

CAMDENTON NEWS AND VIEWS

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City of Camdenton, Missouri

November, 2016

MUNICIPAL CALENDAR

November

15	7:00 PM	Board of Aldermen
17	9:00 AM	Municipal Court
17	4:00 PM	Airport Board

December

6	12:00 Noon	**Storm Siren Testing
6	6:00 PM	*Board of Adjustment
6	7:00 PM	Board of Alderman
8	9:00 AM	Municipal Court
13	6:00 PM	*Planning & Zoning
15	9:00 AM	Municipal Court
20	7:00 PM	Board of Aldermen

January

3	12:00 Noon	**Storm Siren Testing
3	6:00 PM	*Board of Adjustment
3	7:00 PM	Board of Aldermen
4	9:00 AM	Municipal Court
10	6:00 PM	*Planning & Zoning
17	7:00 PM	Board of Aldermen
18	9:00 AM	Municipal Court

February

7	12:00 Noon	**Storm Siren Testing
7	6:00 PM	*Board of Adjustment
7	7:00 PM	Board of Aldermen
8	9:00 AM	Municipal Court

**Meeting dates are subject to change.*

***Unless severe weather is imminent*

*Complete calendar is available online at:
www.camdentoncity.com*

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RECENT COUNCIL ACTION

Our most recent council actions and the complete City code are available on the City's web page. The newest ordinances are available after the council meeting in which they are passed. Just go to www.camdentoncity.com, click on "City Government", click on "New Ordinances", then click on the ordinance in which you are interested. For the complete City code, click on "City Government" then click on "Municipal Ordinances".

From Mayor McNabb...

Fall is here officially, although the temperatures do not indicate the change in seasons yet. Leaves are beginning to fall and we will be letting everyone know before long when we will begin the annual leaf pick-up.

The 6th annual Lake of the Ozarks Air Show was a big success. I would like to thank the Air Show committee for all of their hard work planning the show. We had a beautiful day for the show. My apologies for the parking problems, sometime Mother Nature doesn't get the memo about no rain the day before. We were able to dedicate the Veteran's Memorial on the morning of the show. I am proud of the monument and the work our committee put in to make the monument a reality. I invite everyone to stop by the airport and see the monument.

Several city projects have been completed over the summer. The tennis courts are now open at the city park, we invite you to use them. Overlay projects have been completed on Clint Avenue and Hazelwood, as well as Wilkerson and several other streets in that area. We have also completed the sewer project on Lake Street which also went under Highway 54 near the Chamber of Commerce building.

I was honored to present a proclamation from the City at the last home football game honoring the football program. The Camdenton Laker Football Program was inducted into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame on October 10th at a luncheon in Springfield. The Camdenton Program is one of only four schools statewide to receive this honor. The proclamation declared October 10th Laker Football Day in the city.

The contractual agreement between the City and Mid-County Fire Protection District took effect on October 1st. We believe this is wise use of tax dollars and will provide a higher level of coverage for the city. With this change we are currently looking to employ a Fire and Code official. This position will do city fire inspections and will assist in code enforcement primarily in the commercial areas of the city.

With the beginning of October we enter in to a new budget year. We will move forward with the new budget and look to make additional improvements in the city. The sidewalk project will begin early in the spring. We are also working with the school district planning to apply for another sidewalk project that will connect the main campus of the school with the high school.

As always, I am honored to be the Mayor of our city. Please feel free to contact city hall if there is some way we might be able to assist you.



Mayor John McNabb

BULLETIN BOARD

GENERAL MUNICIPAL FILING & ELECTION

Last Day to Register to Vote – March 7, 2017
Election Day – April 4, 2017

Filing for candidacy for Mayor and one Alderman from each of the Wards I, II, and III (2 year terms) and one member of the Special Road District R begins at 8:00 AM on December 13, 2016 and ends at 5:00 PM on January 17, 2017. Office hours are 8:00 AM-4:30 PM, Monday-Friday, excluding holidays. Candidates should file with the office of the City Clerk.

