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**From Mayor Tim Grenke**

Good, healthy local government depends on input and participation from citizens in order for elected leaders to make informed decisions. This newsletter will inform our citizens about how you can help through public hearings and through the ballot box. My message asks for your help in another important way.

In the recent past, the topic of “local control” has generated conversations at meetings - statewide, regional, and local. Numerous Missouri Mayors and other local government representatives are discussing their increased concern with the erosion of local control. Local control means simply, decisions affecting the quality of life in a community (such as ours) - decisions about land use, derelict properties, school curriculum, cell towers, etc. etc. - lie in the hands of the community. It means that you and I have a ‘say’ in these discussions and these decisions.

When another government entity, such as the state legislature, removes our ability to make these decisions and instead establishes new rules we must follow, they set the tone for potential problems. Recently, the state legislature changed the distribution of a local sales tax, took control over the location of cell towers, and lessened our ability to deal with property code violations. Last year, the St. Louis County government passed an ordinance giving the county power to control municipal police departments. This decision is now in court. Without public input to the state legislature expressing concerns, these issues could very well “creep” into the smaller Mid-Missouri communities such as Centralia.

The Missouri state legislature convenes in January 2018. During the months they are in session, bills affecting municipalities will be filed and heard. These can impact Centralia in both positive and negative ways. Here is where I am asking for your help. I ask interested citizens to join the Mayor’s Legislative Advisory group. Members of this group will be asked to contact state legislators when bills are introduced which will affect our community - in both positive and negative ways. We plan no meetings

- just working through email updates and occasional phone calls.

Will you join me in this endeavor? Please send me an email with your interest, name, and contact information to [tgrenke@centraliamo.org](mailto:tgrenke@centraliamo.org) and copy the City Administrator, Matt Harline [cityadmin@centraliamo.org](mailto:cityadmin@centraliamo.org).

Thank you in advance for your willingness to help. May God Bless the U.S.A., Missouri, and the City of Centralia.  
*Mayor, Tim Grenke*

**Raymond Nichols – Retires**

The City of Centralia *thanks* Raymond Nichols for *over 21 years of service*. Raymond worked in the Street and Sanitation Dept, and we wish him well in his retirement. *Also see the article on page 2 From City Administrator.*



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### From City Administrator Matt Harline

Our Mayor, Tim Grenke, made eloquent plea for participation from Centralia citizens with our State Legislature on the front page. Based on the participation of our citizens in the Comprehensive Plan update, I imagine he will get a strong positive response. We had 28 citizens participate in the original round of meetings last fall and 455 surveys (283 online and 172 on paper) were completed as part of the survey. We have already begun at the City level and we have shared data with the Chamber of Commerce and others to shape policy decisions here in Centralia. The draft report will be completed soon with public meetings and input leading to final product in time for budget decisions this Spring.

The Comprehensive Plan survey data also showed strong correlation to previous surveys done in last Fall's newsletters. We take those comments very seriously in our process. For instance, we are encouraged to see strong support for our Library, for the parks, for the electric, water and sewer utilities and the police and fire departments. We saw a drop in the support for the solid waste collection, although still over 60% favorable, but we will continue to monitor that. As in previous surveys, there citizens indicated that we need to improve storm water management, streets and most of all sidewalks. The survey also showed weak support for recycling, with neutral or no opinion being the most frequent answer. Additional Information will be forthcoming on our website [www.centraliamo.org](http://www.centraliamo.org), on our City of Centralia Facebook page [www.facebook.com/citycentraliamo/](https://www.facebook.com/citycentraliamo/) and through regular media coverage by the Fireside Guard and others.

Citizens will also be asked for their vote this April on at least one request for additional funds. Our 36-year old water treatment plant needs some upgrades, and our wastewater treatment facilities require improvements as well. The wastewater (sanitary sewer) improvements are required by stricter federal water protection rules, administered by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). City employees are working with MDNR, Bartlett & West our consulting engineers, and with our Financial Advisor to put together the best cost option to keep the City utilities efficient and exceeding the compliance standards.

April 2018 may bring a request to pass a use tax (roughly the same as a sales tax on internet/out of town purchases), to put local retailers on an even footing with internet retailers and raise around \$30,000/year in revenues. But this may not be enough to allow for the City to maintain two officers on duty at all times, better enforcement of building codes and improvements in the condition of City streets, all citizen priorities. We will look for all grant and low cost loan opportunities available. Water Department Foreman Mike Forsee, working with Bartlett & West and MDNR, has probably saved the City several million dollars' worth of repairs.

