



City of Herculaneum April 2019 Newsletter



The Herculaneum Board of Aldermen meets on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month in the Board of Aldermen Chambers at 7:00 PM.
www.cityofherculaneum.org City Hall: 636 475-4447

12th ANNUAL ADULT EASTER EGG HUNT - SATURDAY, APRIL 13

The 12th Annual Adult Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the Herculaneum City Park, 776 Joachim Avenue on Saturday evening, April 13. The rain date will be Saturday evening, April 20. The adult Easter egg hunt will begin at 8:00 p.m. with the gates opening at 6:30 p.m. Participants must be 16 years of age and older to participate in the egg hunt. Admission tickets are required for participation. Advance tickets are available for \$10.00 and can be purchased at City Hall. Tickets will be available at the gate for \$12.00. There is a limit of 200 tickets available for the event.

The adult Easter Egg Hunt will feature 2000 numbered eggs that will be collected by the participants. Six golden eggs will be among the 2000 eggs. The number of eggs to be collected by each participant will be determined by the number of tickets sold. ALL PRIZES will be awarded at 9:00 p.m. by the random drawing of egg numbers.



14th ANNUAL CHILDREN EASTER EGG HUNT - SUNDAY, APRIL 14

The 14th Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the Herculaneum City Park, 776 Joachim Avenue on Sunday, April 14 beginning at 12:00 noon. The actual Easter egg hunt begins at 1:00 pm The rain date for the event will be on Saturday, April 20. Children will hunt eggs in one of the following age categories: under 2 years of age; ages 3 to 4 years; ages 5 to 6 years; 7 to 8 years and 9 to 12 years. Children need to bring their own Easter basket to collect their eggs. Some eggs will contain cash prizes and tickets for special prizes. Easter cakes and drinks will be available.

The Easter Bunny will be available at noon to greet the children and pose for photos. Parents are encouraged to bring their own cameras to take photos. The Easter Egg Hunt is open to all residents of the area free of charge.

For more information about the Children Easter Egg Hunt, please call 636 475-4447 or 314 852-4964.

4TH ANNUAL DOGGIE EASTER EGG HUNT - SUNDAY APRIL 14

The fourth annual Doggie Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Sunday, April 14 at the Herculaneum City Park, 776 Joachim Avenue beginning at 3:30 pm. Rain date for the event will be Saturday, April 20.

Registration fee for the hunt is \$5.00 per dog. Registration and payment can be completed at A4APet Pantry.org.

The event is sponsored by the Advocates 4 Animals Pet Pantry and Rescue located in Herculaneum. For more information, call 314 952-2399.



YARD WASTE COLLECTION IN HERCULANEUM

Yard waste will be collected on the first and third Wednesday of each month from April through November.

Yard waste must be placed in paper yard waste bags or in cans marked as yard waste. Yard waste placed in plastic bags will not be collected.

Limbs will be collected if bundled together and not more than four feet in length.

Yard waste must be set curbside by 6:00 am on scheduled collection days.

13th ANNUAL ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION FRIDAY, APRIL 26

The City of Herculaneum and Herculaneum Today & Tomorrow (HT&T) will host the 13th Annual Arbor Day Celebration on Friday, April 26. The celebration will be held at the Herculaneum City Park beginning at 1:00 pm.

The celebration will include the presentation of the 2018 Tree City USA Award from the Arbor Day Foundation. The City of Herculaneum will be receiving this designation for the twelfth consecutive year.

The celebration will include an Arbor Day proclamation and the announcement of the 5th grade Arbor Day Poster Contest winners. Students from Herculaneum High School band and vocal music programs will participate in the event with various musical selections. Other high school students will participate through Arbor Day poems and readings. The ceremony will also include a tree planting.

Free tree seedlings will be distributed to those in attendance while supplies last.

For information, please call 636 475-4447 or 314 852-4964.

The celebration is open to all residents of Herculaneum and the surrounding communities. Light refreshments will be provided following the ceremony.



SECOND ANNUAL STAR WARS DAY - MAY 4

The Jefferson County Drug Prevention Coalition will sponsor the Second Annual Star Wars Day - "May the 4th Be with You" fundraiser on Saturday, May 4th. The free, family friendly event will be held at the Herculaneum City Park, 776 Joachim Avenue from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

The event will include a Star Wars costume contest, Star Wars themed activities (face paintings, balloon artist, bubble station, galaxy slime, Yoda and Chewbacca puppets, a light sabre personality test and more. Also available at the event will be bounce houses and an inflatable obstacle course. Themed raffle baskets will also be part of the fundraiser.

Concessions including burgers, hot dogs, drinks and Kona Ice will be available for purchase.

All proceeds will benefit the Jefferson County Drug Prevention Coalition.

For more information, please visit the coalition web site at: www.jeffcodpc.org.