“THE DRAFTING TABLE”

Thoughts from the Building Department

Cold weather is almost here and it’s time to consider having your heating and cooling system maintained. Keeping your system maintained will save you money by keeping your system working at peak performance and is definitely a safety feature.

The most important item that you can maintain yourself is to keep your air filter changed on a regular bases. A dirty filter increases energy cost and can damage your equipment. Most filters should be changed on a monthly bases but some of the newer and more expensive filters may go at longer intervals. Check your filters monthly. If it is obviously dirty, change it.

Annually, a professional should be called in to do a maintenance check-up. Typically they will check the thermostat settings, check all electrical connections, lubricate the moving parts, inspect the condensate drain and check the system controls for safe operation. The evaporator and condensing coils should be cleaned and the refrigerant levels checked.

If you use propane, natural gas or oil to heat your house then special attention should be given to checking all connections, gas pressure, burner combustion and the heat exchanger. If you heat with wood, etc. then the wood burner and the flue needs to be cleaned at least once per year. If you heat with liquid or solid fuels then it is highly recommended that you have carbon monoxide (CO) detectors installed.

A monthly and annual maintenance schedule for your heating and cooling system can keep your system running safely and at peak efficiency for years to come.

For all your shopping needs

TRY CAMDENTON FIRST!

Welcome New Businesses!

- * *Cyborg Piercing & Jewelry.....10 Camden Ct Ste 1C*
- * *New Smoke Vapor Shop.....10 Camden Ct Ste 1C*
- * *VFW-Ernest Gerhardt Post.....65 VFW Post*
- * *S & S Custom Building, LLC.....825 W US Hwy 54*
- * *Gateway Custard LLC.....60 Fourth St*
- * *Ambiance Massage Therapy.....764 N Business Rt 5*
- * *KA Fitness, LLC.....717 N Business Rt 5*
- * *AT&T Authorized Retailer.....770 E US Hwy 54 Ste A*
- * *Lake Area Gracie JiuJitsu.....942 N Business Rt 5*
- * *Zombie Wasteland.....1159 N Business Rt 5*
- * *Baking Me Happy275 Ha Ha Tonka Cut-Thru*
- * *Red’s.....940 N Business Rt 5 R*
- * *Blue Water Tax Associates.....736 N Business Rt 5*



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- November 11.....*Veteran’s Day
- November 24-25.....*Thanksgiving Holiday
- December 3.....Christmas on the Square
- December 7.....Pearl Harbor Day
- December 25/26.....*Christmas Holiday
- January 1/2.....*New Year’s Holiday
- January 19.....Martin Luther King Jr Day
- February 14.....Valentine’s Day
- February 15.....*President’s Day

**Indicates City Hall Closed*



Tips for Pedestrian Safety

Be Visible

Make sure you're visible to drivers at all times and make eye contact with them whenever possible. This is especially important at night, in low-light conditions such as dusk or dawn or in inclement weather. According to NHTSA's National Center for Statistics and Analysis, 32 percent of all pedestrian fatalities occur between 8 p.m. and 11:59 p.m.

- Wear lightly colored or reflective clothing at night and brightly colored clothing during the day.
- Stay in well-lit areas, especially when crossing the street.
- If possible, make eye contact with drivers in stopped vehicles to ensure they see you before you cross in front of them.

Stay Alert – Avoid Distractions

Distractions are everywhere today and becoming more and more difficult to avoid. Remember that, as a pedestrian, your eyes and ears are your best tools for keeping safe. Stay alert and watch out.

- Put down your phone. Smartphones and handheld electronic devices are a daily part of life, but they take your eyes off of the road and distract your attention.
- Don't wear headphones. Your ears will tell you a lot about what is happening around you – be sure to use them.

Follow the Rules

- Know and follow all traffic rules, signs and signals. You need to be aware of the rules vehicles around you must follow to properly anticipate what drivers will do. This will help increase your safety. Go to www.camdentoncity.com, City Code, Chapter 880.030 for details.
- Never assume a driver will give you the right of way. Make every effort to make eye contact with the driver of a stopped or approaching vehicle before entering the roadway.

