

RUSSELLVILLE NEWS

City of Russellville, Missouri
Summer 2022
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A message from the Clerk's Desk... The past two years have been challenging to say the least, no one was left unaffected by the pandemic. We lost family members and friends, treasures who can never be replaced and certainly not forgotten. Our lives have been forever changed.

I thought this would be a great time to reintroduce our Newsletter. We are always looking for ways to improve and enhance our communications with you and a newsletter is an effective and personal platform. It is exciting to see the growth and changes taking place in our community. We plan to publish a newsletter, however brief, as often as time allows. Let us know if there is a topic you would like to see included!

The Mayor, Board of Aldermen, and the Clerk's Office hope you find our newsletter helpful and informative!

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GRASS CLIPPINGS
LEAVES
TREE TRIMMINGS
YARD WASTE



We appreciate our residents taking pride in their property and their efforts to keep their yards mowed, raked, and generally cleaned up. We want to put our best foot forward, not only for ourselves, but for visitors and those who may be considering Russellville as their future home.

It is the City's job to keep streets clean and city right-of-way storm water drainage systems (pipes/ditches) clear and open to control the proper flow of stormwater. **We ask for your help by not blowing grass clippings or raking leaves into streets or along curb and gutters.** As this debris collects on the streets, it clogs the storm water drainage systems, which could result in uncontrolled flows backing up into yards or basements. Safety is a critical issue for motorcyclists and bicyclists as accumulated leaves and grass clippings become slick and pose a potential skid hazard. Please collect all grass clippings and leaves that are in the street and dispose of properly. **Remember to take advantage of the City's yard waste disposal site - free to use for residents of Russellville.**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen extend their thanks and want you to know they appreciate everyone's cooperation and efforts that help us keep our community looking its best at all times!

YARD WASTE DISPOSAL SITE



We are happy to report that many of you have taken advantage of the free Yard Waste Disposal Site for your disposal of **tree trimmings, yard waste, brush, grass clippings, leaves, and flower bed debris.**

The site is monitored by PeopleService Public Works staff for compliance and is available during normal business hours Monday through Friday. Arrangements can be made to have the gate open on weekends or evenings. Please call James at 573-338-4001 to make sure the gate is open or for special scheduling.

Dates will be announced for special times and events such as Christmas Tree disposal and in response to storm damage events. The site is available to city residents only. Stumps, landscaping timbers, building materials, yard waste in plastic bags, trash, white goods, tires, etc. will **NOT** be accepted.

WATER LOSS

Unaccounted for water loss continues to be an issue for us. We understand when you are upset when your water bill is higher than expected and do everything we can to help troubleshoot the problem with you.

It may be a leaking faucet, a service line break or leak that hasn't been detected, or a running toilet - that is the first place we say to look. Water softeners can recycle and run water constantly through the system; hot water heaters can leak, often into an open floor drain, completely undetected. Outside hydrants can be left on or have broken piping or valves that can add tremendous usage to a bill.

Increased usage is common during the spring and summer months as flowerbeds are planted and pools are filled. These increased volumes do not affect your sewer bill as our annual sewer average is calculated using December, January, and February usage (residential only).

A brochure providing water-saving tips can be found on Page 4.

NON-FLUSHABLES

Another area of concern is the continued flushing of items into the sanitary sewer system that should never be flushed. These items can cause damage to your plumbing, and if they manage to get into the municipal sewer system, expensive damage to lift station pumps can occur.

Pumps become clogged and fail, often resulting in sewage overflows. Outside firms must be called to pump out the lift station to allow staff access to pull the pumps. Only then can they determine if the pump needs repair or replacement.

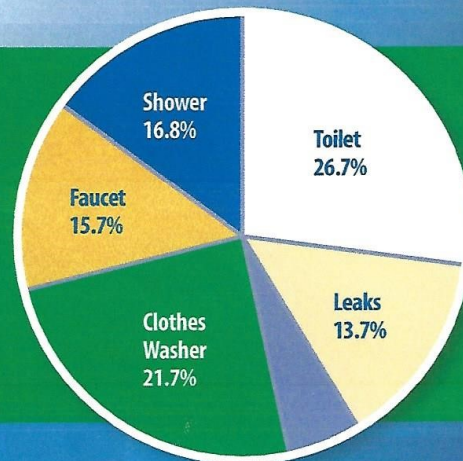
Overflows are a violation of the city's Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Sewer System Operating Permit (NPDES) and must be reported to DNR. Fines can be assessed by DNR for repeated violations. All efforts are made to control operating costs. However, each of these events can cost thousands of dollars.

