



3rd Quarter



CITY OF MACON

Quarterly Newsletter

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WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Family, friends, games, backyard barbecues and fireworks are just a few of the ways we celebrate Independence Day. This Fourth of July, America will celebrate its 245th birthday. The City of Macon and the Macon Area Chamber of Commerce will once again host a community fireworks display at 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 4th at the Macon County Fairgrounds. We hope you enjoy the celebration.

Thank you for your patience as we continue to prepare for the upcoming road work in Macon. We are excited for the improvements but also realize the inconvenience construction is for our citizens. In addition to the City roadway improvements, MoDot has been working on sidewalk improvements along Highway 63 and they will be resurfacing Highway 63 and Briggs Drive roadways as well. Weather permitting, the construction is scheduled to begin in August.

We are currently working on updating our City Code to allow us to better enforce derelict, abandoned, or unlicensed vehicles. Please take pride in your community and your neighborhood and remove these unallowed vehicles.

Congratulations to City Council member Greg Wiggins (Ward 4) on his appointment and Chris Walk (Ward 3) on the special election. I look forward to working with them and the other Council members as we continue improvements in Macon.

The City is busy with activity and it is nice to see smiling faces after last summers canceled ball games and events. As communities continue to open up and citizens travel more, I want to encourage everyone to shop local and support Macon businesses who do so much for our community.

If you haven't already, sign up to receive the quarterly updates and notifications by subscribing to our email list on our website: cityofmacon-mo.gov. On behalf of the City of Macon, I wish everyone a happy, healthy, and safe Fourth of July!

-Mayor Talt Holman

WELCOME!

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NUTRITION

116 N. Rollins Street

Check out their teas and shakes!

4th of July

Fireworks Display
Macon Co. Fairgrounds
Starting at 9PM

Sponsored by Macon Area Chamber of Commerce
and the City of Macon

**SAVE THE
DATE!**

Macon County will be celebrating the Missouri Bicentennial this summer!

July 24th and **August 21st** will have a list of family oriented events to attend. Follow their FB page for more info "Macon County Celebrates Missouri's Bicentennial"

PARTY IN THE STREET

Thursday | August 5
6PM-9PM

Location: Downtown Macon
Corner of Rollins and Vine St.
FREE (Bring your own chair)

Party in the Street
sponsored by Mainstreet
Macon Downtown
Association. Let's get
Summer rolling!

Entertainment by Adam Powell
Zydecos Cajun Food Truck will
be there & West Winery on
Vine St. will be open!

FORK & CORK

ARTISAN FESTIVAL

Saturday | August 21
9AM-4PM

Fork & Cork is an annual community event sponsored by the Macon Area Chamber of Commerce. It features artisans, crafters, antiques, yummy food, toe tapping music, and beverages of choice.



MACON POLICE DEPARTMENT

All police officers participated in semi-annual firearms training and qualifications in early June at the Police Department's Firearms Range, instructed by Chief Dawdy.

Our department has received the following items from recent grant awards, which will soon be deployed for field use: Stop Stick equipment for traffic management awarded by Gabrielson's Towing community grant (\$1,000), two MoSWIN portable radios awarded by Local Law Enforcement Block Grant valued at just over \$10,000 and a combination of one in-car video and 5 body-worn cameras made possible by a grant from MIRMA.

In regard to grant awards, we were also notified recently of being awarded an additional \$4,000 from Missouri Department of Highway Safety for overtime wages to conduct Hazardous Moving Violations enforcement and \$4,000 in overtime wages to conduct DWI enforcement for the period of October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022. All of these grants were written in-house by department staff.

BE AWARE!

Chief Dawdy would like to share with the community we have received a large number of reports concerning potential scam callers to local residents. These scams have varied but include calls allegedly from "Social Security Administration" telling folks their social security number has been used in criminal activities and warrants will be issued if they don't send money. Other citizens have reported being told they have won a large amount of sweepstakes money, but they first needed to send payment to cover taxes, etc. Also, there have been several "Microsoft" technicians calling to report "problems" on home computers which have been attempts to access citizens computers via the internet with intent to steal their identity and cause damage to their computer systems.

There have also been other variations of scam calls and emails as well. In every situation of receiving an unsolicited call or communication, citizens should avoid providing personal identifiers, banking information or other sensitive details to people they don't know. If in doubt, contact your local law enforcement for further assistance. Chief Dawdy states, "Generally, the calls being reported are from citizens who are well aware the type of call they received was a scam or phishing attempt, which is good news in most cases. Letting us know they received a scam call or email allows us to educate other citizens, too."

