



A word from the staff....



Mike Nienhuis-Chief of Police The City of Laurie, following an evaluation and review of alerting systems, will be implementing a high-speed emergency mass notification service through CodeRED. This system will serve as the backbone of the City of Laurie's emergency planning and communications outreach to both citizens and staff. The system sends telephone calls, text messages, e-mails and posts to social media channels to inform residents of fires, floods, missing children notices and utility emergencies. It will also be used to let residents know about any public works issues as well as shut-off of utility services due to non-payment. The city will also send out alerts with upcoming meeting dates and times. To participate in this free service, please contact Kristal at City Hall. You can also keep an eye out on our website as the information will be available there shortly.

Dean Smith-Public Works Manager: With the winter months upon us, we tend to get anxious about getting out when snow has fallen on the roads. I would like to encourage our community to stay home until the city snow plows have cleared the roads. Our number one priority is you. We thank you for your support.

Jim Russell-Code Enforcement: With Spring around the corner, I would like to remind everyone that once you obtain a building permit, you need to give a 24-hour notice for inspection. For planning and zoning change requests, the Zoning Commission and City Council have adopted a new application process, so please check with City Hall for the new applications when asking for a zoning change.

Donna Batliner-Events Coordinator: The Christmas lights were very busy this year and another huge success. I could not have done it without our public works department, COMO Electric and all the volunteers that helped put the lights up, worked the donation booth and helped take the lights down. If you would like to sponsor a display next year please give me a call at 573-374-8776. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt on April 8, 2023. Pictures with the Easter Bunny starts at 1:00 pm and the Easter Egg Hunt starts at 2:00 pm for ages 0 to 3, 2:15 pm for ages 4 to 5, 2:30 pm for ages 6 to 9 and 2:45 pm for ages 10 to 12. The city will be having a city-wide garage sale on Saturday, May 6, 2023 from 8:00 am until 2:pm at the Laurie Fairgrounds. If you would like to reserve you're a booth, the fee will be \$20 for a 20x20 space. Please contact me if you have any questions at 573-374-8776.

Kristel Davidson-Assistant/Billing Clerk: The city has several options when paying your utility bill. You can go online to our website to pay or set your account up with an auto draft from your checking account. We also have a drop box in our parking lot so you can drop your payments off after hours. We mail the utility bills on the 1st of each month and they are due by the 15th of the month. Late charges are assessed after that. If you need assistance with any of these options, feel free to call me at City Hall.

Hugh Smith-Mayor: The City of Laurie will have several questions on the General Municipal Election ballot on April 4, 2023. **Question 1,** "Shall the City of Laurie impose a local use tax at the same rate as the total local sales tax rate of 2 percent (2%) provided that if the local sales tax rate is reduced or raised by voter approval, the local use tax rate shall also be reduced or raised by the same action?"

Question 2, "Shall the City of Laurie, Missouri, issue its sewerage system revenue bonds in the amount of \$3,000,000 for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, extending and improving the City's sewerage system including acquiring land and rights of way, the cost of operating and maintenance of said sewerage system and the principal of and interest on said revenue bonds to be payable solely from the revenues derived by the City form the operating of its sewerage system, including all future extensions and improvements thereto?"

Question 3, "Shall the City of Laurie, Missouri, impose a sales tax of three percent (3%) on all retail sales of adult marijuana sold in the City of Laurie, Missouri, with revenues brought in by said sales tax going to the operation of the Laurie Police Department?"

If you have any questions about what you will be voting on, please feel free to contact City Hall.