

City of Mexico

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NEWSLETTER

COMMUNITY SELECTION FACTORS

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According to an analysis from the 30th Annual Corporate Survey in Area Development magazine written by Bradley Lindquist, Senior Managing Director for Newmark, Grubb, Knight and Frank the top three location selection factors for corporate users rarely tend to change from year to year:

- Labor – quality and availability
- Cost – employees, real estate, overall occupancy (including taxes, 1x costs, etc.)
- Accessibility – logistics and supply chain networks, access to markets, and inputs/ employees, etc.

The microcosm that is Mexico, Missouri is no different.

The continuing war for talent: skilled labor availability, typically the number-one ranked issue annually, ranked even higher than previous years. It also ranked significantly higher than just cost of labor, which is particularly true for knowledge-based industries.

In general, this harder-to-find talent may require a partnership with educational institutions. Note the training programs/technical colleges ranking is also up, reflecting clients' desire for partnerships with these entities in order to provide ongoing training, along re-train the

existing workforce to meet the needs of the corporate user; help develop the local talent pipeline; and ensure continuity among existing employees. In Mexico, this training and re-training occur with the programs provided by the Advanced Technical College right here in Mexico by local institutions, M.A.C.C. and State Technical College of Missouri. This does not necessarily apply to unskilled labor. This is easier to find and is more ubiquitous.

Natural resources: Water, particularly in the West, is on everyone's radar (availability, costs, and use restrictions). The importance of availability and sustainability of water has risen, and I'd expected that this factor will continue to rise in this survey. This impacts industrial users the most (food/beverage manufacturing, agriculture, paper mills, chemical manufacturing, etc.)

Certainly an advantage in Mexico with an abundance of above ground and underwater aquifers.

Right to work and union profiles are both down in importance. Why? This is generally less of an issue for companies with a higher ratio of skilled employees.

Available buildings are still really important, but



importance of available land seems to have gone down in priority. There are more spec buildings available in many markets, and more options for existing core/shell buildings. Thus, many companies, especially those in higher skilled industries/operations, are focusing less on peripheral locations, so they are less concerned about land and more concerned about available buildings. Fewer



companies are buying land and doing development of their own facility. With time-to-market being critical, it is easier to get up-and-running if you can build out a spec, instead of engaging in a ground-up development process.

Although Mexico has no large industrial buildings currently available for occupancy we do continue to market land and have the ability to build to suit based upon the needs of the user with partners from the area.

Quality of life is important, but typically not a "first tier" site selection criteria like the top three listed above. However, it is increasingly important, particularly for recruitment/retention of knowledge workers, especially millennials. The 2013 Park Master Plan survey showed that citizens in Mexico recognize this trend. Sixty-two percent of our residents said the number one benefit of Parks is that they make Mexico a more desirable place to live. And 56 percent see parks as being a factor to



help attract new business. Mexico continues to address the needs of businesses and workers looking at the community as a quality location to work and live. In the past 15 years, the City of Mexico has added more than ninety acres of parks and constructed two hard surface multiuse trails. During that time, the Mexico Area YMCA has expanded by 44,000 square feet and the Presser Performing Arts Center is preparing to start construction on a 9,100 square foot expansion.

Whether we are recruiting businesses or people to our community, we must continually strive to maintain our safe community, build stronger neighborhoods and plan for the future.

Did You Know?

Chick Days are happening now at our local retailers! The City would like to remind residents that the keeping or harboring of any livestock or fowl within the City limits



is not allowed in residential areas. To be able to house or keep livestock or fowl within the City limits you must be able to locate them at a distance of not less than two hundred (200) feet from any adjoining tract of land or property line. The City Code also limits the number of animals allowed per acre and all pens, stables, corrals, or enclosures and fences shall be capable of preventing the entry of the general public and capable of preventing the escape of the livestock or fowl. Please check with the Animal Control Officers if you should have any questions at (573) 581-0779.

Tuesday Evenings

Concerts in the Park

HARDIN PARK GAZEBO

June 7 • Yesterday's Gold

June 14 • Community Band

June 21 • Bluegrass Jam

June 28 • Liberty Jazz

July 5 • Community Band

July 12 • Bluegrass Jam

July 19 • Community Band

July 26 • Weber, Gleeson & Frazier

Concerts starts at 7 pm. Feel free to bring lawn chairs. Rain cancels, listen to KWWR/KXEO.

Do You Know If Your Contractor Has A Business License?



Contractors are required to be licensed and carry personal property and liability insurance to work in the City of Mexico. Work on your house, outbuildings, trim or cut trees, or a mowing service requires a Contractor to be licensed by Mexico City Code. Contact the City Clerk's Office to check if the Contractor is licensed by calling 573-581-2100, ext. 220.

