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# Dexter Residents - SCAM ALERT!

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**Dexter, Missouri - RED ALERT! RED ALERT!** Scammers are calling around saying they are with the City of Dexter Street Department and trying to get you to give them money. They are using the number 573-624-6158. The City is not a credit card company and wouldn't call to get you to pay on a credit card nor get you to sign up for one. Please be cautious when people call and if you have a gut feeling it might be a scam, double check your sources.

The sports ad scam from CW Promotions is also still going around, so be aware. The school is not affiliated with any kind of advertising program.

Scammers are calling saying that they are AmerenUE but the number shows up private and that your electricity will be shut off in so many minutes and you must call their billing department at 800-953-9105. This will sound like a legit recording but it is not. To double check call number on your Ameren Missouri statement.

We try to get the information out to everyone, so please spread the word.

Please contact Police Department at 624-5512 if you are contacted.

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# City of Dexter Offices Closed for Holiday

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**Dexter, Missouri** - The city of Dexter administrative offices will be closed Friday, December 23rd from noon - 5:00 p.m. and Monday, December 26th for the Christmas holiday. They will also be closed on Monday, January 2, 2016 for the New Year's holiday.

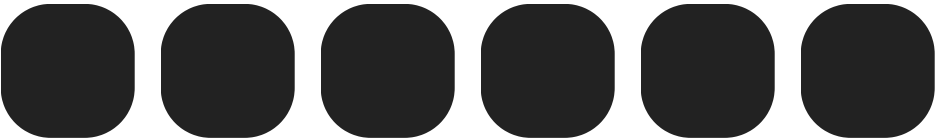
Trash will be one day late the week of December 26th and January 2nd. There will be no bulk pick up on Friday, January 6th.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the City of Dexter.

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# Click It or Ticket

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**Dexter, Missouri** - Dexter Police Department ticketed 4 motorists for not wearing seat belts during the Nov. 25 Click It or Ticket mobilization. Law enforcement agencies throughout Missouri participated in this statewide effort to get more motorists to buckle up — and save more lives.

During the enforcement effort, officers issued a total of 4 traffic citations including 1 citation for driving while revoked/suspended, 1 for uninsured motorist and 3 other traffic citations.

Despite evidence proving the benefits of wearing a seat belt, nearly one in five Missouri motorists are still not making it click. Even more concerning, six out of ten Missourians killed in traffic crashes are unbuckled.

“Seat belts are your single best defense in a crash,” stated LT Joshua Benton, Dexter PD. “We will continue to encourage drivers to make a simple, smart choice to buckle up and Arrive Alive.”

For more information on Missouri’s seat belt use, visit [www.saveMOlives.com](http://www.saveMOlives.com). Buckle Up and Arrive Alive.

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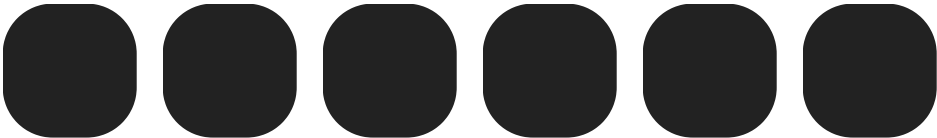
Dexter, Missouri - On Tuesday, November 15th North Locust Street (from Holmes Drive north to the city limits) in Dexter, Missouri will be closed for street repairs from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Please take alternate route. Thank you!

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## MDC Says Southeast Missouri Fall Colors Are Peaking

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MDC Says Southeast Missouri Fall Colors Are Peaking

*Warm weather has subdued colors, but there are pockets of splendor to enjoy.*

**Cape Girardeau, Missouri** - The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) says fall is at last in full splendor in southeast Missouri. White oaks, including post oaks, are moving to their russet colored leaves as the green is disappearing. Red oaks, including pin oak, shumard oak, and northern red oak also exhibit spectacles of auburn. Hickories continue their move, transforming into gold and flaxen qualities.

Jennifer Behnken, MDC’s community forester for the southeast region, says the region’s fall color has been delayed and subdued as compared to other years, due to warmer than usual temperatures. That doesn’t mean there aren’t views to enjoy though. Behnken recommends several routes in southeast Missouri that offer beautiful autumn-painted vistas and country scenes.

“I suggest Highway 21, especially in the Ironton and Arcadia Valley area for some pretty

scenes,” Behnken said, adding a recommendation for driving views along Highways 67, 32, 25, 21, 72, and 49.

“Places on the must see list include Buford Mountain Conservation Area, Hughes Mountain Natural Area, Johnson Shut Ins State Park, Taum Sauk State Park, and Elephant Rocks State Park,” Behnken said.

In these areas, various species of trees add different colors to the scene. Eastern hophornbeam tints the forest mid-story with creamy yellow shades. Sumacs, dogwoods, and sassafras add ruby and pomegranate grandeur to accompany the tones of blonde. Silver maple trees join the group, some exhibiting lemony colors while others are ablaze in cherry. Sugar maples complete the color wheel, decorating the landscape in brilliance and beauty.

Behnken added that she’s noticed persimmon trees across the region are loaded with fruits and the area’s had a good overall crop of walnuts, hickories and acorns.

“Watch your footing as you enjoy a stroll through the neighborhoods, parks and conservation areas,” she cautioned. “Acorns, hickory nuts, and walnuts on the ground may require maneuvering adjustments to deter any accidental stumbles.”

Fall is a good time for actions other than enjoying the show, Behnken added.

“This is a great time for plantings,” she said. “I think fall planting is a bit better, since trees are entering dormancy and can focus growth on the roots instead of the leaves.”

But she cautioned fall planters to not forget to continue watering new plantings until the first frost sets in.

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