



THE WIGMO CITIZEN

May 2026

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The Official Newsletter of the City of Duenweg, Missouri

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 Emergencies Dial 9-1-1



Duenweg City Wide Garage Sales

May 9th

Maps available at City Hall, May 8th!
 Why not start a new relationship with
 someone else's stuff, legally!

City Officials & City Staff

Mayor -
Russell Olds

City Clerk -
Shannon Box

Ward One Aldermen -
David Ellis
Karen Edge

Ward Two Aldermen -
William Haldeman
Dellaca Reynolds

Administrative
 Assistant to
 Mayor's Office;
 Prosecutor's
 Assistant -
Terry L. Edwards

Police Chief -
Jeff Pearce

Publics Works Manager;
 Water Facilities Director -
Ron Klein

Court Clerk;
 Utilities Clerk -
Michael Henderson

Building Department -
Colton Harbin

Office Clerk -
Danny Hosp

You're Invited

Growing Together

Community Event

TABLES & BENCHES GRANT ACCEPTANCE
 FLOWER PLANTING • SEED GIVE-AWAY
SAT. MAY, 16 - 10AM

DUENWEG

FOUNDERS PARK

&

MEMORIAL TRAILS

**Our Newest Park at Southwind Trail
 Parking Off North Irwin**

**CITY OF DUENWEG
 PARKS**
Play It Forward

**City Hall will be closed on May 25th in observance
 of Memorial Day.**

Please take a moment to remember the fallen, visit a cemetery, pay your respects and be thankful for the freedoms we enjoy.

The City of Duenweg **Board of Aldermen (Council)** meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. If you would like to address the council, please notify City Hall at (417) 623-2027 at least two business days before the meeting to be listed on the agenda.

The Board of Aldermen met on April 23rd, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

- 2026 Municipal Elections
- Election of Mayor Pro-Tem
- Expenditure Request—Automatic Door Opener for ADA
- Bill No 2026-002 Imposing an Additional One Quarter of One Percent Sales Tax for Parks and Storm Water (1st reading)
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- Records Destruction Request
- New Work Comp Insurance Information
- General Business

The next Council meeting will be May 28th at 7:00 p.m

The City of Duenweg **Park Board** meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm. If you would like to address the Park Board, please notify City Hall at (417) 623-2027 at least two business days before the meeting to be listed on the agenda.

The Park Board met on April 14th, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

Discussion included:

- Final Numbers for the Bike Rack
- Fence Removal Progress at Cossey
- Bathroom Opening at Cossey and Apple Park
- Mowing Pricing from Public Works
- Crowder College Follow Up
- General Business

The next Park Board meeting will be May 12th at 6:00 p.m.



The City of Duenweg **Planning Board** meets on the third Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm. If you would like to address the Planning Board, please notify City Hall at (417) 623-2027 at least two business days before the meeting to be listed on the agenda.

The Planning Board met on April 16th, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

Discussion included:

- Wolfe Drive Development
- Irwin & Coyle Lost Split
- Mower St. Lot Development
- Schuber Mitchell Plans
- General Business

The next Planning Board meeting will be May 21st at 6:00 p.m.



Hello people of Duenweg!

If you haven't seen it yet, we have a Blessing Box at the corner of Webb and Voegel, across the street from the First Baptist Church, just down from the police station!

While I know some folks are reliably donating to the box, we need more support. I personally check in on the box at least once a week, and I have noticed an uptick in how quickly donations are being taken. This resource is powered by the community, and supports this community. Please help keep this box successful and helping those in need.

Thank you to everyone who has already donated, and if you have any questions please feel free to e-mail me at kvanflee@gmail.com or shoot me a message on Facebook!



May



2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6 TRASH PICK-UP	7	8	9 City Wide Garage Sales
10 Mother's Day 	11	12 Park Bd Mtg @ 6pm.	13 TRASH PICK-UP	14	15	16 Park Dedication
17	18	19	20 TRASH PICK-UP World Bee Day	21 Late Fees Applied Planning Bd Mtg 6pm	22	23
24	25  City Hall Closed	26 Shut Offs	27 TRASH PICK-UP	28 Council Mtg 7pm	29	30
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Don't forget your Mother on May 10th for Mother's Day! Flowers and candy are great but a smile, a hug and spending time with your mother goes along way!!

Lending Library

Let's get back to nature this month! Bees, bears, snakes and birds as well as the flora and fauna of Missouri are the topics for this month.

May 20th World Bee Day. It calls attention to the critical importance of the world's diversity of pollinators, most of them bees.

That just one fun fact you can learn from the Missouri Conservationist magazine. The City has an extensive collection of this magazine filled with facts and information about the world around us from the nature perspective.

3 Come scope it out!



Newsletter Content

If you have an article, information, or an 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 it to PO Box 105, or by emailing it to: tedwards@duenwegmo.com

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 417-499-0256. 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. Failure to do so could result in a \$25.00 fine per Ordinance 2025-012.

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.

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.

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

City Water Bill Payments are Due Upon Receipt

Bills can be paid online through the City's website, in person at City Hall, or placed in either drop box. **Beginning on the 21st of each month you may receive a phone call from the City in an attempt to collect payment. The purpose of this is to eliminate as many people as possible from the shut-off list that begins on the 25th of every month. If we do not receive any payment or communication that payment will not occur on the 25th then your water will be disconnected and a \$25 reconnect fee will be applied to the account.**

If you have any questions, please contact City Hall at (417) 623-2027.

