



CAMDENTON NEWS AND VIEWS

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City of Camdenton, Missouri

November 2023

MUNICIPAL CALENDAR

November

- 7 12:00PM ****Storm Siren Testing**
- 7 6:00PM **Board of Aldermen**
- 13 9:00AM **Utility Disconnect**
- 14 6:00PM ***Planning & Zoning**
- 16 4:00PM **Airport Board**
- 21 6:00PM **Board of Aldermen**
- 28 6:00PM ***Board of Adjustment**

December

- 5 12:00PM ****Storm Siren Testing**
- 5 6:00PM **Board of Aldermen**
- 11 9:00AM **Utility Disconnect**
- 12 6:00PM ***Planning & Zoning**
- 19 6:00PM **Board of Aldermen**
- 26 6:00PM ***Board of Adjustment**

January

- 2 12:00PM ****Storm Siren Testing**
- 2 6:00PM **Board of Aldermen**
- 11 9:00AM **Utility Disconnect**
- 16 6:00PM **Board of Aldermen**
- 18 6:00PM **Park Board**

**Meeting dates are subject to change/cancellation-*

***Unless severe weather is imminent-*

Complete calendar is available online at:

www.camdentoncity.com

From Mayor McNabb...



What a great time of year. The seasons are changing, and the holiday season is fast approaching. A time for family and friends to gather and celebrate is almost upon us. Soon, we will be welcoming a new year with a new set of hopes, expectations, and challenges. I wish you all the best.

Our Police Department is preparing for their biggest event of the year. Shop with a Cop provides our officers a way to connect with our citizens during the holiday season. Last year, we took 125 kids shopping at Wal-Mart to buy gifts for themselves and family members. 5 families shopped at Gerbes for their holiday meals. If you would like to get involved or make a donation, you can call the Police Department at 346-3604 or visit with a department member.

December 1st and 2nd the Camdenton Chamber will host Christmas on the Square. What a great community event! Please join me Friday night to light the tree on the Square. You can get more information from the Chamber website.

I would like to remind you that our Public Works Department will start the annual leaf pick-up on Monday, November 6th. You can find the map of the pick-up schedule on the city website or call us for more information. These folks do a great job, and we thank them for this service.

A couple of projects have been going on at the City Park. The October cruise in was held on October 14th. There was food, games, vendors, and cars on display. A group of local kids raised money to make improvements at the Skate Park. We appreciate their efforts, and the City intends to match what they raised to help make their project happen. We thank the Pool staff for their work to make this event happen, and we hope to make it an annual event.

We have also begun a project at the City Pool to refurbish the surface of the Pool. Demolition has begun, new tiles will be put in place, and the deck will be replastered before next summer.

Our City continues to grow. We have new commercial and residential building going on. In the near future, we hope to host a groundbreaking for an apartment complex in the City which will have 132 apartments along with a pool, clubhouse, and other amenities.

As always, we here at City Hall are here to serve the community. If you have needs, concerns, or an idea please feel free to give us a call or stop in for a visit.

Mayor John McNabb



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BULLETIN BOARD

Mayor John McNabb

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Staff

City Administrator.....Jeffrey Hooker
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Police Chief.....Jeff Beauchamp
Public Works Director.....Bill Jeffries
Building Official.....Mike Wackerman
Code & Fire Official.....Chasity Ivey
Parks Director..... Travis Brock
City Attorney.....Phil Morgan

Business Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00AM – 4:30 PM
 Phone: (573) 346-3600 Fax: (573) 346-2926
 For more community information, visit our city website:
www.camdentoncity.com
 City Hall Email: cityhall@camdentoncity.com
 Police Department Phone: 573-346-3604
 Police Department Email:
policedept@camdentoncity.com



GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Last Day to Register to Vote – March 6, 2024
Election Day – April 2, 2024

Filing for candidacy for Mayor and one Alderman from each of the Wards I, II, III (2 year terms) and one member of the Special Road District R begins at 8 am on December 5, 2023 and ends at 5 pm on December 26, 2023. Candidates should file with the Office of the City Clerk. The office of the City Clerk will not be open on Saturdays and Sundays or those days designated a holiday by the City.



UPCOMING EVENTS

November 5	Daylight Saving Time End
November 7	Election Day
November 10	*Veteran's Day (Observed)
November 11	Veteran's Day
November 23-24	*Thanksgiving
December 1-2	Christmas on the Square
December 24	Christmas Eve
December 25	*Christmas Day
December 31	New Year's Eve
January 1	*New Year's Day
January 16	*Martin Luther King Jr. Day

*Indicates City Hall Closed

WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES!