Mexico is an MS4 Community What Does That Mean?

Stormwater runoff is generated from rain and snowmelt events that flow over land or impervious surfaces, such as paved streets, parking lots, and building rooftops, and does not soak into the ground. The runoff picks up pollutants like trash, chemicals, oils, and dirt/sediment that can harm our rivers, streams, lakes, and coastal waters. To protect these resources, communities, construction companies, industries, and others, use stormwater controls, known as best management practices (BMPs). These BMPs filter out pollutants and/or prevent pollution by controlling it at its source.

The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) stormwater program regulates some stormwater discharges from three potential sources: municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s), construction activities, and industrial activities. Operators of these sources might be required to obtain an NPDES permit before they can discharge stormwater. This permitting mechanism is designed to prevent stormwater runoff from washing harmful pollutants into local surface waters.

Population growth and the development of urban/urbanized areas are major contributors to the amount of pollutants in the runoff as well as the volume and rate of runoff from impervious surfaces. Together, they can cause changes in hydrology and water quality that result in habitat modification and loss, increased flooding, decreased aquatic biological diversity, and increased sedimentation and erosion. The benefits of effective stormwater runoff management can include:

- protection of wetlands and aquatic ecosystems,
- improved quality of receiving waterbodies,
- conservation of water resources,
- protection of public health, and
- flood control.

Mexico is an MS4 community with a NPDES stormwater permit. Permit requirements include the adoption of a stormwater plan and implementation of an erosion and sediment control ordinance for construction. All of the requirements in the permit and plan are intended to keep our water quality suitable for our use and the use of future generations.

Think About The Result Before Putting Anything In A Ditch Or Stream Or Inlet That Could Pollute.

Tire Collection

The City of Mexico will sponsor a tire collection event during the week of May 16-20, 2016 from 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Tire collection will be based on trash pickup schedule by appointment.



Guidelines:

- Free to City Residents
- Tires must be set out at the curb. Collection Crew will not come on to resident's property to retrieve tires.
- Standard tires only. Limit 4 per household.
- Commercial vehicle tires & tractor tires will not be accepted.
- Collection crew reserves the right to refuse pickup of any tires that do not meet the guideline expectations.

Your participation is crucial. Tires have been banned from landfills for many years. Because of disposal costs, illegal tire stockpiles are building up around town and tires are being disposed of improperly. Improper disposal of tires raise concerns for environmental problems and provides a habitat for pests such as rodents, snakes and mosquitos. The tire collection is the City's attempt to provide free and easy disposal for City residents to clear the community of abandoned, unused tires.

Questions or concerns should be directed to the Community Development Department 573-581-2100, extension 315.

Did You Know?

Within the city limits of Mexico, building permits, Electrical, Plumbing and Mechanical permits, are required for all new construction or remodeling. Demolition permits are required for the demolition of any structure. Fence permits are required to erect a fence in residential, commercial and industrial zoned districts. Sign permits are required for the erection, enlarging or re-facing of a sign or supporting structure. Swimming pool permits are required for any swimming pool with a depth capacity of 24 inches or greater and must comply with all safety and installation requirements. There are many important reasons to obtain the required building permit(s) and to obtain the required inspections for your construction project, such as: helps protect property value, saves money, makes selling property easier, improves safety, and it's the law.

Contact City Building Officials Steve Redmon (573) 581-2100, ext 335, or Ron Kendall at ext 336 for questions concerning permitting requirements and any additional information.

BRUSH YARD HOURS & RULES

Tuesday – Friday 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. & 4 – 6 p.m.
 Saturdays 9 - 2 p.m.
 (closed Sundays & Mondays)

Our currently posted rules are designed to reduce volume to the site so that we can provide services to Mexico City residents without having to raise refuse rates.

1. Resident drop off only. Proof of residency needed City utility bill, driver's license, voter ID or State issue ID.
2. No material from commercial tree trimmers, landscapers, mowing businesses.
3. Yard waste and brush must not be mixed. No bagged yard waste.
4. No Brush or yard waste material containing rock or gravel.
5. Brush and logs greater than 4 inches in diameter must be in 4 foot or shorter lengths.
6. Brush less than 4 inches in diameter must be in 10 foot or shorter lengths.
7. Residents are to remove any bags used to transport the materials.

With help of the Public Works Department and Parks Department our new Brush yard staff person is working hard to improve the site so we can offer the public better quality services at this site. There will be no root wads, stumps, lumber, pallets, household hazardous waste, tires, batteries, waste oil, demolition material, asphalt, animal carcasses, construction waste, or garbage accepted at this site.

Swimming Lessons Save Lives!