Finally I would like to offer the City's heartfelt thanks to retiree Raymond Nichols who worked in the City Street Department for over 21 years. Although we miss him, we are glad to see that City employees can retire with enough money and time to enjoy a life after work. *City Administrator, Matt Harline*

### Fires Can Damage Storm Sewers

Many of the City's storm sewer pipes and grates are made of high-density plastic that will burn and melt! Please **DO NOT** burn leaves (or anything else) near a storm sewer inlet or grate. If you damage the storm sewers, the City will bill you for the cost of materials and labor for the repairs.

### Burning Regulations

The City does allow burning of paper, cardboard, brush and leaves. However:

- Someone must attend fire at all times
- No burning within 25 feet of any structure
- No burning after sundown
- No burning on street pavement or near a storm sewer inlet

### Trash Highlights

- Trash must be set out **at curbside by 5:00 a.m.**
- All trash **must** be bagged. No lose trash in trash cans. If you have a poly cart or trash can, all trash **must be bagged.** The City no longer sells poly carts.
- No yard waste or brush is allowed in your trash collection.
- Dayne's allows 1 large bulky item per week at no extra charge along with your regular trash.
- Dayne's will pick up trash on all holidays **except** Christmas Day.
- All customer service calls, including missed trash, setting up or changing service, will continue to be handled by City Hall staff at 573-682-2139.
- See additional information posted on the City's website <http://www.centraliamo.org/files/administration/forms/2016%20Changes%20to%20the%20City%20Trash%20Service.pdf>, our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/citycentraliamo/](https://www.facebook.com/citycentraliamo/) and through regular media coverage by the Fireside Guard.

### Recycling Highlights

- Recyclables are picked up curbside by Dayne's Waste Disposal on the **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month.** If your trash is picked up on Friday, be sure to set your recyclables on the opposite side of your driveway as from your trash.
- Your recyclables must be set out at **curbside by 1:00 a.m. or the night before bagged in clear or white plastic bag(s).**
- All fiber materials may be bagged together (newsprint/cardboard/magazines/sorted office paper/phone books - remove all glossy pages and covers).
- All food containers **must be bagged** together (food cans/aluminum cans/plastic items/glass).
- Dayne's will pick up recyclables on all holidays **except** Christmas Day. All customer service calls, including missed recyclables, setting up or changing service, will continue to be handled by City Hall staff 573-682-2139.
- See additional details posted on the City's website <http://www.centraliamo.org/files/administration/forms/2016%20Changes%20to%20the%20City%20Recycling%20Service.pdf>, our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/citycentraliamo/](https://www.facebook.com/citycentraliamo/) and through regular media coverage by the Fireside Guard.
- Look for a new recycling drop-off container by the Street Barn later this fall. (Courtesy of a grant from MMSWMD)

## 2018 General Municipal Election Day

The date for the next General Municipal Election is **April 3, 2018**. A bond issue for improvements to the water plant and the wastewater treatment facilities may be on the ballot. *See the City Administrator's column on page 2 for details.* The ballot will also include the following:



- \*\*Alderman Ward I - 2 Year Term
- \*\*Alderman Ward II - 1 Year Remaining on Term
- \*\*Alderman Ward II - 2 Year Term
- \*\*Alderman Ward III - 2 Year Term

Candidate filing opens December 12, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. and will close on January 16, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. Any person interested in running for any of the positions listed above should contact City Hall in person or call (573)-682-2139 Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. *Please bring your voter's registration card when filing.*

March 7, 2018 is the last day you can register to be eligible to vote in the April 3, 2018 General Municipal Election. Voter's registration forms are available at City Hall or online at [www.showmeboone.com](http://www.showmeboone.com).

## Current Elected Mayor/City Collector/Board of Aldermen

Listed below are the current Mayor, City Collector and Board of Aldermen for the City of Centralia. Please contact City Hall if you are unsure of the ward you reside in.

