

NEWS FOR OUR CITY NEIGHBORS

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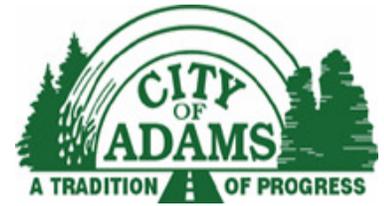
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Message from the Mayor:

DOWNTOWN REBOUND!

Revitalization requires vitality, and the citizens of this community have shown a lot of it! Over the past few months residents have participated in a series of planning sessions with a focus on reclaiming our Main Street as a commercial and recreational destination. City Council initiated the process in May with the appointment of a Downtown Revitalization Committee (DRC). The Committee is comprised of a broad cross-section of volunteer members including: Joe and Kay Kierstyn, Pete Hickethier, Jerry & Kathy Dye, Heidi Roekle, Daric Smith, Pat Sorenson, Gordy Whitemarsh, Steve Lavallee, Carla Byrnes and Darcy Beckmen: Council DRC Members include Bill Kierstyn and Cindy Scott. The City also enlisted the services of Beckett and Raeder Inc. of Ann Arbor, MI to conduct an intensive Main Street market study and to assist with facilitating the planning workshop sessions. We found that collaboration leads to inspiration and a principal objective of the DRC is assuring open opportunity for public participation throughout the course of the planning process. Community involvement has been outstanding however, continued collaboration remains vital! Arrangements are underway to stage the "unveil" of the Main Street design and development strategy at the Adams Community Theatre. This is planned to take place sometime in November and we look forward to seeing you there! To learn more about the City of Adams Revitalization effort go to www.weareaf.com.

Alley Improvements: Response to our newly paved alleys has been extremely positive and the improvements have truly enhanced the character of our back yards. In addition to improving the quality of our neighborhoods, the paved alleys also save in ongoing maintenance costs compared to the gravel based surface. On the subject of alley maintenance, City Ordinance requires that bagged garbage must be placed in covered containers and set out no sooner than 24 hours before scheduled collection. Compliance with the Ordinance is appreciated and proves that our pride is more obvious than our garbage.

Communication from the Chief of Police...

The weather is changing and we all need to be reminded that winter parking goes into effect on November 15th. If you have questions on winter parking please contact the office. As a reminder emergency winter parking regulations can go into effect at anytime. Please listen to WDKM 106.1, watch Channel 4 and other media sources for when an emergency is declared as no parking is allowed on any City street.

School has started so please be careful in and around our schools. Fines are increased for violations in school zones and they can be very costly.

The department will be going around to the 4th grade classes again this year and with the generous support of local businesses and organizations the classes will be given safety booklets with interactive CD's that cover things such as bullying, drugs, home safety and many more topics.

As Halloween is coming please have your children dress safely and make sure to check all the goodies before they eat them. Hours have been set for October 28th from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm in the City.

The department has welcomed Rose Donohue as the new Office Assistant. Rose had retired from Fox Point Police Department and moved to the area along with her husband Tim. Welcome Rose!!

Public Works Publication...

City of Adams leaf collection program and the 2012 fall yard waste collection schedule is now available.

COLLECTION OF LOOSE RAKED LEAVES WILL BEGIN MONDAY OCTOBER 8TH AND THEREAFTER EVERY MONDAY OF EACH WEEK UNTIL DECEMBER 3RD (OR UNTIL ACCUMULATED SNOW IS ON THE GROUND, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST)

Loose Leaf Collection Guidelines: Leaves must be raked to the curb-line in linear rows (within five feet of the curb so equipment can reach the leaves)

Reasons Leaves Are Not Collected:

- Branches, rocks, metal or other debris found in leaf piles. This poses a very hazardous situation
- Animal waste in the leaf piles
- Leaves are too close to a utility pole, tree or mailbox. Best to have leaves at least three feet from these obstacles
- A parked vehicle is obstructing access to the leaves
- Leaves are placed in the alley; leaf collection equipment cannot maneuver in the narrow alley-way. Bag leaves can be collected in the alley.

Leaf Collection Alternatives (Bagged Leaves): The City collects bagged leaves (or grass clippings) each Wednesday. Leaves and grass clippings must be placed in paper recyclable bags. Leaves or grass clippings placed in plastic bags will not be collected.

Compost Site: For City residents only, leaves and brush can be brought to the City compost site. The site is located behind the City of Adams public works building (101 N. Juneau St.) and is open regular business days, Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Rules of the compost site are posted.

Brush Collection Program: Brush pick-up will be offered the first and third Monday of each month (excluding winter snow months). Brush must be cut to eight feet lengths or less and placed parallel to the curb line. The City's brush collection service is limited to branch & limb trimmings. Removal of trees and lot clearings must be arranged with a private service. Brush may not be set out more than 48 hours before collection dates.

Comments From Your Clerk...

Utility Deferred Agreements – Are available to those who need them. Save time and additional cost, contact the Clerk's office after your first statement is received.

ELECTION – General Election Tuesday, November 6, 2012. Polls are Open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The Clerk/Treasurer's Office will be closed on Thursday, November 22nd, Friday, November 23rd, Monday, December 24th, Tuesday, December 25th and Tuesday, January 1st.

The City has Centennial Items for sale. They would make great gifts or stocking stuffers!