



City of Herculaneum

February 2016 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

“WHY MISSOURI MATTERS TO THE MONARCHS” PUBLIC MEETING

The City of Herculaneum and Herculaneum Today & Tomorrow will host a public meeting on Thursday, February 18 at the Herculaneum High School Cafeteria beginning at 7:00 pm. The focus of the meeting will be “Why Missouri Matters to the Monarchs”.

Twenty years ago, more than one billion Eastern monarch butterflies migrated to Mexico. In the winter of 2014, only 60 million made the trip. The North American monarch population has declined by more than 90 percent in the past two decades. Monarch scientists attribute the decline to degradation and loss of summer breeding habitat in the United States, and loss of winter habitat in Mexico. Western populations of monarch butterflies that overwinter in California are also in decline.

In 2015, Missouri’s Master Naturalists and Master Gardeners and other organizations across the state united in an effort to plant milkweed and nectar plants to support the monarchs.

Missouri Master Naturalist Joyce Oberle will be the featured speaker at the meeting. Mrs. Oberle will discuss the spectacular two-way multigenerational migration and the interesting life cycle of the monarch.

Mrs. Oberle will also speak about how Missouri residents can help reverse the declining monarch population by planting milkweed and nectar plants in backyard gardens.

For more information, call 636 475-5476 or 314 852-4964.

Information can also be found on the City of Herculaneum web site: www.cityofherculaneum.org under the Mayors’ Monarch Pledge. Printed information about the monarchs is now available at Herculaneum City Hall.

For more information about Missourians for Monarchs, visit the Missourians for Monarchs on Facebook.

Other helpful websites include: www.MonarchWatch.org, www.grownative.org, www.xerces.org and www.monarchjointventure.org.



TICKETS NOW ON SALE FOR A NIGHT AT THE MOUSE RACES - SATURDAY, MARCH 12

The Herculaneum Bicentennial Committee will sponsor “A Night at the Mouse Races” fundraiser on Saturday, March 12 at the Herculaneum AmVets Post #42, 690 Joachim Avenue. The mouse races will begin at 7:00 pm. Doors will open at 6:00 pm.

Tickets for the mouse races are available in advance for \$15.00 or at the door for \$20.00. Tickets are available at Herculaneum City Hall or by phone at 314 852 - 4964 or 314 581-8999. Admission includes free beer, soda, water and some light snacks. Mixed drinks will be available by cash bar only. NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL is permitted. Smoking in the hall is prohibited.

The night will include 10 mouse races, a championship race, mouse roulette, 50/50 raffles, gift baskets and FUN! Proceeds from the evening will support the Herculaneum Fourth of July Celebration “Dunklin-Fletcher Days” in July.

For information about the mouse races, please call 314 852-4964 or 314 581-8999.

DIXIE LEE’S FARMERS’ MARKET OPENS TUESDAY, MAY 10

Dixie Lee’s Farmers’ Market in Herculaneum will be back for a second season beginning on Tuesday, May 10 at the Herculaneum City Park, 776 Joachim Avenue. The farmers’ market is sponsored by Herculaneum Today and Tomorrow (HT&T).

The farmers’ market will be open every Tuesday from 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm through October 18.

At this time, the farmers’ market is lining up vendors to the participate at the 2016 market. Only farm grown products are allowed (no resale of products). Acceptable items for sale include LOCAL: vegetables, fruits, meats, eggs, cheese, spices, herbs, baked goods, jellies, jams and honey. Local artisans are encouraged to participate.

Vendor applications are available on the Herculaneum web site and at Herculaneum City Hall.

For more information about the farmers’ market, please contact Market Master Tom Bess-King 314 566-1286 or by email at: DLFM.Herculaneum@gmail.com.



CITY HALL CLOSED MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Herculaneum City Hall will be closed on Monday, February 15 in honor of Presidents’ Day. City Hall will reopen for business on Tuesday, February 16.