### Mayor

Tim Grenke: [mayor@centraliamo.org](mailto:mayor@centraliamo.org)  
Contact Phone: (573) 682-7170  
Term expires April 2019

### City Collector

Heather Russell: [heather@centraliamo.org](mailto:heather@centraliamo.org)  
Contact Phone: (573) 682-2139  
Term expires April 2019

### Aldermen - Ward I

\*\***Andrea Vollrath**: [andievollrath@gmail.com](mailto:andievollrath@gmail.com)  
Contact Phone: (573) 833-0693  
**\*\*Term expires April 2018**

David Wilkins: [david@davidwilkins.org](mailto:david@davidwilkins.org)  
Contact Phone: (573) 347-0893  
Term expires April 2019

### Aldermen - Ward II

\*\***Donnie Rodgers**: [info@rodgersrental.com](mailto:info@rodgersrental.com)  
Contact Phone: (573) 682-5963  
**\*\*Term expires April 2018**

### \*\*Vacant Seat

Appointed by Mayor/Board of Aldermen  
**Interim Term expires April 2018**

### Aldermen - Ward III

\*\***Landon Magley**: [landonmagley@gmail.com](mailto:landonmagley@gmail.com)  
Contact Phone: (573) 682-5963  
**\*\*Term expires April 2018**

James Lee: [ward2lee@yahoo.com](mailto:ward2lee@yahoo.com)  
Contact Phone: (573) 881-6598  
Term expires April 2019

## Damaged Water Meter Lids Will Cost You

The lids to the City's water meters have a small radio antenna on top so that they can be read without opening them. Although the City has tried to locate them out of harm's way, some have occasionally been damaged by a lawn mower or during snow removal. Repair or replacement of these transponders are very expensive.

The City has adopted a policy which will make the customer responsible for the cost of damage. *In the **first instance of damage**, the customer will be billed 50% of the cost (\$45.00). For the **second and subsequent instances**, the customer will be billed for the full cost (\$90.00).*

Please note **only City employees** can turn water services on or off at the meter. However, in an emergency a licensed plumber may also do so. Improper work at a meter can damage valves, cause leaks that will be charged back to the customer. Tampering with a meter is a violation of the Centralia City Code.

## Centralia Recreation Center/Kids Club/Splash Playground at Pool

*Location: 802 W. Lakeview Street*

*Phone: 573-682-2196 or 573-682-5063*

*Hours: Sunday: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.*

*Monday – Saturday: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.*

The Centralia Park Board and Recreation Staff invite you to visit the Centralia Recreation Center. Our friendly staff would be happy to give you a tour of the facility and information about daily admission, memberships, 24 hour access cards, and activities held in the building.

*We currently offer the following classes:*

- ✓ Aerobics: 5:00 a.m., Monday and Friday
- ✓ Slay the Day: 5:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday
- ✓ Morning Mix: 8:30 a.m., Monday/Wednesday/Friday
- ✓ Traditional Yoga: 8:30 a.m., Tuesday and Thursday
- ✓ Seniors in Shape: 10:00 a.m., Monday/Wednesday/Friday
- ✓ Low Impact Aerobics: 6:00 p.m., Monday – Thursday

*Classes are offered in 6-8 week sessions. Call or stop by Rec Center for details about classes at 573-682-2196.*

Our after school Kids Club for children ages 8 and older is currently underway. Supervisor Velda McKenzie, and 8 assistants have a great program that keeps the kids active and involved. This program meets every day after school until 5:30 p.m.

- *On the days there is **NO school**, Kids Club does **NOT** meet.*
- *On early out days, Kids Club will meet.*

Parks and Rec basketball will be holding practices and games at the Rec Center. Watch for updates about all the activities held at the Recreation Center on the City of Centralia website at [www.centraliamo.org](http://www.centraliamo.org), or on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Centralia-Parks-and-Recreation-812041978846414/>.

The Parks and Recreation Department Office are located in the Centralia Recreation Center or call 573-682-2196 or 573-682-5063.

The Splash playground located at the City Pool will be closed for the season on October 1, 2017.

*The Centralia Park Board meets at the Centralia Recreation Center Conference Room at Noon on the third Tuesday of each month.*

### Treat Bags - Fire Department Tradition

The Centralia Volunteer Fire Department will continue to follow local tradition by handing out *treat bags* on Halloween night October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5 - 7 p.m. at the fire station at 208 W Sneed Street. The Fire Department will also help Santa deliver *treat bags* on Christmas morning, December 25<sup>th</sup>. Donations to help fund these events can be dropped off at City Hall. *The Fire Department greatly appreciates your support!*

### Chamber of Commerce News

Fall is a busy time for the Chamber. The 8th Annual KCBS Sanctioned Anchor City Cook-Off will be held on October 13th and 14th. The Missouri Art's Council, a state agency, is funding this year's entertainment.

