



Access Forsyth

Spring 2014

Shadowrock Park to Host Top-Notch Bluegrass and Gospel Groups

The City of Forsyth is hosting a bluegrass and gospel concert April 5th featuring four area bluegrass groups. The event will be held in Shadowrock Park from noon until dark.

The show will be emceed by Bob Leftridge of the Baldknobbers Show, with the line-up to include Bob Hammons & Wildwood, Big

Creek Bluegrass, Brightwater Junction, and High Strung. Concessions will be available from Fat Daddy's BBQ.

Tickets will be available at the gate for \$10 per person. Children 10 and under will be admitted free.

Bring your lawn chair and

sunscreen, kick back, and enjoy! In case of rain, the event will be held at the Forsyth High School Gymnasium.

Proceeds from the show will benefit the City's beautification projects. Projects include the local history murals and the American flags flown on US Hwy 160.

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Reach Out to Someone in Need

Today's emergency responders do far more than put out fires or bandage wounds. Emergency responders are the first line of defense in natural and man-made disasters, responding to vehicle accidents, hazardous materials incidents, specialized rescue situations and a vast array of medical

emergencies.

In response to the growing need for new volunteer fire and emergency response providers, the Forsyth Fire Department is currently recruiting interested citizens to learn how to 'answer the call' and

serve their community.

Becoming a volunteer emergency responder can be the most rewarding experience of your life.

Chief Nathan Bower
546-3074
www.forsythfirerescue.org

Sidewalk Improvement Project Activity Steps Up

The sidewalk improvement project along US Hwy 160 has been in the planning stages for a couple of years and has received the go-ahead to begin acquiring the necessary easements for the construction of the sidewalks.

The project adds approximately 675 feet of handi-capped-accessible sidewalk along Hwy 160. It is esti-

mated that the acquisition process will be completed in mid-April and the project will be advertised for construction bids shortly thereafter.

Project costs will be shared between Missouri Department of Transportation and the City of Forsyth, with the state's share not to exceed 80% of the estimated construction cost.

Once easements are obtained, we will begin the competitive bidding process, with construction to begin in early summer.

While it will be inconvenient for a short time, the end result will be sidewalks that pedestrians can safely use as they walk to and from school or to do business with our merchants.



The discharge of fireworks is permitted in residential areas of the City July 1st thru July 4th, no later than 10 pm.

In especially dry years, the Fire Chief may prohibit their use to help prevent natural cover fires.

For a safe Fourth of July:

- ◇ Keep a water hose handy
- ◇ Supervise children
- ◇ Use Common Sense!
- ◇ Clean up your mess

Check with the Fire Department at 546-3074 if you have any questions.



City-Wide
Yard Sale

May 3rd
No permit
required!

Drop-Off Recycle Center

Larger quantities of plastics, cardboard, mixed paper, and steel cans can be dropped in the large bin behind the fence behind City Hall. Same rules apply as for curbside recycling...No Trash, Please.

**2013 Volunteer Fire
Fighter Awards**

- Firefighter of the Year
Patrick Holmes
- Rookie of the Year
Steven Mills
- Explorer of the Year
Nick Turner
- Officer of the Year
Ashley Green
- Support Member of the Year
Laura Bower

Republic Services observes the following holidays:

- New Year's Day
- Memorial Day
- July 4th
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving
- Christmas

Trash pickup will be delayed by one day if the holiday occurs prior to normal pickup day.

Shadowrock Campground is Open for Business!

One of the best kept secrets in Forsyth is the Shadowrock Campground. With camping sites available April 1st through October 31st, this public campground offers some of the lowest rates in the area in a beautiful lakeside setting.

The facility offers sites with water, sewer, and electric service, just water and electric, and primitive tent sites for \$15 or less per night. And, those aged 62 and

older receive up to 50% discounts.

Staffed by an onsite caretaker, the bathrooms and shower houses are clean and accessible to campers. The campground also boasts a boat launch ramp into Bull Shoals Lake and a fish cleaning station.

Other facilities located within the Shadowrock Park include tennis courts, bas-

ketball court, ball fields, picnic pavilions, playground, and the biking and walking trail.

Whether you're looking for a campground for visitors or planning your "staycation", consider all that Shadowrock Campground has to offer.

For reservation and rate information, call (417) 546-2876.

A Word from the Police Chief

One of the most common complaints received by the Police Department has to do with junk items and old vehicles parked in people's yards.

Typically, we will contact the property owner or controller and alert them to the violation

and give them thirty days to clean up or remove specified items.

If the vehicles or other items are left on the property after 30 days, the property owner or controller can be cited into municipal court and, if found

guilty, have to pay a fine.

With spring just around the corner this is a great time to get those items removed!

Jack R. Gates, Chief of Police

Have You Seen My Dog?

