

NEWSLETTER



Fall, 2006

FALL TUNE UP

With fall in full swing, leaves shall be removed from the property, unless mulched or recycled. **All yard waste must be placed in paper bags or a labeled container and shall not exceed 35 lbs. in weight.** Your cooperation in maintaining your grass and yard in accordance with City ordinances is vital in keeping Roosevelt Park an attractive place to live. Yard Waste pickup will end on **November 25, 2006.**

HALLOWEEN

Halloween will be celebrated Tuesday, October 31, 2006. "Trick or Treating" has been set from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Residents wanting to participate should turn on their porch lights so the little ghosts and goblins will know they can stop at your house. Please turn **off your porch lights at 7:00** to discourage any late night "trick or treaters".

2006 GENERAL ELECTION

The General Election will be held on November 7, 2006. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. To be eligible to vote in this election you must have registered to vote by October 10th. If you are over 60 or plan to be absent from the community on Election Day you may apply for an absentee ballot. If you wish to be on the permanent Absent Voter list, please call City Hall.

City of Roosevelt Park residents will be voting for two Council Members. Three are running for two City Council seats: Judy Van Westen, Jeff Lenartowicz and Robert Friel.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS VACANCY

There is a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). The ZBA meets on the Second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. on an as-needed basis. If you are interested in filling this vacancy, please call or stop by City Hall to get an application.

GARBAGE SERVICE

On January 1, 2007 the existing garbage service contract expires and a new contract has been signed with RMS. Garbage collection will be one day only - Tuesday. New Garbage rules and guidelines will be enclosed in your next water bill. **Please keep it handy.**

DOG LICENSES

Dog tags will be available for purchase at City Hall starting December 1st and will be available until March 1st. To obtain your dog tags you will need a valid rabies certificate and proof as to whether your pet has been spayed or neutered.

UTILITY BILL CHANGE

Beginning December 1, 2006, all business' and residents in the City of Roosevelt Park will receive their water and sewer bill on the same dates throughout the year. These dates are the first day of December, March, June, and September. Currently the City of Roosevelt Park bills one third of the City each month. This change is an attempt for the City to utilize its human and fiscal resources more efficiently.

Since the beginning of 2005, the City has cut its Public Works full-time staff by 20% and its part-time hours by over half. Even with the staff reductions, the City still attempts to provide the same level of service to its residents. Billing all customers at the same time will free up staff time for the routine duties that were performed when staffing was at normal levels in the Public Works Department.

Beginning December 1, 2006, all water and sewer customers will receive a bill; even if you received a bill around the first of November or October. For these customers, the minimum charges will be automatically adjusted to reflect the shorter time period since the last billing. If you received a water and sewer bill on the first of December, March, June and September will not notice a change. Your bills will be received on the same dates you are accustomed to.

The format of the water bill has also changed for cost cutting and efficiency reasons.

**CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED NOVEMBER 23 & 24TH FOR THANKSGIVING,
DECEMBER 25 & 26 FOR CHRISTMAS AND DECEMBER 29TH FOR THE NEW YEAR.**

Mayor Robert Young
Mayor Pro Tem David Martin
Council Members:
Rick Bleich
Ed Breitenbach
Ed Groszowski
Allan Lowe
Judy Van Westen

City Manager David Boehm, ext. 105
City Clerk Marcia Jeske, ext. 103
Treasurer Tammera Harmsen, ext. 104
DPW Superintendent Matt Farrar, ext. 108
Building Official Tim Villanueva, ext. 109
Police Chief Bill Wiebenga, ext. 114

**City Hall Office Hours 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
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