



City of Herculaneum April 2020 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*

CITY OF HERCULANEUM RESPONSE TO COVID-19 RECOMMENDATIONS

As we take steps in order to minimize social contact among the general public and the city staff, we will insure the continued delivery of services including police, fire, water, sewer, streets and trash.

In accordance with the recommendations from the Jefferson County Health Department, the City of Herculaneum closed all public facilities effective at the close of business on March 17, 2020, until further notice. These facilities include city hall, the police department, public works and city parks (including Kade's Playground, All Bark Village dog park, the public boat ramp and all other smaller parks). Also, our community events are being cancelled or postponed until further notice.

There is a night deposit box at city hall to make any payments for utilities or the court. The public is encouraged to call or contact the city with any concerns or questions at 636 475-4447. You can also use the city web site (www.cityofherculaneum.org) or our social media platforms. City staff will continue to report to work, but on a reduced schedule.

Beginning on March 24, city staff began working an altered schedule to minimize the contact between city employees. As part of this altered schedule, Herculaneum City Hall will be closed on Fridays until further notice.

As of March 16, municipal water disconnects are suspended until further notice. Any delinquent account will still accrue any late fees, charges and interest.

It's important as a community that we take care of ourselves, each other and any that may be affected by the pandemic. As this pandemic continues to evolve we hope everyone stays healthy and safe and continues to follow all Centers for Disease Control and Jefferson County health department recommendations.

POSTPONEMENTS /CANCELLATIONS FOR THE CITY OF HERCULANEUM

Following the guidelines of the Jefferson County Health Department and the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, the following meetings and community events have been cancelled/postponed.

- Herculaneum Board of Aldermen Meetings - April 6 and April 20
- Herculaneum Park Board Meeting - April 13
- Herculaneum Planning & Zoning Meeting - April 13
- Herculaneum Board of Adjustment Meeting - April 7
- Herculaneum Historical Society Meetings- April 2 & May 7
- City of Herculaneum 14th Annual Children Easter Egg Hunt - April 5
- City of Herculaneum Arbor Day Celebration - April 24
- City of Herculaneum Earth Day 50th Anniversary Celebration - April 26
- Kade's Playground 5th Birthday Party & Splash Zone Opening - May 2

NOTICE TO HOLD MUNICIPAL ELECTION - JUNE 2, 2020

Notice is hereby given that a "General Municipal Election" will be held in the City of Herculaneum, Missouri, on Tuesday, the 2nd day of June 2020 for the purpose of electing Alderman Ward I for a two-year term, Alderman Ward II for a two-year term, Alderman Ward III for a two-year term and Municipal judge for a two-year term. Other ballot issues include a one-cent sales tax for public safety in Herculaneum and the local school board issues.

Voting will take place at the Herculaneum AMVETS Post #42, 690 Joachim Avenue. The polls will be open from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm.

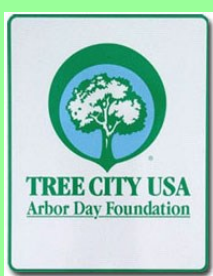
The deadline to request an absentee ballot has been extended to May 20. Contact the Jefferson County Clerk's Office to receive an absentee ballot.

Registration to vote in this election ended on March 11, 2020.



CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAYS IN APRIL

In an effort to minimize contact between city employees, Herculaneum City Hall will be closed on Fridays until further notice.



HERCULANEUM RECEIVES TREE CITY USA AWARD FOR 13th YEAR

The City of Herculaneum has received the Tree City USA award from the Arbor Day Foundation for the 13th consecutive year.

The city was scheduled to receive the award at the annual Tree City USA recognition luncheon in Maryland Heights. The award luncheon was postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic and will be rescheduled.

The City of Herculaneum remains the only city in Jefferson County to receive the Tree City USA designation.

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.

