



# City of Herculaneum November 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.  
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## 9th ANNUAL PEVELY/HERCULANEUM CHRISTMAS PARADE THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29

The 9th annual Pevely/Herculaneum Christmas Parade will be held on Thursday evening, November 29 beginning at 7:00 PM. The theme for the parade will be, "It's Christmas!"

The parade lineup will be at the Herculaneum City Park on Joachim Avenue beginning at 5:00 PM. The parade will travel north on Joachim Avenue through Herculaneum and then right on Commercial Boulevard (Highway 61-67) and left on Lions Drive. The parade will turn right on to Old State Road and travel north to Main Street and end at Pevely Park #1. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at Pevely City Park to meet children and their parents. The City of Pevely will have a tree lighting and food trucks available prior to the arrival of the parade.

The park boards of both cities encourage all school groups, churches, local businesses, civic and service organizations, individuals and families to participate in the parade. Entries can include decorated vehicles, emergency vehicles, floats, walking units, classic cars, motorcycles, bicycles, tractors and pets. Parade entries are allowed to distribute candy along the parade route.

Cash prizes for parade entries will be awarded as follows: First Place (\$150), Second Place (\$100) and Third Place (\$50).

Parade applications are available at both Herculaneum City Hall and Pevely City Hall. Applications can be downloaded from [www.cityofherculaneum.org](http://www.cityofherculaneum.org) or [www.cityofpevely.net](http://www.cityofpevely.net). Applications can also be emailed or mailed upon request at: [billh6300@hotmail.com](mailto:billh6300@hotmail.com)

## HERCULANEUM CITY HALL CLOSED FOR VETERANS DAY

Herculaneum City Hall will be closed on Monday, November 12 in observance of Veterans Day.

City hall will reopen on Tuesday, November 13 at 8:30 am.



## HERCULANEUM CITY HALL CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING

Herculaneum City Hall will be closed on Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23 in observance of Thanksgiving.

City hall will reopen on Monday, November 26 at 8:30 am.



## GENERAL ELECTION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

The 2018 General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 6. All Herculaneum residents vote at the Herculaneum AMVETS Post #42, 690 Joachim Avenue.

The polls will be open from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm.



## 19th ANNUAL OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS LIGHTING & DECORATION CONTEST

The Herculaneum Historical Society and the City of Herculaneum will sponsor the 19th Annual Outdoor Lighting and Decoration Contest open to all residents of Herculaneum. Residents can register in person at Herculaneum City Hall or by phone (636 475-4447) to participate in the contest. Registration is required for your entry to be judged.

Registration begins on Monday, December 3 and will end on Monday, December 17 at 4:30 pm. All displays will be judged on Wednesday, December 19 between the hours of 7:00 and 9:00 pm. All displays must be illuminated on the evening of Wednesday, December 19 to be judged. Displays must be visible from the street. Displays will be judged on creativity, attractiveness, color coordination and first impression.

Cash prizes will be awarded as follows: First Place (\$100), Second Place (\$75) and Third Place (\$50).

For more information, call 636 475-4447 or 314 852-4964 (leave message).

## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR TRASH COLLECTION

The city's trash service, Republic Services, reminds all city residents that the company observes six holidays each year. Those six holidays are: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

Therefore, all services are delayed by one day following each holiday and will include collection on Saturday.

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



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## HERCULANEUM TODAY & TOMORROW SPONSORS 15th ANNUAL MISSISSIPPI RIVER ACCESS & MC NUTT STREET CLEAN UP

The 15th annual Mississippi River Access and the quarterly McNutt Street Clean Up will be held on Saturday, November 17 beginning at 9:00 am. The clean ups are sponsored by Herculanueum Today and Tomorrow.

Anyone wanting to help with the river access clean up should report to the end of Ferry Road (north of the Doe Run Company) at 8:30 am.

Those individuals wanting to help with the McNutt Street clean up should report to Herculanueum City Park, 776 Joachim Avenue at 8:30 am for assignments.

Participants should dress appropriately for the weather and type of event. Feel free to bring any type of hand tool that can be used for litter clean up. Trash bags, gloves and safety vests will be provided.

For information, please call 314 766-0644 or 314 852-4964.

