



CITY OF JACKSONVILLE



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JACKSONVILLE NEWSLETTER

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The citizen's source of information about the City of Jacksonville

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City Hall

Monday-Friday

8:30 am-4:00 pm

Public Works

Office 541-899-1231

After Hours Emergency

Dispatch 541-776-7206

Police

Office 541-899-7100

Dispatch 541-776-7206

Fire

Office 541-899-7246

Dispatch 541-776-7206

Planning

541-899-6873

Monday, Tuesday,

Thursday, Friday

8:30 am-2:00 pm

Inspection Request

541-484-9043 or

800-358-8034

Smoke Detectors—The Life They Save May Be Yours

Smoke detectors. These simple dependable devices work and work exceptionally well, but only if we help them do their job. If you only do one thing around the house this fall, check yours. Fire safety doesn't have to be hard. This is simple. Don't put it off until tomorrow.

Inspect your detector's battery. Replace it if it's alkaline or heavy-duty. Most new detectors have a special 10-year lithium battery. Make sure it isn't expired. On all units, press the test button to make sure it alerts. Replace your detector if it's more than 10 years old.

Smoke detectors serve an important function; waking sleeping people so that they may safely get away from fire and smoke. Smoke is actually more dangerous than the fire. Most victims succumb indirectly from fires a result of smoke inhalation rather than from burns. This is why a functioning smoke detector is vital in all homes.

We all have excuses. Maybe the detector is ugly to look at. Maybe it alerts when you're cooking. Maybe it seems foolish and expensive to replace every 10 years. Maybe tonight while you're asleep you'll have a fire and need to rely on a smoke detector.

If you've taken a detector down; put it back up. If it needs a new battery; get one. If it's old; replace it. Don't procrastinate or feel wasteful. Check it today. Nobody is safe sleeping in a house without functioning smoke detectors near all bedrooms and the kitchen.

Do whatever it takes. Add it to your to-do list, have your phone nag you, place a note on the bathroom mirror as a reminder. Don't procrastinate. Get it done. Lives depend on that detector!

Once you're done, rest easy till next fall. Sleep soundly knowing you've done your part to be fire safe.

Sidewalk Maintenance—Safety and Repair Responsibilities

With falling leaves, rain, and fall/winter upon us, we would like to remind you that the sidewalks abutting your property are your responsibility to keep free of hazardous conditions such as slippery leaves, and uneven or cracked sidewalks that could pose a tripping hazard. (Jacksonville Municipal Code Chapter 12.20)

If someone is hurt because of the condition of the sidewalk, you could be responsible for any claims they file. Please take time to look at the sidewalk next to your property and remove any hazards that might exist, including:

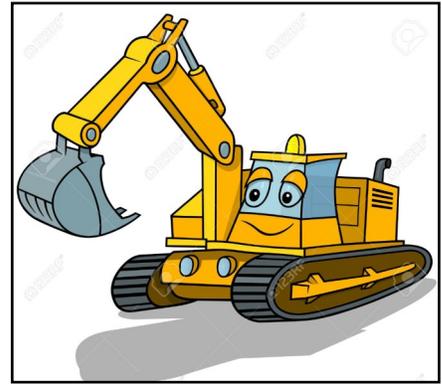
- **Repairing uneven joints, edges, or surfaces that can be trip hazards**
- **Cleaning up debris from trees (wet leaves, nuts, branches, etc.)**
- **Removing snow and ice promptly**



Thank you for keeping conditions safe for pedestrians.

Plaza Construction at New City Hall

Construction began mid September for the new concrete plaza at the rear court of New City Hall. The scope of work includes demolition of the existing concrete paver court, existing chair lift and existing planter with plants. The existing bicycle racks will be relocated as well. The new concrete plaza will be ADA compliant and provide an ADA compliant path and landing to a new platform lift tower. **During construction the rear entrance to New City Hall will be closed . We have completed the sidewalk from the South Side so that the public can enter the Planning Department during construction.**



City Council Meetings At-A-Glance

A synopsis of the previous month’s City Council agenda items and discussions so you, the citizens of Jacksonville, know what is going on in your local government.

September 3, 2019—City Council

- **Oktoberfest Event Packet.** Council approved the Oktoberfest Event Packet.
- **Award Bid for New City Hall Interior Elevator and Alterations.** Council awarded the bid for the New City Hall Interior Elevator and Alterations.
- **Award Bid for Applegate St. and Spur of “M” Street Waterline Improvements—SDWRLF Project.** Council awarded the bid for the Applegate St. and Spur of “M” Street Waterline Improvements.
- **Resolution No. R2019-010—A Resolution Adopting Procedures for Filling Council Vacancies.** Council adopted Resolution No. R2019-010.

September 17, 2019—City Council

- **Acceptance of SAFER Grant.** Council accepted the SAFER Grant, which will fund a volunteer student intern program.
- **Approve Hiring List for the Fire Department.** Council approved the hiring list for the Fire Department, which will be effective through August 26, 2020.
- **General Code & Potentially Related Comprehensive Plan Updates.** Council directed staff to proceed with drafting a scope of work for a general code update and possible comprehensive plan updates with input from the CCI.
- **Consideration of a New Master Fee Schedule for Building, Plumbing and Mechanical Permits.** Council approved the preliminary proposed fee schedule pending approval from the Building Division.

Audio and Approved Minutes from each of the City Council Meetings is located on the City website. www.jacksonvilleor.us

Public Meeting Schedule	Date	Time	Place
City Council Meeting	Tuesday, October 1st 2019	6:00 PM	Old City Hall
Cemetery Commission Meeting	Monday, October 7th 2019	4:30 PM	New City Hall Conf Rm
Planning Commission Meeting	Wednesday, October 9th 2019	6:00 PM	Old City Hall
City Council Meeting	Tuesday, October 15th 2019	6:00 PM	Old City Hall
Committee for Citizen Involvement Meeting	Wednesday, October 16th 2019	5:15 PM	New City Hall Conf Rm
H.A.R.C	Wednesday, October 30th 2019	6:00 PM	Old City Hall