

CAMDENTON NEWS AND VIEWS

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City of Camdenton, Missouri

November, 2014

MUNICIPAL CALENDAR

November

18	7:00 PM	Board of Aldermen
20	9:00 AM	Municipal Court
20	4:00 PM	Airport Board

December

2	12:00 Noon	**Storm Siren Testing
2	6:00 PM	*Board of Adjustment
2	7:00 PM	Board of Alderman
4	9:00 AM	Municipal Court
9	5:30 PM	*Planning & Zoning
16	7:00 PM	Board of Aldermen
18	9:00 AM	Municipal Court

January

6	12:00 Noon	**Storm Siren Testing
6	6:00 PM	*Board of Adjustment
6	7:00 PM	Board of Aldermen
8	9:00 AM	Municipal Court
13	5:30 PM	*Planning & Zoning
15	9:00 AM	Municipal Court
20	7:00 PM	Board of Aldermen

February

3	12:00 Noon	**Storm Siren Testing
3	6:00 PM	*Board of Adjustment
3	7:00 PM	Board of Aldermen
5	9:00 AM	Municipal Court

**Meeting dates are subject to change.*

***Unless severe weather is imminent*

*Complete calendar is available online at:
www.camdentoncity.com*

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RECENT COUNCIL ACTION

Our most recent council actions and the complete City code are available on the City's web page. The newest ordinances are available after the council meeting in which they are passed. Just go to www.camdentoncity.com, click on "City Government", click on "New Ordinances", then click on the ordinance in which you are interested. For the complete City code, click on "City Government" then click on "Municipal Ordinances".

From Mayor McNabb...

The summer months are behind us, and the new school year has begun for our children. Fall is here and temperatures are dropping. Soon the holiday season will be here and we will be celebrating Thanksgiving and Christmas. I know I have a lot to be thankful for and I am hopeful everyone feels the same.

We are entering an exciting time here at City Hall. We have begun the selection process for choosing a firm to lead us in the development of a new Comprehensive Plan for the city. This plan will replace a plan that was done in 1987. Needless to say it is time for a new plan. This plan will help us move forward with a strategy to grow our city and help us solve the problems that exist and be prepared to face the challenges that change presents. It is our hope that we can involve all of our citizens and business leaders in developing the plan. It is important that we get as much input as we can from everyone.

Our airport hosted the 4th annual Lake of the Ozarks Air Show in September. What a great event. I want to thank everyone who was involved in putting on a great show. Special thanks to the Air Show committee from the Camdenton Area Chamber of Commerce and the Veterans committee that hosted lake area veterans on Friday evening. If you attended the football game on Friday night you were in for a special treat with the fly-over just before the national anthem. This Air Show is a very special event for the lake area and the city. I would also like to thank all of our city employees for their hard work in preparation and during the show.

Thanks to the Public Works Department for their work decorating the square and City Hall. The displays always remind me of the upcoming holidays and help me get in the spirit. In this issue you can also find instructions for the fall leaf pickup. The Board of Aldermen hopes you are able to take advantage of this service.

Things are slowing down at the City Park. The Pool is closed after a great summer season, and the ball fields are shut down. Dragon Ridge disc golf course has added 2 more holes bringing the total to 15, with the final 3 holes being planned. I hope you have had a chance to meet our new Parks Director, Larry Bennett. He and his crew are doing a great job at the park and I know we will be seeing some exciting things in the park in the future.

Finally I would like to thank all our employees for all they do on a daily basis, I am also grateful for our Board of Aldermen, they do a difficult job and I am thankful for their service to the city. I am honored to hold the office of Mayor of the city of Camdenton. If there is anything I can help you with please contact me at City Hall.

Mayor John McNabb

BULLETIN BOARD

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER

Your community needs you-Volunteer today!

The Camdenton Fire Department consists of both career and volunteer personnel who respond to all types of emergencies, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in any weather conditions. For more information, please call 573-346-6260.

"THE DRAFTING TABLE"

Thoughts from the Building Department

Cold weather is almost here and it is time to consider having your heating and cooling system maintained. Keeping your system maintained will save you money by keeping your system working at peak performance and is definitely a safety feature.