Did you know, drowning is the second leading cause of unintended, injury-related death for children ages 1-14? Participation in formal swimming lessons can reduce the risk of drowning by 88% among children. Swimming, is a life-saving skill for anyone and vital to prevent drowning. Please join the City of Mexico Parks and Recreation Department staff as well as the Fairground pool staff, and lifeguards,



at the City of Mexico Fairgrounds Pool, Friday June 24th to take part in the World's Largest Swimming Lesson. Fairground Pool will also have our regular four swimming lesson sessions, starting June 6th. Registration for lessons will begin when the pool opens for the season, Saturday, May 28th. We are looking forward to making a splash with you this summer! For more information, please contact Megan Harrington, Recreation Supervisor at 573-581-2100, ext. 149 or by email, mharrington@mexicomissouri.org.

Sidewalk Program

The City of Mexico's Sidewalk Program is intended to assist applicants with the cost of replacing all or a portion of existing sidewalk, or installing a new sidewalk. To be considered for the Sidewalk Program, an application must be submitted and approved prior to beginning any work on a sidewalk.

Once the application has been submitted to the Community Development Department, the sidewalk will be inspected by the City. Sidewalks are reviewed for funding based on their necessity of replacement; taking into account the location near busy streets and public places (parks, schools, etc), connectivity to other sidewalks, and hazardous conditions of existing sidewalks. Funding is allocated on a first-come, first-served basis to qualified applicants. Not all applications will be approved due to the limited amount of funding.

The City will reimburse those approved for the program at a rate of \$7.00 per running foot upon completion and approval of the work. All sidewalk installation or replacement shall be completed according to the City of Mexico's Sidewalk Regulations and Design Standards



and all applicants must insure that proper safety precautions are taken during this work (signage, barricades, etc). If the project intersects a street, a handicap ramp must be installed. Sidewalks must be installed properly to ensure reimbursement.

Reimbursement is not intended to fund the entire project; this program is designed to assist the applicant by reimbursing a portion of the cost incurred. It is the applicant's responsibility to pay the contractor in full for the sidewalk improvements and notify the City upon completion. Applicants should anticipate reimbursement from the City (at the program rate) within 30 calendar days after final acceptance of the work by the City. Sidewalk regulations are found under Chapter 137 of the Mexico Municipal Code.

Complete the Sidewalk Program Application in full and return it to the Community Development Department on the 3rd Floor of City Hall at 300 North Coal Street. Do not start any work prior to approval by the City. Applicants will be notified of approval or denial within 15 days of receipt of the application. For questions, please contact Rita Jackson at (573) 581-2100 ext. 317.

Mexico Parks & Recreation

Schedule of Events

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May 18 - Aug 2 - Walk Mexico (Free)

The Health Leadership Team of Mexico is hosting its 3rd Walk Mexico Program this summer, from May 18 - August 2. Log your walking or running miles, receive discounts from some of Mexico's local businesses, and be healthy and active. You must be registered to participate. Registration and kickoff party will be held at the Mexico Middle School from 4-6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 18th. For information please call Megan Harrington with the Parks and Recreation Department at (573) 581-2100, ext 149.

Wed May 18 - Kids on Track (Free)

Can you complete a Full Marathon - 26.2 miles? Kids on Track is a fun summer program for anyone 18 years of age or younger that encourages them to run, walk, bike, skate or swim with a goal of completing 26.2 miles. These miles don't have to be completed at the same time, but can be done one mile at a time all summer long. Plus, several local businesses sponsored miles so as you complete your miles, you can get free prizes too! You can register for this program at <http://www.boone.org/Our-Services/WELL-AWARE/Kids-on-Track> and we will see you at the Kick Off Event on Wednesday, May 18!

Sat May 28 - Fairgrounds Swimming Pool

Opens Saturday, May 28 Fairgrounds Park and closes August 14. Admission Fee: Adults 18 & over \$3, Children grades K-12 \$2, Children 5 years & under \$1. **Swim Lessons** cost \$15: Session 1 - Jun 6-9 and Jun 13-16, Session 2 - Jun 20-23 and Jun 27-30, Session 3 - Jul 11-14 and Jul 18-21 and Session 4 - Jul 25-28 and Aug 1-4. Times for Advance 8:45-9:15 am, Intermediate 9:15-9:45 am, Beginner 9:45-10:15 am and Pre-swimmer 10:15-10:45 am. Evening lessons preswimmer and beginner only 6-6:30 pm. Must pay to have name on list. More info (573) 581-1914 or www.mexicomissouri.net.

Wed June 1 - Golf Lessons

Arthur Hills starting Wednesday, June 1: Lessons for beginners at 5:00 p.m. and intermediates at 6:00 p.m. Classes to be announced - for 6 weeks. Fee \$30 per student. Registration at City Hall, 300 N. Coal. Schedule to be announced. Students provide own golf clubs. More info (573) 581-2100 or www.mexicomissouri.net.