Walk in Safe Places

- Use crosswalks when crossing the street. If a crosswalk is unavailable, be sure to find the most well-lit spot on the road to cross and wait for a long enough gap in traffic to make it safely across the street.
- Stay on sidewalks whenever possible. If a sidewalk is not available, be sure to walk on the far side of the road facing traffic. This will help increase your visibility to drivers.
- Avoid walking along highways or other roadways where pedestrians are prohibited.

-AAA Exchange

9 Tips to Prepare Your House for Winter

1. Drain Your Rain Barrels

Do this in the autumn before the weather starts getting cold enough to freeze. You can save money on your water bill when you put that extra water to good use by watering houseplants, any remaining plants in your home garden, and your grass.

2. Clean Rain Gutters

Having clean gutters not only makes your home look nicer, but it can also help prevent the build-up of ice on your roof. The faster that water can drain away, the less likely it is to melt and then refreeze on your roof or under your shingles. In addition, clean gutters reduce the risk of infestation and decrease the risk of mold in your home. If you don't have leaf guards on your gutters, you might have to take several passes until all the leaves have fallen off the trees. While you clean your gutters, look for problem areas that may indicate that it's time to trim the trees in your yard.

3. Trim Trees

Take a stroll around your yard and examine your trees closely. Do you see any limbs that could possibly knock out power to your home? Do you see limbs that could hit your car if they broke off during a winter snow storm? Take time now to trim any weak branches that look as if they could cause problems during winter storms. Trimming the trees during mild weather is *much* easier than trying to do it when it's frigid outside.

4. Check Your Snow Blower and Stock Up

If you live in a particularly snowy climate, it is likely that you have a snow blower. Fill it up with gas, and start it up to make sure it works. Also make sure that your shovel is still in good condition; if not, pick up another one, along with salt or sand for your driveway. People often wait until the first big snowfall to buy these crucial supplies, and stores often run out, especially if a big storm is on the way.

5. Check for Leaks

Now that the nights have cooled down, you can probably locate drafts coming into your home. Find those leaks and seal them up before winter. Walk around your home on a chilly night and, using bare hands and feet, feel around your doors, windows, lights, and switch plates for cold air. If you detect cold air leaking in, this means that your warm air is going outside. You need to either add insulation to these areas, or seal them using weather-stripping, caulk, or spray foam. I know this can seem like an annoying chore – after all, these tiny leaks can't make that much of a difference, right? Well, it all adds up. Energy Star estimates that sealing the leaks around your home can help you shave as much as 20% off your heating and cooling costs, thus making your home more energy efficient.

6. Check Your Furnace Filter

Before you start running your furnace, check the filter – it may need to be replaced. If your furnace filter looks dirty, then definitely replace it. During the winter months, I change my furnace filter every 4 to 6 weeks. Having a clean filter helps your furnace run more efficiently, which can save you energy and money. According to Planet Green, a clean filter can save you 5% to 15% on your heating bill. Additionally, if you haven't done so already, consider upgrading your thermostat to a programmable thermostat. Installation is easy, and the ability to program your thermostat to only work when you need it can save more money on heating during the long winter months. This is just one of many green energy technologies that you can utilize for home improvement.

7. Insulate Pipes and Water Heater

Have you insulated your water pipes and hot water heater? If you haven't, this relatively easy project can help trim your water heating costs this winter, especially if your water pipes run through a chilly or unheated basement. According to the Department of Energy (DOE), insulating your hot water pipes can help raise the temperature 2 to 4 degrees. This can allow you to get piping hot water on a lower setting, saving you both energy and money. During temps 20 or below, it would be a good idea to let your faucets slowly drip, especially in older homes. The DOE also states that insulating your hot water heater trims 4% to 9% off your water heating costs.

