaration that governments derived "their just Powers from the consent of the people."
- In addition to our collection of historic Duenweg photos, City Hall also proudly displays framed reproductions of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. You are welcome to come see them!



# July 2018

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

1	2	3	4 Happy 4th of July! ***** City Hall Closed	5 Trash Day	6 Mayor's Morning Coffee Meeting 7:30-10:00 am @ Fire Department	7
8	9	10	11 Trash Day	12	13 Mayor's Morning Coffee Meeting 7:30-10:00 am @ Fire Department	14
15	16	17	18 Trash Day	19	20 Mayor's Morning Coffee Meeting 7:30-10:00 am @ Fire Department	21 Water Bill Late Fees
22	23 Municipal Court 5:30 pm	24	25 Trash Day ***** Shut Offs for Delinquent July Bill	26 Board of Aldermen 7:00 pm	27 Mayor's Morning Coffee Meeting 7:30-10:00 am @ Fire Department	28
29	30	31				



## JULY BIRTHDAYS



Taylor Mills	1	Riley Ingram	18
Steve Lightle	3	Kris Fowler	18
Steve Hagensicker	3	Mary Jane Johnson	19
Margaret Cusick	6	Don Johnson	21
Landon Mynatt	7	Addie Bland	22
Patrick Garcia	8	Kaiden Moore	22
Deborah Osborn	10	Eunice Goddard	23
Stanley Baker	11	Ann Chrismon	24
James Williams	13	Jadrien Bard	26
Grace McCoy	13	Dini Donoho	28
Jeannie Stuart	16	Tyler Atkinson	28
Blake Lewis	17		



## JULY ANNIVERSARIES



John & Susan James	4
R.D. & Amanda Smith	11
Missy & Joe Garcia	12
Scott & Kris Fowler	15
Bobby & Jane Ballard	23
Jonathon & Valerie Chrismon	24
Pat & Jeannie Stuart	31

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 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 third 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 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.

### 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 [aweston@duenwegmo.com](mailto:aweston@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.**

### *Weather Almanac for July 2018 From [almanac.com](http://almanac.com)*

Jul 1-6	T-storms, then sunny, hot
Jul 7-10	T-storms, then sunny, cool
Jul 11-22	A few t-storms, cool
Jul 23-27	Sunny, cool
Jul 28-31	T-storms, hot
July	temperature 76° (1° below avg.) precipitation 3.5" (0.5" below avg.)