Friday's entertainment is a 90's alternative band Tripwire, and Saturday will feature Professor Farquar and his Medicine Show and Polecat Annie in the morning with Helen Russell and Company in the afternoon with activities for kids along with vendors selling food. For more details visit the Anchor City Cook-Off Facebook Page and upcoming issues of the Centralia Fireside Guard.

Elementary age children will have the opportunity to Trick or Treat in local businesses for Halloween, October 31st after school. Watch for details about a business costume contest and the awarding of the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Ratty Award. See the *Centralia Fireside Guard* and Facebook for locations.

The Community for Kids Program will again provide Christmas gifts to children who otherwise would not have gifts. Watch for the Angel Trees to lend a helping hand. ***If you are in need of this program please get your forms from the Centralia Police Department and return them to the Police Department by November 14<sup>th</sup>. This will allow time to gather the gifts for distribution.***

This year's Christmas season will kick off with Small Business Saturday on November 25. Support your local brick & mortar stores on Small Business Saturday. Christmas will be a great opportunity to support local businesses by shopping locally. Shopping locally helps the businesses, employees, and organizations of our community, and funds more city services through city sales taxes. This holiday season "Purchase With a Purpose" and shop locally. "Like Us" on the "Purchase With a Purpose Centralia Missouri" and Centralia Chamber of Commerce Facebook pages.

**Parades:** (See the *Centralia Fireside Guard* for more details).

- ✓ Red Wagon Christmas Parade and Downtown Open House - December 2nd: Share the holiday spirit. Gather your family, friends, neighbors and/or employees! Watch Facebook and the Guard for the announcement of a theme. All red wagon entries must be pedal-pulled for the parade. Motorized entries will follow the red wagons in the parade.
- ✓ Tractor Parade & Christmas Market - Friday, December 15, 2017.

### Information from City Hall Staff

- **City Website Online Account Access:** The City is now able to offer online account access to utility customers. This access allows customers to view their most recent bill, access 12-month account history, and even pay your bill online using a debit/credit card plus a 3% fee for using a card. Signing up for an account does not require the customer to make online payments, and there is no charge to create an account. Your 4-digit account number to create an account can be found on your utility bill or contact City Hall Staff at 573-682-2139 or send an email to [cityhall@centraliamo.org](mailto:cityhall@centraliamo.org).
- **ACH Payments:** Would like to have your utility payment automatically deducted from your checking/saving account on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of each month at no extra charge? Contact City Hall for further information to complete required paperwork.
- **Internet Banking:** Customers who use internet banking, please **be sure your Service ID #, Customer Name and Current Address are correct**, so that credit is given to the correct utility account. You can find your Service ID # on your utility bill. If you change your address, your Service ID # will also change.
- **Utility Payments:** It would be helpful when submitting your bill for payment, **if you would include the stub** from your "original bill" with your payment. This would also apply if you receive a "Delinquent Notice".
  - The City is not allowed to accept partial payments, or out-of-town checks without prior approval.
  - When writing a check to the City, banking institutes have requested the use of **black or blue ink only** as their scanner does not recognize other colors.
  - If you participate in the Budget Billing program and wish to make an overpayment, please let City Hall Staff know you want to have the overpayment applied to your Budget Billing.
- **E-mail Billing Info:** The City is offering customers the convenience of having their utility bill emailed to them. To sign up for this program, please e-mail the name as it appears on the utility account, address, and email address to Julie at [julie@centraliamo.org](mailto:julie@centraliamo.org) or contact City Hall at 573-682-2139.
- **Not Receiving Your City Utility Bill:** The US Postal Service has changed some of their procedures and your city utility bill could be delayed up to 3 or 4 days. If you do not receive your bill by the 5<sup>th</sup> day of the month, please call City Hall and we will be happy to give you the amount due over the phone and/or mail you a new copy. *You are responsible for paying your bill even if you do not receive it in the US Postal Mail.*
- **Disconnected One Time & No Deposit On Hand:** If the City is not holding a utility deposit for a City utility customer and the customer is disconnected one time for non-payment, the City requires a single deposit of \$100 for electric & \$50 for water before services can be reconnected.
- **Disconnected Two Times In Twelve Months:** In the event a utility customer is disconnected two times within a twelve month period for non-payment, a double deposit will be required to bring the amount of deposit held on hand by the City to the equivalence of \$200 for electric and \$100 for water plus the disconnect fees, before utilities will be reconnected, unless otherwise approved by the City Administrator. Payment may only be accepted by those names listed on the account without prior approval.
- **Phone Numbers:** Please provide City Hall with a current phone number in case we need to contact you in an emergency.



