

The logo for the City of Calhoun January 2024. It features the words "CITY OF CALHOUN" in a blue, serif font, arched over a blue semi-circle. Inside the semi-circle are white snowflake designs. Below the semi-circle, the word "JANUARY" is written in a large, blue, stylized font with a white outline. At the bottom, the year "2024" is written in a blue, sans-serif font.

CITY OF CALHOUN JANUARY 2024

New Water Rates went into effect on the January water bill. Rates increased by \$0.15 minimum and \$0.15 per 1000 gallons. This increase was implemented to cover the annual increase the City receives from Henry County Public Water District #3 for the purchase of water.

The City Clerk will be out of the office from January 23-29 and City Hall will be closed for business. If you have an emergency during this time, please contact maintenance personnel Ron Phillips at 660-217-2135.

It's wintertime in Missouri. Temperatures can change drastically in a short amount of time. Be prepared this winter and keep your water pipes from freezing or bursting by taking the following steps:

- Insulate pipes in your home's crawl spaces, attic, and garage. These exposed pipes are most susceptible to freezing. The more insulation you use, the better protected your pipes are. Newspaper can provide some degree of insulation and protection to exposed pipes. Even 1/4" of newspaper can provide significant protection in areas that usually do not have frequent or prolonged temperatures below freezing.
- Wrap pipes with heat tape or thermostatically controlled heat cables. Be sure to follow all manufacturers' installation and operation instructions.
- Seal spots that allow cold air inside, near where pipes are located (i.e. around electrical wiring, dryer vents, and other pipes), with caulk or insulation. When it's extremely cold, a tiny opening can let in enough cold air to cause a pipe to freeze.
- Disconnect garden hoses and, if practical, use an indoor valve to shut off and drain water from pipes leading to outside faucets.
- Keep garage doors closed if there are water supply lines in the garage.
- When the temperature or wind chile is below freezing, let your warm and cold water drip from your faucet. Running water through the pipes, even at a trickle, helps prevent pipes from freezing.
- Open kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing.
- Keep the thermostat set to the same temperature both during the day and night. By temporarily suspending the use of lower nighttime temperatures, you may incur a higher heating bill, but you can prevent a much more costly repair job if pipes freeze and burst.

If you experience a broken pipe, contact City Hall to let us know as we can adjust your water bill for a leak.

CALHOUN COLT SHOW

The next Colt Show meeting will be held on Monday, January 22nd at 6 p.m. at the Colt Show Building. We will be selecting this year's Grand Marshal, book dedication and art work. If you have a suggestion, please attend this meeting. Suggestions can also be left with any Colt Show member or by calling City Hall at 660-694-3634.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Monday, January 1st – New Year's Day – City Hall Closed

Monday, January 8th – City Council Meeting – 7 p.m. – City Hall

Friday, January 12th – Harvester's Food Pantry – Approx. 1:30 p.m. – Colt Show Bldg.

Monday, January 15th – Martin Luther King Jr. Day – City Hall Closed

Monday, January 22nd – Colt Show Meeting – 6 p.m. – Colt Show Bldg.

January 23-January 29 – City Hall Closed

JOKES OF THE MONTH

In a class on abnormal psychology, the instructor was about to introduce the subject of manic depression.

She posed this question to her students: "What would you call a patient who walks back and forth screaming at the top of his lungs one minute, then sits down weeping uncontrollably the next?"

A young man in the rear raised his hand. "A football coach?"

As the kindergarten class settled down to its coloring books, little Willie came up to the teacher's desk. "Teacher, I ain't got no crayons."

"Willie," the teacher said, "You mean, 'I don't have any crayons.' Or, 'You don't have any crayons,' or 'We don't have any crayons.' Or 'They don't have any crayons.' See what I mean?"

"Yeah," Willie said. "So what happened to all them crayons?"

**HAVE A SAFE AND
PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR!**