



THE WIGMO CITIZEN

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City Officials & City Staff

Mayor -

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Karen Edge

Ward Two Aldermen -

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Terry L. Edwards

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Police - Non-emergency

(417) 623-2263

Fire - Non-emergency

(417) 623-740

Emergencies Dial 9-1-1



Duenweg Park Board presents the Annual

Trunk or Treat

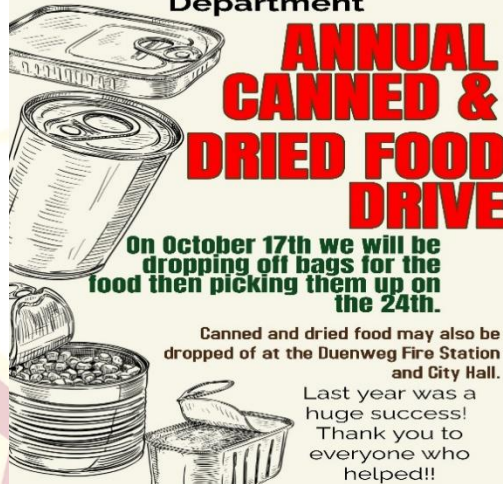
on October 31st 3-5pm at

Cossey Park - Behind the School

Free hayrides to and from the fire station.



The Duenweg Fire
Department



GRAND OPENING

AMERICAN MADE GENERAL STORE
will have their **GRAND OPENING** on
October 14th at 11am.

**Come welcome the newest store to
Duenweg!!**

City of Duenweg's 2nd Annual ScareCrow Contest



City News.....

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 September 24th, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

Discussion included:

- Expenditure Request Midway Sheet Metal
- Signature Authorization for Mitchell Glass & Door
- Park Expenditure Signature Request
- Signature Authorization for Jamboree Expenditures
- Tax Rate Increase for Park / Storm Water
- General Business

The next Board of Aldermen meeting will be October 22nd, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

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 September 8th, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

Discussion included:

- *Shirt Prices for Jamboree*
- *Signs for Founders Park*
- *Trash Cans for Cossey and possibly Bartley*
- *Dog Waste Stations*
- *Trunk or Treat Planning*
- General Business

The next Park Board meeting will be October 13th, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

NOTICE: PARK BOARD MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT 118 WEBB ST.

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 did not meet on September 17th, 2026 at 6:00 pm due to no new business.

The next Planning Board Meeting will be on October 15th at 6:00 pm.



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

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.



October

2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 TRASH PICK-UP	8	9	10
11	12	13 Court @ 4:30 pm Park Board Meeting @ 6 pm @ 118 Webb ST	14 TRASH PICK-UP <i>Grand Opening American Made General Store</i>	15 Planning Bd Meeting @ 6:00 pm	16	17 Canned Food Drive Bags Delivered
18	19	20 Late Fees Applied	21 TRASH PICK-UP	22 Council Mtg. @ 7:00 pm	23	24 Canned Food Drive Bags Picked Up 
25	26 SHUT OFFS	27	28 TRASH PICK-UP	29	30 Trick or Treat @ City Hall 8am to 4pm <i>Scarecrow Winners Announced</i>	31 Trunk or Treat & Hayride Cossey Park 3 to 5pm 

Lending Library

Looking for a good book for the cool autumn evenings? Come check out the lending library at City Hall. You may even find a few ghosts and ghouls roaming through our books.

Happy Halloween Reading!!



D- Towne Jamboree T- Shirts for 2026 are still available at City Hall. Sizes are limited. \$10.00 each.

24 Hour Elite Gym Trick or Treat

October 30-3pm to 7pm
530 S. North Park Lane
Joplin, MO



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 at the Beacon Safe Room. (Duenweg Elementary school) located at 202 Malloy Circle. 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 authorities can be notified.

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.

