



City of Herculaneum July 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*

PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 7

On Tuesday, August 7, 2018, the primary election will be held in Herculaneum, Jefferson County and the state of Missouri. Registered voters will vote on various local, county and state ballot issues.

Herculaneum voters will cast their ballots at the Herculaneum AMVETS Post #42 Hall, 690 Joachim Avenue in Herculaneum. The polls will be open from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm.

The last day to register to vote in the August 7 election is on Wednesday, July 11. Registration can be completed at the Herculaneum City Hall during regular business hours or at the County Clerk's Office in Hillsboro. Registration can also be completed on-line through the Missouri Secretary of State web site.

To register to vote, an individual needs to be eighteen (18) years of age at the time of the election and a United States citizen. Individuals must show proof of age and citizenship.

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

STORY TIMES AND LITTLE LIBRARY AT KADE'S PLAYGROUND

Barefoot Books Ambassador, Lisa Winkleman, is hosting a series of Story Times at Kade's Playground that began in May and will continue into the month of November. The story times will be held on the second Wednesday at 4:00 pm and on the third Sunday at 1:00 pm of each month. Each story time will include a story, a craft and/or an activity.

For the month of July, the topic will be robots on Wednesday, July 11 and on Sunday, July 15, the topic will be Prince/Princess. For a complete list of upcoming Story Times, visit the city web site, www.cityofherculaneum.org under Coming Events

Follow Kade's Playground or Bound 2 Read with Barefoot Books on Facebook for upcoming topics and any changes in times/dates due to weather conditions. Books, puzzles and games will be available for sale at each Story Time with 20% of the proceeds going to maintain the free Little Library at Kade's Playground.

The Little Library was unveiled on Friday, June 15 and was donated by Lisa Winkleman and her father, Bob Naucke. Visitors to the Little Library are allowed to take home a book to read free of charge. The books can be returned for another child to read or books can be replaced with other books.

Anyone can add books to the library as long as there is space to hold the books. If you have too many books to add to the library at one time, please call or text Lisa at 314 799-3308 for pick up.

"AROUND TOWN" SCAVENGER HUNT - SATURDAY, JULY 28

The Herculaneum Historical Society will sponsor the second annual "Around Town Scavenger Hunt" on Saturday, July 28 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Teams of up to five participants can register for the event at the cost of \$10.00 per team member.

Team members should arrive at Herculaneum City Hall for instructions and a team packet by 6:00 pm. Teams will have two hours to collect, video/photograph or perform the activities listed in the team packets. All activities must be completed inside the city limits of Herculaneum. The team that accomplishes the most tasks in the fastest time will be declared the winner of the event. Free pizza and drinks will be provided after the event.

Registration forms available at Herculaneum City Hall and www.cityofherculaneum.org. Registration forms can be emailed or mailed up on request. For information: 314 852-4964.

MOVIES IN THE PARK FOR JULY AND AUGUST

The 2018 Movies in the Park Summer Schedule continues during the month of July with the movies, "Despicable Me 3" featured on Saturday, July 7 and "Cars 3" featured on Saturday, July 21.

During the month of August, the movie, "Coco" will be the featured movie on Saturday, August 4, the movie, Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle will be featured on August 11 and on Saturday, August 18 the featured movie will be "Star Wars: The Last Jedi".

The movie series is being held at the Herculaneum City Park, 776 Joachim Avenue throughout the summer months. Admission to the movies and parking are free! Moviegoers are encouraged to bring their own chairs, blankets, insect repellents, concessions and other items to make their evening comfortable.

The movies begin at approximately 8:30 pm.

JEFFERSON COUNTY BICENTENNIAL PARADE SATURDAY, JULY 21

The Jefferson County Bicentennial Parade will take place on Saturday, July 21 in Hillsboro, Missouri. The parade will begin at 2:00 pm and will travel along old Highway 21 from the area of the Jefferson County courthouse to the Hillsboro High School Parking lot.

The City of Herculaneum will be represented in the parade with entries from the Herculaneum Historical Society, the Herculaneum High School Centennial Class Celebration, the City of Herculaneum float and the Herculaneum Fire Department.



CITY OF HERCULANEUM
ELECTION: AUGUST 7, 2018

USE TAX

On May 7th the Herculaneum Board of Aldermen voted to place a local Use Tax on the August 7th 2018 ballot. A local Use Tax is a tax that applies to purchases made from out-of-state vendors.

Official Ballot Language – “Proposition F”

Shall the City of Herculaneum, Missouri impose a local use tax at the same rate as the total local sales tax, currently at a rate of two and one half percent (2.5%), provided that if the local sales tax is repealed, reduced or raised by voter approval, the local use tax shall also be repealed, reduced or raised by the same action? A use tax return shall not be required to be filed by persons whose purchases from out-of-state vendors do not in total exceed Two Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$2,000.00) in any calendar year.

This is not an increase to the current local retail sales tax rate.

YES

NO

This proposal will also eliminate the current sales tax advantage that non-Missouri vendors have over Missouri

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

I already pay a Sales Tax, is this the same thing?

No. The Sales Tax Applies to purchases made at retail within Missouri, while the Use Tax applies to purchases made from out-of-state vendors. Purchases cannot fall into both groups and therefore a purchase would not be taxed twice.

What is the Use Tax?

The Use Tax is imposed at the same rate as the local Sales Tax rate, currently two and one half percent (2.5%). If the local Sales Tax rate is reduced or raised by voter approval, the local Use Tax shall also be raised or reduced the same action.

How is the Use Tax reported?

Businesses report their use tax quarterly to the State of Missouri. If the business does not collect the tax, the consumer is responsible for self-reporting purchases subject to the Use Tax exceeding two thousand dollars (\$2,000) in a calendar year to the Missouri Department of Revenue. Residents self-reporting annually on their taxes due every April 15th. This is not a new reporting obligation imposed by the Use Tax. The reporting requirement is currently in existence for the State Use Tax of 4.225%

Why is this important to Herculaneum residents?

Local businesses are required to pay the local Sales Tax. With no local Use Tax in place, consumers have an incentive to purchase items from out-of-state vendors instead of buying locally. This costs the city local jobs and tax revenue because millions of dollars are sent out of our state and local economies. **A Use Tax would ensure that if you are already paying tax on items purchased online, that revenue would stay in your community.** The City of Herculaneum needs to maintain this revenue stream for vital City services such as

Public Safety

Roads

Sidewalks

Parks

Emergency vehicles and equipment

Do other Missouri cities have an Use Tax? YES! Approximately half of all Missouri cities with a population of 2,000 or more already have a Use Tax in Place. The City of Herculaneum does not.

Please visit the Missouri Department of Revenue website at dor.mo.gov/business/sales.