Tues Evenings - Concerts in the Park

Free Concerts at the Hardin Park Gazebo on Tuesday evenings starting June 7-Talk of the Town, June 14-Mexico Community Band, June 21-Bluegrass Jam, June 28-Liberty Jazz, July 5-Community Band, July 12-Bluegrass Jam, July 19-Community Band, July 26-Memory Lane (with Scott Weber, Jeff Frazier and Sarah Gleeson). Concerts start at 7:00 p.m. Feel free to bring lawn chairs. Rain Cancels - listen to KWWR/KXEO.

Thurs Jun 9 - Mobility Impaired Tour (Free)

Green Estate Park: Thursday, June 9, Tours are available from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Groups are welcome. Handicap accessible golf carts provided by M&M Golf Cars. Please pre-register at City Hall (573) 581-2100 by June 9 and let us know of your special needs. Tours are free and tour drivers are provided. For more information (573) 581-2100 or www.mexicomissouri.net.

Sat Jun 11 - Movies in the Park (Free)

Plunkett Park - Mexico Parks & Recreation sponsor Movies in the Park. Saturday, June 11: "Inside Out". Held at Lawrence Shelter, bring lawn chairs, starting at dusk. Rain cancels that evenings showing. More info (573) 581-2100 or www.mexicomissouri.net.

Jun 13-24 - Youth Tennis Lessons

June 13-24 at Fairgrounds Tennis Courts - Grades 4-12. Beginners June 1-5 from 4:30-6:00 p.m. Intermediate & Advance June 8-12 4:30-6:00 p.m. Cost \$15 - Instructor: Amy Durham. More info (573) 581-2100

Fri Jun 24 - Flick or Float

Flick and Float at the Fairgrounds Swimming Pool on Friday, June 24 "The Water Horse Legend Of The Deep". Cost for children age 5-under \$1, age 6-17 \$2, and adults 17-up \$3. Swim 8:00 p.m. and movie starting at 9:00 p.m., concessions: Nacho and Popcorn.

Sat Jun 25 - Kids Golf Clinic (Free)

Saturday, June 25 at Arthur Hills Golf Course from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Open to children 5-10 years old, 1 hour sessions. Learn basics of playing Golf. Sign-up at City Hall, 300 N. Coal by 5:00 p.m. by June 27. More info (573) 581-2100 or www.mexicomissouri.net.

Fri Jul 8 - Red White & Green Estate 5K

Teal Lake Shelter: Friday, July 8. Race time 7:30 p.m. and packet pick up between 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. \$20 until July 3 and \$25 from July 4 at 7:00 p.m. Registration and forms at the Mexico YMCA, 1127 Adams Street. More info (573) 581-1540 or (573) 581-2100 or www.mexicomissouri.net.



Sat Jul 9 - Movies in the Park (Free)

Plunkett Park - Mexico Parks & Recreation sponsor Movies in the Park. Saturday, July 9: "Minions". Held at Lawrence Shelter, bring lawn chairs, starting at dusk. Rain cancels that evenings showing. More info (573) 581-2100 or www.mexicomissouri.net.



Jul 11-15 - Basketball Camp for Girls

July 11-15 at the YMCA Gym. Cost \$25 for ages 10-15 years. Classes held Mon-Fri 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Maximum of 25 girls. Register at the YMCA or City Hall by 5:00 p.m. July 19. More info (573) 581-2100 or www.mexicomissouri.net

Jul 18-22 - British Soccer Camp

July 18-22 at Fairgrounds Park. Register online www.challengersports.com & get a free soccer jersey from Challenger Sports. Half day \$132 or full day \$191. Instructors are Great Britain's finest soccer coaches. Ask anyone that has attended, this is the real deal. More info (573) 581-2100 or www.mexicomissouri.net.

Fri Jul 22 - Flick and Float

Flick and Float at the Fairgrounds Swimming Pool on Friday, July 22 "Finding Nemo". Cost for children age 5-under \$1, age 6-17 \$2, and adults 17-up \$3. Swim 8:00 p.m. and movie starting at 9:00 p.m., concessions: Nachos and Popcorn.

Sat Aug 13 - Movies in the Park (Free)

Plunkett Park - Mexico Parks & Recreation sponsor Movies in the Park. Saturday, August 13: "Hotel Transylvania 2". Held at Lawrence Shelter, bring lawn chairs, starting at dusk. Rain cancels that evenings showing. More info (573) 581-2100 or www.mexicomissouri.net

Fri Sept 9 - Teddy Bear Picnic (Free)

September 9 at Fairgrounds Shelter 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. for ages 4 - 7 years. Grab your favorite Teddy Bear and meet us in the park, we will be enjoying an afternoon of crafts, games and a yummy teddy-themed snack. Space limited.

