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CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS—SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome readers to the second edition of your City newsletter. It is so hard to believe, but summer is almost over and the kids are getting ready to go back to school. Once again the "DJ in the Park", an annual event hosted by the City and held on July 26th was a great success. Eminence Day is right around the corner (August 9th) with great events scheduled. We will once again have the "Pie in the Face" event. Luckily, I do not have to participate this year, but they got me last year. A new event called "Bake-Off" is also being planned. If you don't attend you will miss a great Eminence Day.

The Park on Hillcrest Drive has been enjoyed a lot this summer and I am sure it will continue to be used as long as we have the great weather we have been having so far. The pavilions can be reserved for family events by stopping in at City Hall to get your name on the date you need it. The City does anticipate the addition of other recreational venues at the park in the next few years—so stay tuned. Please help us to keep your park clean.

The year 2014 so far has seen many changes within the City with the addition of new businesses, tearing down of the old "Brunswick" factory, and ongoing improvements to our sewer system. All of the new businesses are thriving thanks to your continued loyalty and patronage by shopping and dining at home. Please continue to shop for your needs locally at existing and new businesses. I am sure if they don't have something you need, all you have to do is tell the management and I am sure they would order it for you.

I encourage your participation in your City and invite you to attend our council meetings which occur on the second Monday of each month at 6:15 p.m.

As mentioned before, I can always be reached by leaving a message at City Hall at 845-4159 or on my cell at 743-1012. I will always listen to your concerns. I am here to serve you, so don't hesitate to contact me or any of the Council.

Drane Stephens, Mayor

Clip & Save This List of Helpful Numbers

Eminence Dispatch	911
Police Administration	845-4744
Fire Administration	845-7600
Circuit Court	845-2868
District Court	845-7551
County Clerk	845-5705
County Judge	845-5707
Eminence City Hall	845-4159
Eminence Water Works	845-4268
Eminence Independent School	845-5427
Henry County Library	845-5682
Health Department	845-2882
Child Support Enforcement	845-7655
Kentucky Utilities	800-981-0600
LG&E	800-331-7370
Planning and Zoning	845-7760
Property Valuation Administration	845-5740
Rumpke (Trash & Recycling)	800-678-6753

Mark Your Calendar for these important dates!

Eminence Day—August 9, 2014

Trick or Treat on Main—Date TBD

Halloween @ Highland Renaissance—Date TBD

Light Up Eminence—December 6, 2014



SEWER EXPANSION PROJECT:

The City's sewer expansion project to allow for more capacity is progressing smoothly. The sludge removal from the lagoons is now complete. Construction to upgrade equipment and make our system more efficient and also increase our capacity from .5 MGD to .75 MGD is scheduled to start soon. Completion, weather permitting, is still scheduled for late winter. As a reminder, the City has received a \$647,000.00 CDBG grant and a \$350,000.00 HB 608 grant to do this work. Other funds needed will be taken from local reserve funds or a low interest loan. No additional increase in water and sewer rates are expected other than the normal annual increase of 1-1/2 percent. Any questions, please feel free to give us a call.

Please help us keep our system operating smoothly—see plant operator article on next page about un-flushable items.

CODE RED??

Have you signed up yet? Code Red is an emergency alert system offered free by the City that provides you with impending weather information, and it is also used to provide updates on trash pickup, notice of events in the City and other information as needed.

Go to our website at www.eminencekentucky.com and get signed up. If you do not have access to do this yourself, give us a call and we will get you signed up.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

City Clerk/Treasurer Sandra Doane has been with the City since 1980 and became its City Clerk on January 1, 1981. Sandy is a certified Kentucky and International Master Municipal Clerk and was named Kentucky Clerk of the Year in 2011 by her peers. Sandy is married to Danny Doane and has one son, Matthew Doane, who is a third year law student at University of Kentucky. She also has four beloved stepchildren; Mary (Katy) Doane, Belinda Ohlmann, Becky Woodson, and William (Casey) Doane. She also has seven step-grandchildren and one step great-grandchild. Sandy is a lifetime resident of Henry County having graduated from Henry County High School in 1971. Her parents are Wilbur and Sue Arington of Smithfield.