6 Iron Fashions	.....	188 W. US Hwy 54
Breakfree Photography	.....	188 W. US Hwy 54
Cards by Dianne	.....	741 N. Business Rt. 5
Gorilla's Grub	.....	MOBILE FOOD TRUCK
Grammy Time Hobby	.....	20 Camden Ct. SE
Highlander Public House	.....	1165 N. Business Rt. 5
Howler Axe Co.	.....	765 N. Business Rt. 5

For all your shopping needs,
TRY CAMDENTON FIRST!



WATER BILLS ARE DUE THE LAST DAY OF EACH MONTH; LATE FEES ARE APPLIED ON THE 4TH OF THE FOLLOWING MONTH. TO AVOID DISCONNECTION, PLEASE PAY YOUR BILL PRIOR TO DISCONNECT DAY.

You can pay in person, drop your payment in the drop box at the end of the sidewalk at City Hall, pay online at www.camdentoncity.com, or pay by calling City Hall at 573-346-3600.

NO PAPER LATE NOTICES ARE MAILED OUT. LATE NOTICES COME BY PHONE CALL/TEXT. THE CITY NEEDS CURRENT PHONE NUMBERS ON FILE TO HELP AVOID DISCONNECTION FROM WATER & SEWER SERVICES.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

HELP US HELP YOU WHEN THE SNOW BEGINS TO FALL!

When Snowfall is expected

The Public Works Department will pre-salt the street to try to keep ice from forming and to aid in the removal of snow. The department has over 25 miles of road to clear as well as City properties and parking areas on the square.

When the Snow falls

When two or three inches of snow have accumulated, or more is expected, plowing becomes more effective than salting. All main roads and residential streets will be plowed by the PWD, which assigns its crews to five plow zones. The department has five trucks for plowing. The first priority is to open the main roads to provide safe access for emergency vehicles and to maintain traffic flow, since most residents live within a few blocks of the main roads. The plows then continue to all streets in each zone until all the streets are clear. If the storm continues, the crews continue working in the same pattern until the storm abates. Then the trucks begin to widen out all roads by pushing the accumulated snow back to the edge of the asphalt and curbs and clearing the intersections. The crews will be out working throughout a storm to clear away the snow. Please do not go out during or immediately after a snowstorm unless it is necessary. Less traffic on the roads means the crews will be able to do their job more quickly and completely. Under the best conditions, it will take 8 to 10 hours after the snow has stopped falling to complete the snow removal operations. Snow removal is an arduous and time-consuming task. Please understand that the Public Works Department cannot shovel out your driveway entrance nor can it plow out any private property.

After the Storm Is Over

Crews continue to monitor all roads for icy conditions and where winds may redeposit snow onto the roadways. Usually, salt is applied so that all surfaces remain safe to drive on. Residents can assist by not throwing snow into the roadway when clearing driveways and sidewalks or push snow across a cleared street. Pushing snow across the street removes the salt laid down for ice control.



Tips and Suggestions

- If snow is expected, move your cars into the driveway. Parking on the streets during a snowstorm prohibits snow removal.
- Do not park at the end of dead-end streets or in cul-de-sacs. These are needed to push the snow thru and are Fire Lanes.
- If you are shoveling out the entrance to your driveway, do not throw snow directly into the street, shovel onto the side of the driveway or other area of your property.
- If possible, finish clearing your driveway entrance AFTER the final widening pass by the snowplow, which will come about 8 to 10 hours after the snow stops falling, depending on the severity of the storm.

The Public Works Department is committed to the safety of our citizens and providing them with drivable streets.

How to Help Prevent Frozen Water Pipes and Water Meters



When below freezing temperatures are sustained over a few days, water pipes and meters that are close to cold air may freeze. The Camdenton Public Works Department urges residents to take steps to prevent water pipes and meters from freezing. Frozen water meters and water pipes can stop water service and may be expensive to repair or replace. Property owners are responsible for protecting both water pipes and the water meter from damage. Preventing pipes and the meter from freezing is easier than trying to thaw them. The Camdenton Public Works Department offers these money saving suggestions:

How To Prevent Frozen Water Pipes:

Make frequent use of your water supply. Flowing water often breaks up ice. Keep your faucets circulating by having them drip all day and night as a preventative procedure. It's less expensive than a repair or burst pipe.

