

# City of Sturgeon Newsletter

~December 2019~

## City Council Schedule

The Board of Alderman meet every 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 6:00pm at the City Office 303 East Station Drive.

**Board of Alderman for the City of Sturgeon:** Candidate Filing opens for Ward I and Ward II (two year term) on December 17, 2019 at 8:00am at City Hall. Candidate Filing will close January 21, 2020. The election will be held April 7, 2020 here in Sturgeon at the Rec Center get out and vote and support your community.

## City of Sturgeon Survey

We would greatly appreciate you taking a moment to complete this short survey. We are interested in serious suggestion regarding what improvements around Sturgeon could be made to help our community, become even a 'greater place to grow'. For example; street improvement, water & sewer improvements, community entertainment venue, what else would you suggest.

**Question 1** – What items/facilities/services need to be improved, modified or created here in Sturgeon, Missouri?

**Question 2** - If the City of Sturgeon Board of Aldermen ran a 'Use Tax' proposition to capture lost local sales tax revenue from online shopping with out-of-state vendors, what would be important to help you vote 'yes'?

*Please return this survey by one of the following means:*

1. Return it in person to our City Office, between the hours of 7 a.m. – 3 p.m.
2. Drop it in our after-hours mail slot at the City Office.
3. Mail it to our office at: City of Sturgeon, P.O. Box 387.

Scan the document and email it to: [mayor@sturgeon-mo.org](mailto:mayor@sturgeon-mo.org)

## Census 2020

When the time arrives in the First Quarter of 2020, please be sure to participate in the census. An accurate census benefits our community and State in several ways: (1) Helps determine how many seats our State gets in Congress, (2) Helps determine how more than \$675 billion in federal funding is distributed to States and communities each year, (3) Could create jobs, provide housing, prepare for emergencies, and build schools, roads and hospitals. The 2020 Census will invite everyone to respond by using one of three options-online, by mail or by phone.

## Be careful what you flush

To help out the maintenance department and keep cost down. The City of Sturgeon is asking residents to please do not flush diapers, baby wipes, paper towels, rags and grease into the City sewers. Items listed above can clogged up the lift station thanks for your help.

### **Street Lights**

If you see a street light burned out, call City Hall at 687-3321. Ameren will be contacted to replace the light. Thanks for your help.

### **In the Know**

If you know anyone who is age 60 or older, there are programs out there that can help. Meals for You is one of the programs you can call 573-449-8000. Heating assistance programs are also available, you can pick up an application here at City Hall. Central Missouri Area Agency on Aging (CMAAA) has many resources. Contact them at 800-369-5211 with questions.

### **Food Bank**

Sturgeon United Methodist Church 101 East Smith Street has a food bank open from 9:00am to 11:00am the first and third Saturday of every month.

### **Sturgeon Website**

Codification is on the City of Sturgeon Web-site. The page is located at [www.sturgeon-mo.org](http://www.sturgeon-mo.org)

**The City has a new Facebook page with a link on our Sturgeon Website - [www.facebook.com/City-of-Sturgeon-Missouri-2426746057349199/](https://www.facebook.com/City-of-Sturgeon-Missouri-2426746057349199/)** Please like our page.

### **Registration of Dogs and Cats was required by January 1, 2020**

#### **Section 12.115      Registration of Dogs and Cats Required - Tags.**

The owner or keeper of any dog or cat of the age of three months or older shall register said dog or cat with the City Clerk on or before January first of each year. The name and address of the owner or keeper of a dog or cat so registered and an accurate description of the dog or cat shall be entered in a book kept for such purposes by the City Clerk, and a certificate of registration and a metal or plastic tag or check bearing identical numbers shall be issued to a collar or other device and worn by the said dog or cat.

(Ord. 636, Sec. 5, Approved and Effective March 28, 2005; Ord. 632, Approved and Effective August 23, 2004, Repealed; Ord. 620, Approved and Effective October 27, 2003, Repealed; Ord. 616, Approved and Effective April 28, 2003, Repealed)

#### **Section 12.120      Certificate of Immunization.**

Before any dog or cat shall be registered or a certificate or tag shall be issued as above provided the owner or keeper of said dog or cat shall present to the said City Clerk a certificate of immunization issued and signed by a licensed and registered veterinarian stating that said dog or cat has been immunized against rabies for the current year, or that said animal has been permanently immunized against rabies.

**We've had a concern expressed** to us at the City office regarding dogs running loose around town. Please be respectful of the walkers and bike riders around town. Remember it is an ordinance violation not to have your dog on a lease when outside.