Lift Stations have an alarm system in the event of failure. Should you see a red light on the control panel flashing or hear the alarm, please call the PeopleService emergency number 1-888-861-1921 immediately.

A brochure detailing non-flushables can be found on Page 5. Thank you in advance for keeping your drains clean and our sewer system free of non-flushable items.

Water: Our Most Vital Resource!

Here Are Some Tips On Reducing
Water Usage In Your Home



How Much Water Do We Use?

Source: American Water Works Association Research Foundation, "Residential End Uses of Water", 1999

Indoor Tips

- Check toilets for leaks. Older toilets use between 3.5 and 7 gallons of water per flush. They can lose up to 100 gallons a day undetected.
- Take baths or shorten shower time. Five minutes for showering or about five inches in the tub is plenty.
- Never let the water run. A bathroom faucet generally runs at 2 gallons of water per minute. By turning off the tap while brushing your teeth or shaving, a person can save more than 200 gallons of water per month.
- Keeping a pitcher of water in the refrigerator saves time and water instead of running the tap until it gets cold.
- High-efficiency washing machines can conserve large amounts of water. Newer, energy- and water-conserving models can use less than 27 gallons of water per load in comparison to 50 gallons or more in traditional models.
- Use your dishwasher only for full loads. Not rinsing dishes prior to loading the dishwasher could save up to 10 gallons per load.

- Hand wash dishes by filling up the sink. An open tap can use up to 20 gallons of water, but filling the sink or a bowl and closing the tap saves 10 of those gallons.

Outdoor Tips

- Water lawns only when needed and in the coolest part of the day. Deep soak the lawn so moisture reaches to roots where it will do the most good.
- Don't run the hose while washing the car. Clean the car with a pail of soapy water and use the hose just to rinse.
- Check all faucets and pipes for leaks. Just a slow drip can waste 15 to 20 gallons per day.

Unrepaired Leaks Can Be Costly (Water Loss In Gallons)

A hole this size	●													
Loss per day	120	360	693	1,200	1,920	3,096	4,296	6,640	6,984	8,424	9,888	11,324	12,720	14,952
Loss per month	3,600	10,800	20,790	36,000	57,600	92,880	128,880	199,200	209,520	252,720	296,640	339,720	381,600	448,560

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Campaign For **Clean** Drains

Remember, Your Toilet is NOT a Trash Can!

BE AWARE

of what you're flushing

LEARN

what should and shouldn't be flushed

CHANGE

your old habits and keep your drains clean

The following items should **NEVER** be flushed down the drain:

- Cleaning wipes, paper towels
- Dental floss and teeth whitening strips
- Baby wipes, disposable diapers
- Needles, syringes and other medical waste
- Feminine hygiene products
- Coffee grounds
- Kitty litter
- Toilet seat covers
- Rags, towels, washcloths, mop/cleaning brush refills
- Cotton balls and cotton swabs

Many things that should go in the trash are being flushed down our toilets. This includes baby wipes, facial wipes, paper towels, even disposable diapers. **These products do not dissolve.** Many household cleaning products are labeled as "disposable" or "safe for sewers and septic systems," but the truth is, they're not. **Throw them in the trash where they belong!**



You risk damage to your home plumbing every time you flush the wrong thing down your toilet. And if the city treatment plant gets backed up, it affects everyone. Toilets, sewer pipes and wastewater treatment facilities were originally designed to transport and handle toilet paper and human waste only.



Don't flush trouble.

Trash goes in the trash can – even if the product is labeled flushable.

Throw it. Don't flush it!

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PROJECTS

Cole County 1/2 Cent Sales Tax Projects

Every five years, Cole County presents a 1/2 cent sales tax initiative to the voters for public works improvements. Once approved, each incorporated community in the County is allocated \$100,000 for their road and street repair program. The following projects were completed with the city's allocation from the 2016-2021 program

Twin Peaks Drive Reconstruction and Paving	Cindy Lane Milling/Paving/Culvert Extension
Park Street Culvert Replacement	Valley Drive Large Patch Repair (concrete)
Bond/Strobel Drive Reconstruction/Paving	Vine Court Partial Repair/Paving (street collapse)
Matheis Street Repair (Watermain Break)	

2022-2027 Five-Year Plan

The current Five-Year 1/2/ Cent Sales Tax was approved by Cole County voters November 2021, continuing this important infrastructure funding program. The City's allocation of \$100,000 allows us the ability to make critically needed improvements to our local transportation system infrastructure, leveraging the city's limited street budget to make improvements.

