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## **News Letter**

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#### **Service Line Warranties**

What's real and What's just another company wanting to scam the public? Many of residents of the City have expressed concerns over the letters they have received in the mail regarding lateral water and sewer lines from Service Line Warranties. Here is what the Board of Alderman and the Mayor wants the public to know about the program.

- The Old Town which comprises close to half of the City has a much older infrastructure (Fresh Water Mains – Sewer Mains). The homes have septic system dumping into a septic tank and then to a forced sewer main. The fresh water in most of Old Town is in cast iron pipes that are old and subject to frequent breaks. For sewer laterals coming from the house until they tie into the septic tanks or the sewer mains for newer homes are the responsibility of the home owner. Likewise, the fresh water laterals after the water flows through the water meter is the responsibility of the homeowner.
- Lateral repairs are rather costly. The Board of Aldermen chose to partner (In Name Only) with Service Line Warranties to provide the citizens of the community a means of paying a small price for the peace of mind knowing they would not have to endure thousands of dollars repair bills if their pipes broke.
- The City is not paying any additional expense nor is it receiving any revenues from the program. The choice of entering the program is at the discretion of each homeowner.

The next communications from Service Line Warranties will have the City Logo next to Service Line Warranties Logo. Moscow Mills is not presenting the plan but we do endorse the plan as it seems to be a great partnership for the citizens of the community.

## Sidewalks

It has come to the attention of the Board of Aldermen the City does not have safe passage for pedestrian traffic in the City. The most noticeable places would be traffic on Highway C, Highway MM and Elm Tree Rd. We have several pedestrians who walk to and from work at Boone Center, Inc. and are forced to walk on those highways without the aid of a sidewalk. The Board has authorized the Mayor to seek a Grant to help with the cost of the sidewalks. If we secure the Grant, we would advance the City's Plan to provide safer pedestrian access to our City. The recipients of the Grants will be notified in January, 2019.

## Storm Sirens

Currently the City has two storm sirens and needs a third added to the system to provide adequate coverage. The two existing sirens are located next to City Hall and along Tropicana Village Dr. The need for a third siren exists at the southern edge of the City near Highway U. Currently the siren next to City Hall has had intermittent issues and hefty repair bills to no avail. It still doesn't work. The City has done research on the model of sirens currently in use and found they are old and were a very inexpensive value when purchased. With our need of one additional siren and the existence of 2 antiquated sirens the Board of Aldermen authorized the Mayor to seek a grant to replace both existing sirens and add a new siren to the system near Highway U. That round of grants will be approved or denied in the Spring of 2019.

## Vandalism

The City continues to encounter acts of vandalism to city property that range from Children defacing freshly poured concrete streets or other citizens pulling out post and chains used to limit the vehicular access to the walking trails. The City is taking measures to help determine who is responsible for these acts. **Please** if you see someone committing acts of vandalism pick up the phone and call the **Non-Emergency dispatch number 636-528-6100**. These senseless acts cost all of the tax payers hard earned money to fix or replace the damaged assets.

## Waste Collection

Multiple questions regarding the recycling process are being asked. As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, the recycling process takes a new turn due to the Chinese governmental changes on recycling materials. They will no longer accept Fibrous Materials or glass. This means only Cities that have outlets to process those material will be unaffected. I think the public is in agreement that recycling is a good thing and should be continued ... so one option presented to the City was not considered by

the Board ... I.E. Ceasing the recycling effort altogether.

A second option was to continue curbside collection for # 1,2,3,5,7 plastics containers, aluminum, tin and steel cans and place a collection bin at City Hall for the Fibrous Material (Again...No Glass) with an additional \$1.00 per household for the centralized 2<sup>nd</sup> Stream collection of Fibrous Materials.

The Moscow Mills Food Pantry stepped up to the plate and offered the use of their Fibrous Material disposals to save the residents of Moscow Mills the additional \$1 charge. The Board of Aldermen decided December 17<sup>th</sup> on the second option less the additional \$1 charge and will accept the use of the Food Pantry's disposal bins. It is up to the citizens of the community to keep the recycling stream as clean as it can. The waste companies are willing to negotiate better rates with cities who have a better history of clean recyclables (I.E No Glass, No #4 or #6 plastics, No baby diapers in the recyclables at all etc.).

Meridian Waste should be presenting informational materials to the public soon regarding these changes. Hopefully the Waste/Recycling industry will be figuring out all of these changes in the foreseeable future and the evolution in the waste business will make the process even better.

### **Holidays**

The offices of City Hall will be closed on December 24<sup>th</sup>, and 25 and January 1<sup>st</sup> for the Holidays. If you have problems that can't wait please call the non-emergency number 636-528-6100.

With Holiday Season upon us the Mayor, Board of Alderman, and the City of Moscow Mills would like to take the opportunity to wish every Citizen of Moscow Mills a very

*Happy Holidays.*