

City of Mexico

Missouri

Newsletter

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November 2018

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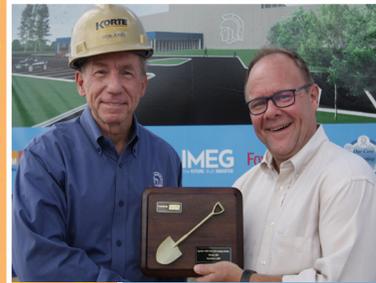
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SPARTAN LIGHT METAL PRODUCTS, INC. Starts Construction on New Facility in Mexico!

Spartan Light Metal Products, Inc. announced the expansion of a standalone die cast manufacturing facility to be located in Mexico, Missouri. The facility is a multimillion dollar investment and will operate as a separate business unit and is being built on property owned by Spartan. Spartan held its ground breaking September 5, 2018 and is projected to add approximately 100+ jobs to Mexico over the next five years.

Spartan Light Metal Products, Inc. is a family owned, full-service supplier of custom die cast aluminum and magnesium products for the automotive and consumer products markets. The new state of the art facility will help meet customers' demands to increase fuel economy by using lighter weight materials and position Spartan Light Metal Products to participate in the growing electrification movement in propulsion systems. The initial phase will have room for up to four large tonnage die cast machines, 3500 ton or larger with the ability to cast either Magnesium or Aluminum. The focus will be on Magnesium with a target of structural components and parts for vehicle electrification.

Spartan has more than 1,000 employees with manufacturing facilities located in Hannibal and Mexico, Missouri, and Sparta, Illinois.



NEW BUILDING OFFICIAL

Meet the City's newest team member – Matt Kreyling! Matt joined the Community Development Department as the Building Official in August and has over a decade of construction experience.

Matt is a 2002 graduate of Mexico High School, earned his B.S. in Architectural Engineering in 2006 and a M.S. in Civil Engineering in 2012 from the University of Missouri - Rolla.

Matt works directly with architects, contractors, builders and the public to explain and interpret City building code requirements.

Some of his duties include reviewing plans for code conformance and issuing permits for all types of construction, renovation, roofing, plumbing, electrical and mechanical projects.

We are excited to have Matt on Staff. Give him a call with any building, zoning or permitting questions at (573) 581-2100 Ext. 335.



Matt Kreyling
Building Official

BARREL & CONE REDUX

The summer construction season is winding down, but a lot of work has been completed.



Street Maintenance

Asphalt overlays were completed on Elmwood, Breckenridge and Liberty. Along with the overlays, sidewalk improvements were made. Resurfacing work covered 1.48 miles.

New Streets

Amelia Street and short segments of Falcon Street have been completed in the Teal Lake Village complex.

Wastewater

8,082 feet of sanitary sewer pipes were lined and 29 manholes were rehabilitated.

Plunkett Park

A new concrete box spillway for Kiwanis Lake replaced the old corrugated metal culvert.



THE BENEFITS OF CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS IN YOUR HOME

The temperature is going down, and our need for heat is going up. One of the dangers when that heat is being produced is carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon monoxide is a byproduct of the process which produces the heat. If the carbon monoxide is taken away safely, there is no problem. However, should the HVAC system malfunction and the room is filled with carbon monoxide, there is a very real danger, and you will not be aware of it. As we make our homes tighter and more energy efficient, we are at greater risk of exposing ourselves.

When inhaled for a long period of time, carbon monoxide is lethal. The danger of carbon monoxide is compounded by the fact that it cannot be picked up by the body's senses; you can neither smell nor taste it. This has led to carbon monoxide being dubbed "the silent killer." The only way to detect its presence is via a man-made gadget, namely a Carbon Monoxide Detector.

You can be exposed when an improperly vented appliance is operated. Examples: Car running in a garage, fireplace burning, oven or gas dryer, gas or oil furnace, and/or a kerosene heater.

The symptoms of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning are much like the flu, but without the fever. Add to that list passing out, rapid heartbeat, respiratory failure, up to cardiac arrest and coma.

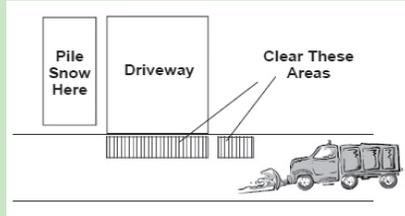
You will usually start to feel a little better if you leave the home for a period of time and feel worse when going back into the home.

