

**TALK TO THE MAYOR**

The Mayor would like to know what you like about Jefferson. Please contact him at:  
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**BUILDING PERMIT & PROPERTY MAINTENANCE**



The 2009 construction season is upon us. That means it is time for building projects and property maintenance. The Jefferson Code Enforcement office sent out 203 property maintenance violations in 2008. These included snow removal, tall grass, junk, junk vehicles, and dilapidated structures. Also don't forget that many building projects and fences will require a permit. If you need a permit or not sure if one is required for your project, please call Mike Wright at 386-3111 for more information.

**HELPFUL HINTS FOR RECYCLING**

Have recycling bin curbside by 6 a.m. to ensure pickup. Recycling is every other week on your garbage day. Help the City receive money! If you place your recycling curbside the City receives a monetary credit based on tonnage. If you take your recycling to the drop box at Genesis Development the monetary credit is greatly reduced. Please place your recyclables curbside! All materials in the green bins are to be **SEPARATED & BAGGED**.

Some acceptable items include:  
-Corrugated cardboard-flatten & place under green bin  
-Rinsed out metal & aluminum cans, wire hangers  
-Rinsed out plastic milk jugs, plastic hangers

The following is a list of some mixed paper items that **ARE** recyclable and can be bagged together: junk mail, magazines, catalogs, clean typing paper & computer printout, tubes from toilet paper & paper towels, boxes such as cereal (remove plastic liners), tissue & shoe boxes-flatten, greeting cards, wrapping paper, egg cartons-cardboard only, telephone books, paper sacks, & newspapers.



The following items are **NOT** recyclable due to markets being unavailable: Styrofoam, aerosol cans, pizza boxes, pop & beer cartons, bubble wrap, packing peanuts, plastic bags, auto oil or antifreeze containers or lids. **Please place these items in with your regular trash.**

**JEFFERSON PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**Elementary Soccer:** boys & girls PreK-Kindergarten, Mondays, starting April 13-May 4, 5:30-6:15 pm at Kelso Park. This program introduces children to the game of soccer. Participants will learn the basics & have a lot of fun. \$15

**Mini Track:** boys & girls K-6<sup>th</sup> grade, Saturdays, March 28-May 2 (NO Class April 11) at Linduska Field. The 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders meet from 9-10 am & the K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade 10:00-11:00 am. Participants will learn to warm up properly, run short distances, long distances, long jump, throw a softball, relay handoffs, & cool down. Participants will be allowed to compete in the Hershey Track meet Friday, May 8 at 6:00 pm. \$10

**Spring Softball Clinic:** girls 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade, 1:00-3:00 pm, Saturday, April 25 at the City Fields. Tom Kennedy will work with participants on the fundamentals of the game with a variety of drills & games. \$5

**Spring Baseball Clinic:** boys 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade at the Jefferson Baseball Field, Saturdays April 18 & 25, 9-10:30 for 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade & 10:30-noon for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Mark Sawhill & the 2009 Ram Baseball team will work on the fundamental of the game to help players improve their game for the upcoming season. \$5

**Adventureland Tickets** will be available to families for the Drug Free weekends Saturday, April 26 & Sunday, April 27 & Saturday, May 3 & Sunday, May 4 for \$16.00. There will NOT be a bus taking the trip this year.

**Easter Egg Hunt:** toddlers-3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Saturday, April 11 with a 9:30 registration & 10:00 am the hunt begins. This activity is co-sponsored by the Jefferson Kiwanis & Jefferson Park & Recreation. Local businesses provide candy & prizes for the eggs. Every participant is guaranteed to receive an egg. FREE

**Shrine Circus** for families to take time on Saturday afternoon, May 2 & head for the circus on a bus which will leave from the Greene County Community Center at 12:30 pm. Anyone may go (5<sup>th</sup> grade & under must be chaperoned by an adult). The limit is 60 so get registered for the free ride & tickets at the Greene County Community Center.

**Wellness Classes** for session II start the week of March 30. Cycling classes are in demand so get registered early. Other classes offered are Cycle & Tone, Senior Aerobics, Senior Yoga, Big Ball Toning Class, Total Body Tone & Tighten, Yoga, Cardio Kickboxing, Pilates, Interval Step & Body Sculpting, Marathon training, & Runners Club. For more information about the wellness classes contact Lisa Clark at 386-3412 or email her at [fitness@netins.net](mailto:fitness@netins.net).

Daycare is available Monday-Thursday 5:00-8:00 pm at the Greene County Community Center for anyone wanting to take classes or exercise. For more information & registrations, contact the Greene County Community Center at 204 West Harrison or call 386-3412.