Duenweg Fire Department Monthly Runs by Incident Type AUGUST 2025

Assist Law Enforcement	1
Auto Aid Fire	3
Carbon Monoxide Event	1
Crash Injury / Unk Injury	2
Down Power Line	1
Fire Alarm	5
Fire Commercial Property	1
Gas/Propane Leak	2
Grass /Brush/ Ground Cover	11
Heat / Cold Exposure	1
Medical Unknown	48
Medical w/ Law	6
Motor Vehicle Accident	7
Service Call	5
Smoke Investigation	2
Structure Fire	1
Vehicle Fire	5

Total Calls	102
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Duenweg Police Department Monthly calls by Type AUGUST 2025

911 Hangup	6
911 Recontacted	1
Animal Complaint	5
Assist Citizen Motorist	2
CI Driver Traffic Complaints	1
Door / School Check	1
Well Being Check	7
Crash Noninjury No Fire	1
Department Assist	9
DFS Assist	1
Disturbance in Progress	2
Domestic in Progress No EMS	1
Domestic Just Occurred	1
Domestic Past Tense	1
Extra Patrol Watch List	1
Follow-up	15
Fraud Internet Identity Scam	1
Indecent Exposure	1
Info Only	3
Law Name Number	7
Medical Bleeding	1
Medical Unknown	5
Medical w/ Law	1
Property Damage / Vandalism	1
Property Found Lost	1
Pursuit Vehicle or Foot	1
Road Hazard / Obstruction	2
Runaway	1
Subject Stop Pedestrian Check	2
Suspicious Person	1
Suspicious Vehicle	2
Theft in Progress	1
Theft Property / Services	2
Threats	1
Threats Just Occurred	1
Traffic Control/Escort	1
Traffic Stop	38
Trespass Past Tense	1
Walk in Report	2
<u>Warrant Service Search Warrant</u>	<u>2</u>
Total Calls/Reports	134





SCARY SCARECROWS

by Diana West

Throughout history scarecrows have played an important part in protecting crops from invading pests.

These human-like figures, made with sticks, stuffed feed sacks, dressed in old clothes and a hat, are erected to scare intruders away from farm fields and gardens, without harming the pesky predators.

Greek farmers in 2,500 B.C. carved wooden scarecrows to scare birds away from their vineyards. Romans adopted the Greek concept and took it to Europe when they invaded there.

Japanese farmers made scarecrows called kakahis to protect rice fields. Shaped like people, they were dressed in a raincoat and broad straw hat. British farmers stuffed straw in cloth sacks, cut faces in gourds or turnips, and learned the straw man against a pole to scare away birds.

In the United States, immigrant German farmers called their human-like scarecrows bootzamon, later changed to bogymen, a frightful being that was dressed in old clothes.

Zuni Indian children in the southwest U. S. had contests to see who could make the scariest scarecrow.

In written texts, scarecrows have been evil or friendly. *The Scarecrow, a Tragedy of the Ludicrous*, a play by Percy MacKaye in 1908, tells of Goody Rickby, an old witch who shaped a scarecrow's ribs and backbone from iron. She said, "...you must make the body lifelike to fool he crows." Named Ravensbane, the scarecrow is brought to life with a spell.

He woos Rachel, a young maiden, who bought a magic mirror from Goody that reflects the truth of anyone who looks at it. When the mirror shows he is a scarecrow, Rachel rejects him.

A friendly scarecrow is depicted in *Worzel Gummidge*, the first in a children's book series by Barbara Euphan Todd in 1936. Worzel is a scarecrow that Todd called "lifeless as a sawdust doll." But as a walking-talking human that is mistaken as a tramp, he befriends children Susan and John, getting them into mischief.

Today, building scarecrows is a fun way to celebrate autumn.

This article was previously published in the 2023 Harris' Gardening Guide.

REMINDER

Scarecrow Contest entry forms must be turned in by
October 26th!

Judging will take place on October 30th.

Good Luck and Thank You to all who participate!!