You need to install a carbon dioxide alarm. The major benefit of having a carbon dioxide alarm is that it will alert you when carbon monoxide is present and at its most lethal, as in a confined space such as a bedroom or living room with the doors and windows shut tight. If a detector has been fitted, an alarm sounds warning of the presence of this lethal gas. Otherwise, there is a risk of drifting into unconsciousness and, ultimately, death. With an installed alarm, you will be warned before the carbon monoxide presence reaches a dangerous level. If carbon monoxide is present in the atmosphere, do not waste time opening windows and doors hoping the gas will clear, because of the potential risk to health. Instead, get everyone off the premises and call Public Safety.



Reminder To Keep Your Driveway Clear

In order to minimize the problem of snow blocked driveways, shovel an open area along the shoulder of your driveway entrance. Then, the plow blades will push the snow into the open area before the driveway. By doing this, it will reduce the amount of snow that may block driveways.



Emergency Snow Routes

The Department of Public Works would like to remind citizens about the designated Emergency Snow Routes and how the city plans to make getting around on snow covered streets less of a bother for city residents.

There are 13.279 miles of Emergency Snow Routes and a complete list can be found on the City's website at mexicomissouri.net/314/Snow-Plowing-Policy

Emergency Snow Routes are designated by signs. Residents living in these areas are prohibited to park their vehicles on the streets during a declared snow emergency. If cars are parked on the streets, during a declared snow emergency, the cars are subject to being towed at the owner's expense or plowed in.

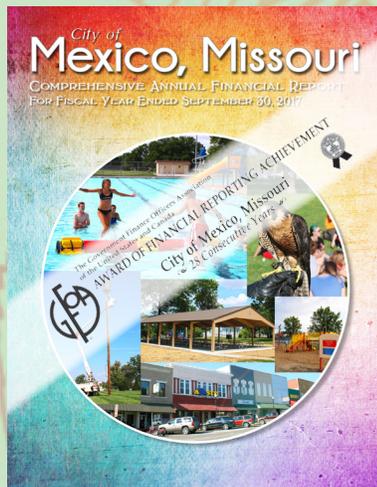
After the Emergency Snow Routes have been cleared, the other streets will be cleared based on the traffic load of the given street.

CITY RECEIVES 28TH CONSECUTIVE FINANCIAL AWARD

The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to the City of Mexico by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its fiscal year 9/30/2017

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.



NEW PLAYGROUND

The City of Mexico Parks and Recreation Department has opened up the new playground located at Fairgrounds Park. The playground features two separate play elements for ages 2-5 years and 5-12 years of age. Play elements promote climbing, swinging, spinning, sensory, social and cognitive play, as well as being brightly colored in both primary and secondary colors. The playground also features BIBA, a free playground interactive app that can be downloaded from the app store. It offers access to multiple learning games that keeps kids active on the playground. Parents will also appreciate the use of Antimicrobial Technology powder coating that destroys 99.99% of bacteria on a protected surface, offering users peace of mind.



HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

The Holidays are rapidly approaching. The Holiday Trash Schedule is:

- Thanksgiving Week - Normal Schedule
- Christmas Week - Tuesday's route will run early on Saturday, December 22
- New Year's Week - Normal Schedule

MUNICIPAL COURT FACTS

- City of Mexico Municipal Court is held every 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesday of the month at 300 North Coal Street in the 3rd Floor Council Chambers at 10 a.m.
- Case Information may be viewed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by visiting <http://www.courts.mo.gov/casenet> and searching the case number located in the upper right hand corner of your citation.
- Certain charges are pre-payable through an established Violations Bureau. If paid before the court date listed on the citation a Defendant may be eligible to avoid a court appearance. To find a list of these charges as well as fine amounts, visit the City of Mexico website or contact the Court Clerk at (573) 581-2100 Ext. 247.
- Court payments are accepted in one of three ways:
 - In Person: 2nd Floor, City Hall (Cash or Check only – NO CREDIT/DEBIT CARDS)
 - Online: www.trafficpayment.com – Must have citation number and fine amount information.
 - Phone: (800) 444-1187

