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SPRING IS IN THE AIR !!!!

There is no better sign that spring is in the air than seeing the commencement of city projects.

Phase 1 of the Fillebrowne Street project commenced with the cutting of trees and the clearing of the right-of-way. This project has been several years in the making and numerous easements and permits were needed before commencement.

Any day the construction trailers will be placed at the Northside Wastewater Treatment Plant to commence construction of the floodwall to prevent the facility from flooding when the river is in flood stage. This was made possible in part by the 1.3 million dollar grant the city received for the project.

Construction will also be starting soon on the Orange Avenue/Lawrence Street to rectify a drainage problem that is washing away the embankment. Also scheduled this spring is culvert replacement at the far west end of Young Street that was severely damaged by a tree that came downstream during a high-water event.

School Resource Officer Mike Byrd successfully completed DARE (Drug Awareness Resistance Education) Training and will be teaching classes at the Elementary School.

Lieutenant Todd Gordon and Officer James Buckingham recently completed Crisis Intervention Training. Upon completion of the course, officers/first responders are better equipped to:

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- Understand common signs and symptoms of mental illnesses and co-occurring disorders;
 - Recognize when those signs and symptoms represent a crisis situation;
 - Safely de-escalate individuals experiencing behavioral health crises;
 - Utilize community resources and diversion strategies to provide assistance.
- At the heart of effective CIT programs is officers who volunteer to be identified as a CIT officer and who are skilled and passionate about responding to these calls.

Chief Faber's goal is to have all staff certified in Crisis Intervention.

The Marseilles CERT Team (Community Emergency Response Team) was started after the Flood of 2013 in response to a need for volunteers that can help support their communities during disasters. The CERT Program offers training in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, and disaster medical operations. With proper CERT training, you can help protect your family, neighbors, and co-workers if a disaster occurs. The Marseilles Chapter is currently seeking new members who would be interested in volunteering to be on CERT and to attend the required CERT Training Class. Please call Marseilles City Hall at 815-795-2133 if you are interested.

CERT Safety Tip of the Month

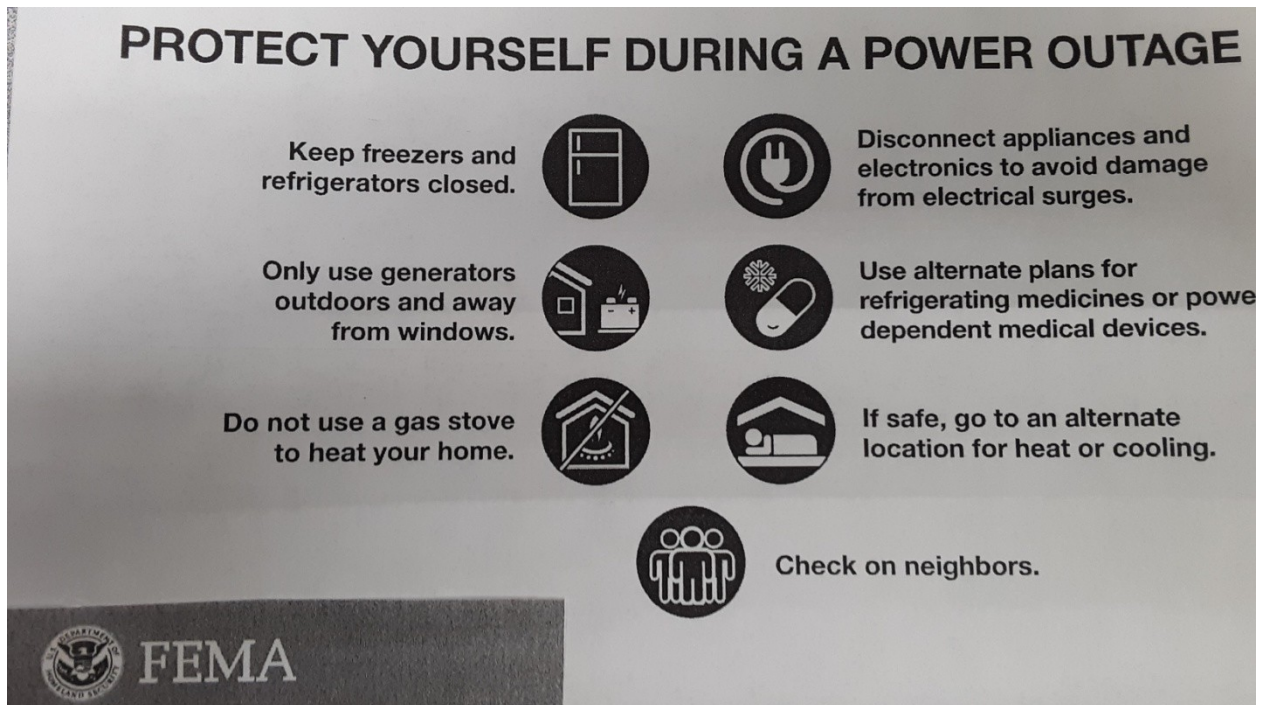
Power Outage Safety

Immediately Report your outage to AMEREN at 800-755-5000 or COMED at 800-334-7661. Don't wait for someone else to call them, make that call!

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