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Celebrate Independence Day at Freedom Fest

Freedom Fest is just around the corner and a big party is in the works to celebrate the Fourth of July in Louisburg.

The Independence Day celebration kicks off at 6 pm at Lewis-Young Park with the fireworks show, provided by the Fire Department, about 9:30.

Lots of activities and fun are planned for the evening. The Duke Mason Band will perform a variety of tunes including country, old time rock and roll and even a bit of Elvis. Papa Scott's Street Eats will be on hand serving up a variety of fare including fried pickles, burgers, Parmesan fries and more.

There will be inflatables for the kids with single ride tickets sold or a wristband for unlimited rides.

New this year will be Face Fancies Face Painting. Two artists will be on hand to create masterpieces on faces young and old alike. There is no charge for this activity.

Several businesses and organizations will have booths with free games and handouts available. The Lions Club will have their annual bike giveaway. Area businesses and organizations have also donated items for door prizes including T-Bones tickets. The Louisburg Police Department has donated a four-pack of Royals tickets.

A free-will offering is taken at the park entrance to help defray the cost of fireworks.



Photo courtesy Face Fancies

City seeks input on stormwater survey

If you know of a spot that becomes a lake during a thunderstorm or a street that floods on a regular basis, the City of Louisburg wants to hear from you.

The city council recently contracted with Olsson Associates to complete a stormwater management master plan. This plan will review stormwater issues inside the city limits, help determine problem areas and prioritize improvements that can be made to address these issues.

As part of their work, Olsson Associates team members will conduct a visual assessment of the community. Residents are also being asked to participate in a stormwater survey. A copy of the survey is included with this newsletter. Please take a moment and fill it out and return it to City Hall or send it via mail or by email to Olsson Associates. The survey is also available on the City's website and can be filled out and returned electronically.

Resident surveys are due by July 30.



The city will be conducting a citizen survey looking for input on stormwater issues like this one near S. Sixth and Mulberry.

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Look ahead by looking back

This time of year is always a time of self-reflection. Many high school and college seniors have graduated and it is always exciting for young people as they have accomplished a major life achievement and are ready to pursue their dreams and goals in life.

Dr. Biermann, Louisburg schools superintendent, told the 2018 graduates they are special since they are graduating during the year of the city's sesquicentennial celebration. He challenged them as to what their lives will look like in the next 50 years, when the next time capsule is opened.

This is also a good time for us to reflect a little bit on some of the things happening with the City of Louisburg. We celebrated the new Broadway with a ribbon cutting in May. The 20-year comprehensive plan is complete and the City Council is setting goals using the plan. We are moving forward with the long-range plan of building a new waste water treatment facility in order to stay within state and federal compliance.

The city staff has recently been questioned about the care of the cemetery. It is being taken care of in an appropriate manner and will continue to be so in the future.

It is an exciting time to be a part of city government. I am continually amazed at the dedication of the city staff, police and fire departments and other city departments. They continually work hard and strive to do a great job for the citizens of Louisburg. As always, please continue to call me and share your feelings as we work to make our town a great place to call home.



Burn permits

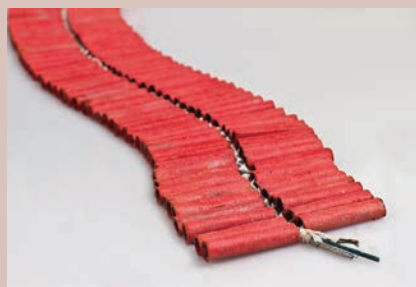
The Louisburg Fire Department is changing the way it processes burn permits for those living in the Louisburg Fire District, which is generally the rural area surrounding Louisburg.

The permits are available on the homepage of the City's website rather than needing to make a stop at the fire station to pick up a permit.

Residents of the city aren't required to have a permit but must call the Miami County Sheriff's Office at 913-294-4444 Option 4 prior to burning. Burning is only allowed inside the city limits on Fridays and Saturdays.

Burning is permitted from one hour after sunrise to one hour after sundown. You must remain at the burn location for the duration of the burn.

**BURN
PERMIT**



Fireworks illegal in city

Fireworks inside the city limits are illegal. This includes firecrackers, sparklers, Roman candles and any other similar type of combustible or explosive device.

Be safe this year and enjoy the Freedom Fest fireworks show at Lewis-Young Park.

You've got a question? We've got the answer!

With many people planning summer projects and trips, city staff gets asked lots of the same questions each year.

Many of the answers can be found in the city's Planning and Zoning regulations, available at City Hall or on the City's website.

One of the common questions focuses on gravel driveways. New gravel driveways are not permissible in the city. The regulation states all off-street parking including driveways shall be paved with asphalt, concrete or asphaltic concrete.