Eliminate cold drafts near water pipes. Tightly close doors and windows to the outside, install storm windows on basement windows, eliminate drafts from crawl space, fill cracks in the walls and around windows, turn off water connections to your garden hose.

Provide warmth to the water pipes. Open the door to the room where the pipes are located to allow warmth to circulate. Place a heat lamp near water pipes. Never use open flames. Wrap pipes in insulation or heat tape. If your kitchen or bathroom sink is located against an outside wall, insulate the wall. Open cabinet doors below the sink to allow warm air to reach the pipe.



How To Thaw Frozen Water Pipes:

The pipes are frozen if no water comes from your faucets when you turn them on. Most likely, the pipes nearest a wall, door, window, or along the floor are frozen. Start by opening a faucet near the frozen pipe to release any vapor from the melting ice and so that you'll know when the water starts flowing again. Begin warming the pipes nearest the faucet and work toward the frozen section. Blow warm air on the pipe using a hair dryer. Do not leave the dryer unattended or allow it to overheat. Do not use a blowtorch or open flame to warm pipes. This is a fire hazard and could cause an explosion. Once water has begun to flow again, let a pencil-sized stream of water flow through the faucet until normal heating is restored to the area. Eliminate cold drafts and allow warm air to circulate around the pipes to prevent freezing again.

How To Help Prevent A Frozen Water Meter:

It is colder near the floor and along the block wall of a basement than at the ceiling, so make sure warm air is circulating around your meter. Follow the previous instruction about preventing freezing frozen water pipes. If your meter is in a separate room, leave the door open to this room to allow warmth to circulate. If your meter is in a cabinet, open the cabinet door. If the meter is in an outdoor pit, check to see that the cover fits properly and that it has no cracks into which cold wind can blow. The pipes, valves and the meter inside such pits should not touch the concrete walls.

If you suspect damage to water pipes or the water meter, call the Camdenton Public Works Department (573) 346-3600 Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

RIGHT-OF-WAY WORK PERMITS

The right-of-way or roadway is the full width of the roads in the City. Most roads are 50 to 60 feet wide with the center 20 feet paved. This means there is 10 to 20 feet on either side of the asphalt that is still roadway. These areas are used for official signage and utilities.

Work such as driveways require permission and a permit issued by the City. City ordinances prohibit placing any materials, signs, or structures within the right-of-way. This includes real estate signs, political signs, and portable basketball goals. While we want our children to exercise, basketball goals left in the right-of-way become a traffic hazard and the owner of the goal is responsible should accidents happen. Please ensure the goals are moved back from the right-of-way after play.

If you plan on working close to the edge of the asphalt, please call City Hall at 573-346-3600 and we will be happy to help you.

POLICE UPDATES



With hunting season almost here, it's a good time to talk about firearm safety. Always keep all guns out of reach of children. For maximum safety, ammunition should be stored in a different location than your firearm, have a lock on your firearm when not in use, and store your firearm inside a locked case. For suggestions on

how to speak to children about gun safety, visit <https://eddieagle.nra.org/parents/> The Camdenton Police Department has a limited quantity of firearm safety devices for those interested.

Every year, the Camdenton Police Department participates in the Shop with a Cop program. Last year, the community donated enough money to help 124 children. Each year, we hope to help more children. Without your generous donations, there are many



children whose Christmas wouldn't be nearly as enjoyable as it could be. If you are able to donate, you can drop your donation off at the Camdenton Police Department or mail it to 437 W. US Hwy 54, Camdenton, MO 65020.



Christmas on the Square

Christmas on the Square is on December 2nd, 2023, this year. Clerk Teri will be there to make ornaments with the kiddos again this year.

Don't let the Grinch Steal your Christmas

Did you know Camdenton Police can do resident checks while you are out of town? Just give us a call before you leave.



While you are having fun at your Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year Eve's parties, please have a plan for who will be driving! Please do NOT get behind the wheel if you have been drinking or smoking, and do NOT get in a car with a driver who has been drinking or smoking.

Winter Driving Tips

Leave Early

- Allow yourself the extra time to drive slowly and cautiously.
- Clear snow off **all** windows and mirrors before you leave home or work.
- Don't leave a lot of snow on the roof of your car. It can sometimes slide forward when braking and cover the windshield.
- Clear front and rear lights so other people can see you and your signals.
- Leave several car lengths between you and the car in front of you.
- Driving in snow requires anticipation of other drivers as much as looking after your own car.
- Watch the behavior of oncoming traffic; you may have to avoid them if they slide toward you.
- Cars approaching a narrowing of the road uphill will not want to stop in case they can't start again. Cars approaching downhill may be unable to stop without skidding.

