

Small City, Big Heart Newsletter

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Spring is in the AIR...

Happy Spring, from Duquesne City Hall! We wanted to reach out to you and pass along some information that we thought might be helpful to you.

As the flowers start to bloom and the trees start to bud out their new leaves, it's a great time to look around and see what we can do to help beautify our town.

With Earth Day in the month of April, we can all pitch in and make a difference. Cleaning up our yards and properly disposing of unwanted items can all help our environment and beautify our town.

We would like to invite you to our first "Shred It and Electronic Recycling" event! This event is scheduled for July 13th at Duquesne City Hall, located at 1501 S. Duquesne Road.

Shredding Event
Go Green! All shredded material will be recycled.

and... **E-WASTE**

The Region M Solid Waste Management District is partnering with the City of Duquesne and offering a Summer Clean-Up recycling event. Services will be provided by CRC Shredding, a division of Computer Recycling Center, NAID AAA Certified.

July 13th, 9:00-11:00 am

Duquesne City Hall
1501 S Duquesne

Securely shred and recycle your confidential documents to a mobile shredding truck. All the shredding will be performed onsite. Paper must be dry, no wet paper will be accepted.

All electronics will be accepted, regardless of condition. If it ran on a cord or battery – we'll take it! Computers, printers and other items with sensitive data will be properly destroyed.

- All Computers and Office Equipment
- All Appliances, big or small
- Stereos and Speakers
- Etc., Etc.!

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For more information, contact:
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Shred It and E-Waste Event Coming Soon!

The City of Duquesne is excited to announce our first "Shred It and E-Waste Event"! This is an opportunity for those in the community to properly dispose of documents, electronics, and appliances

(all things with power cords or battery operated!), including TV's, computers, microwaves, and much more. Data destruction services will be available. Fluorescent light bulbs and ballast also accepted. This

event is scheduled for Saturday, July 13th from 9-11am, located at City Hall, 1501 S. Duquesne. *Please turn onto 14th Street and go around block to help reduce traffic issues.* Documents that are wet are not accepted.



REGISTER YOUR STORM SHELTER!

<https://www.jasco.org/contact/storm-shelter-inventory/>

Or visit our website at

Duquesnemo.org for link!



“Our mission is to offer a welcoming play-together experience that is affordable, safe, clean and engaging for children of all ages and abilities.

-Billy Garrigan, Owner



PLEASE PUT A LID ON IT!

To help prevent trash being dislocated onto other property, please keep a lid on your trash.



There’s a new business in town!

If jumping into a ball pit filled with 1000’s of balls sounds like fun, just imagine having just the right place to go to do so!

Ocean Adventures located at 2630 S. Duquesne is the place to be for lots of fun with ball pits, slides, ropes, obstacle course, tunnels and more in an ocean themed indoor playground.

This business is geared towards lots of adventure for

the kids ranging from walking to 12 years of age. A special toddler area is also provided.

Scheduled time slots can be reserved on their website in 2 hour increments. A check-in/out system is in place to provide extra security for your children. The facility closes for one hour after each session for cleaning.

Birthday parties can be held in a party room for a fee.

You may visit their website at:

oceanadventuresplay.com

or call 417-825-1650

for more information about booking a 2 hour time session or a birthday party.

Hours:

Tues-Sat 9:30-8:30

Sunday 1:00-6:00

Cost is \$5 or \$6 per session depending on day of the week.

April Showers Brings May Flowers (& Stormwater)

Ever wonder what happens to all that stormwater? After traveling through impervious surfaces (streets, parking lots, drains and storm sewers), storm water eventually makes it’s way to lakes and rivers. Along the way, water travels through many chemicals and sediment contaminates the stormwater. This stormwater never meets up with a treatment plant to rid itself from the contaminants that it picked up along the way.

Why is keeping stormwater clean important? Polluted stormwater can contaminate

local waterways.

Contaminated waters can be harmful to plants, fish and wildlife, while degrading the quality of water.

What can we do to help keep our storm waters clean?

*Pesticides/fertilizers should be used sparingly

*Yard waste should be recycled or composted. It is against city ordinance to dispose of yard waste in ditches, stormwater courseways and roads.

*Clean up spilled fluids with cat litter and dispose of properly.

*Cover mulch/dirt piles to prevent erosion into drains

*Plant native plants

*Hazardous Waste/Solvents should be used in the smallest amounts possible.

*Only drain your pool when test kits do not detect chlorine levels.

*Pick up after your pet

*Recycle used oils and other fluids.

*Do not place concrete waste in the waterways (ditches, culverts, or anywhere water flows)

Going out of town?

If you will be going out of town for an extended period of time, please contact the Duquesne Police Department so that extra patrolling may take place during your trip.

You may call the Duquesne Police Department’s non-emergency number at 781-9494.

Do You Need a Permit for That???

The City of Duquesne has ordinances to help protect homeowners from various adverse events that may potentially occur.

