

# diamond dispatch

City Hall 325-4220

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[www.diamondmo.net](http://www.diamondmo.net)

## Pay your Water Bill online...

You can now pay your water bill, city taxes and traffic tickets online. Go to our website [www.diamondmo.net](http://www.diamondmo.net) Click on "Bill Pay". This will take you to another web-site, you will need to know the amount and your account number.



## Out of Room to Party

Memorial Hall is available to rent for birthday parties, showers, graduations, family reunions, wedding's and receptions.



Rental fee is \$50.00 and a \$50.00 refundable deposit.

Book your time today, Call City Hall 325-4220

Pavillion at park is also available in the spring and summer.



Check us out on Facebook

## Joining the Fire District

The petition that has been circulating around town, to have the City of Diamond become part of the Diamond Fire District, sadly fell short of the amount of signatures needed by the January deadline. We are circulating the petition again with an April deadline to be on the August ballot. Fire protection is important to us all and we need to have at least 25% of the registered voters, or 150 registered voters sign the petition and put the issue on the ballot. The current fire protection contract with the City of Diamond will expire in September and so it is important that we are ready to have the Fire District protect the residents of Diamond. If you would like to sign the petition you may do so at City Hall. If you would like further information, please contact City Clerk JoAnn Ohlhausen.



## Rabies Clinic

Animal Clinic of Diamond will be providing a rabies clinic April 6 from 11:00 a.m.—1:00 pm in the Garage next to City Hall.

You will also be able to purchase you city tags for you Dogs or Cats. This are required for any animal in the city. If your animal gets loose we can use the tag to find their home.

City tags are \$2.00



**A copy of the full audit  
available at City Hall or  
online at**

***www.auditor.mo.gov***



**Board of Alderman Meetings  
Second Monday of the Month**

**At 7:00**

**Get involved !!!**

The Diamond Lions Club will host the annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 31 at 2:00 pm in the yard of the Methodist Church. Prizes will be awarded for each age group. Just bring your basket and join in the fun.



The Lions Club is looking for new members. Anyone who is interested in community improvement through personal service please call 325-7579 for details on

Lions Club activities and membership.

**City Wide Garage Sale**

**April 26 & 27**

**Sign up at City Hall to be on the Map**

Want to get involved with the City.

Join the Park Board or Zoning and

Planning Committee.

Park Board meets the first Thursday at

12:30 at City Hall

## **Increasing Water/Sewer Rates**

The City of Diamond is making every effort to notify residents of the upcoming water and sewer rate changes scheduled to take effect April 1, 2013. We hope this advance notice will allow residents to be more prepared for the rate increase. This increase is mandatory to comply with USDA requirements in connection with the bond issue passed in 2009. It was intended at the time to increase rates when voters approved the bond issue, sadly rates were not raised to meet the required amounts. Along with the USDA tabulated rates, the City of Diamond had additional rate studies completed to verify the rates necessary for the city's water and wastewater needs. A copy of the rate studies is available at City Hall. The new rates for water and sewer will consist of a base rate plus a use rate. The rate for water service will be a base charge of \$10.75 plus \$2.63 per 1,000 gallons of used. For example, this would mean a water bill of \$23.90 based on 5,000 gallons of water used. The rate for sewer service will be a base charge of \$8.00 plus \$3.47 per 1,000 gallons of used. Again for example, this would mean a sewer bill of \$25.35 based on 5,000 gallons of water used. The new monthly bill based on the given examples would be \$49.25. These rates have been carefully tabulated to allow the continued operation of the water and sewer departments and to meet our obligation to the USDA, while also setting aside funds for upcoming repair needs. With any additional revenue gained, the city plans to begin replacing old lines to improve the quality of water in Diamond and keep our sewer facility in compliance with increasing government standards.