8. Add Insulation

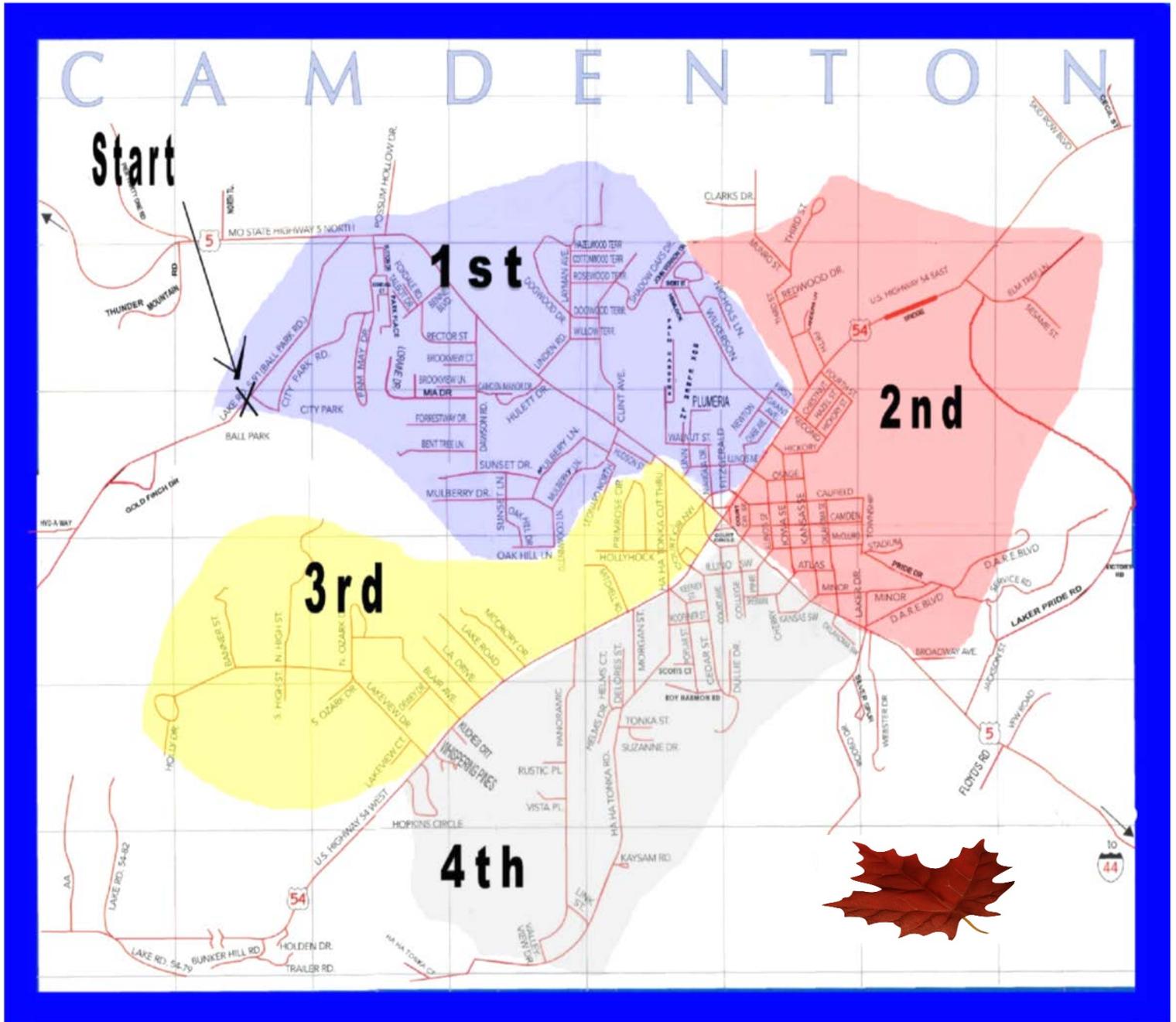
The DOE states that adding insulation is one of the best ways to save energy all year round. During the winter months, that extra insulation makes your home feel warmer. The best news? Adding insulation to your attic is quite simple.

I'm not great at home improvement, yet I completed a winter home improvement project two years ago that went off without a hitch. Adding insulation really paid off – my heat kicked on less frequently, which helped me save energy all winter long. Best of all, this home improvement project increases value. How do you know if you have enough insulation, or if you need more? Use the DOE's Insulation Fact Sheet; it tells you how much insulation you need (the R-value) based on your zip code. Most homes require 12 to 15 inches of insulation in their attic.