### **Composting Site Winter Hours**

#### *White Goods Disposal*

As sunset comes earlier day-by-day there will be new hours for access to the site of the compost piles and white goods collection near the old landfill. **Beginning the day after Labor Day**, the site is open:

- Tuesday and Thursday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Every other Saturday from 9 a.m. to Noon.
- Day after Memorial Day, we will return to longer hours.

**Just a reminder**, no lumber or railroad ties should be taken to the compost pile. Lumber and railroad ties cannot be chipped; plus they could contain chemicals that may not be biodegradable. When disposing of large appliances, please come to City Hall to obtain a free permit prior to disposal at the old landfill site.

### **City Cemetery Information**

Grave blankets and decorations are allowed during the *non-mowing season, November 1<sup>st</sup> - February 28<sup>th</sup>*. *Effective March 1<sup>st</sup>*, any decorations not permanently attached to the monument **will be removed**. If you have any questions, please contact Phyllis Brown, Cemetery Sexton at City Hall 573-682-2139 or email [phyllis@centraliamo.org](mailto:phyllis@centraliamo.org).

### **Emergency Storm Shelters**

In the event of severe weather, there are three emergency storm shelters available for your use:

- **First Baptist Church at 101 N Collier.** You should enter through the north door on Singleton Street and proceed to the basement.
- **First Christian Church at 229 S Rollins.** You should enter through the south door and proceed to the basement.
- **Holy Spirit Catholic Church at 404 S Rollins.** You should enter through the east door (back door) and proceed to the basement.

If you arrive at one of the above shelters and it is not open, please contact the Police Department at 573-682-2132.

### **House Numbers**

City ordinance requires that all house and business locations display large street numbers at least 3 inches high near the front door. Numbers shall be black or a contrasting color to the building. Police officers, firefighters, and ambulance drivers rely on these numbers to quickly locate sites for emergency response. If you do not have a number on your house or business meeting these requirements, or if your number is not clearly visible from the street, please correct this situation **immediately**. This helps us to protect your family and/or our City employees. Do not wait for a letter from the Code Enforcement Officer – **Act Now!**

### **Brush Pick Up Curbside**

The City **only** picks up brush curbside **after a storm**. This service is not done on a set schedule. The brush may be there for an indefinite period. The Electric Department provides this service only as their work schedule permits.

- Brush must not be left in the ditch.
- Brush must be easily accessible from the street.

If you are able, please take your brush to the brush pit located on North Street or at the old landfill site located off Ann Street.

### **City Board Meeting Dates**

Public Works/Public Utilities: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, City Hall

Public Safety/General Government: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, City Hall

Board of Aldermen: 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, City Hall

*\*The above meetings start at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Any meeting which falls on a holiday will be rescheduled for the next business day.*

Board of Adjustment: As Needed, City Hall

Cemetery Board: As Needed, City Hall

Friends of the Park: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 6 p.m., Rec Center

Library Board: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 6 p.m., Public Library

Park Board: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, Noon, Rec Center

Planning & Zoning Commission: As Needed, 6 p.m., City Hall

Tree Board: As Needed

**Video Recordings:** The meetings for the Centralia Board of Aldermen, Public Works & Public Utilities Committee, and the General Government & Public Safety Committee are video recorded and posted on the You Tube website on the internet. To view the videos for the meetings, go to [www.centraliamo.org](http://www.centraliamo.org) and click on Meetings/Agendas/Minutes on the left hand side of the page.

### **Dog / Cat City License Required By June 1<sup>st</sup>**

Citizens of Centralia are reminded that all *dogs and cats are required to be licensed each year, June to May, with the City.* A license may be obtained at City Hall during regular business hours. Please be aware all dogs are required to be on a leash while off the owner's premises. Owners are responsible for cleaning-up after their animals.

### **Door to Door Sales**

Anyone conducting door to door sales of merchandise is required to have a business license with the City. The only exception is not-for-profit organizations. Each sales person is asked to carry a copy of the license issued by City Hall on their person when conducting door to door sales. When a vendor is licensed for door to door sales, City Hall staff informs the Police Department of the registration information. If you have problems with salespeople, please contact the Police Department at 573-682-2132 or City Hall at 573-682-2139.

