



SEDALIA
Let's Cross Paths

**April
2023**

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE CITY OF SEDALIA

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April is Autism Awareness month. What is autism? According to the website autismspeaks.org, "Autism or autism spectrum disorder (ASD) refers to a broad range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech and nonverbal communication."

According to the CDC website 1 in 44 children have been identified with ASD. It occurs in all racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups. ASD is 4 times more common in boys than girls.

Autism Speaks says that recreational activities are very important for people with autism, because activities provide the opportunity for increased self-confidence for your child.

Find out what your child enjoys within the context of their skills and interest and then give them the opportunity to try multiple activities for a period of time.

You can find some sensory friendly events at our Sedalia Parks & Rec website.

The Heckart Community Center offers a Sensory Friendly Play time on Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. (adult must be present). During this playtime children and families with varying abilities will be given the opportunity to enjoy play time in a sensory friendly and safe environment! This program is included in a HCC membership or the daily pass. Check out the following video for more information on the play time.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RvLNC9Ahysl>

On August 12, 2023 the HCC will also offer a sensory friendly movie night at 5:30 p.m. The movie time will provide children and families with varying abilities the opportunity to enjoy the movie Ratatouille in a sensory friendly and safe environment. The cost will be \$10 per person with a minimum of 15 participants and a maximum of 50.

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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.



3K RUN & WALK

Mapped Out Through Downtown Sedalia

FOR AUTISM

To support local spectrum families

Followed by a

Pancake

Breakfast &

Resource Tables

SATURDAY

APRIL 22ND

Starts And Finishes In Front Of
Wild Jade Boutique
106 W 5th St.

Run/ Walk

8am

Breakfast

9am

Resource Tables

9am-12pm

REGISTER AT
[HTTPS://WWW.SPCUW.ORG/AUTISM-AWARENESS-WALK](https://www.spcuw.org/autism-awareness-walk)

Organized By



CONGRATULATIONS to the following councilmembers for receiving their community's voting support on Tuesday, April 4, 2023!

First Ward
Thomas Oldham

Second Ward
Chris Marshall

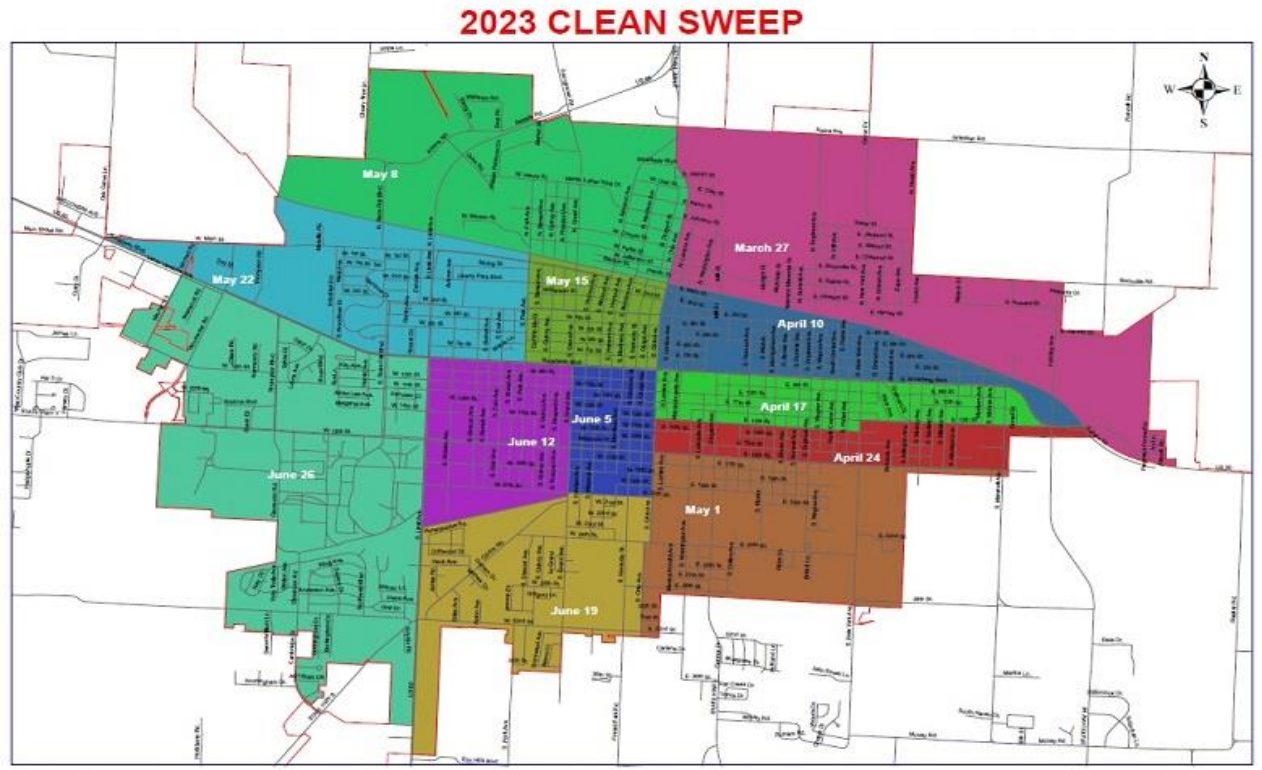
Third Ward
Bob Hiller (1-year term)
Bob Cross

Fourth Ward
Steve Bloess

The re-elected councilmembers noted above will be sworn in at the April 17, 2023 City Council meeting. The public is welcome to attend.



A reminder - Clean Sweep 2023 is underway! Please visit <https://www.sedalia.com/connect/departments/public-works-infrastructure/sanitation-recycling/bulk-waste/clean-sweep/> for more information.



April



AQUATICS

Outdoor Pool and Cabana rentals are now available!
Know someone interested in lifeguarding?

Lifeguard Certification Course- April 6th-8th at the HCC

- Must be at least 15 years old before the last scheduled class session
- \$150 for a 2 year certification
- \$75 for returning guards

YOUTH & ADULT SPORTS

Tee Ball- register by April 16th

Ages 5-6 years, practices during May and games on Tuesdays and Thursdays in June

Adult Softball- register by April 16th

Ages 16+, league play starts May 15th



SPECIAL EVENTS

Princess Party— Register by April 7th

Friday, April 14th from 6-730pm at Convention Hall

Come dressed as your favorite princess and join us for an event of royal games, magical crafts, and more!

Heart and Heroes— Register by April 15th

Saturday, April 22nd from 6-8pm at Convention Hall

Enjoy an evening of dancing with your special girl at our Cinderella themed event.



April's First Thursday!



Arbor Day Celebrated

The City of Sedalia's Tree Board hosted a 2-day event to celebrate Arbor Day.

The first day, Friday, April 7th began with a forest walk with Jess Thenhaus, a trained Forest and Nature Therapy guide, at Bothwell Lodge State Park at 2:00 p.m. followed by a 4:00 p.m. tree planting service at Liberty Park with Mayor Andrew Dawson reading and signing an Arbor Day proclamation.

Saturday, April 8th featured 2 more walks with Ms. Thenhaus both at Bothwell Lodge State Park, one at 9:00 a.m. and one at 11:00 a.m.

Sedalia is proud of its participation in the Tree City USA Program. This year marks the City's fourteenth year of designation as a Tree City USA.



The four standards for accomplishing Tree City USA recognition is for the community to have a Tree Board, adoption of a Tree Care Ordinance, a community forestry program of at least \$2 per capita, and a proclamation and observation of Arbor Day.

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