Driving on Ice

- Unlike snow, ice is often invisible. You have to guess where it might be.
- Look for reflections in the road surface ahead; what looks like water, may be ice.
- One of the first signs of slippery conditions is if the steering becomes lighter to turn. If you are aware of this effect, you can feel the reduced resistance to your steering wheel movements as the road becomes slippery.
- If you travel a road regularly, note where water collects on the road and may freeze.
- Road bridges freeze first because they lose heat from below as well as above.
- 4x4 vehicles aren't any better than a conventional car on ice. Having two extra driven wheels gives extra traction in snow but they have the same number of braked wheels as an ordinary car, so steering and stopping is not any better. In fact, being heavier, they tend to have longer stopping distances. There is a danger though, that 4x4 drivers **expect** to have an advantage, and may travel faster than is wise.



Skid Correction

- **Don't brake!** That will make it worse. The simplest response is to ease off on the brake or accelerator and try to keep the front wheels pointing where you want to go.
- Front wheel drive and rear wheel drive cars behave differently. You should refer to your owner's manual for proper handling.

Stock your Car

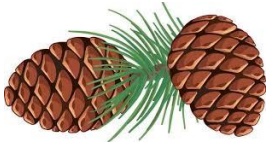
Carry items in your vehicle to handle common winter driving-related tasks, such as cleaning off your windshield, as well as any supplies you might need in an emergency. Items recommended included:

- Snow shovel and ice scraper
- Abrasive material such as sand or kitty litter in case your vehicle gets stuck on the ice or in the snow
- Jumper cables, flashlight, and warning devices such as flares and emergency markers
- Blankets, extra socks, coat/jacket, gloves, boots, etc. for protection from the cold
- Cell phone charger

Emergency Kit



For more tips on preparing for winter driving, visit <https://www.nhtsa.gov/winter-driving-tips>



PARKS DEPARTMENT



Although we attempt to keep the restrooms open until November 15th at both the Ballpark & on Pam May Drive. They will be closed for the season starting when the temperatures drop to freezing on a regular basis in order to avoid frozen pipes. Once closed, they will remain so until the target date of March 15, 2024.

The lights at the tennis courts will go dark the same date the restrooms close for the season and will be turned back on the same target date of March 15, 2024.



IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR FALL LEAVES....

It will soon be the time of year when the air begins to chill, and leaves begin to fall. That means the City will be filled with the sights and sounds of leaves being raked, mower's mulching up leaves, and, in some cases, the smell of leaves being burned. If you do plan on burning leaves, please be sure to call Mid-County Fire Protection District at (573) 346-3262 to make sure conditions are favorable for burning. One of the best methods for ridding your yard of leaves is to mulch them into the yard with your lawn mower. It not only provides a good nutrient base for next year's growth cycle, but it also takes less time than raking and is easier on the body.