In addition to her job with the City, Sandy is active in her church. She enjoys Kentucky Basketball and Football, reading, shopping, dancing, and having fun with her family and friends.

Sandy has seen many changes throughout the years with the City and has a wealth of knowledge pertaining to management and budgeting. We are honored she has chosen to stay with us so many years. Sandy is always willing to lend a hand when needed.

Please help us in congratulating Sandy.

ONLINE BILL PAY

Too busy to drop by and make your water/sewer/trash bill payment at our office? Although we love to see you, we do have a solution for you. You can now pay your water/sewer/trash bill online by going to our website at www.eminencekentucky.com. The credit card company does charge a fee based upon the amount of your bill.

Upcoming Office Closing Dates:
September 1, 2014—Labor Day
November 11, 2014—Veterans Day
November 27 & 28, 2013 —Thanksgiving Holiday

Not So “Flushable”

A public announcement by Matt McAllister, City of Eminence Wastewater Plant Facility Operator

Many things will flush down the commode with a jiggle of the handle. However, most people don't understand the affect it has on a sewer system once it leaves their home. What you flush makes a long winding journey to the City's Wastewater Treatment Facility.

There are many obstacles along the way. The sewer collection system is made up of piping, joints, traps, elbows, service taps, manholes, floats, pumps, bar screens, etc... These obstacles are not an issue for typical flushable items like toilet tissue that are designed to break down almost instantly. They are however a major hurdle for objects that claim to be flushable but don't share the same disintegrative properties.



Toilet Paper on the left disintegrates almost immediately. Not the case with the wipes on the right.

All across the nation, wastewater facilities are reporting the difficulties associated with feminine products and wet wipes advertised as “flushable.” Included are baby wipes, wet ones, feminine pads, and disposable hand towels. These manufacturers are claiming that their new and improved product can be flushed without issue. This is not the case. Sure, a lot of things can be flushed down the commode but where does it end up after that? A simple small tree root that has made its way into your service line can act as an anchor for that wipe or feminine product. Consider if you flush 10 per day and they all hang up on that same tree root. By the end of the week, you have a major blockage in your service line which could cause septic sewer to back up into your home. This is going to cost you time and money in major repairs and unsightly lawn damage. If the product even makes it out of your sewer service line, you can bet it doesn't make it much further.



The accumulation of matted up wipes and pads becomes a large impassable mass which blocks the ordinary flow of wastewater

If those items claimed to be flushable do finally make it out of your line and into our collection system, it faces a whole new set of difficulties. The City's wastewater travels through gravity sewer mains into sewer lift pumping stations which then makes its way to our wastewater facility. Inside these pumping stations are wires, chains, pumps, and brackets all ready to snag and hold onto any non-deteriorating object that floats by. On occasion the weight of the accumulated wipe or pad can even be enough to snap electric wires that provide the power to the floats and pumps. The collection of these non-deteriorating products inside our pumps will either greatly reduce its pumping ability or lock it up completely. This results in the City spending thousands every year in pump repairs, manpower, and equipment maintenance. We also spend a great deal of time and money unblocking clogged gravity lines and backed up sewer manholes.



Pump locked up with accumulation of supposed “flushable” wipes

Eminence, like other municipalities is subject to rules and regulations set forth by the State of Kentucky as well as the Federal Environmental Protection Agency. Increases in overflows caused by these blockages as well as hindering the effectiveness of the sewer collection system can result in issued violations from these governing bodies. This in turn costs the City and you the tax payer, time and money.

In conclusion, please be mindful of what you flush. The big wipe and feminine product manufacturers are unaware of the impact it has on sanitary sewer systems. That \$5.00 package printed “flushable” costs a lot more in the long run. This issue affects everyone. The added expenses and negative impacts these non-flushable items have on our sanitary sewer system is significant. If the



problem is not alleviated soon, these extra expenses will likely be passed on to you, the tax payer. Please dispose of them accordingly to save yourself and the City a lot of time and money resolving the issues they cause.

Thank you for your cooperation.