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SALES TAX

PAST & FUTURE



Kentucky Road Sidewalks



Clark Street Bridge



Huntingfield Bridge

PROGRESS . . . PUTTING YOUR TAX DOLLARS TO WORK

Annually	Street/Public Parking Lot Mtc. - Asphalt Overlay/Pavement Replacement	2013-2015	Commerce Rd (Audrain Rd 820) Phase 2
Annually	Stormwater Drainage Improvements	2012-2016	Huntingfield Bridge - in partnership w/ Audrain Co. & MoDot Grant Match
2011-2017	Downtown Street Lighting	2012-2017	Morris Street - Grant Match
2008-2010	Airport Terminal Building - Grant Match	2014-2018	Lakeview/Morris - Curb & Gutter - Grant Match
2009-2010	Cunningham Rd - City Portion & NID Funding	2014-2015	Salt Storage Building
2010-2011	Commerce Road (Audrain Rd 820) Phase 1	2014-2015	Jackson St. Culvert
2011	Clark Street Bridge Mtc./Paint	2014-2015	Clark & Oak Lane
2009-2011	Airport Taxiway Widening - Grant Match	2014-2019	Aiport Layout Plan - Grant Match
2010-2012	Safe Routes to School - Kentucky Rd Sidewalks - Grant Match	2013-2016	Airport Parallel Taxiway - Grant Match
2011-2015	Stormwater Drainage Project for YMCA Expansion	2016	Morris St. & Sidewalk - Grant Match
2012-2013	Sannebeck Panel & Pipe Replacement	2016-2017	Street Master Plan Study
		2015-2018	Airport Apron Expansion - Grant Match
		2017-2018	Liberty-Clark/Tyrone Lue - Grant Match
		2017-2019	Holt Street - Match Grant
		2018-2019	Teal Lake Sidewalk Extension
		2018	Kiwanis Lake Spillway - Drainage Improvements

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UPCOMING PROJECTS

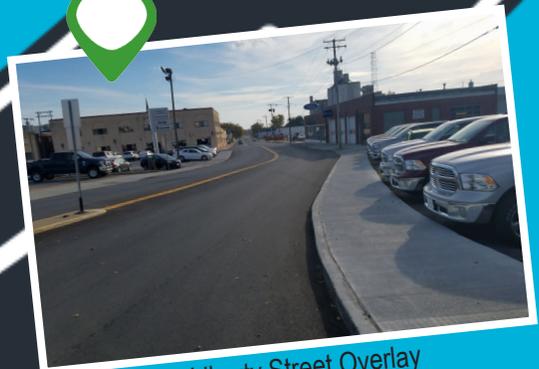
- Land - 200' Runway Displacement - Grant Match
- Stormwater Improvements - S. Jefferson
- Stormwater Pipe Replacement - Fairgrounds/Lakeview
- Falcon Drive Extension - Planning/Design
- Smiley Lane Extension - Planning
- Sidewalk Transition Plan - Grant Match

FACTS

Capital Improvements Sales Tax Projects are funded by 0.5% sales tax. The tax is designated for use in the construction and repair of streets, curbs and gutters, storm sewers, bridges, drainage ditches and culverts incident to the construction and repair of streets, as well as any other capital improvements that may be needed for the growth and development of the City of Mexico.

