



Happy Valentines Day
February 14th!

Numbers to Know

City of Seymour
114 E. Washington
935.4401

Seymour Police
935.4200

Seymour Fire
935.2822

Web. Co. Sheriff
859.2247

**So. Web. Co. Fire
Protection Dist.**
935.2500

MoDot Road Cond.
800.222.6400

Seymour Library
935.4193

GSAF
935.4801

POST OFFICE
935.2275

Web. Co. Citizen
935.2257

YMCA
935.2177

Senior Center
935.2211

WebCo (recycling)
859.4733

So. Mo. Natural Gas
800.909.7642

OATS - 554.0644

ROCC - 935.9111

King's Pantry
417-838-6031

The
Seymour
Spotlight

Things are Heating Up..

Everyone is probably already aware of the individuals running for various city offices, but just in case you don't know...

Incumbent Wayne Cantrell is running for a second term as mayor. And he has some challengers for that seat with Mr. John O. Cantrell and Mr. Dale Bailey.

Janel Lindsey's south ward seat is also up for election and running against her is Mr. Grady Bennett.

Also up for election is one of the north ward seats currently held by Mrs. Mary Carpenter. While

she has signed up for another term, Mr. Jim Ashley has also tossed his proverbial hat in the ring.

We wish everyone the best of luck and it looks like it's shaping into one exciting election! If you aren't currently a registered voter, please come by City Hall and we can help you (March 7th is the deadline to register to vote in this city election).

Election day is April 3, 2012.

Note: This is not an endorsement of any candidate.



Town Tidbits

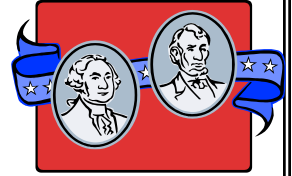
Primary is February 7th.

The Missouri Caucus is

Voting in March 17th.

If you aren't aware, the USPS has increased the cost of a stamp to .45 cents.

Our office will be closed February 20th in honor of President's Day.



Animals and Their People

Have you noticed all the stray, abandoned or feral cats we have around town? I'm a cat fancier myself and I feel terrible for the plight of these animals. However, I also know that you can't start taking care of these cats or you could end up with hundreds of cats and kittens that are dependant on you for food. If you want to take care of them, make sure you can commit to them long term because they will stay close to their food source and will rely more and more on you for food. Keep your trash can lids securely fastened because they will scavenge and make sure they have access to a dry, warm space (like under a porch).

If however, you don't want cats around your home you can deter them. Apply cat repellent around the perimeter of the yard, on top of fences and any plants that they like (can be purchased at pet stores). Cats also don't like citrus odors, so scatter fresh orange and lemon peels around and coffee grounds, oil of lavender, lemongrass, citronella, pipe tobacco and eucalyptus also work great. Cover any parts of your yard that they are spraying or digging with clear carpet runners with the spikes turned up. Block access to areas that they go to get out of the weather and **DON'T PROVIDE FOOD OR WATER FOR THEM!** I realize this sounds cruel, but right now this is the only humane way to run cats out of town. It's a band aid on a major wound, but until owners get responsible and spay/neuter their animals the problem will continue to expand. For more information on how to handle this problem go to www.alleycat.org and www.alleycat.org/Response.

Recipe of the Month

To celebrate the "month of love" why not enjoy a sweet dessert with the one(s) you love..

Strawberry Pie

- 1- 8 oz. pkg softened cream cheese
- 1/3 c. strawberry preserves
- 1 1/2 c. thawed whipped topping
- 1- 9 inch prepared graham cracker crust
- 1 c. fresh strawberries
- 2 tsp. sugar
- 2 tsp. grenadine syrup

In a bowl mix cream cheese and strawberry preserves. Fold in the whipped topping. Spoon the mixture into the pie crust and set aside. In a blender or processor, blend the strawberries, sugar and grenadine syrup until slightly chunky (add a little corn starch if it's too thin). Spread over the cream cheese mixture and chill at least 2 hours before serving.

Remember to tell the ones you love how much they mean to you!





Focus on Seymour

Well, tax season is in full

swing and according to *news-max.com* here are a few last-minutes tips for those of us preparing our own.

them. Example: married & filing jointly or as individuals, check both ways. You may find that you save \$ if you don't itemize your deductions than if you do.

you can get an extension up to 6 months. You can get an automatic 4 month extension by filing a Form 4868. Be sure to file this form with the IRS on or before April 15th.

Note: You should be aware that getting a filing extension doesn't free you of the obligation of paying your taxes by the 15th, and you will need to include an estimate of taxes you owe and payment with your extension form.

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✓ **Make** sure you and your spouse sign your return. Unsigned can be kicked back and late fees and penalties can be assessed.

✓ **Think twice** about getting advance tax refunds. These are really loans that carry high interest rates.

✓ **Don't** call the IRS for help if you can avoid it. Nationwide, the IRS gives out advice that is at least partially incorrect on average about 40% of the time. If you are given incorrect information and you follow it you can still be assessed penalties and even criminally charged for following their advice!

✓ **Don't** make political statements on your return. You can be assessed a fine up to \$500 or even have your return rejected. Send letters to your congressman or the newspaper instead.

✓ **Double** and triple check your math.

✓ **Include** all W-2 and 1099 forms along with your return.

✓ **Keep** a copy of your return and all supporting documents.

✓ **Calculate** your taxes several different ways to minimize

✓ **If** you haven't finished filling out your tax return by April 15th,

HAPPY FILING!

