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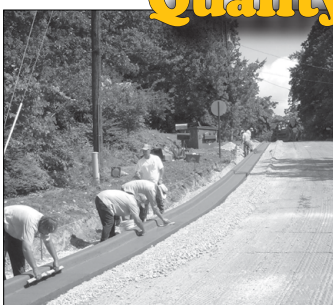
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CITY SERVICES

Building Safety Division

Our Mission Statement

To serve the citizens of Fayetteville by accurately and consistently administering building regulations that protects their health, safety, and welfare in the built environment.

When we say "Building Safety" most people associate that with "Building Inspections" and say: "That's where we make application for permits and call for inspections." But the Building Safety Divisions' responsibilities are much more than the name implies.

Over the last 3 City Council agenda sessions, we have attempted to educate the public about the various resources that are available for them in our division and to point out that they have an experienced and educated staff available at their request to make sure that their project is a success.

Here are some lesser known facts:

- We are the "First preventers" who work to save lives and prevent property damage thru the application of Building Codes during construction.
- Buildings are being constructed to last longer and for most buildings, the only comprehensive inspection performed during its 50+ year life is during construction. The typical home will house 6 different families during its lifetime.
- Our division is rated by the Insurance Service Organization (ISO) similar to how the Fire Department is rated. This rating is part of the equation that determines insurance premiums in our city.
- We are part of the design team and are active in the early stages of project design. We encourage pre-design or pre-construction conferences and provide plan review services to prevent costly mistakes that may occur during construction.
- We are an important educational source for citizens, developers and contractors and we maintain a library of construction related information that is available to all interested persons.
- Our inspectors are required to be certified professionals and are licensed by the State including a requirement for continuing education.
- We are the source of building construction data that is used by many entities. Permit data is posted every Tuesday on our web page www.accessfayetteville.org/Building_Safety.
- We maintain archives of all current and past building activity. There is a good chance that the construction documents for your home or building is in our archives.
- Our permit staff works closely with the State Licensing Board to make sure that only qualified tradesmen are working in our City.
- We administer a "Special Inspections" program for large multi-story buildings - the first in the state.
- We network with professionals in the design and construction industry and are active with such groups as the NWA Home Builders Association and other trade associations.
- The City of Fayetteville has a long tradition of leadership among State and National building and fire code organizations such as the International Association of Electrical Inspectors (IAEA), Ark. Plumbing Inspectors Association (APIA), Code Officials of Arkansas (COAR) and the International Code Council (ICC).
- Plumbing, Electrical, and Air Conditioning permits are commonly \$20-30. Most "home improvement" permits cost less \$150. Permit fees are a very small percentage of the cost of a project and provide the homeowner with an independent, third party verification that their project is in compliance with the Codes.
- The Building Safety Division functions as the "Consumer protection agency" for your home or business. Probably your most valuable asset.

COMMUNITY PRIDE

Life Abounds at Woolsey Wet Prairie!

Woolsey Wet Prairie, the wetlands mitigation site beside the new West Side Wastewater Treatment Facility, is proving to be a major success for both the City of Fayetteville and for the State of Arkansas. Corps of Engineers permit project manager Kyle Clark recently led his new staffers on a tour, explaining that "it is the best example of what a successful wetland mitigation site is supposed to look like."

The original budget for the wet prairie included funds for construction, planting and burning. However, almost no money has been used for planting. Once the cattle were removed from the pasture and the land was allowed to return to its original state, many native and rare wetlands species returned on their own! As of the last count, 294 plant species now inhabit the area.

The Ozark Burrowing Crayfish is endemic to prairie habitat in only nine counties in northern Arkansas, and the ones discovered at the



Woolsey Wet Prairie are flourishing. Baby goslings, ducks, scissor-tailed flycatchers, turtles and even coyotes call the prairie their home, among many other animals. The thriving avian population is attracting birders from across the state. With the guidance of environmental consultant Bruce Shackelford, the future addition of paths and gazebos will make Woolsey Wet Prairie an exciting place to visit with your family. You will be amazed at this glimpse of Fayetteville, the way it looked over a century ago!