City Hall regularly receives phone calls from residents who have lost their dog. The City catches dogs running at large and must turn them over to Taney County Animal Control when the owner can't be determined.

The cost to have an animal picked up is more than \$50 per animal. These costs are passed on to the owner, if found, with the City paying the cost for strays.

An easy way to be sure your dog is returned, and to avoid the animal control fees, is to license your dog. It is required by city ordinance and is inexpensive and easy to do.

Bring proof of current rabies vaccination by a licensed veterinarian and \$2 to purchase the license. We'll issue a numbered tag to put on the dog's collar. If the dog is caught running,

we are able to contact the owner and return the pet.

Animal license is due in January each year by ordinance. Dogs are also required to be on a leash or restrained to the owner's property.

Licensing and restraining your pets helps reduce dog bites and animal control costs to the City.



Utility Rates and Trash Service Changes

The City reviews water and sewer rates regularly and must adjust the rates to generate enough revenues to pay the operating costs of the systems. In March, the Board of Aldermen approved a rate increase to take effect with the April 15th bill.

New Water Rates:
\$11.40 base rate, \$3.35 for each additional 1,000 gallons of water used

New Sewer Rates:
\$12.20 base rate, \$3.35 for each additional 1,000 gallons of water usage.

Customers who use 3,000 gallons of water per month will see an increase of 90 cents for water and 90 cents for sewer services.

Spring Cleanup

May 8th

Have your items at the curb by 6 am

Items eligible for pickup:

- *Furniture (couch, chairs, desks, dresser, lamps)
- *Carpet (cut into bundles that can be picked up by one person)
- *Fixtures (toilet, sink, cabinet, vanity)
- *Guttering or fencing (small bundles)
- *Mattress, Box Spring
- *TV (limit 2)
- *BBQ grills, Patio Furniture

No tires, appliances, yard waste, dead animals, hazardous materials such as batteries, paint cans, etc is permitted or large remodel or construction waste.

Water Quality Report

The annual Consumer Confidence Report will be available at City Hall by July 1st. Included in the report is information regarding the source of Forsyth's water, compliance with Missouri Dept. of Natural Resources regulations, water quality testing, and the levels of a variety of contaminants commonly found in water systems.

Park Regulations

With the arrival of spring, Shadowrock Park will be a prime destination for outdoor activities. Just a few rule to keep in mind while you're having a good time:

- * Watch for kids! The speed limit is 15 mph, but even that is too quick to avoid children running into the street.
- * Pets must be leashed. And, don't forget the pooper-scooper...nobody

likes to step in that!

- * Fires are only permitted in the BBQs provided.
- * No fireworks are permitted.
- * Police your area! Pick up your trash and litter and leave it cleaner than when you came.
- * Swim at your own risk.
- * Clean your fish at the fish cleaning station at the campground.
- * Park in the designated parking areas, not on the grass.
- * Quiet time starts at 10 pm and ends at 6 am.
- * No motorized vehicles are allowed on the biking and walking trail from the park to Powersite Dam.

Above all, be considerate of others and have a great time in the park.

Coming Events...

at Shadowrock Park unless otherwise noted

April

5th Bluegrass and Gospel Concert 12 noon
27th Freedom of the Road Riders Swap Meet

May

3rd City-Wide Yard Sale
10th Forsyth Chamber of Commerce Mini Golf Tournament at Brookside Minia-

June

17th Patriot Day Parade —starts at US Hwy 160 & Coy Blvd at 10 am

September

24th—28th Taney County Fair at Shoals Bend Park

October

13th Forsyth Fun Day 11 am
21st Freedom of the Road

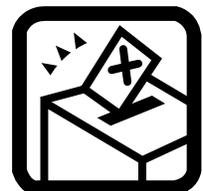
November

Riders Swap Meet
4th Forsyth Chamber of Commerce Harvest Moon Car Show and Craft Festival

December

2nd Freedom of the Road Riders Toy Run
6th Christmas Parade

Don't forget to vote April 8th!



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Citizen Survey

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen discuss issues at times that they might like to have more input from the residents. But, few people attend the council meetings regularly and it is hard to guess what the voters desire.

Below is a form that you may use to submit your opinion. It is not a scientific way of measuring public opinion

and the results may be somewhat vague. Please fill out the form, detach it and return it to city hall with your utility payment by April 20th.

The Board of Aldermen and the Park Advisory Board will review the responses received.

As always, council meetings and park board meetings are open to the public. Council meetings are held the third Monday of each month at 6 pm and the Park Board meets the first Wednesday of each month at 5:30 pm.

Council agendas and other information can be obtained on our website.
www.cityofforsythmo.com

Q1. What activities would you like to see in the parks? _____

Q2. Do you want the city to add fluoride to the water? yes no

Please return survey to City Hall