

City of Strafford Newsletter

2024 Summer Quarter Highlights

- July 2-15 StoryWalk in the Park display presented by the Strafford branch of the Springfield-Greene County Library District. Featuring <u>Jabari Jumps</u> at Howard Smith Park
- July 4 Parade starts 10:00 a.m., line up 9:15 a.m. See map below for updated parade staging areas 1st Place Float \$100 2nd Place Float \$50 3rd Place Float \$25 Top 3 Float Prizes will be awarded at Delp Park Pavilion next to City Hall
- August 16 Community Shred Day. City of Strafford residents (residential only, no businesses please) may bring household papers to City Hall between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. for shredding. Please bring I.D. and proof of residency (within city limits)
- Sept 2 Last Day of Spray Park at Howard Smith Park



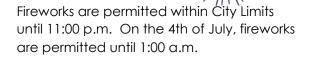
Northside Improvements Coming Soon!

For years, stormwater concerns have worsened on the north side of town. Relief is in sight! Engineering is complete for North Old Orchard Drive, and for drainage improvements on North Dogwood Avenue between Croxdale Street and West Kennedy Drive. These projects will be bid summer-fall 2024.

The City applied for and received grant funds for these projects through Department of Natural Resources ARPA funds and MoDOT.

The road and drainage improvements are to provide safer streets and improved stormwater management for surrounding properties.

Fireworks Safety and Strafford Code



In addition to observing those hours, Strafford City Code Article IV, Section 210.570 includes:

- No detonation of fireworks within 300 ft. of a service station or fuel storage tank
- No detonation of fireworks within 250 ft. of a fireworks stand
- No detonation of fireworks within 250 ft. of a public meeting or a religious service
- No detonation of fireworks in any manner that would be considered a public nuisance

Pets and July 4th

Pets can be stressed by the noise and excitement of fireworks. Please keep your 4-legged family members secured to prevent a costly stay in the Strafford Dog Pound.

If your pet will be walking on hot pavement for the Parade or otherwise, don't forget to protect those paws!



2024 Strafford Recycling and Trash Collection Calendar

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Please contact Republic Services in Strafford for more information.



City Projects Happening Now!

Advanced Metering Infrastructure / AMI • This project is ahead of schedule, and will be wrapping up over the next couple of months. The City received a grant of \$300,000 from Greene County ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds, plus \$250,000 of federal ARPA funding to the City.

How AMI Works



- Madison Avenue Streetscape • Road, sidewalk, and drainage improvements have been made to Madison Avenue. Please enjoy the increased paved parking at the intersection of Madison and Pine, as well as the stamped concrete street corners.
- New Sidewalks Along Highway OO •

The City is designing pedestrian improvements along Highway OO. Improvements will consist of a new sidewalk between the east side of the intersection of State Hwy 125 and Highway OO, continuing east along Highway OO for 1/3 of a mile (From Fat Cat to Dollar General). The project is a collaboration between the City, the Ozark Transportation Organization and the Missouri Department of Transportation using Transportation Alternative Program funds to assist in the costs of the project. For more

information, please visit www.straffordmo.net.





The Impact of Litter on Water

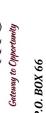
Fast food containers, cigarette butts, candy wrappers and other trash deposited onto streets and parking lots wash into storm sewers and eventually make their way into our rivers and streams. Litter generally takes years to degrade and can even leech toxic chemicals into the water supply.

Here are some things you can do on your own and with your community to help end littering and protect water quality:

- If you smoke, get your butts in the trash. Cigarette butts are the most littered item on U.S. roadways - accounting for 38% of all roadway litter. Help combat litter by disposing of cigarette butts properly.
- Trash, don't toss. Don't toss fast food containers, cups, or candy wrappers out of your car window. Instead, keep a small trash bag handy in your car for garbage.







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