

Did you know that cooking fires are the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries?
Cooking safety starts with YOU.



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK™

Pay attention to fire prevention.

October is Fire Prevention Month

SEDALIA

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE CITY OF SEDALIA

October is Fire Prevention month and this year's Fire Prevention Week theme is "Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention." The annual Fire Prevention week is held October 8-14, 2023.

According to the NFPA (National Fire Prevention Association) US fire departments responded to approximately 172,900 home fires started by cooking activities between the years 2014-2018. This peaks during Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. The leading factors in home cooking fires were listed as:

- Equipment unattended
- Abandoned or discarded material
- Heat sources too close to combustibles
- Unclassified misuse of material
- Failure to clean
- Unintentionally turned on or not turned off

It is important that everyone practice these simple, but effective safety tips from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) when cooking:

- Turn handles toward the back of the stove.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking. If you leave even briefly turn the stove off.
- Set a timer to remind you that something is cooking.
- Have a "kid-free zone" around the stove and other areas where hot food or liquids are being prepared.
- Anything can catch fire, towels, curtains, mitts, wooden utensils.

It's also important to practice safety when cooking outside as well! For more safety tips regarding cooking visit www.nfpa.org.

Remember when in doubt about a small fire, just get out! If you have any questions, please contact the Sedalia Fire department at (660) 826-8044.

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VISION STATEMENT

Dynamic life and
Comfortable living in
Greater Missouri

MISSION

The City of Sedalia is committed to meeting the needs of our community through professional leadership and operational excellence.

We deliver efficient, quality municipal services, create opportunities for growth and protect the quality of life that makes our community a desirable place to live.



GHOULS IN POOLS

Ever seen a floating pumpkin patch? Now you have! Join us on October 20th at the Heckart Community Center for our second annual Ghouls in Pools! Ghouls will have the opportunity to find the perfect floating pumpkin from our floating pumpkin patch! Each child will go home with a pumpkin and a treat bag. This also includes open swim to follow. Make sure to register by October 15th!

BOO BASH

Join us for our annual Boo Bash October 27th at HCC! This spooktacular event is for the whole family! Supper, costume contest, games, craft, hayride, spooky swim, and of course, TREATS will make up the great "ghoulish" fun! Don't miss out on the best family Halloween party around! Guests must pre-register for tickets as there are limited tickets sold!



TRUNK OR TREAT

Join us for Trunk or Treat at Centennial Park on Halloween night! Trunks will be spaced out along the trail at Centennial Park! Walk up to the trunks and trick or treat!

Interested in decorating a trunk? Give us a call or register online for free! Everyone is welcome to enter; the more the merrier! Prize will be awarded to Scariest, Most Creative, and Most Original! Trunk Design! Trunks must provide their own candy to pass out.



DON'T MISS OUT ON THE LAST "FIRST THURSDAY"



HALLOWEEN AT THE HALL

Downtown Sedalia Merchants invite you to their downtown trick or treat event on Tuesday, October 31st from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. All participating downtown businesses will have a paper pumpkin posted in their storefront windows.

Be sure to include the Municipal Building at 200 S. Osage Avenue as part of your haunting tour - we're sure to "scare up" some treats for you!



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