

CITY NEWS & NOTES

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CITY TAKES NEW MEASURES TO GUARD AGAINST IDENTITY THEFT

The City Hall staff recently began implementing a new policy designed to protect citizens' personal information and guard against identity theft.

The policy requires that the City verify the identity of individuals who request information regarding utility accounts, tax bills, and other personal information.

The policy also requires that residents provide proof of identity (typically a driver's license) when opening a new

account.

The City adopted the policy recently in order to comply with a new federal law, known as the "Red Flag" rule.

Under the policy, the City no longer will provide account information over the phone unless the identity of the caller can be verified. City staff plans to use the last four numbers of the resident's Social Security number as their identifying number. The full Social Security number is not needed.

The City recently upgraded its utility billing software and Social Security numbers are not stored in that system. This also prevents against identity theft.

The new policy requires the City to make a copy of the driver's license or other identification in order to open an account. This information is not stored on computer however.

A copy of the City's new policy can be found on the City website, newhavenmo.org.

NEW BUILDING INSPECTOR, PARK MANAGER NAMED

The City welcomes two new employees to key positions.

Leon Riegel was recently appointed Building Inspector by the Board of Aldermen.

Kirby Menke was appointed Park Manager by the New Haven Park Board.

Leon Riegel assumes the Building Inspector position following the resignation of John Neff, who took a position with the City of Chanute, Kansas.

Mr. Riegel is responsible for operations of the City Building Department. Duties include reviewing Building Permit applications and conducting Building Inspections, Residential Occupancy Inspections, Zoning Code enforcement and other duties as prescribed by ordinance.

Kirby Menke takes the position of Park Manager following the passing of Charlie Luecke earlier this year.

Mr. Menke is responsible for operation and maintenance of the City Park grounds and facilities, including the Main City Park, Bail Park, Thurman Park and Colter Riverfront Park downtown.

Park facilities include Lions Field and Bock Field, New Haven Municipal Pool, the John Colter Memorial and Visitor's Center, and park playground equipment, pavilions and picnic areas.

Dates to remember

Regular Board of Aldermen meeting	Second Monday
Planning and Zoning Commission	Fourth Thursday
Park Board	Second Thursday
Water, sewer, trash bills and gas bills due	20th of each month
Regular trash pickup	Tuesday and Friday
Heavy Trash pickup	Last Friday
Recycling pickup	Last Tuesday

All meetings 7 p.m. at City Hall unless otherwise posted

Business licenses due July 1

'No Sales Tax Due' certificate required for retail businesses

City business license renewals are due by July 1, 2009.

The City wants retail businesses to be aware of a new state law, which requires that businesses have a "No Tax Due" statement from the Department of Revenue before the City can issue a business license.

City staff can check a state website to determine compliance with a business applies for the business license.

City Pool opens Memorial Day

Get your swimsuits and sunscreen and flip-flops ready, as the New Haven Municipal Pool is scheduled to open for the season on Memorial Day, May 25.

Lainee Landolt returns as pool manager this year.

Admission prices to the City Pool will remain unchanged from last year.

Season passes are \$80 for a family pass, \$55 for an adult pass and \$40 for a child pass. A family is defined as immediate family living in the same household.

Daily admission prices are \$2 for children age 2 to 11, and \$3 for children 12 and over.

Admission for summer school swims will remain \$1 per student.

The pool can be rented for parties. The cost is \$75 per hour with a two-hour minimum.

Information on swimming lessons will be made available later. Check the City website for more information.

CITY CONSIDERS NEW PHONE WARNING SYSTEM

Would you like to get a call on your home phone (or cell phone) if severe weather is threatening the New Haven area?

The City is currently considering such a system, which would be made available to residents free of charge.

The system would have the capability to dial both residential and mobile phone numbers. The system could be used to broadcast severe weather warnings and could potentially be used to notify residents of other important information, such as street closures and water line breaks. It's possible the system could even be utilized to send notices by email.

The New Haven School District currently utilizes a phone system for school closures and other information.

The City would like feedback from residents on the possibility of using such a system. Residents would likely have to "opt-in" for the system, meaning they would have to sign up for the service and provide phone numbers to be called.

Again, there would be no charge for the service.

If you are interested in such a service, please call City Hall at 237-2349, or send an email to info@newhavenmo.org.

SUNSET LANE EXTENSION WORK PLANNED

Work to complete the Sunset Lane extension to Olive Street is scheduled for early this spring.

The project will extend the existing Sunset Lane in Baltimore Subdivision north to Olive Street, creating a new link between the east and west parts of town.

A City contractor last fall completed installation of a concrete culvert in a small creek where the new roadway will cross.

Excavation, clearing and roadbed preparation work is slated for this spring. Asphalt patching and resurfacing work on Olive Street is also slated for this spring.

The City anticipates the new Sunset

Lane roadway to be open for traffic by late spring or early summer.

Please don't forget...



Call before you dig!

1-800-344-7483

Compost Site open second and fourth Saturdays

New Haven maintains a compost site for disposal of yard waste, tree limbs, brush, leaves and other organic items.

The site also offers free mulch for the taking. The site is open to City residents only.

The compost site is open the second and fourth Saturday of each month through October. Hours on the second Saturday are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. On the fourth Saturday the hours are 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

Make Bail Park the place for your next big party

Need a place for that graduation party, surprise birthday party or that big family reunion? New Haven's Bail Park is the perfect location.

Bail Park features a large covered pavilion with metal picnic benches and serving tables; playground equipment, sand volleyball court, men and women's bathrooms, large barbecue pits, horseshoe pits, electric lights and outlets, a large parking lot and plenty of beautiful shaded grounds.

Bail Park can be reserved for \$125 per day. Hurry, weekend dates are filling up fast. For more information, contact City Hall at 237-2349.

RESTRICTIONS ON GARAGE AND YARD SALE SIGNS

The New Haven Municipal Code includes restrictions on garage and yard sales signs.

Garage and yard sale signs are prohibited on the public right of way and cannot be placed on any stop sign, street sign, telephone pole, utility pole, or light pole.

Garage / yard sale signs may be placed on residential property no more than two days before the sale, and must be removed within one day after the sale. Signs should be no larger than four square feet.

Garage / yard sale signs do not require a permit. A maximum of six signs are permitted.

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