City of Sedalia, Missouri
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Two City Programs Provide Multiple Informational Opportunities

The Sedalia Fire and Police Departments both started two programs in September; the Firefighter I and II Course for the SFD and the Citizen Police Academy for the SPD.

Being able to take the necessary time off to attend firefighter training is difficult if you're trying to maintain a job and meet responsibilities. The Sedalia Fire Department started their Firefighter 1 and II classes with that in mind, providing classes on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 10 p.m. and every other Saturday from 8:00 a.m. from 5:00 p.m. Another roadblock for many of those interested in a fire service career is the cost of tuition. The Sedalia Fire Department has been able to keep their student expenses as low as possible with tuition costs at approximately $1,200.

The 2015 Firefighter I and II class started on September 15, 2015. There are currently 15 students participating in this course.

While there is no guarantee each student will pass the Missouri state testing to become a firefighter or that it will secure them a position with the Sedalia Fire Department or any other fire service provider, the content within the course provides the best preparatory tools available to test for Missouri State Firefighter I, Firefighter II, Hazmat Awareness and Hazmat Operations certificates.

On Saturday, September 26, Instructor Daniel Shaw started the morning showing the class how to create the figure 8 knot (pictured below, left). This knot is very important as it is a building block for several other knots. Once outside, the class was able to put on all their gear as a class for the first time, from boots to helmet and gloves.

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The State of Missouri requires a firefighter to be able to don his/her entire gear within 90 seconds; the Sedalia Fire Department requires them to be ready within 60 seconds. Instructor Shaw explained that even if you get a call in the early hours of the morning, you will be able to properly and safely assemble your gear as quickly as possible. Later, the class participated in their first skills set training.

The Sedalia Police Department has started the Citizen Police Academy as a way for the community to learn about the process behind the procedures and why it is important to have such procedures in place.

The Citizen Police Academy began on September 8, 2015 and they currently have 19 members in attendance. Classes are held every Tuesday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for a duration of ten weeks. Participants are able to interact with many of the law enforcement officers they might meet here in Sedalia.

On the evening of September 29, 2015, Sgt. Detective Joshua Howell talked about the Police Department staff composition within the Criminal 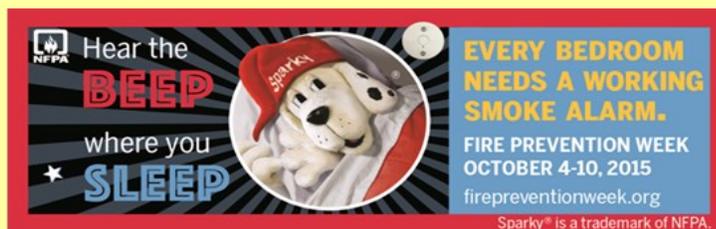Investigations Bureau. There are two full-time detectives, two rotating detectives and one Community Policing officer who work with Sgt. Detective Howell and they all report to their Criminal Investigations Bureau Commander. The Criminal Investigations Bureau Commander reports directly to the Chief of Police. The Criminal Investigations Bureau is responsible for investigations, community policing, property and evidence and Internal Affairs complaints.

With essentially a four person team investigating all the cases for Sedalia, Sgt. Detective Howell explained how the Criminal Investigations Bureau determines the solvability of each case. This process helps the Criminal Investigations Bureau investigate the cases in the most timely and efficient manner possible. Later that evening, the Citizen Police Academy got to learn about the fingerprinting process.

Some of the previous classes included learning about Use of Force and it was emphasized using the laser shot system. There are many new and interesting subjects planned for the Academy over the next few weeks.

With the enthusiastic attendance reported at both the Sedalia Firefighter Training and the Citizen Police Academy, both the Fire and Police Departments plan on offering these programs again.

City Observes Fire Prevention Week

On Friday, October 2, 2015, Mayor Stephen Galliher was joined by members of the Sedalia Fire Department to proclaim October 4-October 10, 2015, "Fire Prevention Week" in the City of Sedalia. This year's theme is, "Hear the Beep Where You Sleep —Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm."

Pictured left to right: City of Sedalia Deputy Fire Chief Greg Harrell, Fire Inspector Michael Jackson, Mayor Stephen Galliher, Fire Chief Michael Ditzfeld and Fire Inspector Jamie Volk.

WHAT'S UP
at the
Sedalia Animal Shelter?

For the month of October, the Sedalia Animal Shelter was able to place 22 dogs and 17 cats into furever homes. 16 lost dogs were returned back to their owners.

Lucy (pictured left) and three other Sedalia Animal Shelter dogs were recently chosen to participate in Puppies for Parole

More information about the Puppies for Parole may be found at: http://www.examiner.com/article/puppies-for-parole-a-second-chance-for-everyone

SAS STAFF PICKS!

There is so much cuteness happening at the Sedalia Animal Shelter that it just wasn't possible for the Sedalia Animal Shelter to pick just one pet of the month for October!

Shelly
Shelly (pictured right) is the most loving little boxer mix you'll ever meet! She is approximately two years old and she soaks up attention like a little canine sponge!

Matthew
Matthew (pictured left) is simply one cool cat! He is so calm and patiently waits his turn for a cuddle. He is a two year old, domestic long hair/mix. They classify his beautiful grey color as "blue."

Playin' at the Park

YOUTH BASKETBALL
Instructional league for grades K-6
Practices begin mid/late November
Games on Saturdays in Jan/Feb
Coaches & Sponsors needed
Register by October 9
$45

YOGA
All levels welcome! All you need is a yoga mat and water bottle.

SUNRISE YOGA
Mondays & Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30 a.m.
October 5-28

EVENING YOGA
Tuesdays & Thursdays 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
October 6-29
Register at the Parks Office before each session begins,
$64 per session
Drop-in rate for individual classes is $10 per class, cash only

FAMILY BOO BASH
Friday, October 23
6:00-8:00 p.m.
$25 per family of 5 or $6 per person
Food, costume contest, games and more!
See website for costume contest times
Register by October 16

TINY TOTS PLAY PARK
Tuesdays & Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Convention Hall Gym
$1.50 per child per class
Or purchase a $10 Punch Pass (10 visits)

Parents must supervise their own children during this special play group. Open to children who have not yet entered school (age 5 and younger). Participants MUST pay (or show their punch pass) in office before entering the gym.

DOWNTOWN TRICK OR TREAT— OCTOBER 30TH!

Sedalia Downtown Development, Inc. (SDDI) will host their annual downtown trick or treat event on Friday, October 30th from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Be sure to look for the paper pumpkin posted in downtown business storefront windows—they'll have a "treat" ready for you!

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