Sat Sept 10 - Movies in the Park (Free)

Plunkett Park - Mexico Parks & Recreation sponsor Movies in the Park. Saturday, September 10: "Cinderella". Held at Lawrence Shelter, bring lawn chairs, starting at dusk. Rain cancels that evenings showing. More info (573) 581-2100 or www.mexicomissouri.net

Sat Sept 19 - Kids Fishing Derby (Free)

Saturday, September 10 at the Airport Pond from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Boys & girls 3-12 years old. Prizes for biggest & most fish caught. Bring your own tackle or use ours. Children must be accompanied by adult. More info (573) 581-2100 or www.mexicomissouri.net.



Tues Sept 27 - Johnny Appleseed Day (Free)

September 27 at Plunkett Park from 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. ages 7-11 years. Join us on an afternoon of apple activities to celebrate the history behind Johnny Appleseed, take part in an apple themed craft and enjoy a delicious snack. Space limited.

Mon Oct 17 - Kite Flying (Free)

Kite Flying on Monday, October 17 at Green Estate Park from 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Bring your own kite or fly one of ours. Free & fun for everyone. More info (573) 581-2100 or www.mexicomissouri.net.

Open Tennis Tournament - Singles Only

Fairgrounds Park: Dates to be announced, Men's & Women's, registration fee \$5.00. More info (573) 581-2100 or www.mexicomissouri.net.



Tues in Aug - 1860's Base Ball (Free)

Fairgrounds Park: Special Base Ball, No gloves, no metal spikes and wood bats only. This is a fun game, enjoyed by everyone that plays. Open to anyone that shows up to play old fashioned base ball. Play begins at 6:30 p.m. Schedule: August 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30. More info (573) 581-2100 or www.mexicomissouri.net.

Walking for a Healthier Lifestyle (Free)

Walking for a Healthier Lifestyle will be held in the Field House at the Missouri Military Academy, 204 N. Grand Street and is tentatively scheduled for November 7, 2016 thru March 31, 2017. More info will be announced in November 2016 or check for more information at www.mexicomissouri.net.

Park Rules

Park Hours - 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. with the exception of the camping area in Lakeview Park, where overnight camping is permitted. Loud noises, driving or parking on grassy areas, and littering in the parks is prohibited.

- Swimming, ice-skating, ice fishing and motorize boats are prohibited on the lakes.
- Reserved times for programs and special activities have priority.
- Beer is allowed in the City Parks, except for fenced areas of Tennis Courts & City Fields.
- Fires are only allowed in designated fire rings.

Special Events

Special events are held at various parks throughout the year. If your club or organization is interested in utilizing a park for an upcoming event, contact the Mexico Parks & Recreation Department for further information on reserving a park facility for your special event or activity. Call 573-581-2100 or email cshoemaker@mexicomissouri.org. To reserve a trail for a walking or running event please contact Park Staff at 573-581-2100, ext 149 or mharrington@mexicomissouri.org. Ball Field Rentals: City Field #1 \$100/day, Garfield Ballfield \$50/day to reserve call 573-581-2100, ext 149 or mharrington@mexicomissouri.org to request a rental contract.

Shelter Rentals

To reserve shelters and to sign up for programs, go to the "I WANT TO" tab at mexicomissouri.net and click "Reserve A Park Shelter" which will take you to the website, or go directly to cityofmexico.recdesk.com and create a log in. From there, patrons can locate the calendar and choose dates, shelters, and sign up for a reservation. Permits for shelters can be sent to patrons via e-mail and printed at home, or pick up at City Hall. For questions or information, please feel free to contact the City of Mexico Parks & Rec Dept at 573-581-2100.

Lakeview Camp Ground

Camping available at Lakeview Park by permit only in designated areas. Permit fees: Mexico residents \$8, non-residents: \$10 per day, and \$5 all tent sites maximum (2 tents per site). Self pay when no host present.

City of Mexico, 300 N. Coal, Mexico, MO 65265,
573-581-2100, www.mexicomissouri.net
cshoemaker@mexicomissouri.org

Mexico Parks & Recreation welcomes you to bring your own Kayak or Canoe to enjoy the Lakes. Bring your own BBQ grill and family games to the parks. Find a nice spot to picnic, take photos and just enjoy the outdoors.

Please obey all the park rules and regulations.

Help keep our parks Clean.

Thank you!