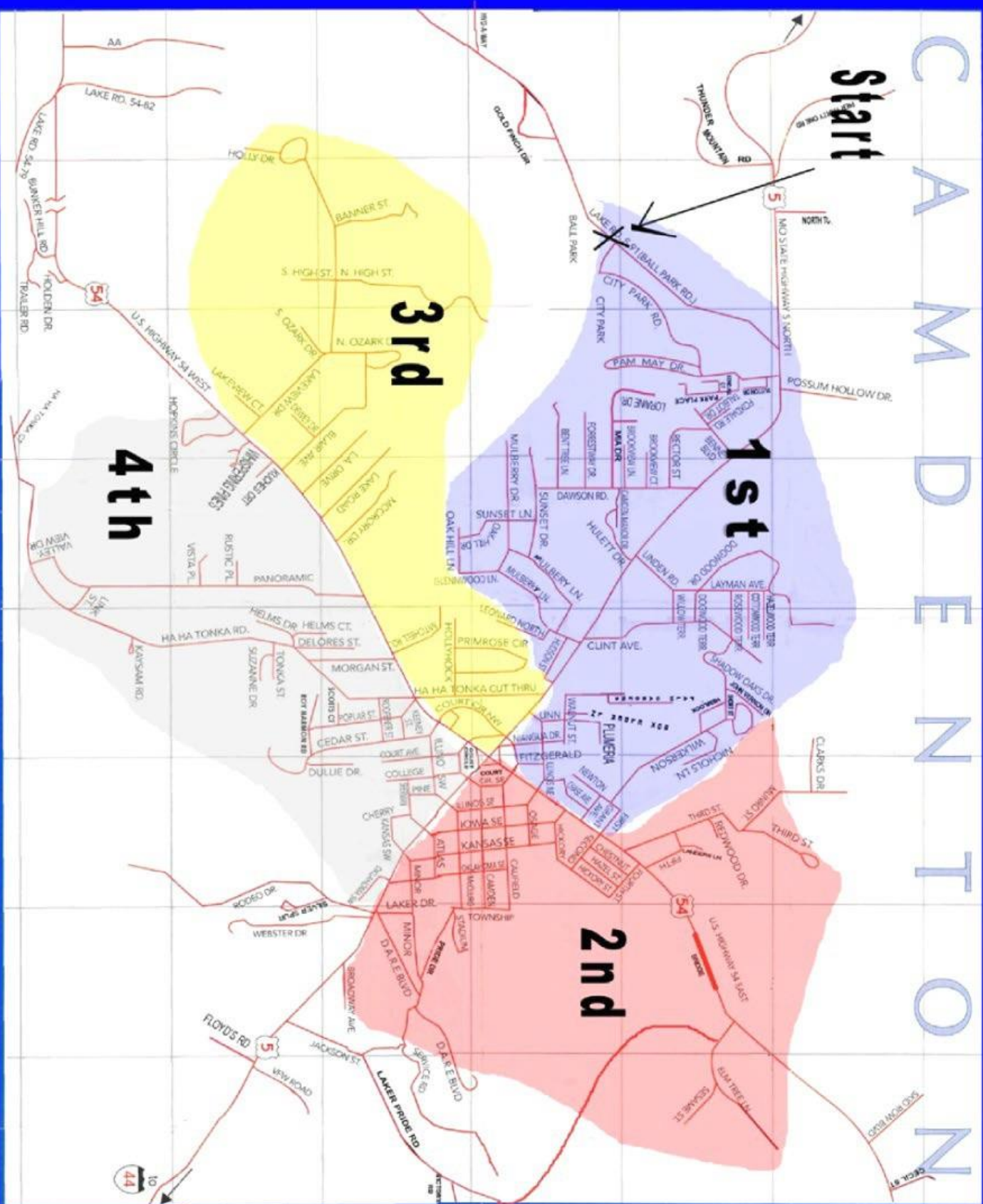
For those of you who are not going to mulch, burn, or rake your leaves into the woods behind your house, the Camdenton Public Works Department will begin the annual leaf pick-up starting late this fall. Use the map on page 7 to locate what section your property is in and what week your leaves will be picked up. For pick-up, please place your leaves in a pile next to the ditch (**NOT IN THE DITCH OR STREET**) and be sure there are not any limbs, rocks, or other debris mixed in with the leaves. Please ensure your leaves are out the week of your area. We plan on working only on the week specified for your area. **The exact start date of the leaf pick-up & map will be posted at www.camdentoncity.com and the City of Camdenton's Facebook Page as we**

get closer to pick-up – the tentative start date for Leaf Pickup is **November 6th**. The leaf pick-up schedule may be adjusted for weather or other unforeseen circumstances as needed. Due to limitations in personnel and equipment, we will only pick up leaves once a year.



CAMDEN TOWN

Start





Renew your Dog and/or Cat License(s) today!

Pet licenses must be renewed before December 31st to avoid penalty. New tags go on sale on November 15th. Please bring your pet's updated Rabies vaccination record to City Hall to renew licenses. If you have any questions, please contact Community Service Official Simpson at 346-3604 or at policedept@camdentoncity.com.

GFL Trash Company observes the following holidays (offices are closed and no trash pickup):

- **Thanksgiving Day** – If your trash is normally picked up Thursday it will be picked up Friday, and if your trash is normally picked up Friday, it will be Saturday.
- **Christmas Day & New Year's Day** – Since Christmas Day and New Year's Day both fall on Monday, ALL TRASH WILL BE PICKED UP ONE DAY LATE FOR THESE TWO WEEKS.

PLEASE BE ADVISED OF THE CITY OF CAMDENTON POLICIES – FROM THE CITY CODE – REGARDING WATER/SEWER SERVICE DISCONNECTIONS AND FEES.

Section 700.370 Sewer And Water — Billing Frequency — Delinquent Bills.