For Your Information

Any new construction, building or remodel requires a building permit from the Building Dept. If you are planning any of these projects or even something larger, please contact the Building Department at City Hall.

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Pet Licenses

Dog / Cat Licenses are required in the City of Duenweg. To purchase a tag, please present a valid rabies vaccination for each pet at City Hall. Cost is \$1.00 per tag. Failure to do so could result in a \$80.00 fine.

Duenweg Police Department Monthly calls by Type March 2025

Animal Complaint	9
Abandoned Vehicle	1
Alarm Rsdntl Pnic Alarm Res	1
Alarm Rsdntl Pnic Alarm Bus	1
Assault Past Tense	1
Assist Citizen Motorist	5
Burglary in Progress	1
C I Driver Traffic Complaints	5
Check Door or School	1
Check Well Being/ATL	5
Civil Parties Separated	1
Crash, Non-Injury, Unk Injury	2
Crash, Non-Injury, No Fire	1
Department Assist	10
DFS Assist	1
Disturbance in Prog	4
Disturbance in Past Tense	2
Domestic in Progress No EMS	2
Drug Activity	1
Flooding	1
Follow Up	12
Fraud Internet Security scam	1
Gunshots Heard	1
Harassment	2
Information Only	4
Intox Subj No Dis No EMS	1
JCSO	2
Law Name & Number	45
Medical Unknown	7
Nuisance Complaint	4
Paper Service	1
Parking Complaint	3
Property Damage / Vandalism	1
Property Lost Found	1
Pursuit Vehicle or Foot	1
Road Hazard/Obstruction	1
Sex Off Assault Rape Prost	1
Subject Stop Pedestrian Check	1
Suicidal Subject	1
Suspicious Activity Item	5
Suspicious Person	3
Suspicious Vehicle	7
Theft Just Occ	1
Theft Property Services	1
Towed Vehicle Repossession	1
Traffic Stop	56
Trespass in Progress	1
Walk In Report	3
911 Hangup Cell Phone	9
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Total Calls/Reports	232



The following article appeared in the Mocities newsletter and on their webpage. Written by Peter Kageyama, author of *For the Love of Cities Revisited*, it captures the very essence of the importance of parks in communities. Heartfelt and informative, it is shared here in its entirety. Enjoy!

The Importance of Parks and Greenspace by Peter Kageyama

I write and talk about what people love about their places. By far one of the most beloved and yet, I believe still under appreciated aspects of our communities, is parks and greenspace.

It has become canon in urban development and placemaking circles that parks are good for communities. That seems pretty obvious. They improve the health, mental and emotional wellbeing of people in the community. They increase property values and are good for the environment and climate. Parks are good. They are also expensive, requiring significant ongoing investment along with highly specialized equipment and knowledge to maintain. And because they are also more passive than say a commercial district, there is the notion that they keep doing what they do, with less support or resources. After all, the trees will continue to grow whether we have park rangers or arborists on staff.

Historically, when budgets get tight, parks are easily cut because they are not seen as essential to the function and success of cities like police and fire services. Much of this thinking is due to how we measure success in our cities. It is easy to calculate how much tax revenue a Walmart Supercenter brings in; it is harder to put a monetary value on the neighborhood park. And if your value is harder to quantify, it becomes easy to see parks as debit on the economic ledger of our cities and not an asset.

The very measures by which we judge the success or failure of parks and green space is woefully insufficient to capture what they bring to the city. We measure usage. How many people come in and out of the park, how many use the public pool or workout in the community center. Usage should only be a starting point and aspect of what we look at in understanding the role of the park. Measuring the parks value by usage is like saying how many times you kiss your partner is the measure of your love for them. There may be some correlation, but to try to reduce love down to a number insults the very idea of love and worst of all, makes it seem like it is something that can be measured, metered and manufactured.

There is also the common refrain that parks do not generate money. I hear this all the time that they are a cost center not a profit center. They do not directly generate profits but they make adjacent land, residential and commercial property much more valuable. The Trust for Public Land indicates that parks increase property values by 5-15% in a one or two block radius. This is just for an average park. High end, destination parks such as Millennium Park in Chicago or Forest Park in St. Louis raises values in excess of 20%. That money eventually comes back to the city in property taxes on the increased value. Still there are those that will lament the cost of the park, the playground, the public art or the community event because they do not see value beyond the purely financial.

Remember, cost is easy to know. Those numbers are out there. Value is more difficult to understand. Value incorporates many intangibles that exist outside the simple calculus of cost. In addition to increases in real estate value, green space access increases the absorption rate (how quickly spaces are rented or sold) or commercial properties. Parks lower crime in areas that surround them. Parks generate social capital (connections between people). Parks are also amongst the most fair and egalitarian aspects of our cities. Along with public libraries, parks are open and available to everyone in our communities. They care not for economic status, educational attainment, race, gender or age. Parks are some of the best things we do in cities, and in a post-COVID world, we have come to this as never before.

COVID revealed how important parks and green space are to our communities. Remember during the height of lockdown, when we could not go to restaurants, or the mall or work and school, yet we could not stay in our homes any longer? Where did we go? We went to the local park. Parks became our refuge. Not only for our physical health but for our emotional and psychological health. They provided necessary emotional infrastructure that helped us get through extraordinary times. I believe that understanding and appreciation carries over to today. So instead of talking about costs in relation to parks and greenspace, or discussions about the highest and best public land, let us consider the holistic “value” of what they bring and what they mean making a lovable community.

Kid's Corner Coloring Page