The most important item that you can maintain yourself is to keep your air filter changed on a regular basis. A dirty filter increases energy cost and can damage your equipment. Most filters should be changed on a monthly basis but some of the newer and more expensive filters may go at longer intervals. Check your filters monthly. If it is obviously dirty, change it.

Annually, a professional should be called in to do a maintenance check-up. Typically they will check the thermostat settings, check all electrical connections, lubricate the moving parts, inspect the condensate drain and check the system controls for safe operation. The evaporator and condensing coils should be cleaned and the refrigerant levels checked.

If you use propane or oil to heat your house then special attention should be given to checking all connections, gas pressure, burner combustion and the heat exchanger. If you heat with wood, etc. then the wood burner and the flue needs to be cleaned at least once per year. If you heat with liquid or solid fuels then it is highly recommended that you have carbon monoxide (CO) detectors installed.

A monthly and annual maintenance schedule for your heating and cooling system can keep your system running safely and at peak efficiency for years to come.

Going Somewhere?

The Camdenton Police Department offers residential checks while you are away. It's FREE and EASY! Just call our office during business hours at 573-346-3604 or complete the [online form](#) at www.camdentoncity.com to request a Residence Check before you leave. You can also e-mail us at policedept@camdentoncity.com.

For all your shopping needs

TRY CAMDENTON FIRST!

Welcome New Businesses!

- * *Elements Spa* 1152 W US Hwy 54
- * *Boys In The Hood* 515 W US Hwy 54

GENERAL MUNICIPAL FILING & ELECTION

Last Day to Register to Vote – March 11, 2015
Election Day – April 7, 2015

Filing for candidacy for Mayor and one Alderman from each of the Wards I, II, and III (2 year terms) begins at 8:00 AM on December 16, 2014 and ends at 5:00 PM on January 20, 2015. Office hours are 8:00 AM-4:30 PM, Monday-Friday, excluding holidays. Candidates should file with the office of the City Clerk.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- November 11.....*Veteran's Day
- November 26.....Occupant Protection Enforcement Day
- November 27-28.....*Thanksgiving Holiday
- December 6.....Christmas on the Square
- December 7.....Pearl Harbor Day
- Dec 12-Jan 1.....Statewide DWI Saturation Patrol
- December 25-26.....*Christmas Holiday
- January 1-2.....*New Year's Holiday
- January 19.....Martin Luther King Jr Day
- February 14.....Valentine's Day
- February 16.....*President's Day
- February 20.....Occupant Protection Enforcement Day

**Indicates City Hall Closed*



Get Ready for Winter! Help Us Help you

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 really 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 snow plow, 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.

