

# Diamond Dispatch

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## Council Meeting Highlights

Capping of Well #1 will start soon. Council is exploring Financial options to make repairs to the leaking west lagoon. Repairs will likely have to begin early in 2014.

Appointed new members to the Park Board. Cindy Powers, Sandy Longman and Donna Prettyman.

Appointed new member of Zoning and Planning Board. Brian Longman.

We need more people on both committees come join them.

## ANNUAL LIONS CLUB CHRISTMAS PARADE

*Dec. 14 at 10:00*

*Come welcome in the  
Christmas season as a  
community.*



## Board of Alderman Openings

The City of Diamond will be accepting candidate filing for one seat on Board of Alderman in Ward One-West and one seat for Ward Two-East. Both seats are two year terms. Interested parties may file your Declaration of Candidate form with the City Clerk, JoAnn Ohlhausen. Starting December 17 through January 15. If you have any questions, please contact JoAnn at City Hall.



## **NEED ROOM FOR A PARTY????**

Rent Memorial  
Hall

\$50 rental fee

\$50 refundable deposit

## **10 Christmas Safety Reminders**

1. Lock doors
2. Avoid putting Christmas tree in front of window.
3. Practice Electrical Safety
4. Lights on a timer deters robbers.
5. Avoid advertising your “Merry” Christmas. Thieves check Facebook too.
6. Breakdown boxes before putting out for trash.
7. When Christmas shopping, lock items in trunk and park under a light.
8. Shop with a buddy
9. Don't leave your purse/wallet unattended.
10. Use safety precautions to guard your identity.



## **Toy Drive**

If you would like to donate a toy to the Newton County toy drive. Sponsored by all Local Fire Departments, Ambulance, Rescue

and Recover and Emergency Management You can donate at City Hall, the Bank, the Fire dept. Let's get together and help brighten the eyes of a child on Christmas morning.

## **Just A Note.....**

As you know the city has been conducting smoke testing in the sewer system to identify areas where storm water is entering our sewers. We were able to identify an old service connection located in a storm water ditch which is letting about six gallons per minute in to the sewer when it is raining.

That may not sound like much but on one rainy day it can mean 2,880 in one 8 hour day. These are the things that are causing the lagoon to fill and over flow.

The city will continue to do smoke testing and utilize the help of Missouri Rural Water. Their help is greatly appreciated in our efforts to cut down the inflow into city sewer lines and lagoon.

Thank you for your cooperation as we continue moving Diamond to a solid future.