



City of Herculaneum March 2019 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*

HERCULANEUM BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE TO HOST THE FIFTH ANNUAL "A NIGHT AT THE MOUSE RACES" ON SATURDAY, MARCH 23

The Herculaneum Bicentennial Committee will sponsor the fifth annual "A Night at the Mouse Races" fundraiser on Saturday, March 23 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 now available at Herculaneum City Hall or by calling 636 475-4447, 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. Individuals are encouraged to bring snacks for their table.



The night will include 10 mouse races, mouse roulette, 50/50 raffles, gift baskets and FUN! Proceeds from the evening will support the various events in Herculaneum during 2019.

For information about the mouse races, call 646 475-4447, 314 852-4964 or 314 581-8999.

MEET IN THE MIDDLE ON SATURDAY, MARCH 9

The City of Herculaneum, Herculaneum Today & Tomorrow and Autumn Ridge Senior Living will host a "Meet in the Middle" ice cream and cake social at the Autumn Ridge Senior Living facility at 300 Autumn Ridge Drive. The event will be held on Saturday, March 9, 2019 from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. All Herculaneum residents are invited to attend!

Attendees will be treated to ice cream, cake and drinks. Musical entertainment will be provided by Danny Denton.

Representatives from the Herculaneum city government, civic organizations, churches, emergency service organizations, and other groups have been invited to attend and explain the goals and activities of their organization.

The ice cream and cake social is an excellent opportunity for residents to meet other residents, the city officials and civic leaders.

Attendees can also register for attendance prizes at the event.

For more information, call 636 931-8400, 636 475-4447, or 314 852-4964.



Spring Forward
One Hour on
Sunday, March
10! Daylight
Savings Time
Begins!



REMINDER - BULK ITEM COLLECTION EACH WEDNESDAY

The City of Herculaneum provides bulk item collection each Wednesday. City hall must be notified of any items to be collected before the end of the business day on Tuesday. Items not collected include tires, car parts, motor oils, broken glass and paint cans. A \$10 sticker must be purchased at city hall for any appliances. Appliances with Freon must also contain a sticker stating that Freon and other gasses have been professionally removed.

Items must be placed curb side before 6:00 am on Wednesday.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 2,

The municipal election for the City of Herculaneum will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2019. The polling place will be at the Herculaneum AMVETS Post #42 located at 690 Joachim Avenue. Polls will be open from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm.

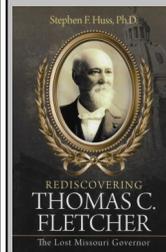


HERCULANEUM HISTORICAL SOCIETY HOSTS BOOK SIGNING BY DR. STEPHEN F. HUSS, PhD ON THURSDAY, MARCH 7

Dr. Stephen F. Huss, will be the presenter at the March 7 meeting of the Herculaneum Historical Society. The meeting begins at 7:00 pm at the Herculaneum City Hall. The meeting is open to the public.

Dr. Huss will give a brief presentation about Herculaneum native and first native born governor of Missouri, Thomas C. Fletcher. Dr. Huss will also discuss what led to his writing the book about Governor Fletcher, the 18th Missouri governor.

The book, "Remembering Thomas C. Fletcher - The Lost Missouri Governor" describes the life of Fletcher, his contributions to Jefferson County, the Civil War and the United States.



Dr. Huss will have copies of his book available for purchase and signing at the meeting.

**12th ANNUAL ADULT EASTER EGG HUNT
SATURDAY, APRIL 13**

The 12th Annual Adult Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the Herculaneum City Park, 776 Joachim Avenue on Saturday evening, April 13. The rain date will be Saturday evening, April 20. 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 \$10.00 and can be purchased at City Hall. Tickets will be available at the gate for \$12.00. 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.

For information about the adult Easter egg hunt, please call 636 475-4447 or 314 852-4964.