MONTHLY STATISTICS

April:

Vehicle Crash: 9
Burglaries: 2
DWI: 1
Drug Related Crime/Arrests: 2
Theft: 7
Assault/Domestic: 8
Police Reports: 59
Dispatch Calls 546

May:

Vehicle Crash: 5
Burglaries: 1
DWI: 0
Drug Related Crime/Arrests: 5
Theft: 10
Assault/Domestic: 11
Police Reports: 64
Dispatch Calls 597

June:

Vehicle Crash: 5
Burglaries: 0
DWI: 0
Drug Related Crime/Arrests: 3
Theft: 13
Assault/Domestic: 4
Police Reports: 43
Dispatch Calls: 585



FIRE DEPARTMENT

Every year, about 10,000 people are treated for injuries in hospital emergency departments due to the mishandling of live, misfired and waste consumer fireworks. In addition, fires resulting from fireworks cause over \$100 million in direct property damage. We recommend leaving fireworks to the professionals, but if you are going to light fireworks here are some tips to keep in mind for the holiday:

- Be aware of your surroundings – keep exits accessible and free of debris.
- Know emergency procedures.
- Note the location of fire extinguisher and how to operate.
- Always keep fireworks in view.
- Dispose of fireworks properly.
- Remove loose powder quickly.
- Do not smoke around fireworks (at least 50ft away.)

Tips for using the grill:

- Only use your grill outside, and keep at least 3 feet from siding, deck rails, and eaves.
- Keep a 3 foot safe zone around the grill to keep kids and pets safe.
- Open your gas grill before lighting.
- Keep an eye on your grill, fire pit, or patio torches. Don't walk away from them when they are lit.
- Clean your grill after each use. This will remove grease that can start a fire.
- Place the coals from your grill in a metal can with a lid once it has cooled.

Stay safe this summer and have a Happy Fourth!



FIRE DEPARTMENT

1st Quarter Statistics:

Fires: 9
Vehicle Accidents, Rescue, & EMS: 153
Hazardous Conditions: 13
Service Calls: 7
Good Intent Calls: 7
False Alarms: 4
Total Incidents: 193

2nd Quarter Statistics:

Fires: 2
Vehicle Accidents, Rescue, & EMS: 159
Hazardous Conditions: 9
Service Calls: 3
Good Intent Calls: 15
False Alarms: 5
Total Incidents: 193



STREET DEPARTMENT

The Street Department has been working on South Rollins Street in preparation for the street overlay project that will be completed later this summer. They installed a new drain tube to help improve storm water issues that have been going on for several years. The Street Department will also be working throughout the month of July and some of August on the street repair projects ahead of the overlay project. Superintendent David states, "We would like to ask citizens for patience as we will have to inconvenience them from time to time and to please drive slow through our work zones."

PUBLIC GROUNDS

The wading pools at Jackson and Rubey Street Park are open to the public! Both pools are staffed with two wading pool attendants that supervise the area to help keep your little swimmers safe. The wading pools are open from 12PM-4PM, Monday through Saturday (unless it is raining during the hours of operation). They will be open until August 7, 2021.

Did you know the month of July is Park and Recreation Month! Join us in thanking our Public Grounds Department for all of the hard work they do in keeping our parks looking fresh, clean, and well-maintained!

AIRPORT

The Fly-In, hosted by the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA), is scheduled for July 24th. Join them for breakfast from 7AM-11AM and lunch from 11AM-3PM. There will be Young Eagle Rides (ages 8-17), 50/50 Raffle, Static Displays, the Crossroads Cruisers Car Show, and more!

Macon Fower-Memorial Airport has recently gone under some new updates inside. Stop by and take a look on July 24th to see all of their work!



JUST A REMINDER:

The City of Macon would like to remind all residents to keep grass clippings off the city streets. Grass clippings can make the roads slick for bikers and cyclists and clog our city storm drains.

LUNCH IN THE PARK:

Free lunches provided to children by local churches and businesses at Jackson Street Park, Rubey Street Park, and Sheffield Park from July 5th-August 13th from 11:30AM-12:00PM.

ATV PERMITS:

Remember to renew your ATV/Golf Cart Permit for 2021 for \$15. Proof of insurance is required. Permit expires Dec. 31.