The Municipal Code for the City of Duquesne along with the 2006 International Building and Residential Code help protect homeowners from workmanship that is less than standard that could be dangerous and/or costly to homeowners.

In order to ensure our codes

are being enforced to help protect you, building permits are necessary for much of the work that is done to your home and property. Not only are the proper inspections completed, but all contractors and sub-contractors are required to have a city license before beginning work on your property. A city license ensures that the person doing the work on your property has the proper insurance in

place so that you are protected from injuries that may occur or work that is less than standard which could potentially cause you insurance problems.

You can call City Hall at 417-781-5085 to check to see if you need a permit and to ensure that the company you choose has the proper city license and insurance requirements.

Putting in a Pool?



Thinking about those hot dog days of summer and how nice a pool would be?

We can help get you on the right track! Installation of above ground and in-ground pools *require a building permit. All pools in-ground or above ground pools over 24" require fencing* or proper barrier in order to meet the minimum requirements of the 2005 Residential Building Codes which the City of Duquesne currently has in place.

These provisions keep your family and others safe and helps ensure placement of your pool meets the requirements of setbacks and avoids known easements.

Be sure to contact us before installation of your new pool!

Permits are needed for...

Permits are easily obtainable from City Hall at 1501 S. Duquesne.

Building permits are needed anytime that you are doing more than a simple remove/replace type of repair. In other words, if you are planning to "construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish the occupancy of a building or structure, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any electrical, gas,

mechanical or plumbing system" that is regulated by the codes of the city, you need to obtain a permit before work begins.

***Building** –Home new/repair

***Accessory Building**- includes prefabricated

***Electrical**

***Plumbing**

***HVAC**

***Roofs** (new and repair)

***Driveways**

***Sewer**

***Fence**- installation or repair

***Land Disturbance**- If more than one acre of land

***Pools**- above and in-ground

We can get you started on the right track.

Call 417-781-5085 to verify your contractor has a current license and insurance.

Duquesne Codification!

The City of Duquesne had been working towards getting our City codes codified. What does this mean? Our City code will be available online for easy access to the public after final approval.

There will be two public hearings concerning approval of codification:

May 6th and May 13th @ 7p.m.

1501 S. Duquesne / Duquesne City Hall

Target date for online access is the end of May 2019.



Please don't put grass clippings on street, thanks!

**Small City,
BIG Heart!**

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A Little Duquesne History

"All of Missouri, along with 120 million acres of other western lands, were sold to the fledgling US in 1803 as part of the Louisiana Purchase. For \$1200 in cash and \$1500 in merchandise, the Territory that is now Jasper County was purchased in 1808 from the Osage Indians. They were moved from this area to territory designated as the Osage Nation in Oklahoma. The first American settlers began to filter into the region in the 1820s. The Federal Government surveyed the area between 1837 and 1844, and settlers gained legal title to the land. These first pioneers were mostly subsistence farmers from southern states such as Tennessee and South Carolina. Although a few owned slaves, the limited local economy did not make owning large numbers of slaves necessary or economically feasible.

Jasper County was incorporated in 1841, and included the future site of Duquesne. The region suffered greatly during the Civil War, as marauding armies from both sides looted supplies and burned the dwellings of suspected enemies. By 1865 the area was nearly deserted; cattle, horses, and pigs ran wild and piles of ash marked many former homesteads.

During the last quarter of the 19th century, Jasper County more than recovered as the discovery of rich ore deposits & the arrival of the railroads expanded the local economic possibilities. With prosperity and population growth came a demand for more housing. In the 1890s a Joplin realtor sold individual lots in the area east of Joplin, and marked them with a sign that said "Duquesne". The reason behind his choice of the name is unknown, but it stuck. Duquesne began and continues as a mainly residential community.

Expansion of the number of "nice houses" in the mid-20th century triggered the formalization of Duquesne government. Duquesne became a separate entity in 1959 when 2/3 of the "taxable inhabitants and voters" of the proposed town signed a petition requesting incorporation from the State of Missouri. The reason given for this request, namely the "establishing of a police force for the preservation and regulation of the streets and alleys appertaining to and being in the town," was approved by the State on April 24th. A further amended petition was filed in March of the following year, and the Village of Duquesne was born.

Businesses serving the daily needs of local residents became landmarks. Near the current intersection of 7th & Duquesne a store and a spring owned and named for a Mr. Caple provided rest and supplies to families heading further west; this is one of the earliest mentions of the Duquesne area. Coincidentally, in the late 1920's, the Star Grocery and Motel provided the same services at the same intersection to travelers using Route 66. At the same time, a local dairy farmer named William Merritt built a store and gas station on the corner of Duquesne and 20th.

Although many changes have happened over the years, this corner of Duquesne remains a very busy intersection and still has a gas station and convenience store!

The above story retrieved from the *Duquesne Comprehensive Plan 2004.p10-11.2004.*