



City of Herculaneum June 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*

BOARD OF ALDERMEN SET DATES AND TIMES FOR THE DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS IN THE CITY OF HERCULANEUM

The City of Herculaneum Board of Aldermen have set the following dates - Wednesday, July 4 through Saturday, July 7 - as the period of time that fireworks may be discharged within the city limits of Herculaneum.

Fireworks may be discharged between the hours of 10:00 am and 11:00 pm each day on privately owned property and with the consent of the owner/occupant of the property.

NEW RADIO READ ANTENNAS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED

You have probably noticed the new round, silver antenna addition to the top of the water meter cover in your yard.

These radio read antennas have been installed to allow the Herculaneum Public Works Department to drive by each water meter and read the water usage. The installation of the new antennas will make the monthly reading of water usage more efficient in accuracy of the reading and the amount of time involved in reading the meters.

Under ordinance section 630.150 "Consumer Responsibility", the water user is responsible for any damage to the radio read antenna, water meter or any part of the waterworks system installed for the user's service, for any cause other than normal wear and tear.

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

CITY PET TAGS DUE JULY 1

Herculaneum City Ordinance 225.030 requires animal tags for any dog, cat or other animal over the age of six (6) months. Pet tags can be purchased at Herculaneum City Hall for \$5.00 per tag. Pet owners must provide proof of their pet's vaccinations from a veterinarian. Pet tags are valid from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

Pet tags are valuable in assisting city employees with identifying lost pets and reuniting them with their owners.

For any additional information regarding pet licenses in the City of Herculaneum, please call 636 475-4447.

HERCULANEUM CITY HALL CLOSED ON INDEPENDENCE DAY

Herculaneum City Hall will be closed on Wednesday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. City Hall will reopen on Thursday, July 5. at 8:30 am.



MOVIES IN THE PARK FOR JUNE

The second movie in the Movies in the Park series will be shown on Saturday, June 16 at the Herculaneum City Park, 776 Joachim Avenue. The feature movie will be "Black Panther". The movie will begin at approximately 8:30 pm.

Admission and parking are free of charge. Bring your own blankets, chairs, insect repellent and concessions.



FIELD OF GLORY

Herculaneum Today & Tomorrow invites area residents to participate in the Seventh Annual Field of Glory located at Herculaneum City Park, 776 Joachim Avenue.

Anyone wanting to honor a past or present military veteran can purchase a 2' X 3' United States flag for placement in the Field of Glory. Flags are available for \$15.00 per flag and can be purchased at Herculaneum City Hall. Field of Glory order forms are also available from the City of Herculaneum web site.

For more information, please call 636 475-4447, 314 852-4964 or 314 766-0644.

HERCULANEUM HIGH SCHOOL CENTENNIAL CLASS CELEBRATION

The Herculaneum High School Centennial Class Celebration committee invites everyone to come out on Saturday, June 9 to help celebrate the 100th four-year graduating class from Herculaneum High School. The day begins with a parade along Joachim Avenue at 10:00 am, followed by a car/truck show from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. There will be activities at the high school until 4:00 pm including a celebration program, memorabilia displays, food/drink, dedication of the Centennial Wall, memorabilia and raffle items. The event shifts to the Herculaneum City Park at 6:00 pm where there will be live music, food/drink, memorabilia and raffles. and fireworks. For more information, please call 314 852-4964 or 314 766-0644.





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.