

# CITY OF ASH GROVE NEWS

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#### <u>Mayor</u> Les Gardner

<u>Council</u> Jerry Kane William Wagner Troy Watts Jackson Jones

<u>City Clerk</u> Melissa Mau

<u>Utility Billing</u> <u>Clerk</u> Jennifer Martin

<u>Court Clerk</u> Jennifer Martin

Public Works Larry Harrison Bill Dunfield

<u>Police Chief</u> Iohn Davis

Assistant Police Chief Bob Bell

Officers Matthew Adkins

<u>Park Board</u> Sue Van Strohe

<u>Planning &</u> <u>Zoning Board</u> Vacant

Fire Department Tony Monnig

EMERGENCY 911 Liberty Electric 1-800-206-2300 GFL (Trash) 1-800-323-7548 Spire 1-800-582-1234



#### MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION

You must be registered to vote by March 9th to vote in the April 5th General Municipal Election. Deputy Registrars are available at City Hall or the Ash Grove Library to assist you with registration, name change, or change of address. Candidates for Mayor: (2) year term

Caleb Smith ~ Lester Gardner Candidates for Alderman: First Ward (2) year term Jerry A. Kane ~ Ty Thornton

Candidates for Alderman: Second Ward (2) year term

Troy Watts

#### **INTRODUCING NEW POLICE CHIEF**

We are excited to announce new Police Chief John Davis to the Ash Grove Community. Mr. Davis moved to Springfield when he was in the 7th grade and graduated from Central High School in 1979. Mr. Davis then joined the U.S. Army and was trained as a Military Police Officer, and after the military, moved to Iowa for a short time before returning to Springfield where he attended the Law Enforcement Academy at Drury University. City of Lamar, MO then hired Mr. Davis as a patrolman in February of 1986 where he has worked since serving many different positions including Interim Chief several times. Mr. Davis has a daughter and son, Sarah and Brodie, as well as a future son-inlaw, Brandon Williams, and granddaughter Addi. Mr. Davis is also engaged to be married to Tamme Daniels and they plan on making Ash Grove their home and looking forward to being involved in the community. Chief Davis is excited to be coming to Ash Grove and stated "I do not take this opportunity lightly and will always do my best". Please give a warm welcome to Chief John Davis when you see him! Please also congratulate Bob Bell on his promotion to Assistant Chief of Police. \*\*\*\*\*\*

### TAX ASSISTANCE FOR SENIORS

Help for seniors filing tax returns will be every Tuesday beginning February 1st through April 12th from 9 am to 2 pm at the Ash Grove Sunshine Center.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

<u>Tuesday, February 8 -</u> Adult Ag Education Topic: Speaker Mr. Andy McCorkill, Field Livestock Specialist on Nutrition & Feeding of Cattle, Hogs, and Goats at the Ash Grove High School Ag Building 6:30 pm

<u>Saturday, February 12</u> - Historical Chocolate Making at Nathan and Olive Boone Historic Site from 10 am to 1 pm. <u>Saturday, February 26</u> - Sugar, Spice, and all Things Nice -Kids Cooking Day. Please call to reserve a space from 1 - 2 pm at Nathan and Olive Boone Historic Site.

#### NATHAN AND OLIVE BOONE, HISTORIC SITE 7850 N State Hwy V (751-3266) Winter Hours (Off Season) : November through March OPEN Friday & Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm Sunday from 1 pm to 4 pm,

Site is Closed Monday through Thursday

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

- Tuesday, February 1 American Legion Meeting 6:30
- Wednesday, February 2 Groundhog Day!
- \* Thursday, February 3 Water Bills Due by 4:30 pm
- \* Friday, February 4 Water Bill penalty applied
- \* Sunday, February 6 Sunshine Center Fundraiser Lunch, Salmon Patties, Twice Baked Potato Casserole, Candy Apples, French Bread & Dessert. Adults \$8.00 and Children under 12 \$3.50.
- \* Monday, February 7 Water Bill calculated/mailed
- \* Monday, February 7 City Council Meeting 7 pm
- \* Wednesday, February 9 Siren Test 10 am
- Thursday, February 10 Ash Grove Masonic Lodge #100 Meeting 7 pm
- \* Monday, February 14 ♥♥♥Happy Valentine's Day♥♥♥
- \* Thursday, February 17 Municipal Court 3 pm
- \* Thursday, February 17 Food Pantry Meeting
- Saturday, February 19 DRIVE-UP Food Pantry Distribution at 121 W. Main, 9 am to 11 am, Valid Drivers License, SS numbers, & proof of Greene Co. Residency. BY APPOINTMENT AT 379-4421
- \* Monday, February 21– City Hall CLOSED for Presidents' Day
- \* Tuesday, February 22 Council Study Session 7 pm
- \* Monday, February 28 Fire Dept. Meeting 6 pm
- \* Monday, March 7 City Council Meeting 7 pm

## BARGAINS AND BLESSINGS

Thursday thru Saturday 10 am to 2 pm. Donations are always welcome and they directly help local citizens!

#### **SUNSHINE CENTER 310 N PERRYMAN**

Serving weekday meals 11:30—12:30 with a suggested donation of \$3.50 for seniors. Patrons under 60 cost is \$6.00. If

- you are 60 or older and would like meals for pickup or
  - delivery please call 751-3826.

#### RECYCLING CENTER

The Ash Grove Recycling Center, 704 Industrial Drive is open Monday-Friday 9-4pm, Saturday 9-12pm (Closed on Holidays) Rent the Barham House for \$65.00, Fax \$1.00 per 3 pages

#### **DIAPER BANK DRIVE UP ONLY**

The United Methodist-Presbyterian Church Diaper Bank distribution will be on Saturday, February 19th. Pre-register by February 13th by e-mailing your name, address, and phone number, and the name and product size for baby/ child/adult to agfriendsandneighbors@gmail.com.

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION CITY OF ASH GROVE**

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