[R.O. 1992 § 700.295; Ord. No. 2245-08 § 1, 5-6-2008; Ord. No. 2464-13 § 1, 5-21-2013]

A. Water and sewer customers shall be billed monthly. Billings for any particular cycle shall be made within thirty (30) days after the end of the billing cycle. Payments are due when the billings are made and shall be considered delinquent if not paid by the last day of the month of the billing.

B. A late payment penalty in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the user charge bill will be added to each delinquent bill for each calendar month the bill remains unpaid. [Ord. No. 2653-17, 5-16-2017]

C. Service to water and sewer customers whose bill remains unpaid by the 10th of the following month of the billing shall be **disconnected** subject to the provision of Section **700.330** of the Camden City Code



Section 700.330 Reconnection Fee For Delinquent Water Bills.

[R.O. 1992 § 700.270; Ord. No. 2245-08 § 1, 5-6-2008; Ord. No. 2653-17, 5-16-2017; Ord. No. 2780-19, 10-15-2019]

If water bills remain unpaid by 9:00 A.M. on the 10th day of the following month, service will be discontinued and a fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for the first time in a twelve-month period, a fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the second time in a twelve-month period, a fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the third and subsequent times in a twelve-month period, must be paid before service can be reconnected during normal duty hours of the

Water Department. After normal duty hours and on weekends, a fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) plus the reconnect fee as stated above must be paid before service can be reconnected.

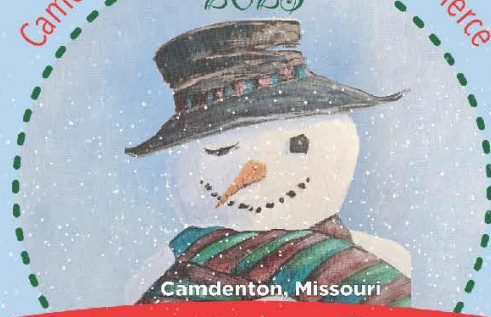
ATTENTION ALL BUSINESSES

With January approaching, it's time to start thinking about your Annual Life Safety Inspections with Code and Fire Official, Chasity Ivey. Since these are annual inspections, you do not need to wait for Business License Renewal notices to be sent out. However, you will not receive a City of Camden Business License without an approved inspection.

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTACT THE CODE & FIRE OFFICIAL WITH THE CITY OF CAMDENTON TO SCHEDULE YOUR LIFE SAFETY INSPECTION. PLEASE CALL 573-346-3600 ext. 233 TO SCHEDULE YOUR INSPECTION.

Camdenton Area Chamber of Commerce

2023



Camdenton, Missouri

Christmas on the Square

Illustration by
Bill Wood

at the Camden County Courthouse Lawn

Friday, Dec. 1, 2023 - 5pm-7pm

Tree Lighting Ceremony & Christmas Marketplace

Food & Beverage Trucks- Local entertainers - Vendors

Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023 - 10:30am-1pm

FREE ACTIVITIES INCLUDING:

Games & Prizes - Petting Zoo - Music - Crafts

Giveaways - Cookie Decorating - Hot Dogs & Hot Chocolate

Visit with Santa (arrives at 11:30am)

*Enter to win a Holiday Meal! (must be present to win)

Join us for our CAN DO CHALLENGE - (Not required but appreciated):

Bring can goods to help stock the Lamb House for those in need

Winter Wonderland

Daddy, Daughter Dance

Hosted by: Pregnancy Help Center

November 18th, 2023

6:00pm-8:00pm

**@ The Exchange
57 Court Circle S.W.
Camdenton, Mo**



\$30 *Early Registration*

\$35 *Day Of Event*

Registration Now Open!

[runsignup.com/Race/MO/Camdenton/
WinterWonderlandDaddyDaughterDance](https://runsignup.com/Race/MO/Camdenton/WinterWonderlandDaddyDaughterDance)

Tickets include:

**Entry for Dad &
Daughter
Mac N' Cheese
Bar & Beverages**



CAMDENTON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HOLIDAY SHOP HOP

November 10– December 15



FREE TO PARTICIPATE

Get your official Holiday Shop Hop ticket at any of the participating businesses or by stopping at the Camdenon Area Chamber of Commerce office during Shop Hop dates of Nov 10–Dec 15

TICKETS MUST BE TURNED IN TO THE CAMDENTON AREA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BY DECEMBER 15TH AT 4PM TO BE
INCLUDED WITHIN THE PRIZE DRAWINGS



For more information and complete list of
participating businesses visit

www.CamdenonChamber.com