## HERCULANEUM HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

The Herculanueum Historical Society will host a Christmas carol program on Thursday, December 6 at the Autumn Ridge Senior Living Facility, 300 Autumn Ridge Drive. The program will begin at 7:00 pm and is open to the public.

Barb Kay, the program presenter, will discuss the story behind the writing of 9 Christmas carols. After each carol, the audience will join in the singing of the carol. Some trivia about the Christmas carols will also be part of the presentation.

## JEFFERSON COUNTY HERITAGE & HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

The Jefferson County Heritage & Historical Society invites everyone to visit the newly established Jefferson County History Museum. The museum is located in the United Methodist Church of Festus-Crystal City, 113 Grand Avenue in Festus. The museum is open on Thursday evenings from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

There are numerous historical items from Herculanueum currently on display at the museum. The historical society is also seeking additional items for display. Items of historical significance can either be donated or loaned to the historical society.

## NOVEMBER STORY TIMES AT KADE'S PLAYGROUND

Barefoot Books Ambassador, Lisa Winkleman, is hosting a series of Story Times at Kade's Playground. Each story time will include a story, a craft and/or an activity.

For the month of November, the topic will be Children of the World on Wednesday, November 14 at 4:00 pm and on Sunday, November 18 at 1:00 pm, the topic will be Yoga Pretzels.

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.

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## MISSISSIPPI RIVER & BONNE TERRE RAILWAY

Prior to the construction of the Iron Mountain Railroad to Pilot Knob in 1858, the products of the lead mines in Washington and St. Francois counties were hauled by ox cart to Ste. Genevieve and Herculanueum and then transported on the Mississippi River. When the railroad became available, the lead was diverted to it, the delivery from the mines to the stations on the Iron Mountain being by ox cart and team. The very poor roads made this delivery so expensive that the St. Joseph Lead Company and the Desloge Lead Company constructed a 13 1/2-mile-long narrow gauge railroad from Bonne Terre to Summit on the main line of the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railroad. The line was started in 1878 and opened in 1880 and was known as the "St. Joe and Desloge Railway".

The St. Joseph Lead Company needed a more cost-effective transportation route for its products from the mines in St. Francois County to their new smelter in Herculanueum. Also needed was a means to transport the refined lead from Herculanueum to market. The 13 1/2 mile narrow gauge line from Bonne Terre to the Summit junction of the Iron Mountain Railroad had been unable to keep up with the demand.

The Mississippi River & Bonne Terre Railway, also known as the M.R. & B.T. Railway, was incorporated for a term of 50 years on May 11, 1888, by the St. Joseph Lead Company. The lead company laid 33 miles of track between Riverside and Bonne Terre between 1889 and 1890. Trains began rolling on the track on March 10, 1890. It soon became evident that more capacity was needed. In 1892 a 14 mile extension was built between Bonne Terre and Doe Run by the Doe Run Company and leased to the railway. The railway purchased the extension outright in 1893 completing the 47-mile overall length of the railroad. In 1893-94 the company converted the narrow gauge track to standard gauge.

The railway eventually owned and operated 63.91 miles of single track steam railroad in Southern Missouri, extending from Riverside (north of Herculanueum) in a generally southwesterly direction to the mining area of St. Francois County. The main stem embraced approximately 47 miles; the remaining 17.5 miles consisted of four short branch lines to various mines.

The M.R. & B.T.'s glory days were a time of fierce competition between railroads. The M.R. & B.T. carried heavy traffic and handled an extremely heavy commodity. Until 1929, four passenger trains ran everyday from Bonne Terre to St. Louis, using the Iron Mountain rails to reach St. Louis. Towns along the rail route included Big River, Silver Springs, Tunnel, Valles Mines, Oakvale, Flucom, Plattin, Howe, Crystal City, Festus, Herculanueum and Riverside. Train stations were located in each town along the route. The train also transported the mail along the route.

In 1929 the Missouri Pacific Railroad acquired controlling interest in the railroad from the St. Joseph Lead Company, and the M.R. & B.T. was incorporated into the new Missouri-Illinois Railroad, a wholly owned subsidiary of Missouri Pacific. After 41 years of service, the M.R. & B.T. Railway lost its identity, but passed on most of its style and character to the Missouri-Illinois.