



City of Herculaneum January 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.
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TICKETS NOW ON SALE FOR MURDER MYSTERY DINNER - FEBRUARY 6

DUE TO FLOODING OF THE HERCULANEUM AMVETS POST #42, THE EVENT HAS BEEN RELOCATED TO THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER EAGLES IN CRYSTAL CITY

The Herculaneum Bicentennial Committee will sponsor a Murder Mystery Dinner to benefit Dunklin-Fletcher Days on Saturday, February 6. The fundraiser event will be held at the Mississippi River Eagles, 330 Bailey Road in Crystal City. Proceeds from the event will support the Fourth of July Celebration "Dunklin-Fletcher Days" in July.

The evening will feature the murder mystery, "Bullets in the Bathtub" performed by Jest Murder Mystery Company of St. Louis. The evening will include a two entrée dinner, salad and desserts. Beer, soda and water will be free of charge. There will be a cash bar for mixed drinks. Tickets for the event are available at Herculaneum City Hall, #1 Parkwood Court at a cost of \$40.00 per person. Checks should be made payable to the Herculaneum Bicentennial Committee. For information, please call 636 475-4447.

The event promises to be an evening of fun, excitement and suspense. Who knows - you may even be the killer!

The fundraiser begins at 7:00 pm, although everyone should arrive no later than 6:30 pm so that interactive roles can be assigned. The doors will open at 6:00 pm.

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.

SEVERE STORM SPOTTER & WEATHER SAFETY TRAINING CLASS

The Herculaneum Fire Department will sponsor a Severe Storm Spotter/Weather Safety training class on Tuesday, February 2. The two-hour class will be held at the Herculaneum High School Theater beginning at 6:30 pm. The class is open to all residents of Herculaneum and the surrounding communities.

The training will be a National Weather Service (NWS) sanctioned class and will be presented by meteorologist James Kramper. As part of the training class, information will be presented related to individuals being listed in the NWS Storm Spotter database. In order to be listed in the database, individuals must attend a class taught by National Weather Service personnel. Individuals must be of high school age to sign up to be a spotter. For more information, call the Herculaneum Fire Department at 636 475-3080.

NOTICE TO HOLD MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that a "General Municipal Election" will be held in the City of Herculaneum, Missouri, on Tuesday, the 5th day of April 2016 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.

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. The filing period is now open. All applicants must be filed by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 to be certified to the appropriate officials for inclusion on the ballot.

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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 registration requirements.

TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE - MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2017

Two years from now, on August 21, 2017, Herculaneum residents will get an opportunity to observe nature's greatest sky show as Herculaneum is in the path of totality.

Picture this: The day starts off bright and sunny. Then a bit later, you begin to notice that, although it is still sunny, the day doesn't seem so bright. And a little while later, it almost seems like big storm is brewing. Then suddenly, and without warning, the mid-summer day turns strangely dark.

A few stars come out. Birds and animals become confused and quickly head home to sleep. Night insects begin to chirp. All around the horizon, there is a strange yellow-orange glow resembling a weird sunset. An meanwhile, up in the sky where the sun should be, there appears instead a jet-black disk surrounded by a softly glowing halo.

Then, just as suddenly, the sky brightens up. The stars disappear, birds and animals awaken, and the sun returns.

You have just witnessed a total eclipse on the sun!

The total solar eclipse of 2017 will be the first time in nearly four decades, that such an event will be visible so close to home.

On October 9th, 2015, Mayor Bill Haggard, City Administrator Jim Kasten and Park Board Member Sarah Baker attended a workshop entitled "Planning for the August 21, 2017 Total Solar Eclipse at the St. Louis Science Center.

Watch the city newsletter and 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](#).

CITY HALL TO BE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING BIRTHDAY

Herculaneum City Hall will be closed on Monday, January 18, 2016 in observance of Martin Luther King Birthday. City Hall will reopen on Tuesday, January 19.

MAYOR'S MONARCH PLEDGE

The monarch butterfly is an iconic North American species whose multigenerational migration and metamorphosis from caterpillar to butterfly has captured the imagination of millions of Americans.

Mayors and local government chief executives, are deeply concerned about the decline of the monarch butterfly population. 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.

Cities, towns and counties have a critical role to play to help save the monarch butterfly. Municipalities in particular can provide habitat at public parks, median strips, community gardens and municipal buildings that serve a community hubs. Schools, homes, businesses can provide essential habitat for monarchs too. Educating citizens about how and where to grow milkweed is also a key piece of the puzzle. Creating habitats and educating citizens will benefit other pollinators that need healthy habitat as well.

The City of Herculaneum mayor has taken the pledge and has listed the following action items to occur in Herculaneum: 1) Issue a Proclamation to raise awareness about the decline of the monarch butterfly and the need for habitat 2) Launch a public communication effort to encourage citizens to plant monarch gardens at their homes or in their neighborhoods 3) Communicate with community garden groups and urge them to plant native milkweeds and nectar-producing plants 4) Host a native plant sale or milkweed seed giveaway 5) Plant a monarch friendly demonstration garden at City Hall or other prominent location. 6) Launch a program to plant native milkweed and nectar plants in school gardens.

Watch future newsletters, the city web site and the City of Herculaneum Facebook page for more information as it becomes available.



CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Sarah Baker for being named the City of Herculaneum Citizen of the Year for 2015.

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 River-view 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 to register.