9th ANNUAL ADULT EASTER EGG HUNT - SATURDAY, MARCH 19

The 9th Annual Adult Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the Herculaneum City Park, 776 Joachim Avenue on Saturday evening, March 19. The rain date will be Saturday evening, March 26. 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 \$7.50 and can be purchased at City Hall. Tickets will be available at the gate for \$10.00. 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.

The event is sponsored by the Herculaneum Fire Department, the Herculaneum Historical Society and the Herculaneum Today & Tomorrow organization.

11th ANNUAL CHILDREN EASTER EGG HUNT - SUNDAY, MARCH 20

The 11th Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the Herculaneum City Park, 776 Joachim Avenue on Sunday, March 20 beginning at 12:00 noon. The actual Easter egg hunt begins at 1:00 p.m. Rain date for the event will be on Saturday, March 26. 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 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.

The event is sponsored by the Herculaneum Fire Department, the Herculaneum Historical Society, the Herculaneum Masonic Lodge and Herculaneum Today & Tomorrow.

KADE'S PLAYGROUND RULES AND REGULATIONS ADOPTED

The following rules and regulations have been adopted by the Herculaneum Board of Aldermen to protect the health and safety of the visitors to the playground and to protect the surfacing and equipment at the playground.

1. Use of the playground is at each person's own risk.
2. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
3. No glass beverage containers permitted.
4. Proper footwear is required at all times. The following footwear is prohibited: high heels, spike or cleat shoes.
5. Improper use of equipment is prohibited.
6. Rough playing and yelling is prohibited.
7. No wheeled items, such as bicycles, roller skates, roller blades, or skateboards are permitted in the playground area, except that strollers, wheelchairs and walkers may be used.
8. Pogo sticks are prohibited.
9. All animals, except service animals, are prohibited.
10. Chairs are prohibited.
11. In an effort to reduce the negative impact of tobacco use on parks and recreation patrons, the use of all tobacco products including e-cigarettes are prohibited, except in designated areas.

REGISTRATION TO VOTE IN APRIL 5, 2016 ELECTION

Wednesday, March 9, is the last day to register to vote in the April 5, 2016 election. Registration can be completed at Herculaneum City Hall or the Jefferson County Clerk's Office in Hillsboro. Call city hall at 636 475-4447 for information about requirements for voter registration.

22nd CERT TRAINING CLASS - MARCH 11-13

The Herculaneum Fire Department will host their 22nd Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) class beginning on Friday, March 11 from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. The 20-hour training class will be held at the Herculaneum Fire Department, 151 Riverview Plaza Drive and is open to all residents (18 years and older) of Herculaneum and the surrounding communities.

The class continues on Saturday, March 12 and Sunday, March 13 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm each day. The Sunday session includes a live training scenario for class participants. The class is free of charge and requires no prior training. All participants will receive a personal emergency backpack and a certificate of completion. Call the Herculaneum Fire Department at 636 475-3080 or email: fire-rescue@herculaneumfire.com.

**TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE COMING
AUGUST 21, 2017**

In less than two years, the Herculaneum residents will have the opportunity to observe nature's greatest sky show. A total solar eclipse is a rare event, but rarer still is one that is viewed by you!

On Monday, August 21, 2017, a total solar eclipse will cross through Missouri and Herculaneum. Residents of Herculaneum will have the opportunity to experience an eerie, awe inspiring, unsettling, beautiful, and often emotionally overwhelming event.

The Great American Eclipse will enter northwest Missouri at 1:06 pm CDT and will take 13 minutes for the shadow to cross into Illinois. The city of Herculaneum will experience approximately 2 minutes and 36 seconds of totality. The 2017 total eclipse is called the "Great American Eclipse" because totality will sweep the nation from the Pacific to the Atlantic. Nearly everyone in the US can reach this total solar eclipse within one day's drive.

See future issues of the city newsletter and the city web site for new information regarding plans for watching the solar eclipse in Herculaneum. A Facebook page, [Total Solar Eclipse 2017 - Herculaneum, MO](#) has been set up to share information related to the total solar eclipse and events being planned in the city of Herculaneum. Information may also be found at the following web site: StLouisEclipse2017.org.