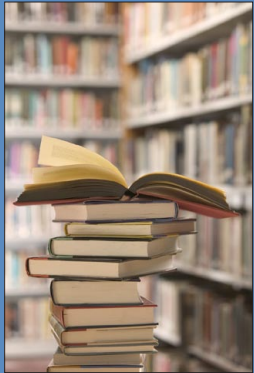


PUBLIC LIBRARY



Two Librarians Join Youth Services Staff

Katy Bleyle and Shay Brooks have joined the Fayetteville Public Library team as Youth Librarians. Bleyle, who began work in April, will work with 6th through 9th grade students at Blair Library. Bleyle was previously a media specialist at a middle school in Las Vegas. Brooks began work in May and will work with 10th through 12th grade students at Blair Library. She was previously a children's librarian in Plano, Texas.



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Planning to Travel?

The Fayetteville Public Library recently won 88 travel books from the Travel Publishers Association while at the Public Library Association conference. Come visit the travel collection, located in the Reference Section, to review the new titles, including Fodor's In Focus Virgin Islands, Along Interstate 75, Lewis and Clark Road Trips, Fodor's Destination Weddings, Camping Europe, Explore Costa Rica, Eat Smart in Indonesia and Eat Smart in Morocco. The prize also included nine travel DVDs with titles such as Globe Trekker: China and Beijing and Destination Travel Guide: The Spanish Islands.

Lending Hands

Lending Hands provides library material to homebound people living within the Fayetteville city limits. This free service is also available to residents of assisted-living facilities, retirement communities, rehabilitation centers and nursing homes in Fayetteville and may also be used by those with temporary illness or disability. Materials available for check out include large print books, videos, DVDs, music cds, Playaways and magazines. For more information, call 856-7203 or email lending-hands@faylib.org. Volunteers are also needed to deliver material to homebound residents. To volunteer, call the Volunteer Office at 856-7104.

COMMUNITY PRIDE

HOUSING REHABILITATION

Providing housing-related services to qualified low-to-moderate income families and individuals in order to preserve and improve the home, creating a more livable home environment while promoting housing that is safe, secure, healthy, and energy efficient.

DO YOU QUALIFY?

- Owner-occupied residency for at least one year
- Live within the city limits of Fayetteville
- Fall within low-to-moderate income guidelines provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT



Moderate Housing Rehabilitation BEFORE



Moderate Housing Rehabilitation AFTER



Soffit and Fascia BEFORE



Soffit and Fascia AFTER



Siding and Windows BEFORE



Siding and Windows AFTER

city of fayetteville | community resources division

Questions? Contact Ricky Williams 479 575 8270

FAYETTEVILLE FUTURE

6 ways you're wasting gas

It's not easy to break bad driving habits, but if you don't, the money you lose on gas could wind up breaking your bank.

By Peter Valdes-Dapena, CNNMoney.com staff writer

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NEW YORK (CNNMoney.com) -- With all the worry over fuel prices, you'd think drivers would do whatever they can not to waste gas. But look around and you'll see lots of them tooling around as if they owned their own tanker fleet. One of them might be you. Here are six ways drivers typically waste gas every on every trip:

1. Racing away from green lights

When the light turns green, you don't have to take off as quickly as possible. That pedal under your right foot is called the "gas pedal" for a good reason. The more you press down on it, the more gas you're pumping into the engine. Press lightly on the gas pedal, and you'll still accelerate, and you'll still get where you're going. You might be surprised at how little pressure it takes to get your car up to speed in a reasonable time.

2. Racing up to red lights

When you're driving down the street, and you see a light red light or stop sign up ahead, you should lay off the gas sooner rather than later. There's no point in keeping your foot on the gas until just before you reach the intersection. Let off the pedal sooner and give your engine a rest as you coast to the stop while braking gently. As an added benefit, your brake pads will last longer, too.

By themselves, these first two tips can improve your fuel economy around town by as much as 35 percent, according to tests conducted by automotive information Web site Edmunds.com.

