

Sylvan Springs Newsletter

“Growing into the Future”

Summer 2017

(205) 491-3210

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Mayor

Dr. Stevan Parsons

Council Members

Dennis Brand
Karen DeLuca
Rickey Jones
Mike Thompson
Bill Toxey

Town Clerk

Peggy Shadix

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
8:00 a.m. - Noon
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday
8:00 a.m. - Noon

Meeting Times

1st & 3rd Tuesday
7:00 p.m.

Fire Department

Fire Chief

Rusty Johnson

Emergency

911

Non-Emergency

491-7637

Village Post Office

(VPO) Hours

Monday - Thursday
7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Friday
7:30 a.m. - Noon

From the Mayor

As we end Independence Day 2017, I cannot help but realize how blessed we are as a nation to have the privilege to celebrate our freedom. We should always be thankful for the men & women that serve in our military. They sacrifice time away from their family and friends for our safety and freedom. We have many veterans living in Sylvan Springs. I want to thank our known WWII Veterans for their service to our country: Al Frazier, James Crumley and R.B. Stevens.* As a veteran of WWII, they endured hardships of which we will never know. If you happen to see any of our veterans out and about, be sure and thank them for their service.

I hope everyone continues to have a great summer.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,
Mayor Stev

*If there are other WWII veterans, please call the Town Hall and let us know.

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National Night Out

Tuesday, August 1 ~ 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Sylvan Springs Ball Park

★ Sponsored by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office ★
& Hosted by the Town of Sylvan Springs

- ★ Free Food – hotdogs, chips, cookies, drinks
- ★ Sheriff's Office Helicopter
- ★ Entertainment
- ★ Information on services provided by the Sheriff's Office
- ★ Swat Team
- ★ Inflatables
- ★ Community Information

Everyone is invited to join us for food, fun and fellowship as we learn how the Sheriff's Office continues to keep us safe.

Safely Using a Fire Extinguisher

A portable fire extinguisher can save lives and property by putting out a small fire or containing it until the fire department arrives; but portable extinguishers have limitations. Because fire grows and spreads so rapidly, the #1 priority for residents is to get out safely.

Fire extinguishers are one element of a fire response plan, but the primary element is safe escape. Every household should have a home fire escape plan and working smoke alarms.

- Use a portable fire extinguisher when the fire is confined to a small area, such as a wastebasket, and is not growing; everyone has exited the building; the fire department has been called or is being called; and the room is not filled with smoke.
- To operate a fire extinguisher, remember the word **PASS**:
 - **P**ull the pin. Hold the extinguisher with the nozzle pointing away from you, and release the locking mechanism.
 - **A**im low. Point the extinguisher at the base of the fire.
 - **S**queeze the lever slowly and evenly.
 - **S**weep the nozzle from side-to-side.
- For the home, select a multi-purpose extinguisher (can be used on all types of home fires) that is large enough to put out a small fire, but not so heavy as to be difficult to handle.
- Choose a fire extinguisher that carries the label of an independent testing laboratory.
- Read the instructions that come with the fire extinguisher and become familiar with its parts and operation before a fire breaks out.
- Install fire extinguishers close to an exit and keep your back to a clear exit when you use the device so you can make an easy escape if the fire cannot be controlled. If the room fills with smoke, leave immediately.
- Know when to go. Fire extinguishers are one element of a fire response plan, but the primary element is safe escape. Every household should have a home fire escape plan and working smoke alarms.

On another note, remember to mark you home and mail box with at least 4 inch reflective numbers. This helps the fire department to find you faster in an emergency situation.

Call if you need us,
Rusty Johnson, Fire Chief

Emergency: 911 Non-emergencies: 497-7637

"Free" Landfill Days

You must have this newsletter to use free days

The landfill owners provide a free day for Sylvan Springs residents only. If you are a resident, you can use the landfill for free on the following days:

Monday, July 17th

Wednesday, August 16th

Friday, September 15th

Remember, you can use the landfill any day for a minimal fee, but these days are "free" to the residents of Sylvan Springs. ***This newsletter is your proof of residency.***

Senior Adult Corner

Monday - Friday
8:00 - 1:00

“Hello, Out There”

We at the Senior Center would like to take this opportunity to invite each of you “Youngsters”, 60 years and older, to come join us each day for food, friendly fellowship and loads of fun. At any given time during the morning you will find card games and dominoes underway to determine today’s champion. There are always snacks and plenty of hot coffee to go around. A senior friendly exercise room with a television is available to anyone that would like to take advantage of it. There are always puzzles, coloring and lots and lots of conversation and laughter. (Someone is always up to something!) We also have a hot meal each day for \$1.50.

We have many new activities planned for the next few weeks and are continuing to add more. Check out the list below:

- Tai chi will be taught here for 16 weeks (start date to be announced)
- Exercise class every Tuesday and Thursday (10:45-11:15)
- National Night Out for Sylvan Springs is Tuesday, August 1
- EMA will be here Wednesday, August 2
- Weapon Safety Class, Tuesday, August 15
- The play, “A Womanless Wedding” in August

We are planning to have a computer class, crafts, a painting class and a class to learn how to use smartphones and other electronic devices in the near future.

Take a minute and drop by the Senior Center (Community Center) to visit us. You can come one day, one hour or anytime you have available.

I promise, we will grow on you and you will never be the same! Ha, Ha
Lynn Parsons, Director

“Wherever you are, it is your friends who make your world”

Town Tidbits

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- ✓ **Mosquitos** - Check around your home to insure that you do not have standing water in pots, old tires, etc. With all the rain in the last few weeks and the warm weather, we have more than our share of mosquitos. If you have “ponds” of standing water, come by the Town Hall and pick up some tablets to drop in the ponds. This will take care of the mosquitos.
- ✓ **Stray dogs** – Unfortunately, we occasionally have stray dogs throughout our community. If you own a dog, please abide by the leash law. All dogs should be on a leash if they are not confined to a pen. If you see a stray dog, please contact Peggy at the Town Hall. She will contact the proper authorities and have them come and pick up the stray dog.
- ✓ **Neighborhood Watch** – Just a reminder to keep your eyes and ears open as you drive through the neighborhood each day. Sadly, there are people who come into our neighborhood for the sole purpose of stealing. If you see something that does not look “right”, contact the Sheriff’s Office. We are blessed to have their presence in and around our community; they are trained to approach suspicious persons.