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CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS—SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH @ 6:15 P.M.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome readers to the third edition of your City newsletter. I hope that this newsletter finds everyone doing well as we say goodbye to summer.

Weather permitting please continue to enjoy The Park on Hillcrest Drive. Please help us to keep it clean.

We enjoyed a successful Halloween Fest at the Renaissance Fair this year with approximately 1,625 in attendance. This is a joint venture with the Fair and the City of Eminence. Even though the weather was less than perfect, trick or treating was also a success both on Main Street and residential.

The next event being hosted by the City is Light up Eminence on Saturday, December 6th. Please watch the Henry County Local for more information.

The 2014 property tax bills were mailed on September 30th with the discount being given during the month of October. You can still pay your taxes without penalty through December 31, 2014. During January a 2% penalty will be assessed. On February 1st, a 10% penalty and 1% interest per month will be added with liens for delinquent taxes being filed in May.

As you do your holiday shopping, please consider buying locally whenever possible. If the business does not have what you are looking for, let them know and I'm sure they will try to get it for you.

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 Member of the Council.

Drane Stephens, Mayor

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

I would like to welcome all to our monthly meetings. They are held on the second Monday of each month at Eminence City Hall, 5115 South Main Street. We start our meetings at 6:15. If you wish to address your Mayor and Council, please call ahead to get on the agenda.

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!

December 6, 2014—Light Up Eminence

December 31, 2014—Deadline to Pay 2014 City Property Taxes Without Penalty.



SEWER EXPANSION

PROJECT:

The City's sewer expansion project to allow for more capacity is progressing smoothly. Construction to upgrade equipment and make our system more efficient and also increase our capacity from .5 MGD to .75 MGD is well underway. Completion, weather permitting, is still on target for late winter. As a reminder, this project is being financed with a CDBG grant, a HB608 grant and local funds with no increase in rates expected other than the normal annual increase of 1 1/2 percent.

HOLIDAY GARBAGE COLLECTION

Rumpke does not provide collection on Christmas Day or New Year's Day which will delay pickup one day for the remainder of the week.

Pickup for the week of Christmas will be Saturday, December 27th and the week of New Year's will be Saturday, January 3rd.

This year's winner of the Ronnie Lucas Memorial Award is the entire Eminence Fire Department. This award is given annually to an exceptional volunteer individual or group.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Water Distribution Operator Tim Fitzgerald has been with the City since 1992. Tim is a certified water distribution operator and holds his Class II Sewer Collection License as well. Tim is married to Vickie Evans Fitzgerald and they have two daughters, Timicia Swallen and Brittany Parker. They have two grandchildren Macy Reid Parker and Brady Swallen. Tim is a lifetime resident of Henry County having graduated from Eminence High School in 1975. His parents are Bea Fitzgerald and the late Malcolm Fitzgerald.



In addition to his job with the City, Tim enjoys hunting, fishing, camping and of course his old car. Tim can be seen on a sunny day sporting around Eminence in his 1972 green Chevy Chevelle.

Tim has seen many changes throughout the years with the City and has a wealth of knowledge pertaining to the water and sewer system. We are honored he has chosen to stay with us so many years. Tim is always willing to lend a hand when needed.

Please help us in congratulating Tim.

DON'T FORGET OUR 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:

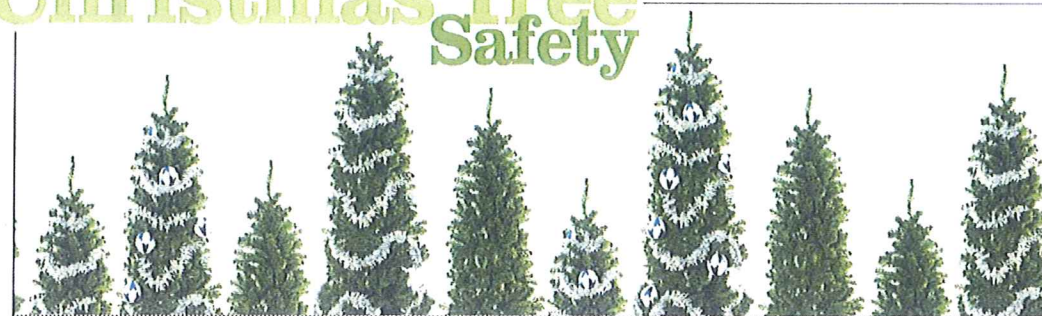
November 27 & 28, 2014 —Thanksgiving Holiday

December 24, 25, & 26th, 2014—Christmas Holiday

December 31, 2014—Closed 1/2 Day—New Years Eve

January 1, 2015—New Years' Day

Christmas Tree Safety



As you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart. A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly.

PICKING THE TREE

» Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.

PLACING THE TREE

» Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" from the base of the trunk.

» Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.

» Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.

» Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.

LIGHTING THE TREE

» Use lights that have the label of a recognized testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.

» Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini string sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of LED strands to connect.

» Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.

» Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

After Christmas

Get rid of the tree after Christmas or when it is dry. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home. Check with your local community to find a recycling program. Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.

FACTS

- ❗ One of every three home Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical failures.
- ❗ Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious.
- ❗ A heat source too close to the tree causes roughly **one in every six** of the fires.

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