The following projects were identified and prioritized during the 2022 budget process. As you can tell, there are many more project needs than available resources. Cole County Public Works recently bid projects for completion this year. With the current economic environment, we were extremely pleased with the lower than expected bids for this work.

Unfunded projects will be kept on the list and will be re-evaluated and re-prioritized according to need should future transportation funds become available. The City will continue to pursue grant funds for improvements to our transportation infrastructure.

Construction will begin in August (weather dependent) on the projects highlighted below in BLUE, totaling \$98,673.41.

Hatler Street:	Cold Milling/Asphalt Overlay	\$ 44,707.03
Vine Court:	Cold Milling/ Asphalt Overlay/Curb & Gutter	\$ 35,786.35
McDavitt Street:	Cold Milling/Asphalt Overlay/Curb and Gutter	\$ 18,180.03
	TOTAL FUNDED	\$ 98,673.41
Bond Drive:	Full Width Mill/Asphalt Overlay	\$ 27,093.75
Valley Drive:	Cold Mill/Asphalt Overlay	\$ 34,515.00
Brown Lane:	Grade/Shape, Add Base Rock/Asphalt	\$ 16,344.25
Matheis Street:	Cold Mill/Asphalt Overlay	\$ 35,336.25
Smith Street:	Cold Mill/Asphalt Overlay/Curb and Gutter	\$ 83,980.00
Park Street:	Cold Mill/Asphalt Overlay	\$ 23,049.00
	TOTAL UNFUNDED	\$ 220,318.25

RECENT PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

Street and Stormwater Improvements Project



Project Accomplishments: Street improvements and mitigation of localized stormwater issues were the priorities of this important project for the community. Approximately 3,100 LF of reconstruction or resurfacing was completed on Marion Street and portions of Simpson Street and Valley Drive. Marion Street was reconstructed and paved from Route C to Brown Lane, with the remaining section ending at Jefferson Street milled and paved.

Stormwater drainage improvements were made along Simpson Street near Route C (approximately 200 LF of ditch repair) and the alleyway west of Marion off Brown Lane (220 LF of ditch repair), controlling stormwater in these localized areas. Simpson Street was milled/paved from Route C to Grace Street. Stormwater work was also completed on Valley Drive and Hill Crest Drive, including the installation of underground stormwater piping, drop inlet, and repaving of the affected roadway.

Funding: This project was a cooperative effort between the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), Cole County Commission and Department of Public Works, and the City of Russellville. The following is a breakdown of funding:

CDBG	\$ 500,000 (Public Facilities/Infrastructure Grant)
Cole County	\$ 220,000 (Small Communities Grant)
City	\$ 8,500 (\$7,000 Required Match) /
City	\$ 500 In-Kind Match (Clerk-administrative services)

Marty Masters Landscaping and Construction (MMLC), Eugene, MO was the general contractor, with Bartlett and West providing engineering design and construction phase services.

City Park Improvements



When you visit our parks, we want you to have an enjoyable experience and are working hard to make improvements to our parks. Through the Missouri Department of Natural Resources Scrap Tire Material grant program, we received six new tables for the open pavilion. The pavilion is available year round at no charge (reservations not taken).

The beautiful City Park gazebo received a facelift through the construction of a beautiful metal roof, generously donated by Bob Scruggs and Scruggs Lumber Company.

The shelter house exterior and interior have been painted, new curtains in the main room and kitchen, and additional chairs and tables have been added so larger groups can also use the facility. Call or email City Hall to reserve your date.



Deposit \$75.00 (to hold reservation/returnable); Rent \$50.00 per day.

New lighting has been installed in the pavilion and throughout the grounds of City Park to enhance safety. If you see West Ward Alderman Dana Frisby while you are out and about, please tell him thank you for his hard work as the City's Parks and Recreation Director.

RECENT PROJECTS

City Hall Improvements Project



The onset of COVID-19 in the spring of 2020 completely changed how businesses, including the city, conducted business and provided services to customers. The health and safety of our customers and visitors to City Hall and our staff was always paramount.