CITY WIDE LITTER CLEAN UP ON SATURDAY, APRIL 20

Herculaneum Today & Tomorrow (HT&T) invites volunteers to assist with a city wide clean up on Saturday, April 20 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm (noon). The annual cleanup will focus on picking up litter along the streets, parks and trails.

HT&T encourages individuals, church, school and civic groups to participate in the cleanup. Volunteers should report to the Herculaneum City Park, 776 Joachim Avenue at 8:30 am for assignments. HT&T will provide gloves, bags and safety vests for all participants. HT&T reminds everyone to dress appropriately for the weather and the litter clean up activity.

Come join us as we clean up Herculaneum for Earth Day!

For more information, call 314 852-4964 or 314 766-0644.



SEVERE STORM OUTDOOR WARNING SIRENS

The City of Herculaneum has an Outside Early Warning System to notify residents of severe thunderstorms and tornadoes. The system has two recorded voice messages and warning sirens to warn of impending storms.

CONSTANT WAIL - Tornado Warning
INTERMITTENT BLASTS - Severe Storm Warning

All storm warnings are accompanied by loudspeaker voice announcements.

The storm warning sirens are tested on the 3rd Monday of each month at 10:00 am.

REMEMBER!! Outdoor warning systems are sounded to notify individuals who are outdoors of impending storms. The sirens are not intended to notify individuals inside homes and other buildings.

The safest approach is to be proactive and use all of the information available to protect yourself and your family from threatening weather. Nothing can replace common sense. If a storm is approaching, the lightning alone is a threat. Sirens are only one part of a warning system that includes preparation, NOAA Weather Radio, and local media.

Complete information related to early storm warning sirens and the Code Red Warning System can be found on the City of Herculaneum web site: www.cityofherculaneum.org.



HISTORY OF HERCULANEUM Herculaneum Historical Society



INCORPORATION OF THE CITY OF HERCULANEUM

Prior to World War II, there had been talk about incorporating the town of Herculaneum, but the talks were put on hold as a result of the war. In the late 1940s and throughout the 1950s the idea of incorporation was a topic of discussion. Despite the regular discussion regarding incorporation, there was never a serious attempt to proceed with the legal steps necessary. Most of the public services had always been provided by the St. Joe Lead Company and the town residents were happy with the arrangement.

In the late 1960s there was a move by Jefferson County Water District #7 to annex the Herculaneum area and annexation petitions were also being circulated by Festus and Pevely to include the Herculaneum area. A group of citizens, known as the Herculaneum Citizens Improvement Association, fought the sale of the local Lead Belt Water Company to Water District #7 and the annexation attempts by the towns by Festus and Pevely.

The association felt something had to be done to prevent infringement by other government entities. At the urging of several town residents, Chairman Donald Stotler of the Citizens Improvement Association suggested a feasibility study be conducted regarding the incorporation of Herculaneum. In March of 1968 an incorporation committee was created to develop a proposal for the incorporation. In 1970 a petition drive to incorporate Herculaneum was held. A simple majority of the taxable residents within the proposed boundaries was required before the incorporation could be considered by the Jefferson County Court. Early resistance came from the St. Joe Lead Company.

A roadblock to the incorporation occurred when Prosecuting Attorney William Weier declined to recommend that the county court incorporate Herculaneum. Weier cited a state law that required any city trying to incorporate must first petition any city within two miles (Crystal City, Festus and Pevely) of its proposed boundary for annexation. The proposed new city must wait one year to incorporate, provided the neighboring cities did not take any steps to annex.

An interesting quirk in the incorporation of Herculaneum was that old circuit court records showed that Herculaneum was actually incorporated on July 27, 1819. However Herculaneum was never incorporated under modern state law and had never carried on the functions of a city.

Citing the old circuit court records that had shown the incorporation of Herculaneum in 1819, the association told Weier that they were trying to "re-incorporate" an existing city, not trying to incorporate a new city.

The committee circulated three petitions to the neighboring cities while Prosecuting Attorney Weier awaited the request for immediate incorporation from Attorney General John C. Danforth. The three cities gave the town of Herculaneum the "go ahead" with their plans. The Attorney General upheld the constitutionality of the state statute requiring the petitioning of the neighboring cities regarding any move to incorporate. The committee continued to pursue the location of the original 1819 petition of incorporation and seek a declaratory judgement from the courts that Herculaneum had the legal right to form its own municipal government.

On April 7, 1971, the improvement association filed a petition in the Jefferson County Circuit Court asking the court to order Herculaneum incorporated and to appoint a commission to oversee the election of a board of trustees. On September 15, 1971, Circuit Court Judge Herbert K. Moss took under advisement the petition to reactivate the incorporation of Herculaneum. On January 7, 1972, the Jefferson County Circuit Court notified the Herculaneum Citizens Improvement Association that the 1819 incorporation was being reactivated and that Herculaneum could officially function as a city.

The first municipal election in Herculaneum was held on April 4, 1972 to elect a board of trustees and the first meeting of the board of trustees was held on April 9, 1972.