## NOTES FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT:

**Section 10.220 of Sturgeon City Code** defines a non-operating vehicle as one that is not properly licensed, or insured, and which cannot immediately and safely be driven on the road by reason of any defective part necessary to the safe operation of the vehicle

Section 10.230 of Sturgeon City Code states a vehicle cannot remain on private property in non-operating condition for more than thirty days unless the vehicle is in an enclosed building or other appropriate storage place approved by the city

The City of Sturgeon is in the process of contacting owners and making them aware that these violations must be corrected.

## TREES:

### MDC confirms invasive Emerald Ash Borer in 16 new Missouri counties

*Tree-killing pest has now spread to 75 Missouri counties.*

**COLUMBIA, Mo.** – The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) reports the presence of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) in 16 new counties across Missouri. Collaborative efforts by MDC staff, Missouri Department of Agriculture inspectors, and USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service officers, EAB has been detected in Benton, Boone, Cooper, Douglas, Holt, Howard, Howell, Linn, Montgomery, Morgan, Nodaway, Osage, Ozark, Pettis, Putnam, and Randolph counties this year.

Since EAB was first detected in Missouri in July 2008, this tree-killing pest has spread to a total of 75 Missouri counties and the City of St. Louis.

EAB is a small, metallic green beetle native to Asia that attacks all species of ash trees, including Missouri's native green ash and white ash. In its larval stage, the insect kills ash trees by feeding on the vascular tissues just under the bark, slowly cutting off the trees' flow of water and nutrients. Unfortunately, EAB kills more than 99 percent of the ash trees it attacks.

EAB will likely be found statewide within the next few years, prompting MDC Forest Entomologist Robbie Doerhoff to urge Missourians with ash trees in their yard to make a plan now to either remove those trees or treat them with an insecticide.

"EAB-killed ash trees quickly become brittle and dangerous, so it's time to consider your options when it comes to ash trees, especially those located near buildings and driveways," said Doerhoff.

Ash trees typically show a pattern of declining health for 2-4 years before being killed by EAB. Woodpecker damage, sprouts growing from the main trunk, and major branch loss can all suggest EAB is present.

"Trees with more than 30% crown damage often aren't good candidates for insecticide treatments, making it critical to start treatment on ash trees before they look bad," said Doerhoff.

If you have an ash tree in your yard that mostly appeared healthy this growing season, it may be a good candidate for treatment next spring or early summer.

"Make sure you know what insecticide you or your arborist is using. Not all insecticides are effective or recommended, and treatment options vary by tree size," said Doerhoff.

Find more information on recommended insecticides in MDC's [EAB Management Guide for Missouri Homeowners: short.mdc.mo.gov/ZSq](https://short.mdc.mo.gov/ZSq)

Ash trees that are removed should be disposed of locally to prevent the accidental spread of EAB to new locations. EAB can emerge from ash firewood and logs for up to two years after harvest, so don't give EAB a free ride to your favorite camping locations. Buy firewood near where you plan to burn it!

"Emerald ash borer was likely introduced into Missouri by infested firewood," said State Entomologist for the Missouri Department of Agriculture Collin Wamsley. "Many other invasive forest pests such as the Asian longhorned beetle or gypsy moth are capable of hitchhiking long distances on firewood, and in turn, causing harm to Missouri's 15-million acres of forestland. Whether you heat your home with firewood, or like to go camping, we recommend not moving firewood farther than 50 miles from where it was harvested."

MDC encourages Missourians to report possible EAB infestations in counties where the pest has not yet been confirmed. Reports can be made by using the online form at [eab.missouri.edu](http://eab.missouri.edu) or by calling MDC's Forest Pest Hotline at 866-716-9974.

*MDC works with you and for you to sustain healthy forests, fish, and wildlife.*

**Phone Numbers you might want to know:**

Ameren Missouri (800) 552-7583

Century-Link (800) 201-4099

City Office (573) 687-3321

Police Department (573) 687-3300 (O) 573-682-7661 (C). If you see or know of any illegal activity going on in town, don't hesitate to notify the Sturgeon Police Officer at these phone numbers, or contact the Boone County Sheriff at 911 or non-emergency 573-442-6131 and or 311.

Post Office 687-3885

T-Mac Trash (573) 814-2844

Provincial Cable & Data (866) 284-3346

OFFICE HOURS ARE MONDAY- FRIDAY 7:00AM TO 3:00PM