



City of Herculaneum December 2018 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*



THIRTEENTH ANNUAL "EVENING WITH SANTA" - MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

The Herculaneum Historical Society and Herculaneum Today & Tomorrow will sponsor the 13th Annual Evening with Santa event on Monday, December 10 at 6:00 pm. The event will be held at the Herculaneum High School Theater, #17 Blackcat Drive .

Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive at the high school at approximately 6:30 pm to greet the children. As in the past, live reindeer and a Christmas sleigh will be on site for photos. Parents are encouraged to bring their own cameras for taking photos.

All children will receive a personalized Christmas ornament, a plush reindeer toy and candy. Christmas songs will be performed by members of the Journey Community Church of Herculaneum prior to the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus.



Hot drinks and Christmas snacks will be provided.

The event is free of charge and open to the public.

For more information, please call 636 475-4447 or 314 852-4964 (if no answer, please leave mes-

HERCULANEUM CITY HALL CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY

Herculaneum City Hall will be closed on Monday, December 24 for Christmas Eve and on Tuesday, December 25 for Christmas Day.

City hall will reopen on Wednesday, December 26 at 8:30 am.



19th ANNUAL OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS LIGHTING & DECORATION CONTEST

The Herculaneum Historical Society and the City of Herculaneum will sponsor the 19th Annual Outdoor Lighting and Decoration Contest open to all residents of Herculaneum. Residents can register in person at Herculaneum City Hall or by phone (636 475-4447) to participate in the contest. Registration is required for your entry to be judged.

Registration begins on Monday, December 3 and will end on Wednesday, December 19 at 4:30 pm. All displays will be judged on Wednesday, December 19 between the hours of 7:00 and 9:00 pm. All displays must be illuminated on the evening of Wednesday, December 19 to be judged. Displays must be visible from the street. Displays will be judged on creativity, attractiveness, color coordination and first impression.

Cash prizes will be awarded as follows: First Place (\$100), Second Place (\$75) and Third Place (\$50).

For more information, call 636 475-4447 or 314 852-4964 (if no answer, please leave message).



HERCULANEUM CITY HALL CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE AND NEW YEAR'S DAY

Herculaneum City Hall will be closed on Monday, December 31 for New Year's Eve and Tuesday, January 1 for New Year's Day.

City hall will reopen on Monday, January 2, 2019 at 8:30 am.



HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR TRASH COLLECTION

The city's trash service, Republic Services, reminds all city residents that the company observes six holidays each year. Those six holidays are: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

Therefore, all services are delayed by one day following each holiday and will include collection on Saturday.

For additional information, please call Herculaneum City Hall at 636 475-4447.



NOTICE TO HOLD MUNICIPAL ELECTION - APRIL 2, 2019

Notice is hereby given that a "General Municipal Election" will be held in the City of Herculaneum, Missouri, on Tuesday, the 2nd day of April 2019 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 Mayor for a two-year term.

All applicants must be an established resident of the City of Herculaneum for one (1) year prior to the election date, a citizen of the United States and shall not be in arrears of any unpaid city taxes, real estate taxes, personal property taxes or city utilities.

Anyone wishing to serve in the above named offices may file with the City Clerk at Herculaneum City Hall, #1 Parkwood Court between the hours of 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Beginning date to file is 8:00 am to 5:00 pm on Tuesday, December 11, 2018. The deadline for applicants to file is 5:00 pm on Tuesday, January 15, 2019, in order to be certified to the appropriate officials for inclusion on the ballot.

J. L. HORTON ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER DEDICATION CEREMONY

On Thursday, December 13, the Dunklin R-5 School District will name the high school office complex in honor of longtime Herculaneum High School Principal J.L. Horton.

J. L. Horton had the longest tenure as high school principal serving from the 1964-65 school year through the 1983-84 school year.

The dedication ceremony will officially name the office complex as the "J. L. Horton Administrative Center. The dedication will begin at 6:30 pm in the foyer of the high school building. The program will include the unveiling of a plaque and name outside the office complex, introduction of guests, remarks and stories about the career of Mr. Horton.

Cake, cookies, coffee and punch will be available following the ceremony.

All Herculaneum High School alumni, past and present students, faculty, administrators, staff and board of education members are invited to attend. Community residents are also invited to attend.

For more information, call 314 808-5736 or 314 852-4964.

2020 UNITED STATES CENSUS

The United States Constitution (Article 1, Section 2) mandates a head count every 10 years, of everyone residing in the United States. People of all ages, races, ethnic groups, citizens and noncitizens are to be counted. The next U.S. Census occurs in 2020.

Each city has been charged with the duty of establishing a Complete Count Committee to organize local outreach efforts and to provide leadership and support for local participation.

The mayor will appoint members to the Complete Count Committee. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please call Herculaneum City Hall at 636 475-4447 and add your name to the list of potential committee members. The committee will be established in early 2019.



THE HERCULANEUM FERRY

In 1936 the Works Progress Administration (WPA) workers of Herculaneum constructed a road from Main Street to the bank of the Mississippi River. The sole purpose of the road was to establish a ferry service across the river to Harrisonville, Illinois and bring the communities on the Illinois side and the Missouri side into closer contact. The land for the ferry landing was donated by the St. Joe Lead Company.

The "Herky Ferry" actually named the Interstate Ferry, was operated by the Interstate Ferry Company of Kentucky. The ferry was a combination tugboat and barge and ran from the waters at the end of Ferry Road to a rock road directly across the river in Harrisonville.

The ferry ran on a signal from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm on weekdays. On Saturday and Sunday, the hours were extended to 10:00 pm. If the ferry was on one side of the river, all that was needed was a honk of the horn or a flash of the headlights, and the ferry operator would know there was a pickup. The capacity of the ferry was six automobiles, and the crossing time varied from five to seven minutes.

Rates for passenger cars were 75 cents one way or \$1.00 round trip. Foot passengers paid 15 cents one way and 25 cents round trip. The rates for trucks were determined by the size and weight of the truck.

Residents from Missouri would travel on the ferry to attend dances in Valmeyer, Illinois, or go to holiday picnics in the town. Other residents would go to Illinois in June and July to help with the harvesting of wheat. Illinois residents would travel across the river to attend picnics in Herculaneum, Festus, Crystal City and DeSoto. Sports teams would travel by ferry to compete in Illinois. Visitors to the Illinois side often used the St. Joseph Lead Company whistle as an aid to know the time of day and when the ferry would be arriving. Regardless of the reason for taking the ferry, many residents questioned the overall safety of the ferry.

The "Herky Ferry" continued to operate until 1943. Many attribute the decline of the ferry service to gas rationing and the reduction of recreational activities that occurred during World War II.

All that remains of the "Herky Ferry" service is Ferry Road on the Herculaneum side. From 1946 to 1965, the St. Joseph Lead Company loaded lead on to barges at the ferry landing.

HERCULANEUM HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

The Herculaneum Historical Society will host a Christmas carol program on Thursday, December 6 at the Autumn Ridge Senior Living Facility, 300 Autumn Ridge Drive. The program will begin at 7:00 pm and is open to the public.

Barb Kay, the program presenter, will discuss the story behind the writing of 9 Christmas carols. After each carol, the audience will join in the singing of the carol. Some trivia about the Christmas carols will also be part of the presentation.