9. Get Your Chimney Cleaned

You probably haven't used your fireplace since last winter. Before you use it, you need to have your chimney cleaned by a professional. In addition to increasing the heating efficiency of your fireplace, an annual cleaning also helps to ensure your family's safety during the winter months. Chimney fires, a build-up of deposits, and animals nesting in your chimney make it unsafe to use. Having the chimney cleaned every year helps to eliminate these risks for fire in your home. Chimney cleaners are busy during the fall and winter months, so call early before the temperature really starts to drop. That way you won't have to wait to start your first cozy fire of the season.





It will soon be the time of year when the air begins to chill and leaves begin to fall. That means the City will be filled with the sights and sounds of leaves being raked, mower's mulching up leaves and, in some cases, the smell of leaves being burned. If you do plan on burning leaves, please be sure to call the Mid County Fire Department (573) 346-3262 to make sure conditions are favorable for burning. One of the best methods for ridding your yard of leaves is to mulch them into the yard with your lawn mower. It not only provides a good nutrient base for next year's growth cycle, it takes less time than raking and is easier on the body.

For those of you who are not going to mulch, burn or, rake your leaves into the woods behind your house, the Camdenton Public Works Department will begin the annual leaf pick-up starting November 28, 2016. Use this map to locate what section your property is in. For pick-up, please place your leaves in a pile next to the ditch (NOT IN THE DITCH OR STREET) and be sure there are not any limbs, rocks or other debris mixed in with the leaves. Please ensure your leaves are ready to be picked up.

The leaf pick-up schedule may be adjusted for weather or other unforeseen circumstances as needed. Due to limitations in personnel and equipment, we will only pick up leaves once a year, and in the specified area one time.



Get Ready for Winter! Help Us Help you

When Snowfall is expected

The Public Works Department will pre-salt the street to try to keep ice from forming and to aid in the removal of snow. The department has over 25 miles of road to clear as well as City properties and parking areas on the square.

When the Snow falls

When two or three inches of snow have accumulated or more is expected, plowing becomes more effective than salting. All main roads and residential streets will be plowed by the PWD, which assigns its crews to five plow zones. The department has five trucks for plowing. The first priority is to open the main roads to provide safe access for emergency vehicles and to maintain traffic flow, since most residents live within a few blocks of the main roads. The plows then continue to all streets in each zone until all the streets are clear. If the storm continues, the crews continue working in the same pattern until the storm abates. Then the trucks begin to widen out all roads by pushing the accumulated snow back to the edge of the asphalt and curbs and clearing the intersections. The crews will be out working throughout a storm to clear away the snow. Please do not go out during or immediately after a snowstorm unless it is really necessary. Less traffic on the roads means the crews will be able to do their job more quickly and completely. Under the best conditions, it will take 8 to 10 hours after the snow has stopped falling to complete the snow removal operations. Snow removal is an arduous and time-consuming task. Please understand that the Public Works Department cannot shovel out your driveway entrance nor can it plow out any private property

After the Storm Is Over

Crews continue to monitor all roads for icy conditions and where winds may redeposit snow onto the roadways. Usually salt is applied so that all surfaces remain safe to drive on. Residents can assist by not throwing snow into the roadway when clearing driveways and sidewalks or push snow across a cleared street. Pushing snow across the street removes the salt laid down for ice control.

Tips and Suggestions

- If snow is expected, move your cars into the driveway. Parking on the streets during a snowstorm prohibits snow removal.
- Do not park at the end of dead end streets or in cul-de-sacs. These are needed to push the snow thru and are Fire Lanes.
- If you are shoveling out the entrance to your driveway, do not throw snow directly into the street; shovel onto the side of the driveway or other area of your property.
- If possible, finish clearing your driveway entrance **AFTER** the final widening pass by the snow plow, which will come about 8 to 10 hours after the snow stops falling, depending on the severity of the storm.

The Public Works Department is committed to the safety of our citizens and providing them with drivable streets.