3. Confusing the highway with a speedway

Even if it doesn't involve hard acceleration, speeding wastes gas. The faster you go, the more air your vehicle has to push out of the way. It's like moving your hand through water. The faster you try to move your hand, the harder the water pushes back. In tests by Consumer Reports, driving at 75 miles per hour instead of 65 miles per hour reduced fuel economy by between 3 and 5 miles per gallon, depending on the vehicle.

4. Bumper-buzzing

Tailgating is a bad move for many reasons. First of all, it's unsafe. You reduce your ability to react if the car in front of you slows or stops. It also means you have to pay ultra-close attention to that car which reduces your ability to scan for other hazards ahead of you and to the sides. And tailgating wastes gas. Every time the driver ahead taps his brakes, you have to slow down even more than he did. (That's because you can't react immediately so you have to slow even more because you're slowing down later.) Then you accelerate again to get back up to speed and resume your bumperbuzzing routine. Hang back and you'll be safer - plus you'll be able to drive more smoothly and use less fuel. A good rule of thumb is to allow two seconds of space between your car and the one ahead. You can figure that out by counting off two seconds after the car in front of you passes an obvious landmark like an overpass.

5. Driving standing still

You've probably heard that it takes more gas to restart a car than to let it run. Maybe that used to be true, but it isn't anymore. With modern fuel-injection engines, it takes very little extra gas to restart a car once it's warmed up. Idling, meanwhile, burns about a half-mile worth of gas every minute, according to the California Energy Commission. That's why hybrid cars shut down their gasoline engines whenever they stop, even for a moment. Now you don't want to shut your engine down for every little stop in your regular, non-hybrid car - it's not designed for that - but if you're waiting for someone to run in and out of a convenience store, turn off the engine. And don't go through the drive-through at fast food restaurants. You're already paying enough for the oil in those chicken nuggets.

Bonus tip: Don't idle your engine to let it warm up before driving. It does your engine no good and it wastes gas. Instead, start driving right away, but drive gently until the engine is warm.

f. Short hops

For really short trips, take advantage of the opportunity to get some exercise. Try walking to the store instead of driving. You can save gas and burn a few calories instead. If you can't hoof it, save up your errands. A lot of short hops that let the engine cool down at home between trips can use twice as much gas as starting the car once and making a big sweep to all your stops, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. Go to your farthest destination first so your engine has a chance to reach its optimal operating temperature. Then make your other stops on the way back. With the engine warmed up, the car will restart easily and run efficiently all the way home.

Find this article at: http://money.cnn.com/2008/05/19/autos/gas_wasting_habits/index.htm?eref=rss_topstories

WATER & WASTEWATER

Successful Start-Up for the West Side Wastewater Treatment Facility

The City of Fayetteville celebrated the starting of operations at the West Side Wastewater Treatment Facility at a ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday June 12 at 3:00 PM.



The 10 million gallon per day facility, constructed by Brasfield & Gorrie LLC and designed by McGoodwin, Williams, and Yates Engineers, increases the City's wastewater treatment capacity from 12.6 to 21.2 million gallons per day. This increase provides future capacity for a total service population of approximately 115,000 persons.

Wastewater started flowing into the plant at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, May 29, 2008, allowing the City to achieve substantial completion two days ahead of the contracted schedule. Wastewater treatment started at that time, and the first effluent was released into Goose Creek at 12:21 p.m. on Sunday, June 1st.

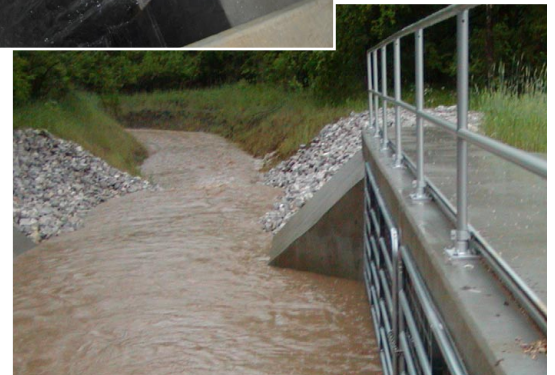
The \$60 million wastewater treatment plant construction project is the cornerstone of the entire west side / Illinois River Basin portion of the Wastewater System Improvement Project. In order for the plant to operate and reach functional completion, an additional 10 construction contracts

totaling \$44 million were required. The City is pleased to announce that each of these contracts is complete and in service.