### **Raise Avenue of Flags at City Cemetery**

The City Cemetery will display the Avenue of Flags during Veterans Day. At least 455 flags will be **raised Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m.** and will be **lowered Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> also at 3 p.m.**

Volunteers would be appreciated to help raise *and* lower the flags. Flag sets for deceased veterans may be purchased for \$100 each. All donations appreciated. For additional information, watch the *Centralia Fireside Guard* or contact City Hall at 573-682-2139.



### **Water and Sewer Call Outs**

City utility customers are reminded that if you need to have water services turned on or off, please contact City Hall at 573-682-2139. *If you need assistance after hours or on the weekend, please contact the Police Department 573-682-2132 and they will contact the Water Department.* Only licensed plumbers should turn off water services in a true emergency, since a special wrench is used. Plumbers are required to contact City Hall or the Police Department when turning water off and/or on.



Shut-offs for convenience or non-emergency situations should be scheduled for regular working hours, not on weekends.

Customers with sewer problems must contact City Hall about the problem first. If the problem is with a City main, the City will not reimburse for a plumber's charges unless the City has been notified and given a chance to examine the situation first.

### **Contractor Tree Removal**

When contractors trim or remove trees from private property, they must take the wood with them or to the City's brush pit located at the old landfill site off of Ann Street or at another site outside of the City limits. This wood should not go to the yard waste area near the East Water Tower nor can it be left setting street side. The City will not pick up contractor's wood. Citizens should be specific regarding the price they negotiate with the contractor includes this service.



### **City Street Tree Removal**

Occasionally, the City or its contractor may have to trim or cut down "street trees". When this happens, the City allows the adjacent property owner the first opportunity to remove the cut branches and trunk for firewood or other use. If the adjacent property owner does not want the wood, the crew will generally leave the wood street-side for anyone else to remove and use (first-come-first-serve). If the wood remains after two or three days, the City will haul it to the old brush pit to be mulched. If you desire to salvage such wood and not sure if it is "claimed", call City Hall and ask. *Once such wood goes to the brush pit, it will no longer be available as firewood.*

### **Utility Locates - Dig Rite (Missouri One Call or 811)**

If you plan to dig anywhere in the City, remember that you must do a utility locate. For all utilities (City utilities, Ameren Missouri, CenturyLink, etc), contact Dig Rite at 800-344-7483 (1-800-DIG-RITE) before you start your project. It's best to be safe and it may save you money.



### **City Utility Customer Donation Program**

You may have noticed a line item on your city utility bill titled "Donation Amount". Donations received are used to provide assistance to City of Centralia utility customers. Anyone wishing to donate to this program may do so by adding a voluntary contribution to their utility payment. The Centralia Ministerial Alliance provides administrative distribution for this program acting as the "gate-keepers" for the Donation Program.

### **Christmas Tree - Drop Off Site**

Fresh Christmas trees may be dropped off at the brush pit on North Street. Trees must have all decorations, tinsel, etc. removed before they are dropped off.



### **Centralia Public Library**

The Staff of Centralia Public Library invites you to come and check out what is new at the library.



- Over 48,000 materials to choose from
- Story time for 0-5 year olds
- Teen & adult programming
- 13 patron computers with internet access
- 3 children's learning computers
- Online database for genealogy research
- 3D printing now available

For more details, please contact the Public Library at 573-682-2036 or visit their website [www.centraliapubliclibrary.com](http://www.centraliapubliclibrary.com).

### **Building Permits**

Building permit applications are available at City Hall or our website under "Forms/Publications". Project work should not begin until you have received the required permit from City Hall and paid any required fees. A building permit is required if you are planning to install a fence on your property, a swimming pool above and/or below ground, a shed, remodel, or do electrical/plumbing work. Most new construction projects will have a fee for the building permit. A job weather card *must be posted* at the project site.

### **Weatherization**

"Weatherizing" your house saves money in both the summer and winter. The City of Centralia's web page has links to weatherizing tips and to Central Missouri Community Action. Among the services offered by CMCA is financial assistance for weatherizing your home. Follow the link or go directly to <http://www.showmeaction.org>.