**JEFFERSON CITY NEWS**

April, 2009 through September, 2009  
Issue 13

**CEMETERY CLEANUP BEGINS APRIL 13, 2009**

Spring cleanup at Jefferson's Municipal Cemetery and St. Joseph Cemetery will begin April 13th. Any items not in a permanent vase will be removed by the City cleaning crew.



**CITY ANNOUNCES SPRING CLEANUP DATES  
APRIL 20-24, 2009**

Spring Cleanup Week is the perfect time to prepare your yard and home for the summer months by disposing of leaves, old furniture and unsightly items lying around the property. Your pick up day will be your regular garbage day. **Reminder: These materials must be separated.** Metal with metal, wood with wood, garbage with garbage, yard waste, etc. **If this is not done the material will be left.** Tires or toxic waste will not be taken.

**Charges will apply to all appliances, e-waste items, fencing, construction and remodeling debris.** All other accepted items will be FREE. Also, yard waste bags do not need a sticker this week. For further information watch for articles in the Jefferson Bee and Herald newspapers, and on the radio station, cable channel and City's website. **The City will be restructuring services beginning July 1. There is a strong possibility the City will be offering only one cleanup per year to be held in Spring of each year.**

**INSIDE YOUR CITY**



The City continues to move forward on the \$10.5 million project to construct an overpass over the Union Pacific railroad tracks at Highway 4. The project area extends along Highway 4 from approximately Central Ave. to Clark St. The drawings for the project are 35% complete. A public hearing is tentatively scheduled for June 2009 to review the project. There are several key aspects of the project the City is currently addressing. The first is the detour route. During construction of the overpass, southbound Highway 4 traffic will be rerouted west on Central Ave. to Grimmell Rd., south on Grimmell to Lincolnway, then east to Highway 4. The second is to provide access to the businesses along the construction route during and after construction. The City's engineering firm is working with property and business owners to address these concerns. Although the City does not know if the project will receive any federal economic stimulus money, it is utilizing the \$4 million federal funding it has received in order to get the project to a "shovel ready" position. If you have any questions or would like to view the project plans please call Mike Palmer at 386-3111.

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**FIREWORKS**  
**SATURDAY,**  
**JULY 4, 2009**  
**AT DUSK**



**Memorial Day**  
**Monday, May 25, 2009**

All City offices closed. Mon. thru Thurs. garbage & recycling routes delayed 1 day.



**Independence Day**  
**Friday, July 3, 2009**

All City offices closed. Fri. garbage route will be picked up on Thurs. July 2nd



**Labor Day**  
**Monday, September 7, 2009**

All City offices closed. Mon. thru Thurs. garbage routes delayed 1 day.



# Jefferson Public Library

## MOSQUITO CONTROL

May 1<sup>st</sup> the Street Dept. will spread briquettes in all the standing water holes around Jefferson. These allow the mosquito eggs to hatch but not turn into adult mosquitoes. June 2<sup>nd</sup> our mist spraying will start. We will be using Mosquito Mist, which has a 20 min. knockdown and no feeding frenzy. **This can only be sprayed when the temperature is 65 degrees and above and the wind is 10 miles an hour or less.** Material Safety Data Sheets are with the driver if you would like to know more about Mosquito Mist.



**2009 Summer Reading Program**  
For children 4 years - 6th Grade  
Registration begins May 15th!  
Crafts, games, puzzles, movies, special programs, prizes, AND a Grand Finale Party!  
During the months of June and July, "Read Your ART Out" at the Jefferson Public Library!  
Call the Jefferson Public Library Children's Department for more information at 515-386-4415

**Imagine, Create, Participate!**  
@ Your Library!  
**Celebrate National Library Week**  
April 13th-18th  
Watch for more details! Coming Soon!!

**"Toddler Fest"**  
Saturday, April 18th  
10:00 am - Noon  
Greene County Community Center  
204 West Harrison  
Children 2-4 years old and their families are invited!  
"Come and Go Activities" just right for your toddlers!  
Call your local Greene County library for more information.

**Friends of the Jefferson Public Library**  
**Spring Book Sale**  
April 11, 2009  
9 am - 1 pm  
Library Basement



**ONE DAY ONLY!**  
Adult books  
Hardcover \$1.00 each  
Paperbacks \$.50 each  
Children's Books  
Hardcover \$.50 each  
Paperbacks \$.25 each

Now accepting donations of used books, movies, puzzles, and CDs!