Remaining contracts to be awarded include:

- **WL-8:** Owl Creek Lift Station & Force Main
 - o Upgrade the existing sewer pump station and install 11,600' of (estimated) 15" sewer pressure pipe line
- **EL-5:** South Mountain to Industrial Park Sewer Line
 - o Construct 4,084' of 10" gravity sewer pipe line
- **EL-3:** Razorback Rd to Happy Hollow Sewer Line
 - o Construct 13,489' of 21-30" gravity sewer pipe line
- **WL-10a:** Farmington Gravity Sewer Line (Contract 2)
 - o Construct 12,322' of 12-24" gravity sewer line

All work to complete the entire project is expected to be complete in November 2009.



More information on the Wastewater System Improvement Project and specific subprojects can be found by visiting the city's website at www.accessfayetteville.org or by contacting David Jurgens, Water/Wastewater Director at 479-575-8330.

CITY SERVICES

Online Services

Citizen Request for City Services

Online Citizen Customer Service Requests give citizens an easy way to request City services and report non-emergency problems. If desired, citizens can receive an e-mail confirming their submission and an e-mail upon the completion of their request.

When a Service Request is submitted, the system generates a Service Request Number that can be used to check the status of the request at any time.

Utility Bill Payments & Inquiry

The City of Fayetteville provides Water, Sewer, and Solid Waste utility bill payments and inquiry "on the Phone" and "on the Web". All you will need is your full utility account number and the service address of the bill you are paying or inquiring.

Payments may be made using your checking account, VISA, or MasterCard. Your transactions are protected with 128-bit SSL encryption provided by VeriSign. A 2.5% convenience fee for using this service will be charged to your checking or credit card account in addition to your utility payment. For example, a \$100.00 payment would cost you \$102.50 using this service. The convenience fee is paid to cover the cost of providing this service.

Inquiry of your utility account is available to find the current status, last payment date, last payment amount, current account balance, current due date, and previous twelve months usage details.

Building Inspections & Plan Checks

The online Permitting and Inspections application allows individuals to check the status of a permit application, make an inspection request and check on the status of a requested inspection.