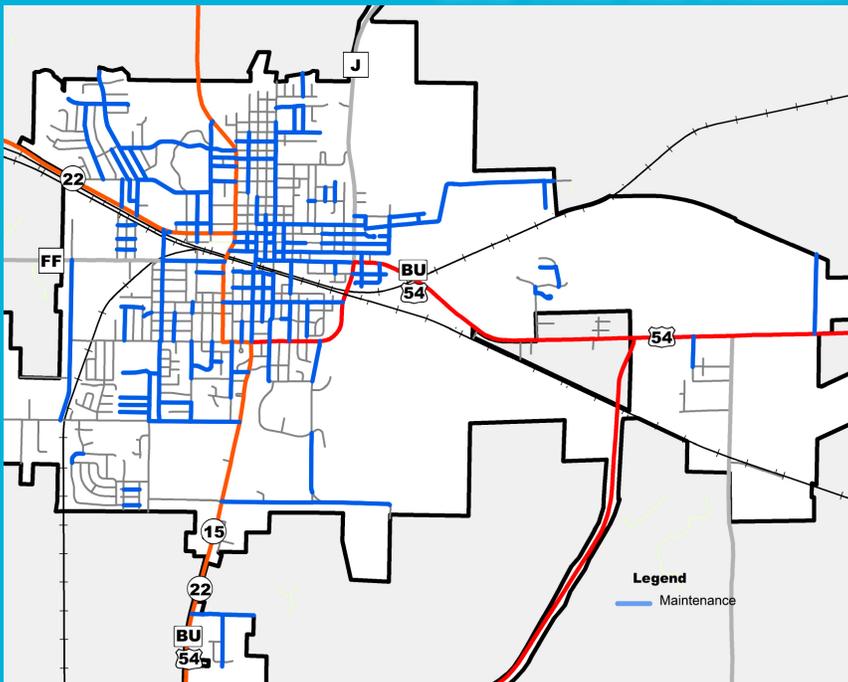


Salt Storage Building



Liberty Street Overlay

HOW YOUR TAX DOLLARS ARE SPENT



The Capital Improvement Sales Tax (CIST) funds transportation infrastructure projects within the City Limits. This map shows the pavement maintenance projects over the last 10 years which were completed using funding from the Capital Improvement Sales Tax. Approximately 33.5 centerline miles of roadway were improved through this funding source. Over 22,000 tons of asphalt were placed as part of the ongoing effort to keep Mexico's transportation infrastructure in good condition.

The City of Mexico maintains nearly:

- 80 centerline miles of roadway
- 19 miles of storm sewer
- 1,024 storm sewer structures

MEXICO PARKS AND RECREATION UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- 2018:** December 1 - Reindeer Games
December 19 - After School Book & Art
- 2019:** January 9 - After School Book & Art
February 13 - After School Book & Art
March 13 - After School Book and Art
April 4 - Green Estate Park Golf Cart Tour
April 10 - After School Book and Art
April 23 - Earth Day
April 27 - Spring Fishing Day
May 3 - Things that Go!



Visit our website at www.mexicomissouri.net or go to "City of Mexico Parks and Recreation" on Facebook for more details. You can also contact us at (573) 581-2100 Ext. 234.

After School Book & Art
Mexico Parks and Recreation & Mexico/Audrain County Library
December 19 - April 10
2nd Wednesday Each Month
4:30 - 5:30 p.m. for 2nd - 6th grades

December January February March April

Sign-up in the Children's Dept @ the Library.

Mexico Parks & Recreation Department
300 N. Coal
Mexico, MO 65265
City: 573-581-2100
www.mexicomissouri.net

Mexico/Audrain County Library District
305 W Jackson Street
Mexico, MO 65265
Phone: (573) 581-4940
www.mexico-audrain.lib.mo.us

TROUT PROGRAM AT KIWANIS LAKE

Mexico Parks & Recreation Department and the Missouri Department of Conservation have teamed up to bring back Mexico's popular winter trout program. Plunkett Park's Kiwanis Lake has been stocked with 1,200 pounds of live trout from one to ten pounds in size.

Rules posted at the lake, require Catch and Release only, from November 1 through January 31. During the Catch and Release season only artificial baits can be used.



Voluntarily crimping the barbs down on your hooks will help the trout survive being caught multiple

times. Regulations require a valid Missouri fishing license for ages 16-64.

Catch and Keep season opens February 1, 2019. All legal fishing methods are allowed during this season, including the use of bait. Daily and possession limit on trout is four. A valid Missouri fishing license for ages 16-64 and a trout stamp are required after February 1, 2019.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU FLUSH?

-WASTEWATER 101-

Flush your toilet . . . what's next?

It is conveyed by a system of pipes to the Mexico Wastewater Treatment Plant. There it undergoes a number of processes to make it clean enough to discharge back to nature. First, a bar screen separates larger rags and materials from the flow. Next are settling basins that allow more of the solid material to separate from the liquid. Biological processes now take over from the mechanical. Nitrogen compounds are reduced in the trickling filter and the aeration basins. More settling time occurs in the final basins. During the summer months, all the flow goes through an ultra-violet disinfection process. The end result is treated water discharged to the South Fork of the Salt River. What happens to the biosolids? Wait for the next issue and Wastewater 102.



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE RECYCLING

The City of Mexico offers the Household Hazardous Waste Recycling facility to Mexico and Audrain County residents. It is open the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. The following items are accepted: Paint (oil-based and latex), stains, waste oil, antifreeze, flammable liquids (gas, lighter fluid, kerosene, diesel fuel, etc.), pesticides and fertilizers, aerosols, batteries, mercury thermostats, used oil filters, pool chemicals, acids, caustic cleaners, and fluorescent bulbs. Used sharps are also accepted, however, they must be in a closed container. All items must be labeled to be accepted. The following items are NOT accepted: tires, electronics, appliances and medications. For more information or to make an appointment, please call (573) 581-2100 Ext. 315.