CHRISTMAS ON THE SQUARE

DECEMBER 3, 2016

10:30 AM - 1:30 PM

On the Camden County Courthouse
Lawn in Camdenton

**SANTA ARRIVES
AT 11:30 AM!**

Ornament Making
Hot Chocolate, Cookies,
Hot Dogs

Christmas Music
Games and Prizes

Nativity Scene
Prize Drawings

Petting Zoo
And Much More

For information call the Camdenton
Area Chamber of Commerce
at **573-346-2227** or go to
www.camdentonchamber.com

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RUNNING OF THE ELVES

Includes T-Shirt & Elf Hat/Ears w/Early Registration

Saturday, December 3, 2016

Registration starts at **8:45am**

Starts and ends at the
Camdenton Square

For more information call 573-346-2227

ENTRY FEE: \$25.00 prior to 11/21/16 after or day of \$30.00

Please detach and mail completed form w/check payable to CACC: Camdenton Chamber of Commerce - PO Box 1375 - Camdenton, MO 65020

Liability Waiver

Name: _____ I assume full responsibility for running in this event,
as well as any and all other risks associated with competing
Address: _____ in this event, including falls, body contact, injury, illness and
even death. In consideration of these facts, I hereby for myself,
City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____ my heirs, executors, administrators, or anyone else who might
claim on my behalf, covenant not to sue, and waive, release,
Phone: _____ and discharge the Camdenton Chamber of Commerce
the City of Camdenton, the County of Camden County
Emergency Phone: _____ and any and all sponsors and or agents associated
with them for any and all claims for death or personal
injury or property damage of any kind or nature whatsoever
arising out of, or in the course of my participation in this event.

Signature

Date

T-Shirt Size (Sm-2XL)

PARENT MUST SIGN IF ENTRANT IS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE

Camdenton Police receives Overtime Enforcement Grant

The Camdenton Police Department has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$1,250 from MODOT – Traffic and Highway Safety Division for overtime enforcement of hazardous moving violations such as speeding, inattention, passing on the right, following too close, etc.

While we have made significant progress over the years in decreasing motor vehicle crashes in the City of Camdenton, it is still concerning that many of the crashes are preventable! In 2015, three hazardous moving violations were the leading contributing factor in 75% of our motor vehicle crashes in the City of Camdenton – following too close, failure to yield or inattention. That means that over **THREE FOURTHS OF OUR CRASHES** could be **PREVENTED** if motorists slowed down, increased their following distance or were more attentive when driving. This grant will enable Officers to focus on drivers who are not driving with the highest degree of care. Officers will also participate in National and Statewide Traffic Enforcement Campaigns such as “Click It or Ticket It” and “You Drink, You Drive, You Lose” throughout the year. Chief Wright would like to remind motorists to be alert and cautious when driving at **ALL** times and remember to **Buckle Up** and **Arrive Alive!**

Tis the Holiday Season

Unfortunately, criminals don't take a break just because it is the holiday season! In fact, Law Enforcement Agencies often see an increase in thefts as people are often more distracted and valuables are more accessible. Protect yourself and your property by following the tips below:

- ✓ When using the ATM, make sure that it is in a well-lit area. Always try to have a friend or relative go to the ATM with you.
- ✓ Copy items you carry in your wallet/purse and place the copies in your safety deposit box. This will save some time if your wallet/purse is stolen.
- ✓ Carry only the amount of cash or credit cards that you will need.
- ✓ Be aware of your surroundings and where you are.
- ✓ Keep your bag closed and carry it in front of you and close to your body.
- ✓ Do not carry spare keys in your purse.
- ✓ Do not enter your driveway if a suspicious vehicle has followed you home. Go to a safe location and Dial 9-1-1. If you are confronted in your driveway, remain in your locked car with your windows up and blow your horn.
- ✓ If someone confronts you and they try to take your purse, wallet, or a shopping bag, just give it to them. There are no items in your purse, wallet, or the shopping bags worth serious injury or death!
- ✓ If your debit card, checkbook, or credit card is lost or stolen, notify the appropriate bank or company immediately. You will also need to report it to the Police Department where it was lost or stolen immediately.
- ✓ Trust your instincts. If you suspect something is wrong, report it immediately.
- ✓ Dial 9-1-1 for an emergency. If you need an officer for a non-emergency please call 346-3604 during regular business hours (Monday – Friday 8 am to 4:30 pm). After regular business hours please call the Camden County Sheriff's Department at 573-346-2243.