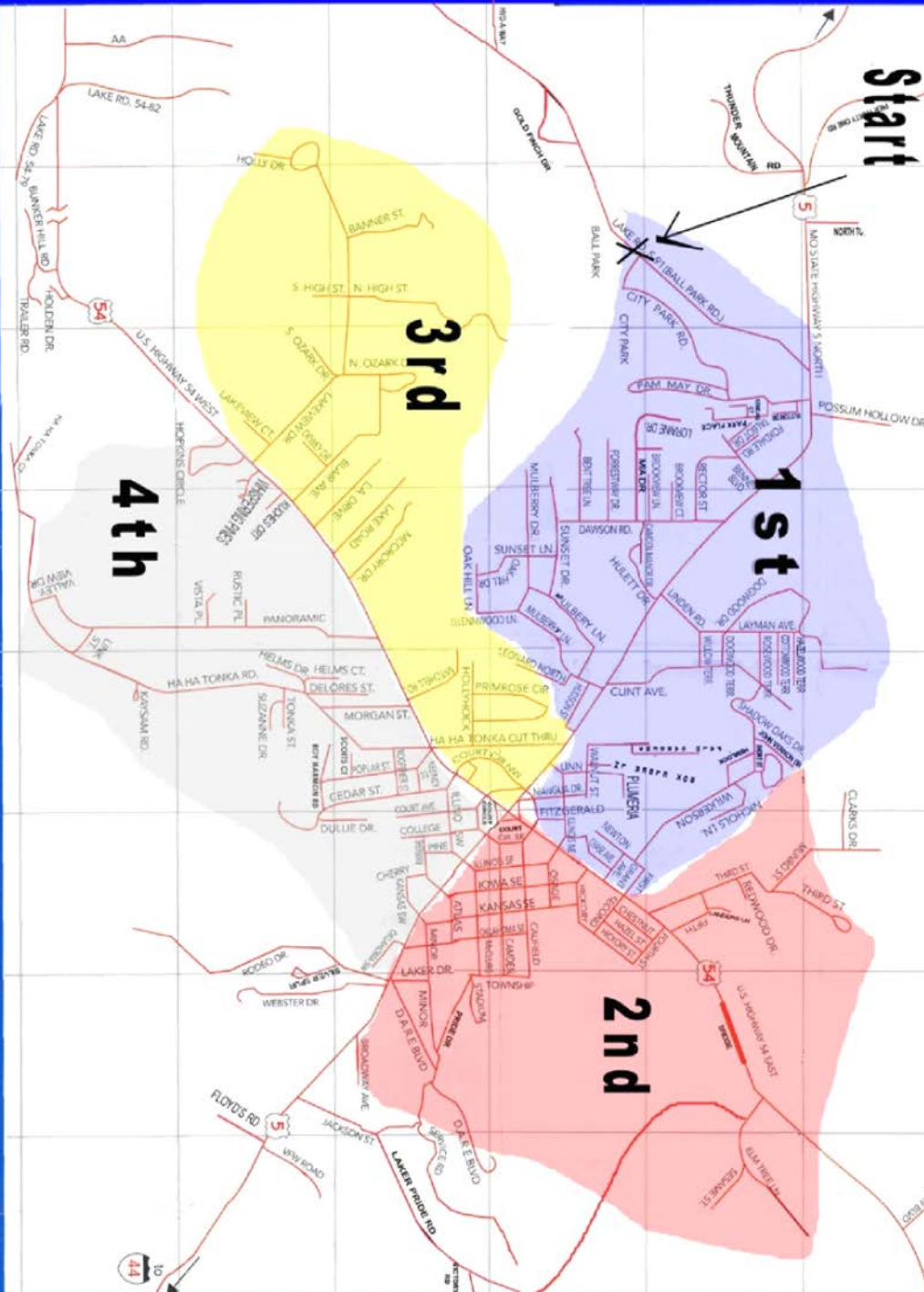


It's already the time of year when the air begins to chill and leaves begin to fall. That means the City will be filled with the sights and sounds of leaves being raked, mower's mulching up leaves and, in some cases, the smell of leaves being burned. If you do plan on burning leaves, please be sure to call the Camden Fire Department (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, it 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 Camden Public Works Department will begin the annual leaf pick-up starting November 10, 2014. Use the map on page 4 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.

The leaf pick-up schedule may be adjusted for weather or other unforeseen circumstances as needed.

CAMDEN TOWN





CHRISTMAS ON THE SQUARE

DECEMBER 6, 2014
11 AM-2 PM

On the Camden County Courthouse
Lawn in Camdenon

SANTA ARRIVES AT NOON!

Ornament Making
Hot Chocolate, Cookies,
Hot Dogs
Christmas Music
Games and Prizes
Nativity Scene
Turkey & Prize Drawings
Petting Zoos
And Much More

For information call the Camdenon
Area Chamber of Commerce
at **573-346-2227** or go to
www.camdentonchamber.com

DOG & CAT TAG RENEWALS –



License renewal due by **December 31** --- Be sure to bring the current rabies vaccine certificate. For more information contact Community Service Officer Ivey at 573-346-3604

License required – Owners residing in the City shall obtain a license from the city for all dogs and cats over the age of six months. All licenses issued shall be effective from January 1st to December 31st of **each year**. License fees are \$10 (\$5 if spayed or neutered). Certificate of current rabies vaccination is also required. Any license fees due and unpaid thirty days after it becomes due and payable shall be subject to a penalty in the same amount as the renewal fee. Replacement of a dog tag shall be \$2.