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Volunteers Needed

The City of Mexico Parks and Recreation Department is looking for energetic volunteers for a Parks Tree Planting Crew. We have a larger than normal need to restock the parks with trees. A volunteer tree planting crew is being assembled to assist the Parks Department with spring and fall planting annually. Selected volunteers will be trained in up-to-date tree planting techniques, learn about tree care, have an opportunity to help beautify our parks for many years into the future, and make new friends. To be part of this team, fill out a Volunteer Application and list "Parks Tree Planter" as the position desired. Volunteer applications are available on the 2nd floor at City Hall or at the City's website www.mexicomissouri.net, under "I want to volunteer."

Reserve a Park Shelter or Register for a Program

The City of Mexico Parks and Recreation Department changed to a web-based format to allow patrons to reserve shelters or sign up for programs from the comfort of their homes.



Go directly to Reservation/Registration on the City's website and create account login. Patrons can locate the calendar and select dates, shelters, and sign up for a program or reservation. Permits for shelters can be sent to patrons via email and printed at home, or are available at City Hall.

If you need assistance, please feel free to contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (573) 581-2100.

Summer Construction

Backup Generator for the Wastewater Treatment Plant (\$359,500 Lumix Electrical). This project has been awarded by the City Council and construction will occur this summer, providing backup power to the treatment plant during power outages.

Morris St meet sidewalk and curb West side (\$152,411 L Keely Construction). This project will construct a sidewalk and curb on the west side of Morris St from Liberty to Monroe. Construction should begin in May. Funding is through a MoDOT enhancement grant and the City's capital improvement sales tax funds.

Lakeview/Morris Curb. This project will construct a curb on the east side of Morris from Liberty to Monroe and extend curbs on Lakeview east from Fairgrounds St. Plans and specifications have been submitted to MoDOT for approval for advertising for bids. Funding is from State Transportation Funds allocated to the city and the City's capital improvement sales tax funds.

The State of the Flush! Problems Can't Be Wiped Away

Flushable wipes: To flush or not to flush?

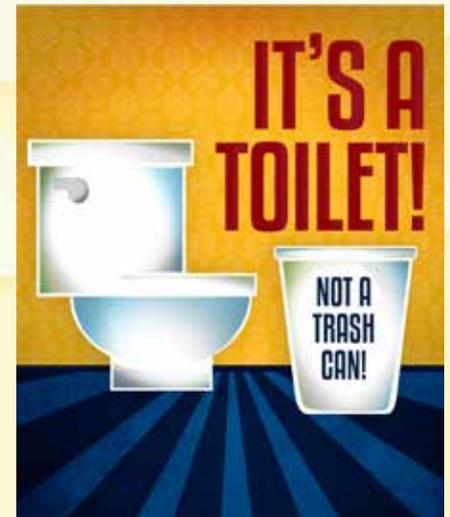
While the average consumer might wash their hands without a thought, for those in the wastewater industry, the nightmares of clogged pumps and sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) come to mind.

Recently, the topic of "flushable" wipes has become front and center within the wastewater industry, as more consumers are turning to a wet wipe rather than the common dispersible toilet paper. While Flushable wipes have been on the market for years, the question of their degradability has been garnering more attention in the media.

For wastewater utilities, these "nondispersibles" or anything other than human waste and toilet paper flushed down the toilet, are problematic throughout the treatment process. They cause ragging in pipes and lift stations and get caught up in screens, pumps, and setting basins.

Nondispersibles wreck havoc in rainy and dry climate alike. They clog collection systems during storms and cause SSOs or, in a drought ridden area the lack of water velocity in collection systems prevents wipes from breaking down. In extreme and highly publicized cases, the accumulation of wipes and other nondispersibles with grease can cause the formation of "fatbergs."

The City of Mexico removes several of these fatbergs a year. Please help us by not flushing your wipes.



No Peddlers, No Solicitors

Members of the Audrain County Crime Stoppers Committee have designed a static cling type placard to be posted on your door or window to make it known that peddlers and solicitors are not welcome.

Less than positive experiences can lead disgruntled residents to contact the Sheriff's office or local police demanding relief, including:

- Protection from fraud, scam artists, and other unwanted intrusions.
- Prevention of crimes and unlawful activities.
- A direct city/county response to their uneasiness and need for safety in the community.

Placards are available at the Audrain County Sheriff's Office, Mexico at City Hall, Department of Public Safety and the Mexico Chamber of Commerce.



2016 Asphalt Improvements Project & the 2016 Concrete Project

Listed below are the streets scheduled for the 2016 Asphalt Improvements Project and the 2016 Concrete Projects. Streets are not listed in any particular order. Notices will be given to residents on these streets prior to work beginning at that location.

