



As the year winds down, Holiday Cheer is in the air. A time to rejoice, remember the good days of 2013 and look forward to the New Year. It's with this spirit, we wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a happy, prosperous New Year.

Clarkson Valley

NEWSLETTER

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MAYOR COMMENTS

As stated in a previous newsletter, we will from time-to-time, use this space to explain certain ordinance, i.e. why they exist, how they are administered, etc.

So let's look at the ordinance establishing the BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:

What is this Board?

The Board consists of five Clarkson Valley residents (your neighbors) appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Board of Alderspersons.

What are their responsibilities?

To hear appeals resulting from interpretations of the City's zoning ordinances. These appeals are made based on: 1) an alleged interpretative error; or, 2) the strict application of the ordinance will impose a particular hardship for the homeowner.

The Board, based on the two above criteria, can deny the appeal or grant a variance to the code allowing the homeowner to complete their proposed construction thus relieving the hardship and at the same time, the surrounding property will be properly protected. A variance is just as the word suggests - it's a one-time special arrangement for this property and does not apply in any other situation.

To view the code in its entirety, see Article VI of the Zoning Code. Call me at 636-394-8916 if you have questions.

Did You Know...

When St. Louis County Police originally began patrolling our City in July 2007, they mailed our residents refrigerator magnets with a phone number that is no longer in service. Please throw that number away and as always, if you have an emergency, please call 911. If the nature of your call is non-emergency, please call the dispatcher at 314-889-2341. When calling for a vacation check or with a question, please use the 7th Precinct number 314-615-0700.

Notice of Election

A municipal election will be held in the City of Clarkson Valley on Tuesday, April 2, 2014, to elect one Alderperson from each of the three wards, each to serve a two (2) year term.

Declaration of Candidacy for said offices must be received by the City Clerk, Monday through Friday, during regular business hours. Filing begins on Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. The closing date is 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 21, 2014.

Qualifications require candidates to be at least 18 years of age prior to taking office, a citizen of the United States, an inhabitant of the City for one year prior to their election and a resident of the ward from which they are to be elected.

Fence Ordinance

At the December Meeting of the Board of Aldermen, a new ordinance was put in place defining privacy fences and semi-privacy fences and prohibiting these types of fences over 3' tall. The ordinance also contains language to grandfather existing privacy and semi-privacy fences until those fences fall in disrepair or are damaged to the extent that fifty percent (50%) of the fence requires replacement. The ordinance in its entirety can be viewed on the city's website.

A Note From Officer Friendly: Tips for the Trash Men

It's been reported over the past few years (and we actually caught someone in the process three Christmas's ago) that when taping an envelope to the cart with cash or gift cards as a tip for the trash men, individuals aware of this have been known to drive through the subdivisions on the day of our trash pickup to collect these envelopes or goodies. The best way you can give a tip and ensure the right recipient receives it is to hand the money personally to your trash man or mail it in care of Meridian Waste, P.O. Box 820, Bridgeton, MO 63044 - be sure to include your address in order to get it to the right driver.

Holiday Trash Schedule

There is no change to the holiday trash schedule unless you contract for the second day of service, in which case your Friday pickup will roll over to Saturday.

MERIDIAN WASTE														
Recyclables														% Increase Over Previous Year
Tonnage	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	
2013	26.0	24.2	21.9	34.3	28.8	26.9	32.8	25.1	21.4	26.5	26.8		1st 11 mo's	-7.91%
2012	33.8	25.5	25.9	31.1	28.3	27.2	32.7	26.7	26.5	31.9	30.2	38.3	358.1	4.39%
2011	31.5	26.7	25.0	26.4	35.4	26.5	25.2	32.1	25.3	32.5	27.5	28.9	343.0	6.31%
2010	25.1	21.0	28.4	25.1	25.9	32.1	24.5	30.6	24.5	24.8	33.1	27.5	322.6	9.05%
2009	23.9	19.9	29.1	22.1	25.9	28.9	19.6	22.5	22.5	21.8	31.7	27.9	295.8	4.76%
Household Trash														% Increase Over Previous Year
Tonnage	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	
2013	65.6	59.9	61.8	92.3	74.0	71.2	90.0	72.6	87.7	64.0	64.1		1st 11 mo's	0.23%
2012	86.4	61.5	57.2	79.9	72.5	70.8	86.5	69.6	65.3	77.7	77.7	85.4	890.6	0.70%
2011	76.1	61.6	70.5	73.7	87.1	88.4	74.1	85.8	63.7	71.2	71.1	61.1	884.4	-7.30%
2010	74.7	60.7	93.5	70.1	75.2	101.2	78.0	92.8	67.3	69.5	98.3	72.7	954.1	-15.03%
2009	98.0	79.4	92.2	86.3	94.5	122.1	89.5	85.6	95.9	83.4	102.4	93.6	1,122.8	-8.20%