

## SPRING CALENDAR



### APRIL

#### **Election April 4, 2017**

**Yard Waste Clean Up**—Bring your limbs (no larger than 3") to the curb the week of the April 10th thru 14th and Public Works will pick them up the week of April 17th to 21st.

### MAY

**May 6th—CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE**—Notify City Hall by May 3rd if you would like to be on the list of sales being held. No permit is required for sales this weekend.

**May 13th—CITY WIDE CLEAN UP**—8:00 a.m.—12:00 & 1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. at 609 E Old Rte 66 (Public Works). Bring large items, appliances, non-routine materials for disposal. There will be a nominal charge for tires.

**May 27th—Splash Park** opens at Howard Smith Park. Pavilions at Howard Smith Park and Croxdale Park may be reserved and rented by contacting City Hall.

**July 4th—Parade** 10 a.m. downtown

City of Strafford

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Strafford, MO 65757

## *City of Strafford*

City Hall—126 S. Washington St.

(417) 736-2154

Police Department—125 S. Jefferson



(417) 736-4000 or 911

Call 911 in the case of an emergency, *or* if you need an officer to assist you, call 911 and state it is a non-emergency and they will dispatch an officer to contact you.

### **Reminders**

Building Permits are required prior to new construction or remodeling projects, re-roofing, adding decks or setting portable buildings. Please call City Hall if you are unsure if a permit is needed.

Dogs are required to be licensed annually. Each dog must have a current rabies vaccination and be registered with the City. Dogs must be contained on the owners property or on a leash at all times. If your pet is missing, contact City Hall as we do have a kennel where lost animals are housed.

May utility bills will reflect your new sewer averages for the year.

**Question 1: Shall the City of Strafford discontinue applying and collecting the local sales tax on the titling of motor vehicles, trailers, boats and outboard motors that were purchased from a source other than a licensed Missouri Dealer?**

Yes  No

This tax issue only deals with motor vehicles, trailers, boats and outboard motors that are purchased from an individual or a dealer outside the State of Missouri. This evens the playing field for our Missouri dealers and takes away the unfair advantage of out-of-state dealers not being subjected to the local sales tax. This is not an additional tax, but enables the City to continue collection on an existing tax.

A vote of NO allows the City to continue collection of the existing tax.

A **VOTE**  
**NO**  
WILL ALLOW  
OUR CITY TO  
CONTINUE TO  
COLLECT THIS  
TAX

**Question 2: Shall the City of Strafford impose a local use tax at the same rate as the total local sales tax rate, currently 1.5%, provided that if the local sales tax rate is reduced or raised by voter approval, the local use tax rate shall also be reduced or raised by the same action: a use tax return shall not be required to be filed by persons whose purchases from out-of-state vendors do not in total exceed two thousand dollars in any calendar year.**

Yes  No

This tax issue deals with tax on tangible personal property shipped into Missouri from out of state. This is not an additional tax, but rather allows the City to collect tax from goods purchased outside the State. All cities in Missouri have been asked to submit this issue to the voters due to an interpretation of a State law in 2012. Voters have been given until November of 2018 to impose the use tax or collection of local sales tax will cease to be distributed to those cities. Revenues from these taxes are used for city projects such as street repairs, street lights, police protection and administration.

A Yes vote will allow the City of Strafford to continue to receive revenue from out of state sales. As you may be aware, Amazon recently starting charging sales tax on all purchases. The tax will continue to be charged, however without the local use tax in place, the City will not receive the distribution of funds if the use tax does not pass.

A **VOTE**  
**YES**  
WILL ALLOW OUR CITY  
TO COLLECT THIS TAX

## **Message from the Acting Mayor**

The City of Strafford will be holding a Municipal Election on April 4, 2017. In addition to election of 3 Alderman positions and 1 Mayoral position, the City also will have two tax issues on the ballot. Both issues affect collection of taxes on out of state purchases. Revenue from these taxes are used for maintenance and improvement to our City as well as protection by the police.

Numerous cities in Missouri are being asked to bring these issues to the voters and hundreds of cities have already approved the ballot issues. These issues level the playing field for Missouri businesses and bring business back to Missouri as well as bringing revenue to the individual cities.

Question 1 requests to allow the continuation of existing taxes. Question 2 will allow Strafford's distributed share of use tax. I encourage you to contact City Hall staff if you have additional questions regarding these issues.

***Bryant Doss, Acting Mayor***

