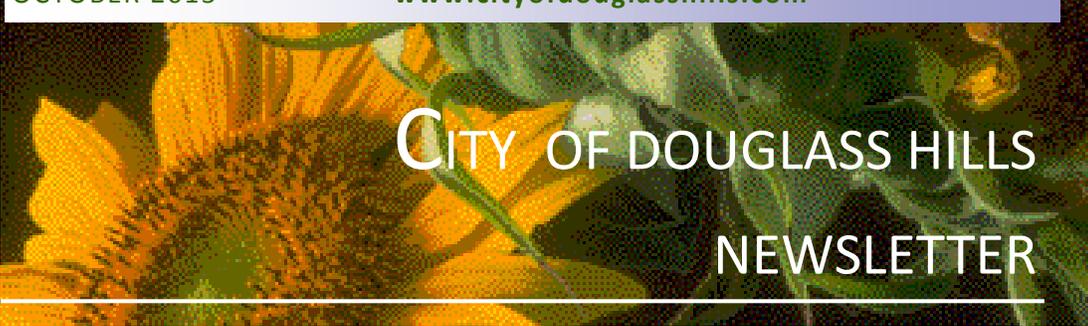


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# CITY OF DOUGLASS HILLS NEWSLETTER

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### EMPTY SEAT

There is an opening on City Council. Please submit your letter of interest to the City of Douglass Hills by October 26th. This is a great opportunity to serve your community!

## **Bittersweet October. The mellow, messy, leaf kicking perfect pause between the opposing miseries of the summer and winter—Carol Bishop Hipps**

**And so it is. Douglass Hills is alive with the beautiful changing colors of Autumn. Each day I see folks enjoying our city and parks. It is indeed a great time to be in the city. Please remember to get to your leaf raking projects as quickly as you can. Especially with the winds blowing your debris into your neighbors' yards. Maybe schedule a time with your neighbor to rake together. Remember Metro Louisville has banned plastic garbage bags for yard waste, and you must use either paper or recyclable bags. Let's all work together to keep our city as neat and clean as possible.**

**As the weather is turning cooler, stray animals such as cats and geese are roaming into the city. PLEASE do not feed strays if you see them. Some folks think it is a kind thing to do, but unless you are willing to care for these animals you are only causing a nuisance for your neighbors. Animal control has been inundated with calls from residents who have found themselves overrun with stray animals that have either been dumped, or have come into the city and are staying because someone is feeding them.**

**The Shred-It event at the pool lot was a huge success. Despite the misting rain and cool weather, we had 108 cars and folks who walked up to recycle their papers and documents. A big thank you to Becky Hunter for chairing this event, and to Bill Middletown, Denise Scarpellini, Patti Eubanks, and former Mayor Bill Lile for helping with our "drive thru" shred it. This has become one of the most popular events that the city sponsors.**

**A few roads have been repaired this month, at a cost of \$15,000. Because of the timing and the expense, major repairs to some of our worst roads will not be done until the spring. Bids for these will go out at the first of the year.**

**If you are a victim of a crime, you must call the police and file a report. For nuisance crimes (mailbox vandalism, cyber crimes or fraud) you can file the report over the phone by calling 574-4661—option 3. For other incidents such as property damage, domestic violence or missing persons (where a suspect is involved) you must call 574-2111—option 5.**

**Filing a police report is the only way we can continue to have adequate police protection. Reports help establish a pattern of a particular crime. We cannot file the complaint for you because we are not the victims. Repeated crimes continue because no initial report was filed. You must do your part to help keep our city safe.**

*Mayor Bonnie Jung*

OCTOBER 2015

**A REMINDER FROM MIDDLETOWN  
FIRE CHIEF JEFF RIDDLE**



A reminder to change your clocks on **November 1, 2015**, and at the same time change your smoke detector batteries. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Captain David Ditter at 502-245-7555 at Middletown Fire or [ddittmer@mfpd.org](mailto:ddittmer@mfpd.org)

**MIDDLETOWN FIRE PROTECTION  
DISTRICT**

**INSURANCE SERVICES OFFICE  
ISO CLASS 1 RATING**

As of September 1, 2015 the Middletown Fire District was awarded a Class 1 rating from ISO (Insurance Service Office). ISO rates over 48,000 fire departments nationwide, and out of these only 105 are rated as a Class 1 Department. We are very proud to be one of those receiving this Class 1 rating.

**\$ How this affects your insurance cost \$**

Most insurance companies use fire departments ISO rating to calculate premiums for your homeowners insurance. Before receiving our Class 1 rating on September 1, Middletown had a Class 3 rating. So, call your insurance agent and tell them to check and make certain your premiums are calculated using our Class 1 rating.

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**TAX BILL REMINDER**

THE 2015 TAX BILLS WILL BE MAILED ON OCTOBER 15TH AND ARE DUE BY DECEMBER 31ST. AS IN THE PAST, CITY HALL WILL NOT BE OPEN ON THE LAST DAY OF THE YEAR. HOWEVER, WE DO HAVE A DROP BOX LOCATED IN THE CITY HALL FRONT DOOR FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE. THE **SECURED, LOCKED BOX** IS CHECKED THROUGHOUT THE DAY. YOU ARE WELCOME TO USE THE BOX DURING OFFICE HOURS OR ON THE WEEKENDS. THIS IS DESIGNED FOR YOUR TIMEFRAME AND CONVENIENCE. ALSO, A DROP BOX IS NOW PROVIDED IN THE CITY HALL'S FOYER.

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**Garbage collection for October will remain on Thursdays.** If you should experience a missed collection, please call Eco-Tech at 935-1130. If you have excessive yard waste or large items for pick-up, you need to call Eco-Tech in advance to make arrangements. You may notice both recycling and garbage being collected in the same truck. These trucks are designed with 2 separate bins. One bin is for recycling and one is for garbage. This method serves our community in a more efficient manner.

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**AMERICAN FLAG RETIREMENT**

Please bring your old and tattered American Flags to the gazebo on November 14 at 11:00 a.m. to have them honorably retired by our local boy scout troops. They will dispose of the flags the correct way and the city will provide chili for those who attend.

*Thanks So Much!*

**A sincere thanks to councilmember Chase Vincent for his service to the City. Chase submitted his resignation effective October 8th. His replacement will be appointed at the November 5th Council Meeting.**