SEVERE WEATHER HAZARDS INFORMATION FROM THE HERCULANEUM FIRE DEPARTMENT

Understanding Severe Weather Hazards

	Tornado Tornadoes are violently rotating columns of air that can destroy buildings and cause significant injury or death ACTION: Take shelter immediately in a sturdy structure
	Large Hail Hail can damage vehicles, crops, buildings, and cause injuries ACTION: Move indoors away from windows
	Strong Wind Strong wind can knock over trees and damage buildings ACTION: Move indoors away from windows
	Heavy Rain Heavy rain can cause flash flooding ACTION: Avoid rising creeks and water-covered roads
	Lightning Lightning strikes can cause significant injury or death ACTION: Move indoors if you hear thunder

THE MAYORS' MONARCH PLEDGE CONTINUES IN 2020

Once again in 2020, the City of Herculaneum supports the Mayors' Monarch Pledge as efforts continue to help the iconic Monarch butterfly population recover. The city encourages residents to plant milkweed and nectar plants so that the butterflies will have food resources throughout their breeding season and their migration in the fall.

Information about the monarch butterflies, backyard habitats and nectar plants can be found on the Herculaneum web site: www.cityofherculaneum.org. The information can be found in the left column under Mayors' Monarch Pledge. Printed information related to the monarchs is also available at Herculaneum City Hall.

YARD SALES IN HERCULANEUM

Yard sales in Herculaneum are limited to three (3) sales per year at the same address. Yard sales are limited to two (2) days within a seven (7) day period. Individuals holding yard sales must obtain a permit from Herculaneum City Hall. There is no fee for a yard sale permit. For additional information, call Herculaneum City Hall at 636 475-4447.

MERCY OPENS TESTING SITE IN HILLSBORO

Mercy Hospital has opened a COVID-19 Coronavirus testing site at the Hillsboro Community Civic Club, on the Jefferson County Fairgrounds, 10349 Business 21.

Only patients who have met guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. For a patient to qualify, he or she must have a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher, a cough or shortness of breath, and either recent travel to a high-risk area or contact with a confirmed COVID-19 patient.

Anyone looking to be tested must call Mercy's COVID-19 Clinical Support Line at 314 251-0550 before arriving. After calling the Clinical Support Line to be screened, if appropriate, he or she will be given a time to arrive at the test collection site.

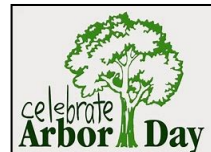
Mercy will collect a sample and send it to a designated lab, either the state health department or a private lab. Results may take a couple of days or up to a week, depending on the lab conducting the test.

There is a cost associated with the testing; however most insurance companies, along with Medicare and Medicaid, have committed to covering the cost. No one will be turned away from the testing site due to cost.

STAY HOME!

STOP THE SPREAD!

SAVE LIVES!



COMPLETE YOUR 2020 CENSUS QUESTIONNAIRES

By now, households in Herculaneum should have received their invitation to participate in the 2020 United States Census. Remember that you will receive reminder letters and/or postcards until you have completed and submitted the questionnaire. For this census, you have the option to respond on-line, by phone and eventually by mail.

The City of Herculaneum encourages every household to complete and submit your questionnaire as soon as possible. As of March 29, the self-response rate for the city of Herculaneum was 40.8%.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the deadline to submit the questionnaire has been extended to August 14.

PERMITS FOR BUILDING AND REMODELING PROJECTS ARE REQUIRED IN THE CITY OF HERCULANEUM WHEN.....

The City of Herculaneum Building Department reminds all residents that most building and remodeling projects require permits. All projects involving framing, plumbing and electrical are required to be permitted. Projects including decks, swimming pools (2 feet or more in depth), hot tubs, retaining walls, fences, driveways, accessory structures (garages, carports, portable storage buildings) and finished basements all require permits. Permits are also required for the demolition of structures.

Occupancy of a residence or commercial building also requires a city permit.

For complete information, call the City of Herculaneum Building Department at 636 475-4447.