2016 Asphalt Project

STREET	FROM	TO
E. Liberty Lue Clay	W. of Agricultural	W. of Tyronn
Stewart	Clark	Washington
Harvard	Anderson	Love
Parking Lot	Clark	Western Promenade

2016 Concrete Project

ADA Sidewalk Ramps at the Intersection of:

- E. Liberty/Johnson
- Clark/Clay
- Anderson/Stewart

E. Liberty Drainage

Pavement Repairs:

Friendship from Christopher into Westerly Direction
Franklin from Sannebeck to Easterly Direction

Park Progress Construction in the Parks

In 2013 when the community was asked how they would spend a \$100 in the park, the largest response by far was to improve the maintenance of existing parks and facilities. We have taken that to heart and have been working on improving sports fields, tennis courts, restrooms, the pool, trash cans, and lots of smaller items. There have been new aluminum benches, bleachers, and picnic tables placed around the system. This saves labor every winter avoiding having to replace and stain boards. The time saved is then reinvested in more improvement projects.



This summer there are going to be several construction projects going on in the Parks as a result of the Parks Sales Tax.

It is always difficult to build in the parks, and we try hard not to disrupt your use of the parks and trails anymore than we have to. If you are in the parks with children or pets during construction work, please be extra careful. Be aware that a construction project can be a dangerous place for children, pets, and yourself.

The south portion of the Green Estate Trail was originally a carriage road and has some very old clay tile culverts that are starting to collapse in some locations. We will begin the first of a four year project to replace these starting this summer. There will be some disruption of day time trail use during this work. Also, the trail will be sealed this summer to preserve the asphalt. Unfortunately, during this process it will need to be closed for a period of time. Timing of the closure will be posted onsite. During this time, Lakeview trail will still be open for your use.

R.S. Green Park will get a new restroom soon. The new restroom will match the other restrooms in the system and be much more conveniently located for shelter users. Also, a new bridge over the Town Branch at R.S. Green Park will replace the flood damaged bridge. In addition to providing ADA access to the Outdoor classroom, this bridge gets used for history camp and reenactments during the Walk Back in Time.

New Playground equipment for Lakeview Park is on order, and will be installed early this summer. The Skate Park at Plunkett Park will be getting a new quarter pipe as part of a four year improvement project. The old Tennis Courts at Fairgrounds will be crack sealed and have a new color surface this summer. The Softball field at Garfield will get a new backstop and have line fences added this summer.

There are lots of other improvements happening that you will not see. From new cleaning equipment for the pool and electric service improvements at Fairgrounds Park, to the purchase of a roto roter for restroom sewer lines. These kinds of improvements improve our ability to maintain clean, safe facilities for you at a better cost.

MEXICO PARKS & RECREATION

Movies in the Park

Lawrence Shelter at Plunkett Park

	<p>JUNE 11, 2016 Starting at Dusk "Inside Out"</p> <p>JULY 9, 2016 Starting at Dusk "Minions"</p> <p>AUGUST 13, 2016 Starting at Dusk "Hotel Transylvania 2"</p>	
	<p>SEPTEMBER 10, 2016 Starting at Dusk "Cinderella"</p>	

Rain cancels that evenings showing. More info (573) 581-2100

Park System History

The history and development of the park system is summed up in one word: Partnership. Throughout the history of the park system, partnerships have been the basis for growth and development of the park system and programs.

The original park in Mexico is Hardin Park, which was created in 1884 to honor former Missouri Governor Charles Hardin, who founded the Hardin Female College in Mexico. In the early years, a successful summer recreation program was held in Hardin Park that created a great amount of interest among the citizens for a more extensive program with more facilities. This demand for more recreation opportunities led to the creation of the Recreation Commission in 1947 that was formed to manage the summer program and find ways to provide more opportunities and facilities for the citizens.

Partnership early on was a necessity to create more opportunities and facilities. The Recreation Commission did not have any funds or sources of income, so they started by working closely with the school district to allow citizens to use the existing playgrounds and to eventually purchase fifty acres for a large park from the school district for \$1 per acre, which was adjacent to the high school. The Recreation Commission agreed that the property would only be used for recreational purposes and would be returned to the school district as needed. The property was eventually developed into sports fields

and today the Vo-Tech building and sports fields sit on the property given back to the school district by the Recreation Commission at no cost to the schools or use of tax dollars.

Over time, since the Recreation Commission was formed, there have been a long list of partnerships with civic organizations, citizens, private businesses, the city, the county, state level organizations and agencies, local agencies and many others. All have resulted in the growth of the parks and recreation system through additions of facilities and/or programs that benefit the community. Many of the early partnerships are outlined in [A History of the Mexico Recreation Corporation - 1947 through 1968](#) by H. B. Plunkett. The quote from that document that sums up the partnerships and how they were able to accomplish so much in 21 years, states: "Hundreds and hundreds of people have donated their personal labor and have a right to feel that they have been a real part of this program. There has been no overhead, no office expense, and no travel expense or lunch money. No general funds or tax monies have been used. There is no indebtedness. It is truly a gift from the civic minded, public spirited people of the community and should be useful for many years to come." In many ways, this attitude still exists in Mexico today, evident by the many partnerships that still remain in place to provide the very best recreation facilities and opportunities possible to the citizens.

