

CITY OF MOUNT VERNON

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MARCH 2015 NEWSLETTER



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Spring Leaf Schedule

Beginning the week of April 6, 2015 the vacuum truck will start its three week cycle of leaf pick up. Please have your leaves out by Monday morning for pick up. The leaves must be free of debris, no yard waste or walnuts in the leaf piles please. Leaves may not be picked up if there are vehicles in front of your leaf piles, if the leaves are in bags, if leaves are in the street, if they are not close enough to the curb, under trees that may be too low for the truck to get close to the piles, or not out in time. They will begin on the North side of town and work their way around the entire town over the week. Leaf fall may be heavy one week and light the next so to guarantee a consistent day each week for pick up is not possible. Please have your leaves by the curb each week by Monday morning for pick up. Last day to get the leaves by the curb for pick up is Monday morning April 20, 2015 for the last week of pick up.

Yard Waste Collection

Weekly pick up begins March 15th and runs through November 20th. Yard Waste must be placed in a rigid container and weigh no more than 40 pounds. All containers require a Mt. Vernon waste collection tag. Place the container curbside on your regularly scheduled trash day in a location at least ten feet from your garbage container. Small twigs, brush clippings and leaves are considered yard waste.

Spring Cemetery Clean-Up

To facilitate Spring Clean-Up at the Mount Vernon Cemetery please remove all arrangements you wish to save before April 27, 2015. Arrangements include all artificial and fresh arrangements on any portion of the lots, slab or monument. This includes flowers in vases attached to the monument and flowers on cradles atop the monuments. New arrangements can be placed on May 2, 2015. *Thank you for your cooperation.*

Bulky Item Drop Off

This year's bulky item drop-off day will be held on June 13, 2015 at the Elliott Athletic Complex (off of 7th Street NE). Watch for additional information in the May 2015 City newsletter, on the City website and The Sun newspaper.

Community Development Group-Upcoming Events

Comedy Festival, March 28
Easter Egg Dash, April 4
Clean-Up Day Lisbon, April 11
Clean-Up Day MV, April 25

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Chocolate Stroll, June 6
Music on Main, June 13
Lincoln Highway Antiques,
July 4

For additional information on these events please contact Community Development Director, Joe Jennison, at 319-210-9935 or go to www.visitmv.com

Tree Assessments

City crews have recently been assessing trees in the City right-of-way. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to keep trees up to City ordinance guidelines. Homeowners who have trees that were found to be out of compliance with the City ordinance will be receiving notification of the corrections that are required.

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2015 SWIM LESSON DATES

Brush Pick-Up

- 1) Brush will be collected the **fourth** Monday of every month beginning in March and ending in November.
- 2) Brush must be stacked neatly, parallel to the curb, with stacks no larger than 4' wide x 4' tall.
- 3) Each piece can be no larger than 6" in diameter, 15' in length.
- 4) Each household will be allowed three stacks per month.
- 5) Brush needs to be stacked at the curb, not in the street.
- 6) Monthly pick up will be for brush only; lumber or construction materials will not be allowed. Yard waste needs to be in a container and tagged and put out with your regular garbage.
- 7) Thorny brush is to be placed loose at the curb. Do not use twine, string or wire.
- 8) Brush needs to be placed at the curb by 8:00 a.m. on the regularly scheduled pick up day.
- 9) Any brush not following the city ordinance will not be picked up and a note will be left as to what needs to be corrected.

Please remember that leaves and yard waste are not included in the monthly brush pickup. If mixed together, the brush cannot be picked up.

Parks & Recreation News

Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation registration for summer softball/baseball and t-ball/coach pitch will begin March 30th. Participants can register online at <https://mtvernon-ia.cogran.com> or pick up a registration form at City Hall, Washington Elementary or Mount Vernon Middle School.

NEW SUMMER DAY CAMPS coming this summer....watch for some great camps such as Lego Summer Camps, Play Fit 60 (similar to NFL Play 60 initiative), and more.

2015 Holiday Garbage Pick-Up Schedule

The only change to residential garbage pick-up due to a holiday this year will be on Thanksgiving. If you are normally picked up on Thursday, your garbage will be picked up on Friday, November 27, 2015. Garbage pick-up during all other holidays will remain on the normal schedule.

D.A.R.E Graduation

The Mount Vernon 5th Grade DARE Culmination Ceremony will take place on April 2nd, in the Mount Vernon Middle School Auditorium at 1:00 PM. The 4th Grade Will also be in attendance observing 87 students receiving their certificates, and listening to the guest speaker. Corporal Claude Howard, Detective for the Marion Police Department and previously on the Narcotics Task Force, will be the guest speaker.

Swim Lesson Sign-Up

2015 SWIM LESSON SIGN UP DATES/TIMES-All held in the basement of City Hall.

Saturday, March 28th 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 7th 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 11th 8:00-11:00 a.m.

GROUP LESSONS

- #1 June 8-June 19 11:00 a.m.
- #2 June 22-July 3
10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
- #3 July 6-July 17
10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
- #4 July 20-July 31st 5:05 p.m.

45 minutes in length and for children 6 yrs and up

TADPOLES

- #1 June 22-June 26 5:15 p.m.
- #2 July 6-July 10 5:15 p.m.
- #3 July 27-July 31 11:00 a.m.

30 Minutes in length and for ages 3-5 yrs old

PARENT/INFANT

July 13-July 17 5:15-5:45 p.m.

For children 6 months to 3 yrs- one parent must be in water with child during this session

ADULT LESSONS

Tuesday and Thursday evening 5:45-6:30 p.m. beginning June 23rd and ending July 9th

Ages 15 yrs and older and for any ability level

PRIVATE LESSONS

Will begin once the pool opens and a list of instructors will be available at the pool at that time. Available 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., Monday-Friday, as well as a few various other dates and times later in the summer.

**ADDITIONAL POOL
INFORMATION WILL BE SENT
OUT IN A NEWSLETTER IN
MAY 2015**