**14th ANNUAL CHILDREN EASTER EGG HUNT
SUNDAY, APRIL 14**

The 14th Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the Herculaneum City Park, 776 Joachim Avenue on Sunday, April 14 beginning at 12:00 noon. The actual Easter egg hunt begins at 1:00 pm The rain date for the event will be on Saturday, April 20. 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.

For more information about the Children Easter Egg Hunt, please call 636 475-4447 or 314 852-4964.

4TH ANNUAL DOGGIE EASTER EGG HUNT - APRIL 14

The fourth annual Doggie Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Sunday, April 14 at the Herculaneum City Park, 776 Joachim Avenue beginning at 3:30 pm. Rain date for the event will be Saturday, April 20.

Registration fee for the hunt is \$5.00 per dog. Registration and payment can be completed at A4APet Pantry.org.

The event is sponsored by the Advocates 4 Animals Pet Pantry and Rescue located in Herculaneum. For more information, call 314 952-2399.

SPRING CLEAN UP AT KADE'S PLAYGROUND - MARCH 31

Volunteers are needed to help with the spring clean up at Kade's Playground on Sunday, March 31 beginning at 2:00 pm.

The clean up will include the cleaning of signs, walkways, mulching and the removal of weeds from the planters/walkways.

Volunteers are encouraged to bring wheelbarrows, scoop shovels and other types of gardening tools.



**THE HISTORY OF
HERCULANEUM**
Herculaneum Historical Society



**TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO - MARCH 22, 1819
FIRST CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NORTHERN CIRCUIT OF
THE MISSOURI TERRITORY HELD IN HERCULANEUM**

Circuit Court Record #1 in the Office of the Circuit Clerk recites that the first Circuit Court of the northern circuit of the Missouri Territory was held in the town of Herculaneum on March 22, 1819, with Nathaniel Beverly Tucker (pictured above) presiding as Judge of the Northern Circuit. Samuel Woodson and Andrew Scott presented their commissions from Frederick Bates, the acting governor of the Missouri Territory, the former as court clerk and the latter as sheriff of Jefferson County, and at once assumed their respective duties.

The six original commissioners charged with selecting the site for the county seat presented the Court with their written report, fixing the town of Herculaneum as the permanent seat of justice for the County of Jefferson. The commissioners then resigned their offices, and Court appointed James Rankin, John Geiger and John Finney as county commissioners in their stead.

Judge Tucker ordered that the rate of taxation for Jefferson County in 1819 would be as follows: On each horse, mare, mule or ass above three years old - 25 cents; neat cattle above three years old - 6.25 cents; for every slave between 16 and 45 years - 50 cents; for each billiard table - \$25; for every able-bodied single man of 21 years and upward, not being possessed of property to the value of \$200 - 50 cents; and on water grist mills, tan yards and distilleries in actual operation - 40 cents on every hundred dollars of their respective valuation.

Elisha Ellis was authorized upon the payment of \$10, to keep a ferry across the Mississippi River for one year, at his landing, opposite the town of Harrisonville, and his charges for ferry service were established as follows: each man and horse - 75 cents; each footman - 25 cents; each single horse - 50 cents; each wheel carriage - 50 cents, per each wheel; each head of neat cattle - 50 cents; and each hog, sheep or goat - 6.25 cents. Mr. Ellis was also issued a license for the sum of \$10, to keep a tavern at his house in Herculaneum for one year. On the same condition, James Rankin was licensed to keep a tavern at his house in Herculaneum.

Other business that took place during the first term of the Circuit Court included: Elisha Ellis was appointed guardian of Amon Biron, constituting the first guardian and ward in Jefferson County. The will and testament of Peter Coleman deceased, was opened and proven in open court and recorded. This was the first will probated in Jefferson County.

The first grand jury was selected with 16 men being duly impaneled, and sworn as grand jurors. The men retired to deliberate, and finding no business, they returned into court, reported the fact and were discharged. At this term, Ebenezer Martin produced to the court a license to practice law and was accordingly admitted to the Jefferson County bar as a counselor and attorney at law.

The second term of the Circuit Court was held in July 1819, when the second grand jury was impaneled.