**All library programs are FREE!**

## WATER DEPARTMENT

With spring approaching soon, the Jefferson Water Department would like to remind water customers of several items that involve working with the Water Dept.:

**Utility (digging) Locates:** Anyone who has a project that involves digging must contact Iowa One Call to get utilities on their property located before they dig. Their toll free number is 1 (800) 292-8989. The person who will actually be doing the digging is the one who must call Iowa One Call.

**Water Permits:** Anyone constructing a building that will have water will need to stop at City Hall and complete a Water Permit. These forms have recently been updated and will explain the requirements necessary before any connection to the City water supply can be made.

**Hydrant hook-ups:** Anyone wanting to withdraw water from a fire hydrant for temporary use, such as building construction, etc. will need to call City Hall and make arrangements to have a water meter installed on a hydrant so that they can be billed for the water used.

**Water Meter Accessibility:** As per code section 91.04, all water meters shall be located so they are easily accessible to City personnel and repairmen and protected from freezing. All meters shall be equipped with a radio read device.

**Fire Hydrant Flushing:** The first round of hydrant flushing for cleaning out water mains will occur when the weather stays consistently warm. The schedule will be published in the Jefferson Bee and listed on the local cable channel. We would anticipate early to mid April to begin hydrant flushing.



## TRASH PICKUP

Have your garbage out by **6:00 a.m.** each week to ensure pick up. The routes change at times for various reasons and your garbage may need to be picked up before your "usual time". This also applies to recycling, which is every other week. **All garbage must be bagged. Cans and bags over 35 gallons will not be picked up.** Please place your garbage cans/bags and recycle bin **curbside**. "Thank You" for your cooperation, which results in timely and efficient garbage collection.



## STREET SWEEPING



**HELP KEEP THE STREETS CLEAN**  
The street sweeper is on the move to clean the streets during warm weather. During the summer when mowing, make 2 or 3 passes **blowing the grass into your yard before turning around.** This will help beautify the streets and keep our drains clean.

## BRUSH CHIPPING

The months for brush chipping are April through October. The Street Dept. will chip brush the **last full week** of every month. Please have **cut ends** to the curb stacked neatly in **arm load piles**, to ensure that your brush is picked up.



## YARDWASTE LOCATION CHANGE



The yardwaste dumpsite will still be located at the same area, but the dumping location has been moved further south. Piles need to be separated, yardwaste on one side and brush on the other. The site will be marked. **Please help to keep this site clean of garbage and other foreign material. This site is for yardwaste and brush only. NO PLASTIC BAGS, TRASH, OR WOOD PRODUCTS.**

## POOL OPENING-NEW HOURS



The pool will be opening Saturday, May 30th. New pool hours will be 1:00 p.m. through 8:00 p.m. For more information and registrations, contact the Greene County Community Center at 204 West Harrison or call 386-3412.

## GOING GREEN



Did you know the City of Jefferson offers a Direct Payment Service for utility bills? A simple form is available at City Hall. The City will have the water bill automatically deducted from either your checking or savings account on the due date, which is normally the 15th of each month. No more late payments and you will be "going green" by saving gas, paper and postage. Why not sign up today?

## SUMP PUMP DISCHARGE

The City of Jefferson is asking all residents to discharge the water from their sump pumps to the outside of their home. The water from the sump pump should be kept on your property. Water from sump pumps that discharge into floor drains goes directly into the sanitary sewer system and is a main contributor to overloading the sewer mains and Wastewater Treatment Plant. The result of these overloaded sewer mains causes backups into not only your basement, but also your neighbor's basements. *If you have questions, please contact the Wastewater Plant at 386-4711.*



## FREE RESIDENTIAL HAZARDOUS WASTE CLEANUP SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2009



**JEFFERSON RESIDENTS ONLY**  
Date: Saturday, August 22, 2009  
Time: 9 A.M. to 11 A.M.

Location: Greene County Fairgrounds

**Accepted items:** stain, varnish; gasoline, kerosene; aerosol, drain & oven cleaner; oil & leaded paint; weed killers, pesticides; rechargeable batteries; paint remover & thinner; windshield washer; metal polish; roofing tar; glues, caulk & contact cement; and rat, mouse and gopher poison.

**Nonaccepted items:** latex paint; motor oil & filters; lead acid batteries; needles; ammunition & explosives; asbestos; radioactive materials; and fire extinguishers.

Watch for more details in the Jefferson Bee.

## FREE TIRE COLLECTION SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2009

**JEFFERSON RESIDENTS ONLY**  
Date: Saturday, August 22, 2009  
Time: 9 A.M. to 11 A.M.

Location: Greene County Fairgrounds

**Not for commercial disposal.**  
Only rubber tires will be accepted.  
Any metal rims are to be removed.

Watch for more details in the Jefferson Bee.