### **City Website**

Please visit our website, [www.centraliamo.org](http://www.centraliamo.org) as it provides residents access to regularly used forms, a calendar of events, park information, meeting agendas/minutes and so much more information.

### **Emergency Sirens:**

Just a reminder, the emergency sirens are tested on the *first Wednesday of each month at noon*.

**For important updates for the City of Centralia, "Like Us" on Facebook or find us on Twitter. Links to both of these accounts are listed on the homepage of the City's website [www.centraliamo.org](http://www.centraliamo.org).**



## City Of Centralia Recycling Program

*Recycling is our way of paying it forward to generations to come.*



As of *November 1, 2016* the City of Centralia contracted with Dayne's Waste Disposal for curbside pickup of recyclables on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month. All recyclables must be at curbside by 1:00 a.m. or the night before.

The following rules apply:

- ❖ Recyclables will be picked up on the **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month**.
- ❖ Recyclables must be bagged as follows (see below):
  - ✓ All **"Paper Materials"** bagged together in a **clear or white plastic bag**.
  - ✓ All **"Food Containers"** bagged together in a **clear or white plastic bag**.

If you have a tub or another container for recyclables, please contact City Hall to see if the contractor will accept materials in that way however, all items must be bagged.

**Glass items are now accepted in the recycling program and can be bagged with the "Food Container Bag".**

For more information, please contact Centralia City Hall at 573-682-2139 or visit our website at [www.centraliamo.org](http://www.centraliamo.org). Thank you for your participation.

### "Paper Material Bag"



#### **Newsprint**

- Newspapers and inserts
- Stuff all newspapers into a paper bag or bundle with string
- Phone books  
(Must remove all glossy pages & covers).

#### **Cardboard**



- Broken down & bagged or in another cardboard box
- Will accept corrugated or chipboard (Cereal boxes)

#### **Other Paper**

- Magazines
- Sorted office paper

### "Food Container Bag"

#### **Food Cans**

- Steel/tin cans  
(Should be rinsed).



#### **Aluminum**

- Only beverage cans  
(Should be rinsed).



#### **Plastic**

- All varieties of household plastics number 1 -7 (except PVC pipe). All plastic items can be mixed for collection. (Should be rinsed)
- No plastic bags or Styrofoam or form packaging (no egg cartons or meat trays).



#### **Glass**

- All glass containers clear and colored is accepted without lids. (Should be rinsed).

# Fall/Winter Trash/Recycling/Composting Schedule

 **The 1st and 3rd Friday of each month below represents recycling days with a recycling symbol.**   
 As of **November 1, 2016** recycling items must be curbside by 1:00 a.m. on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month.  
 Please note: Christmas Day is the only day trash and/or recycling will **NOT** be picked up.

★ **Centralia City Hall will be closed on these dates.** ★  
 The composting schedule for "Saturday's" are highlighted in gray.

October 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	 6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	 20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

## Veterans Day



City Hall will be closed Friday, November 10th in observance of Veterans Day.

However, trash routes will run Friday, November 10th.

November 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	 3	4
5	6	7	8	9	★ 10	11
12	13	14	15	16	 17	18
19	20	21	22	★ 23	★ 24	25
26	27	28	29	30		



## Thanksgiving Holiday

City Hall will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 23rd and 24th to observe the Thanksgiving holidays.

However, trash routes will run Thursday and Friday, November 23rd and 24th.

December 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					 1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	 15	16
17	18	19	20	21	★ 22	23
24	★ 25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

## Christmas Holiday



### Trash Schedule

1. City Hall will be closed Friday, December 22nd and Monday, December 25th in observance of the Christmas holidays.
2. Trash routes will run Friday, December 22nd.
3. However, trash will NOT run Monday, December 25th.
4. Trash routes for the week of December 25th will run one day late each day. (Monday's trash will be collected on Tuesday, Dec 26th, and etc; Friday's trash will be collected on Saturday, Dec 30th).
5. The composting site will be closed on Saturday, December 30th.

January 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	★ 1	2	3	4	 5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	 19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

February 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	 2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	 16	17
18	★ 19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			

## New Year's Day



City Hall will be closed Monday, January 1st in observance of New Year's Day.

However, regular trash routes will run Monday, January 1st as usual and the remainder of the week.

March 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	 2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	 16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
26	26	27	28	29	30	31

## Presidents' Day

City Hall will be closed Monday, February 19th for the Presidents' Day.

However, trash routes will run Monday, February 19th.