HELP REDUCE FLOODING

Fall is upon us and leaves are falling. City of Mexico Municipal Code Section 16-189(c) prohibits discharging or blowing leaves or yard waste into the street. Leaves/yard waste will clog street gutters and storm drain inlets and can cause flooding. You can dispose of your yard waste at the City Brush Yard located on S. Kentucky St. behind the Singleton Maintenance Building. Winter hours are Saturdays only from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and begin November 21. Please call (573) 581-2100 Ext. 234 with questions.

LEAF DISPOSAL RIGHT AND WRONG

Right - The City of Mexico allows open burning of leaves if the proper precautions are taken. A burn pile should always be under supervision of a responsible person with available water and tools to control the fire. It should be in a closed container such as a wire enclosure or burn barrel. The fire should be completely doused with water and put out at nightfall.

Wrong - Leaf burning should never occur on the street. The high heat generated damages asphalt pavement. The smoke may obscure vehicle traffic. Raking a leaf pile into the street can also lead to a car fire if a vehicle with a hot exhaust parks over them.

Wrong - Leaf burning should never occur in the storm ditches. The ash is a pollutant to our streams and lakes. The fire also removes vegetation that helps prevent erosion and sedimentation.

Right - As an alternative to burning, home garden composting is a beneficial way to use leaves. A mulching mower will chop them to small pieces that when properly composted can provide a soil enrichment to your home garden, reducing the need for fertilizers.

ALL ABOARD THE KCS HOLIDAY EXPRESS



Kansas City Southern's 18th Annual Holiday Express will stop in Mexico on Wednesday, December 12 at 4:00 p.m., South Jefferson Street railway crossing.

Visitors are allowed to board the train, visit with Santa Claus and his elves and walk through three cars filled with holiday displays. The event is FREE and open to the public.

The Mexico Area Chamber of Commerce is currently collecting hats and gloves to be distributed at the December 12 event. Drop off your donation at the Chamber office located at 100 W. Jackson.

RIGHT-OF-WAY MAINTENANCE

The City of Mexico Municipal Code Section 34-13 requires residents to mow/maintain the right-of-way/parkway area between the street and their property.

Sec. 34-13. - Parkway—Maintenance by property owner.

It shall be the duty of the owner of any lot or tract of land to keep the parkway in front of his lot or tract of land in suitable condition and repair and to bring it to the grade of the sidewalk along his property, to keep down all weeds thereon and to keep such parkway free from trash and noxious substances at all times.

Brush Yard Winter Hours

Saturdays 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The Brush Yard will change to Winter Hours the 3rd Wednesday in November. Winter Hours are Saturdays only from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. The Brush Yard will resume regular hours the first Wednesday in March.

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.
8. 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.
9. Staff will load into a trailer but WILL NOT load into a pickup bed due to insurance risk.



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REPORTING STREET LIGHT OUTAGES

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



This is normally a metal or plastic tag and the number is a location number that 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 or contact the City at (573) 581-2100, Ext. 315.

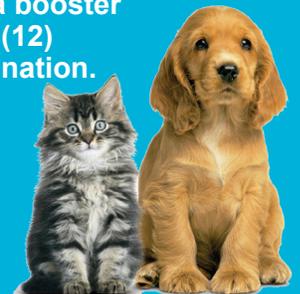
Please remember, Ameren Missouri requires that a pole number be obtained to locate the correct street light.

ANIMAL LICENSE FOR 2019

Don't forget to register your dog, cat or ferret with the City of Mexico. Owners may obtain a 2019 license from the City Collector. The license fee is \$5.00 per animal for spayed/neutered animals or \$10.00 for non spayed/neutered animals. The tag must be secured to the collar or harness of the animal and worn at all times.

Owners will also need to have their dog, cat or ferret that is four (4) months old and older obtain a rabies vaccination and a booster vaccination within twelve (12) months of the initial vaccination. All vaccinations are to be administered by a veterinarian.

Applications for the license can be obtained from the City Collector, 2nd Floor City Hall.



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

Monday, November 12, 2018 - Veterans Day
Thursday and Friday

November 22 & 23, 2018 - Thanksgiving

Tuesday, December 25, 2018 - Christmas

Tuesday, January 1, 2019 - New Year's Day

Monday, January 21, 2019 - Martin Luther King Day

Monday, February 18, 2019 - President's Day



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