



CITY OF WAYNESVILLE

601 Historic Route 66 West, Waynesville, MO 65583

SEPTEMBER 2013



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Farmer's Market Open, Sat 8-12, Roubidoux Park
- City Council, Third Thursdays, 6:30 pm at City Hall
- Frogtober Fest, October 5
- Oktoberfest on Rt. 66 and Zombie 5K Run, October 19
- Community Veterans' Day Parade, November 11, 11:00 a.m., St. Robert
- Christmas Parade, Dec. 1
- Christmas on the Square, Dec. 5

FLOOD DEVASTATES WAYNESVILLE NEIGHBORHOODS

The week of August 6th brought torrential rain, flash floods, death and devastation to the City of Waynesville. Throughout the week, rain hampered recovery of the body of Jessica Lee, age 23, of the Hunter's Point area. Jessica was swept away with her young son, Ely, age 4. Ely was found within hours of the accident, and four days later, Jessica was found near the Roubidoux Bridge. The City is saddened beyond words by the loss of this young family.



Emergency rescues Tuesday morning totaled 64, with 6 reported injuries. Estimates are that 47 homes in the City were destroyed and over 100 suffered major damage. Many homes throughout Waynesville took water in their basements, as the ground could not soak up the torrential rain. City streets were damaged and several were destroyed. The County suffered a 90% loss of roadways and bridges.

Reports of a 100 year flood event and even higher are being reported. Missouri Governor Jay Nixon, along with General Les Smith, CG of Fort Leonard Wood, and Senator Dan Brown participated in a roundtable discussion of the disaster on Friday. Governor Nixon toured the damaged area with City and County officials and promised his attention and aid to the citizens of Waynesville. Work has begun to assess the damage, working with SEMA and the Emergency Management offices to assist affected citizens in obtaining help and assistance during this difficult time.

The week of August 12th the City went into a recovery mode and began clean up and volunteer efforts. Volunteers, including our military neighbors and our sister city, St. Robert, assisted in the many efforts of repairing homes.



COUNCIL CONTACTS

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TOURISM BUREAU SAYS "PULASKI COUNTY IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS"

Many times during a crisis, the story communicated through the media to the outside world can be confusing as to the extent of the damage. Pulaski County and Waynesville are open for business. The Tourism Bureau has received many calls inquiring about damage. Our outfitters did receive damage, but are up and running and showing off the Pulaski County outdoors. Let your friends know that Pulaski County is "Open for Business" and come and visit our beautiful area.



Join us on Facebook, Twitter and You Tube at PulaskiCountyUSA.com. The Pulaski County Tourism Bureau and Visitors' Center continues to put our county, our city and our area "on the map". They work diligently to tell the story of our area and to invite visitors to explore the creeks, rivers, the museums and most of all, to meet the friendly people of Pulaski County, who are showing their resilient nature.

"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless."



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Important Numbers

- City Hall
774-6171
- Police Department
774-2414
- Fire Department
774-2479
- Utility Office
774-5217 and
Emergency After Hours
774-6341
- Airport
329-4216
- Building Department
774-6009
- Municipal Court
774-6158
- Animal Shelter
774-6509

CITY COUNCIL NOTES

- *heard several citizens' comments concerning the flood and drainage issues
- *approved moving \$300,000 from savings to address emergency needs
- *approved on a vote of 5-3 the addition of a roundabout to the planned highway improvements from the Ichord Intersection to T Highway
- *received an update on the response and reaction to the flash flood of August 6-7
- *hired professional hydrologists to assess the Mitchell Creek area and to develop a plan to make it safer
- *appointed Deanna House to the Park Board
- *adopted UNCHANGED property tax rates

YOUR PROPERTY

Those ditches and channels next to your property have a special significance. They are easements granted to the City. They give a limited right to enter your property and perform certain actions on the easement. Easements are very important in a city as they allow you and your neighbors to get electricity, telephone, cable, water, sewer and gas to your homes and businesses. If we didn't allow easements, those services could not reach you.

The City can enter an easement to inspect and maintain utility infrastructure. This may also include trimming trees and digging up underground utilities.

The City of Waynesville does NOT own the easement.

YOUR PROPERTY, cont.

It is your property. As the owner, you cannot damage or endanger the infrastructure on that easement and cannot build structures over it.

Because it is your property, you are responsible for maintaining it. If the City mowed and maintained utility easements, that is all we would do. Most citizens take care of their easements, as they want their property to be attractive.

If you own land next to state highways, those are MoDOT easements and once again, most people mow those because MoDOT only mows twice a year.

If you have questions about easements or right of ways, please give the City a call. The City appreciates the extra effort to make our City a nicer place to live.

AROUND TOWN

The new OTC campus in West Waynesville held an Open House on August 22. The new building has opened with the fall term.



The groundbreaking for the B and B PATRIOT 12 Cinema was held on August 21. The new state of the art facility is expected to open in May of 2014.



CONDOLENCES

The City staff, employees, City Council and citizens of Waynesville send our deepest condolences to Major Mike and Michelle Lee and their children on the loss of their daughter, Jessica, and grandson, Elyjah.

The loss of this young family has saddened our town. Throughout the week of the rains, our thoughts never left the Lees. Over a hundred people searched tirelessly for Jessica, as she was lost in the flood waters. Our law enforcement community never gave up and for that we are eternally grateful.

Mayor Hardman



FARMER'S MARKET UPDATE

The Pulaski County Farmer's Market is in full swing! Located in the Roubidoux Park in downtown Waynesville, the Market is open Saturday mornings, from 8:00 am to noon, rain or shine.

The Market offers fresh and in season fruits and vegetables, naturally raised meats, farm fresh eggs, handmade soups and soy melts, along with many baked items, handmade candles, and more. Friendly vendors welcome you to the Market and would love to visit with you. Be sure to visit and check out their Facebook page.