Almost every day Mexico Dept of Public Safety receives complaints about the perpetration of scam. Scams are simply a dishonest way to get money from an unsuspecting person. The national financial situation lends itself to an increase in scams. Unfortunately, scams are constantly changing and evolving. This makes it increasingly difficult for detection and apprehension.

Tax related scams are extremely popular and are often recognized well after the fact. Remember — If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is! If you know of a tax fraud, you can report it to the IRS by sending completed Form 3949-A, Information Referral, to Internal Revenue Service.

While it is hard to investigate phone scams, you can report them to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). They will track complaints from consumers that will help detect patterns of fraud or abuse.

Visit <https://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov/>.

What to do if you receive such a call:

- Try to verify the validity of the number the scammer is calling from and record the number of the scammer. Often the number you see on caller ID is bogus and will not receive a return call.
- Try to verify the authenticity of the caller of the scam.
- Disconnect the call immediately after attempting to verify this information.
- Do not give the caller any information at all. They will ask for birth dates, social security numbers, and



other personal identifying information. Do not even verify your name, or address. Tell them to mail you any documentation you need. If they are legitimate they should have your address on file.

There are many online offerings for secret shopper scams. As already mentioned, people should be wary of anything that looks too good to be true. In a secret shopper scam, the scammer may send you a counterfeit money order or a cashier's check that you are told to go and cash. They then tell you to wire a majority of the funds via Western Union or MoneyGram. You are then allowed to keep the rest of the money with which to go shopping. By the time the check is found to be counterfeit you would have probably have already wired the money. You are then held responsible for the check that you cashed.

Always check with a trusted friend or family member, research the company and get references before you sign a contract (especially for investments or home repairs) or make any major purchase.

Don't open your door to strangers. Call Mexico Public Safety if you are suspicious. Be prepared to give police a description of the person who comes to your door or that person's vehicle if necessary.

Donate only to trusted organizations that you yourself have contacted.

Don't sign a contract with any company that sends a representative to your door to solicit your business. Don't let them into your home for any reason. Keep your door locked and call Mexico Public Safety if you have suspicions about the legitimacy of their offers.



MEXICO, MISSOURI

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City Hall

(573) 581-2100

- City Manager: BRUCE SLAGLE
- City Clerk: MARCY LeCOUNT
- Deputy City Manager/Administrative Services: ROGER D. HAYNES
- Assistant City Manager/Economic Development: RUSSELL RUNGE
- Director of Community Development: RITA JACKSON
- City Engineer/Public Works Director: KENSEY RUSSELL
- Director of Parks & Recreation: CHAD SHOEMAKER

Public Safety

- Chief of Public Safety: SUSAN ROCKETT
- Emergency: 911
- Non-Emergency (573) 581-2100 or (573) 473-5800
- Tips Hotline: 1-800-392-TIPS (8477)

Municipal Court

Phone: (573) 581-2100, ext 144

- Court Clerk: AMY DEIHL

Mexico Animal Shelter

- 101 S. Morris • (573) 581-0779

City Website

www.mexicomissouri.net

City Council Members

2016 – 2017

- Greg Miller, Mayor
- Chris Williams, Chairman Pro Tem
- Steve Nichols, Councilman
- Ron Loesch, Councilman
- Chris Miller, Councilman

Business License Requirements Proof of Taxes Paid

City Code requires that businesses and individuals, applying for a business license, provide proof of paid property/real estate taxes.

The City Clerk verifies with the Audrain County Collector's Office that taxes have been paid before issuing a business license.



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The City of Mexico will be closed on the following days in observance of Holidays:

Monday, May 30, 2016
Monday, July 4, 2016
Monday, September 5, 2016
Thursday, November 11, 2016
Thursday & Friday, November 24 & 25, 2016
Monday, December 26, 2016

Reporting Street Light Outages

To report a street light outage, a street light pole number is a necessity. The number on the pole is located 7' from the ground, facing the street and will start with ME and is followed by four numbers.

This is normally a metal or plastic tag. The number refers to a location number which assists Ameren Missouri in locating the correct pole.

When calling in a street light outage, have the pole number ready and contact Ameren Missouri directly at (800) 552-7583, go to the City's website www.mexicomissouri.net and complete the request tracker or contact the City (573) 581-2100, ext. 315.

Please remember, Ameren Missouri requires that a pole number be obtained to assist in locating the correct street light.