No animal running at large – Fines are assessed for impounded animals. There have been increased complaints in some neighborhoods regarding animals at large and therefore the Community Service Officer has increased patrol of these neighborhoods. If your animal is found with a City tag, the CSO will attempt to contact the owner and the animals returned with a warning or violation notice before transporting to an animal shelter. Should your animal be found without a City issued tag, the animal will be transported to an animal shelter with additional fees incurred.

Nuisance animals – Frequent howling, barking, baying or yelping is not permitted.

Limitation on number of animals – No household/ residence in a residential zone shall not have more than three (3) dogs and not more than three (3) cats at any time.

Pit Bull dogs not allowed – It is unlawful to possess or own a pit bull or pit bull mix dog within the City limits.



IF YOU MUST DRINK, DON'T DRIVE, CALL FOR A RIDE!

Did you know that between Thanksgiving and New Year's is the most dangerous holiday season of the year on public highways? There are more alcohol-related fatalities during this holiday season than any other time during the year in the United States.

To help deter drunk driving, the Camdenon Police Department will be participating in the Statewide DWI Saturation Patrol from December 12, 2014 – January 1, 2015.

In 2013, 198 people were killed and 583 seriously injured in crashes involving an impaired driver. Impaired driving contributes to nearly 30 percent of all Missouri traffic fatalities. Many times innocent lives are lost because someone made a poor choice. The choice is yours and we hope you make the right one by choosing not to drive, CALL FOR A RIDE!

Visit <http://www.modot.org> or <http://www.savemolives.com> for more information on Impaired Driving

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Fire Dept: cfdmo@camdentonfire.org



MAYOR JOHN MCNABB

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Ward II
Sandy Gentry
Steve Eden

Ward III
Gary Shepherd
Sandy Osborn

City Administrator – J. Jeff Hancock

City Clerk – Renee Kingston

Police Chief – Laura Wright

Fire Chief – Drew Stark

Public Works Director – Bill Jeffries

Building Director – Dennis Croxton

Parks Director/Assistant to the City Administrator – Larry Bennett

City Attorney – Phil Morgan

Municipal Judge – Gene Hilton

'Tis the Holiday Season

Unfortunately criminals don't take a break just because it is the holiday season! In fact, Law Enforcement Agencies often see an increase in thefts as people are often more distracted and valuables are more accessible. Protect yourself and your property by following the tips below:

- ✓ When using the ATM, make sure that it is in a well-lit area. Always try to have a friend or relative go to the ATM with you.
- ✓ Copy items you carry in your wallet/purse and place the copies in your safety deposit box. This will save some time if your wallet/purse is stolen.
- ✓ Carry only the amount of cash or credit cards that you will need.
- ✓ Be aware of your surroundings and where you are.
- ✓ Keep your bag closed and carry it in front of you and close to your body.
- ✓ Do not carry spare keys in your purse.
- ✓ Do not enter your driveway if a suspicious vehicle has followed you home. Go to a safe location and Dial 9-1-1. If you are confronted in your driveway, remain in your locked car with your windows up and blow your horn.
- ✓ If someone confronts you and they try to take your purse, wallet, or a shopping bag, just give it to them. There are no items in your purse, wallet, or the shopping bags worth serious injury or death!
- ✓ If your debit card, checkbook, or credit card is lost or stolen, notify the appropriate bank or company immediately. You will also need to report it to the Police Department where it was lost or stolen immediately.
- ✓ Trust your instincts. If you suspect something is wrong, report it immediately.
- ✓ Dial 9-1-1 for an emergency. If you need an officer for a non-emergency please call 346-3604 during regular business hours (Monday – Friday 8 am to 4:30 pm). After regular business hours please call the Camden County Sheriff's Department at 573-346-2243.

The Camdenton Police Department wishes you and your family a **MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



Department receives Hazardous Moving Violations Grant

The Camdenton Police Department has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$1,250 from MODOT – Traffic and Highway Safety Division. The grant will provide money for overtime enforcement of hazardous moving violations (speeding, inattention, etc.). Officers will be conducting enforcement phases throughout the year to target drivers who are not driving with the highest degree of care. Remember to **Buckle Up** and **Arrive Alive** this Holiday Season!