We took advantage of the time City Hall was closed to the public to make changes to City Hall to improve access into the building. “City Hall” was relocated to the Clerk’s home for the duration of the shutdown and construction. Meetings were held at the City Park Shelter House during this time.

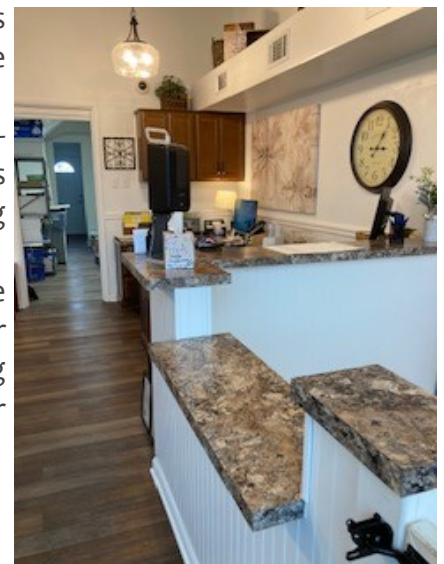
A new ADA ramp was constructed, the adjoining sidewalk along Simpson Street was improved, a new ADA-compliant entrance door, complete with an automatic door opener, was installed, and the exterior of the building painted. The City now has the capability to hold public hearings, town halls, and other meetings that require ADA accessibility.

As the city-funded ADA Accessibility Project was underway, COVID relief in the form of CARES Act grants became available. Two CARES Act grants totaling \$21,970 were awarded by Cole County Commission in 2020 (November and December) for COVID-related improvements to the interior of City Hall.

Plans were implemented to construct a new customer service counter and reception area inside the front doorway, providing critical separation for the customer and the clerk. An ADA/wheelchair-accessible desk was also included. Technology was updated including a ViewBoard for presentations and remote meetings.

New waterproof vinyl plank flooring was installed, allowing for improved cleaning capability; the HVAC system was upgraded to improve building air quality, new overhead lighting and new desk area for the Clerk were installed.

City Hall reopened to the public in April 2021 and the Shelter House was open for rentals once again. We extend our thanks to our customers for your patience and understanding during the shutdown and construction. We are proud of our City Hall - we hope you are too!



GENERAL CODE

The City contracted General Code of Manchester, Missouri to provide critically needed ordinance codification. Codification is a complex and time-consuming process, resulting in the development of an up to date, organized, and easy to use Code.

Legislation is gathered by topic and systematically arranged into an accurate and enforceable Code of laws. The Code ensures that local ordinances are always consistent, well-organized, and easily accessible to the community and others.

**You can find our Code online at: www.ecode360.com/RU3805
or by visiting our new website to access the Code through our portal.**

NEW CITY WEBSITE

We are pleased to announce the launch of the city's new website. We appreciate your patience during the planning and construction of the site. Unfortunate delays were encountered through the pandemic but the site is now active. If there is something missing or that you would like to see included, please let us know! Websites are living documents, always changing.

The site is very user-friendly, that was our goal. There are several "quick links" at the bottom of the home page - one will take you to our bill pay service, one to our city code. A calendar will show upcoming events. You will be able to see if the City Park Shelter House is available to rent for your parties or events. The Shelter House is available for rental all year for \$50.00 a day. At the bottom of each page is a contact message box for your use. We look forward to hearing from you!

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Local businesses will have the opportunity to sponsor a listing on our website at an annual rate of \$30.00 per listing, with this first year prorated to \$15.00, renewable each year by December 31st for the following year. Your business name, address/phone, type of service, logo if you have one, can be included. If you have a website, a link can be included to your site.

A letter is going out to all of our local businesses - we hope you take advantage of this opportunity to promote your business and help support our website.

You can access our new website at: www.cityofrussellvillemo.com



We are here for you!

If you have questions or concerns, or just need information, we are here to help! Feel free to stop by City Hall, call or email, or contact PeopleService, Mayor Morgan or any of our Board Members.

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After Hours	1-888-861-1921	

EMERGENCIES/CRIMINAL COMPLAINTS/DOGS

Call 911 for Fire/Health/Accident Emergencies
For Complaints: Cole County Sheriff's Dept. Call 911 or County Dispatch at 573-634-6400

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

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CITY HALL HOURS

8:30am-5:00 pm Monday thru Friday (other hours by appointment)

BOARD MEETINGS

Second Thursday of each month 6:00 PM City Hall

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