List of Services from the Citizen Request for City Services

- ACTIVITY/USE NOT PERMITTED IN ZONING DISTRICT
- ANIMAL CRUELTY OR NEGLECT
- ANIMAL LIVE TRAP (HUMANE) REQUEST
- ANIMAL WITH INJURIES
- BACKFLOW QUESTION
- BARKING DOGS COMPLAINT
- BRIDGE NEEDS REPAIR
- BUILDING ACTIVITY WITHOUT PERMIT
- BUSINESS INAPPROPRIATE FOR RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT
- CART LEFT AT CURBSIDE OVER 24 HOURS
- CITY VEHICLE RECKLESS DRIVING / UNOFFICIAL USE
- CURB & GUTTER REPAIR NEEDED
- DEAD ANIMAL ON STREET/ROAD/PARK
- DEBRIS IN RIGHT OF WAY
- DITCH/DRAINAGE/STORM SEWER CLEANING
- DUMPING ILLEGALLY
- ELECTRICAL CONNECTION - SUBSTANDARD
- FIRE ESCAPE PLANNING & PUBLIC EDUCATION
- FIRE HYDRANT / WET / STANDING OR LEAKING WATER
- FIRE HYDRANT DAMAGED
- FIRE INSPECTION REQUEST - HOME OR BUSINESS
- FLOOD PLAIN QUESTIONS / PROBLEMS
- GARAGE / YARD SALE IS ONGOING REPORT
- GAS CONNECTION SUBSTANDARD
- GRAFFITI
- GRASS / WEEDS ON OCCUPIED LOT
- GRASS / WEEDS ON VACANT LOT
- GRAVEL STREET MAINTENANCE
- GUARDRAIL REPAIR/INSTALLATION
- MOWING IN RIGHT OF WAY NEEDED
- PARKING METER MALFUNCTION
- PARKS RESTROOM MAINTENANCE NEEDED
- PARKS VANDALISM REPORT
- PARKS WATER LEAK REPORT
- PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT CONCERN
- POTHOLE
- PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARD - UNSAFE PLUMBING CONDITIONS
- PUMPING STATION ALARM SOUNDING
- SALES TAX / HMR TAX / BUSINESS REGULATION VIOLATIONS
- SETBACK OF STRUCTURE VIOLATION REPORT
- SEWER COMING OUT OF GROUND
- SEWER MANHOLE LID MISSING
- SEWER MANHOLE OVERFLOWING
- SEWER OVERFLOW INTO CREEK OR DRAINAGE DITCH
- SEWER PROBLEM - MISC.
- SIDEWALK REPAIR NEEDED
- SIGHT DISTANCE PROBLEM DUE TO GRASS / WEEDS / BRUSH
- SIGHT DISTANCE PROBLEM DUE TO TREE LIMBS
- SIGN VIOLATIONS (YARD SALE / POLITICAL, ETC)
- SMOKE DETECTOR REQUEST
- SNOW & ICE REMOVAL FROM STREETS
- STORM DAMAGE PICK UP TREE LIMBS
- STORM DRAIN BLOCKED
- STREET FLOODING
- STREET LIGHT OUT (TELL US THE POLE # & STREET ADDRESS)
- STREET SWEEPING NEEDED
- SUBSTANDARD UNOCCUPIED STRUCTURE REPORT
- TOO MANY UNRELATED PERSONS LIVING IN A DWELLING
- TRAFFIC SIGN - NEW REQUEST
- TRAFFIC SIGN DOWN / VANDALIZED / MISSING
- TRAFFIC SIGN HIDDEN BY OVERGROWN BRUSH
- TRAFFIC SIGNAL MALFUNCTION
- TRAFFIC SIGNAL REQUEST STUDY FOR NEW SIGNAL
- TRAIL / PATH MAINTENANCE NEEDED
- TRASH / JUNK / LITTER VIOLATIONS - PRIVATE PROPERTY
- TRASH OR GARBAGE - DUMPSTER AREA
- TRASHY CONSTRUCTION SITE
- TREE PRESERVATION VIOLATION
- UNSECURE STRUCTURE
- W&S UNSAFE CONDITIONS
- WATER MAIN LEAK
- WATER METER BOX LID NEEDS REPLACING
- WATER PRESSURE LOW / NO WATER PRESSURE
- WATER PROBLEM - MISC
- WATER PROBLEM - TASTE/ODOR
- WILDLIFE PROBLEM REPORT

CITY COUNCIL

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The City of Fayetteville operates under a Mayor-Council form of government. In this system the City Council is the legislative and policy-making body of city government. It sets city policy by passing ordinances and resolutions. The Council also determines the city budget and appoints and removes certain board and commission members. The City Council is composed of eight council members and a Mayor. Two council members are elected in each of Fayetteville's four wards by city voters and are directly responsible to the people.

You can find which ward you live in by going to the Interactive Maps webpage at http://www.accessfayetteville.org/government/gis/interactive_maps/ or by clicking this link: [Interactive Ward Map](#).