Take the L.E.A.D. (Law Enforcement Appreciation Day) is January 9, 2017

Please take time out of your day on January 9, 2017 to show law enforcement and their families how much their services are valued to the lake area on National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. You can also show your support by replacing your outside porch light with a blue light bulb and shine it for 30 days, fly a blue ribbon from your car antenna, wear blue for a day or send a thank you card to a local department.

The Camdenton Police Department offers residential checks while you are away this holiday season and throughout the year. It's FREE and EASY! Just call our office during business hours at 573-346-3604 or complete the [online form](http://www.camdentoncity.com) at www.camdentoncity.com to request a Residence Check before you leave. You can also e-mail us at policedept@camdentoncity.com



WCA trash company observes the following holidays (offices are closed and no trash pickup):

Thanksgiving Day-if picked up Thursday it will be Friday, if picked up Friday it will be Saturday

Christmas Day-if Christmas falls on a week day your pick-up day will be the following day

example: Monday pick-up would be Tuesday and so on

New Year's Day-if New Year's Day falls on a week day your pick-up will be the following day
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FALL Clean Up Results for 2016

14.15 Tons
picked up

Police Department Calendar of Events:

November

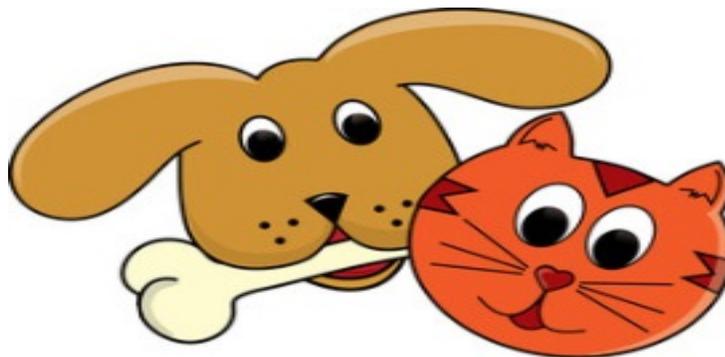
- Occupant Protection Enforcement Day – November 25

December

- Statewide DWI Saturation Patrol – December 15 – January 1

February 2017

- Occupant Protection Enforcement Day – February 16



Renew your Cat & Dog Licenses TODAY!

Cat & Dog Licenses must be renewed by December 31st to avoid a penalty. Please bring in your current Rabies vaccination slip to City Hall or contact Community Service Officer Chasity Ivey at 573-346-3604 ext. 264 or policedept@camdentoncity.com for more information.

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CAMDENTON, MO 65020



MAYOR JOHN McNABB

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City Clerk – Renee Kingston
Police Chief – Laura Wright
Public Works Director – Bill Jeffries
Parks Director – Larry Bennett
City Attorney – Phil Morgan
Municipal Judge – Gene Hilton

**Don't drive
if you're tipsy,
buzzed or Blitzen.**

Get a sober ride or call a cab.



Camdenton Police Officers make DWI Enforcement a priority throughout the year, but will be stepping up enforcement to protect everyone this holiday season thanks to a grant received from MODOT. Officers will be conducting DWI Saturation Patrols as part of the National Holiday DWI Enforcement Campaign from December 15, 2016 through January 1, 2017.

Missouri's DWI law states that a person commits the crime of driving while intoxicated if they operate a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs, and/or medication - regardless of his or her blood alcohol concentration (BAC) level. If your BAC level is .08 percent or above, you're presumptively legally intoxicated.

If you are caught driving impaired, you won't just get a ticket - you can land in jail, lose your license and pay significant fines and legal expenses!

In 2014, 192 people were killed and 655 seriously injured in crashes involving an impaired driver. Impaired driving contributes to nearly 30 percent of all Missouri traffic fatalities. Many times innocent lives are lost because someone made a poor choice. We hope that you make the right choice by choosing not to drive impaired!

Visit <http://www.modot.org> or <http://www.savemolives.com> for more information on Impaired Driving.