Have You Thought About Recycling?

WebCo, the company who operates the recycling center in town, wants everyone to be aware that as of February they will be putting in new recycling trailers at South Park. They were also nice enough to drop off a **limited** supply of large recycling bags to distribute to anyone interested in recycling at home.

Briefly, the items that you can take for recycling are:

Cardboard

Mixed paper (office paper, junk mail, magazines)

Glass (any color)

Newspaper (including inserts)

Steel & Aluminum cans

Plastics (must have a #1 to #7 on the bottom of container)

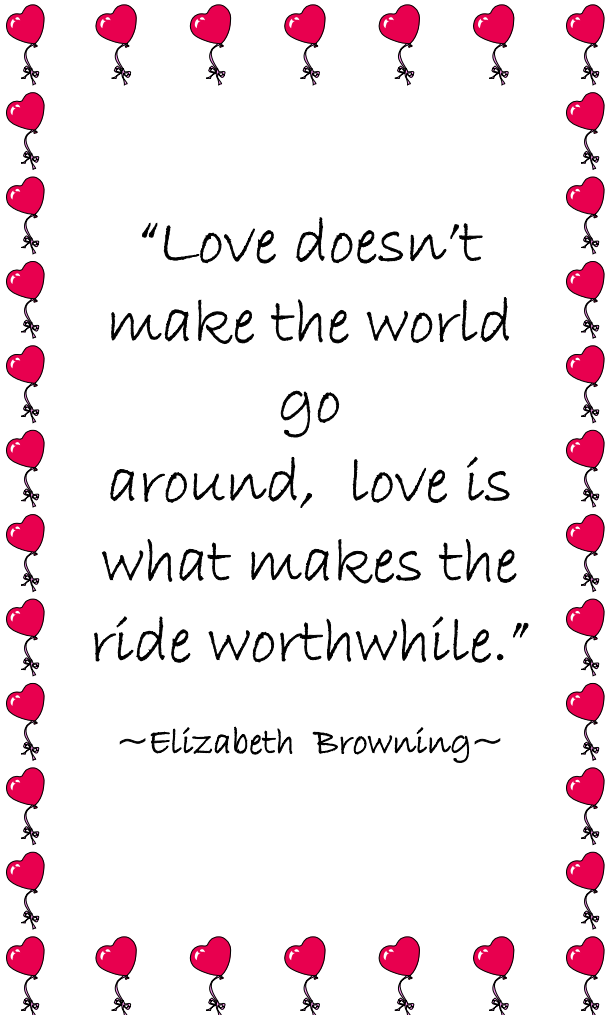
Textiles for resale or recycling

Cell phones (working or not working)

There are stipulations with regard to how these items need to be brought to the center, so please call city hall or WebCo direct at 417-468-5890 for specifics. Recycling is a great new years resolution so why not start today?

"Love doesn't
make the world
go
around, love is
what makes the
ride worthwhile."

~Elizabeth Browning~



For Your Convenience

City Utilities offers our customers auto debit. To utilize this service you must currently have an account at the Seymour Bank. It's one less bill to keep track of, and less checks to write— it's a win/win! If you are interested, please contact our office at 935-4401 and we will explain how easy it is to get started.



If you have difficulty paying your utility bill please contact:

OACAC -
417.859.4589

Energy Assist -
417.864.3460

ROCC - 935-
9111

For the residents of Seymour who get their utilities through the city...

1. Your utility bill is due by the 15th of every month!
2. After the 15th, a penalty of 10% is assessed!
3. Shut offs are on the 4th of every month by 9 am. Balance PLUS penalty must be paid by 3 pm of the same day to have utilities reinstated by 5 pm!
4. Failure to receive a utility bill DOES NOT mean a payment is not due. Contact City utilities at 935.4401



Council meetings are held the 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month. Meetings begin at 6pm and community involvement is always appreciated.

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Expired Medications?



A woman called our office this week wanting to know how to dispose of her expired prescription medicine. I was at a total loss and told her to call the Dept. of Natural Resources. I have since been informed that our Police Department will take and dispose of old medicine. If you can't get your meds to the PD, here's what DNR recommends for disposal..

Pharmaceutical and personal care items can include prescription and over-the-counter medicines, fragrances, cosmetics, lotions, dietary aids, sunscreens, etc.. Due to improper disposal of these products in the past, domestic sewage is considered a major source of pharmaceuticals in the environment (nationwide). Flushing these products or pouring them down the drain may stop misuse, however, municipal wastewater treatment facilities are not engineered for pharmaceutical removal. Therefore, traces of pharmaceuticals and personal care items in drinking water is a major concern.

Remember to take all your medications as directed by your doctor. If you still have leftovers this is what DNR recommends:

! **Liquid Meds** - empty from original container. Place contents into a hard plastic container (laundry detergent bottle). Add a thickening agent like kitty litter or coffee grounds so children and animals won't consume it. Mark out all personal information on your prescription bottle. Seal container and place into trash.

! **Solid Meds** - Same instructions as above, however, add a small amount of water to dissolve the medicine (pills).

! **Pills in foil and patches** - Keep these in their original packaging (mark out your personal information) and wrap with duct tape. Proceed as directed above.

There are many other items (needles, mercury thermometers, etc.) that require additional care when disposing of so please call DNR at 1-800-361-4827 or visit their websites at www.dnr.mo.gov/env/swmp/index.htm or www.dnr.mo.gov/env/wpp/index.htm.