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2008 City Council Calendar

Agenda Session	Council Tour	Council Meeting
June 24, 2008	June 30, 2008	July 1, 2008
July 8, 2008	July 14, 2008	July 15, 2008
July 29, 2008	August 4, 2008	August 5, 2008
August 12, 2008	August 18, 2008	August 19, 2008
August 26, 2008	Holiday	September 2, 2008
September 9, 2008	September 15, 2008	September 16, 2008
September 30, 2008	October 6, 2008	October 7, 2008
October 14, 2008	October 20, 2008	October 21, 2008
October 28, 2008	November 3, 2008	November 4, 2008
November 13, 2008 *	November 17, 2008	November 18, 2008
November 25, 2008	December 1, 2008	December 2, 2008
December 9, 2008	December 15, 2008	December 16, 2008
December 30, 2008	January 5, 2009	January 6, 2009

Room 326

4:30 PM

Mayor's Office

4:30 PM

Room 219

6:00 PM

* Meeting date rescheduled due to a Holiday

Fayetteville
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NEWSLETTER

Who to Call at City Hall

Police Department 587-3555

Call our office if you need information about the following services:

- Emergency Services
- Patrol Services
- Community Policing Services
- Crime Prevention Services
- Special Event Services
- Warrant Division Services
- Detective Division Services
- Public Information Services

For Emergencies Call 911

City Clerk 575-8323

Call our office if you need information regarding:

- Public Meetings
- The ward you live in
- City Council meeting agendas
- Alderman information
- City Council meeting minutes
- Boards/Commission applications
- Copies of Ordinances or Resolutions

Code Compliance 444-3430

Call our office if you notice the following problems on real property:

- Overgrown grass & weeds
- Stagnant pools of water
- Junk or debris
- Garbage piles
- Disabled vehicles not stored in enclosed space
- Building(s) that are dilapidated and/or unsecured

Building Safety 575-8233

Call our office if you notice any of the following:

- Building construction without a permit
- Trash or debris associated with a building site
- A new business that has moved into a neighborhood
- Any electrical, gas or plumbing work being done without permits
- Open ditches on construction sites that may be public danger
- Portable buildings that have been moved without a permit

Transportation 575-8228

Call our office if you have questions about:

- Drainage problems
- Street sweeping
- Potholes or street repair
- Traffic signal malfunctions
- Right-of-way trimming or mowing
- Street marker or traffic sign damage or additional signage needed
- Sidewalk damage or new sidewalk construction requests

Parks & Recreation 444-3471

Call our office if you have questions about:

- Urban Forestry Program
- Concerts & other events held in a park
- Locations of Fayetteville parks, trails or recreational events

Solid Waste & Recycling 575-8398

Call our office if you have questions about:

- Ward Clean-up
- Recycling collection or service
- Garbage collection or service
- Yard waste collection
- Bulky waste collection or service
- Mulch & Compost products
- Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

Planning 575-8267

Call our office if you have questions about:

- Permitted uses in zoning districts
- Sign regulations
- Where fences should be located
- On-going garage/yard sales
- Setback requirements/violations
- Development requirements
- Public hearing signs posted

Engineering 575-8206

Call our office if you have questions about:

- Grading permits/erosion control
- Street & Trails design
- City easements & right-of-ways
- Floodplains & floodways
- Sidewalk specifications & inspections
- Water/Sewer tap fees & locations
- Design & construction criteria
- Construction inspection of development
- Review of commercial & subdivision development plans

Email Subscription Service

The City of Fayetteville has a "free" email subscription service.

This service allows visitors to receive timely alerts on a wide variety of topics ranging from news, bids, RFP's, employment opportunities, agendas, newsletters and events.

These updates are delivered via email and are intended to inform citizens when new content is available on AccessFayetteville. Your participation in this service is voluntary and may be canceled at any time.

We hope you will utilize this opportunity to stay abreast of the news and information that interests you. If you would like to learn more please visit the Email Subscriptions page to learn how you can sign-up.

Animal Services 444-3456

Call our office if you have problems concerning animals:

- Wildlife in your house or business
- Animal hit by a car
- You've been bitten by an animal
- Animal biting another animal
- Dogs running loose in your neighborhood
- Livestock loose on the roads

Water/Sewer Maintenance 575-8386

Call our office if you have questions about:

- Water leaks on the City side of water meter box or on City mains
- Slow drainage from house sewer system
- Dirty or milky water
- Sewage coming out of a manhole
- Emergency utility locations
- No water pressure at multiple homes in area