Any gravel drive that was in place prior to the regulations' adoption in 1996 can stay in place. A top dressing of gravel can be installed but the area must not be enlarged. If it is enlarged, that triggers the need to pave the area.

Additionally all single-family homes built after 1996 must have a garage or carport.

Carports are allowed in the city. Carports are an accessory structure much like a detached garage.

Both carports and detached garages must not exceed a three-car capacity or be larger than 36 feet by 24 feet with side walls taller than 10 feet. These types of structures can be put in the side or rear yard but not the front yard. Carports or detached garages larger than 150 square foot must have a hard-surface drive.

Carports and detached garages are like sheds and considered an accessory building. Accessory buildings that are 150 square feet or smaller don't require a permit. An accessory building larger than 150 square foot will require a permit. There are also design standards these larger structures must follow. An example

is they have to be built of similar material as the main structure.

Another frequent question is about recreation vehicles.

Travel trailers and similar RVs may only be parked on city streets for 36 hours. These vehicles may only be parked in the owner's driveway for 48 hours for the purpose of loading and unloading the RV.

Such vehicles may be stored at the owner's home but must be parked in the side yard on a concrete pad or other hard surface.

Fences are another summer project that generates lots of questions. All fence construction requires a building permit.

Fence heights are limited to three foot to 8 foot depending on location of the fence. Fences that are constructed in the side or rear yard shall not extend any further into the front yard than the front of the residence. Side and rear yard fences on interior lots may be constructed adjacent to the property line. Side and rear yard fences constructed on a corner lot shall maintain a 10 foot setback from the property line on the side adjacent to the street.

Fences should be constructed with support posts and vertical or horizontal support.

If a fence is built in an easement, it is done at the property owner's risk. The city or utility is not responsible for fence repair or replacement when a fence is built in an easement and repair or service to the utility is required.

Before constructing a fence, the builder is required to call Kansas One-Call, 811, for a utility locate.

Deck construction is often another summertime project and also needs a building permit.



Adding a new gravel driveway to your residence is not allowed in the city limits per the city's Building and Zoning regulations.

Generally decks require a 25-foot rear yard setback.

A residential deck guideline is available with the permit application on the City's website.

Decks require 36-inch deep footings and require inspections for pier holes, deck hangers and final approval.

Decks, like fences, require that any contractor doing excavating be licensed with the city.

These are all general guidelines and before any project is started, it's a good idea to call City Hall for complete regulations.

Getting to know.....

Louisburg Aquatic Center



Unseasonably warm weather Memorial Weekend had many people flocking to the opening weekend of the Louisburg Aquatic Center.

The Louisburg Aquatic Center is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. A birthday bash is planned later in the year. Watch for details.

The City Council wants to explore making improvements to the facility in the next few years. A survey has been developed that will ask patrons some general questions about the pool and what features they would like to see added to the pool. The survey is included along with this newsletter. It can be filled out and returned to City Hall or placed in a drop box at the pool. The survey is also available online on the homepage of the City's website and may be completed electronically. Additional copies may be picked up at City Hall.

Surveys are due by July 30. All family members are encouraged to fill out a survey but are asked to only complete one survey per family member.

The pool season is from Memorial weekend until the second Sunday in August. Pool hours are noon to 8 pm Monday through Friday and noon to 7:30 pm on weekends.

Lap swim is offered each evening from 8-9 Monday through Friday. Water aerobics are from 7-8 pm Monday and Tuesday evenings and are taught by instructors from the Louisburg Athletic Club. Athletic club members get in free; all others are charged a \$5 instructor fee per class.

The pool is also available for rentals Thursday through Sunday after normal hours. The rental fee starts at \$250 and goes up based on the number of guests. Pool rental reservations should

be made at City Hall.

Swim lessons are conducted by the Louisburg Barracuda swim team. Two sessions are offered in June and one in July. Information can be found on their website: www.louisburgbarracudas.com.

The pool's severe weather policy calls for the pool to close if lightning or storms are in the area. Depending on the situation, the pool may close temporarily, a few hours or the rest of the day. During a closure, guests will shelter in the bathrooms until it is safe to leave or someone comes to pick them up. Guests may also return to their cars to wait out any storm. No one will be allowed to loiter in unprotected areas around the pool.

The pool's answering machine will have updated information if the pool closes early due to weather. That number is 913-837-3555.

CALENDAR & REMINDERS

- July 4 Freedom Fest, Lewis-Young Park. Fun starts at 6 p.m. Fireworks around 9:30.
- Resident stormwater survey due by July 30.
- Pool survey due by July 30.
- Money is still available in the Facade of Louisburg Improvement Program. Information and applications are available on the homepage on the City's website.