

News from City Hall

The Blessings Box provided by 4-H will be open to all residents beginning October 1st. Any donations (food or monetary) can be dropped off at City Hall. Examples of items are canned fruits or vegetables, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, crackers, boxed dinners, canned meat or seafood, laundry soap, dish soap, paper products, snack bags, cereal, fruit snacks, personal hygiene products. Please contact City Hall if you are interested in being a sponsor for the Blessings Box. The box will be located outside Newton Hall.

Please **DO NOT** flush anything down the toilet that isn't toilet paper! Diapers, trash, plastic, needles, etc. are all getting caught up in the sewer plant and creating problems.

Once opened, the new brush site will be at the far north end of the mud track. This **NEW** site is the only authorized site, all other sites are permanently **CLOSED**. Do not drive the track if it is muddy. We are not responsible for pulling people out that get stuck. Do not drive on the grass. **ACCEPTED**: yard waste, leaves, tree trimmings, or limbs. **NOT ACCEPTED**: Large trunks, trash, boards, tires, food, etc. is not. If you see anyone dumping items that are not allowed, please call City Hall. If the brush site rules are not followed and respected, the city will close the site indefinitely.

Water bill payments- Water bills (city utilities) are sent out the first of the month with a due date of the 20th. Late fees of \$10 are applied to accounts that are not paid by the 20th. Past due notices (red tags) are sent out the first of the following month when the meters are being read for the new bills. You have five days to pay your past due balance. The second red tag is sent out on the 5th for any past due account not paid and water is then turned off with a \$25 reconnect fee added. There are no extensions on payments. Payments are due by the dates listed with no exceptions. Communication on payments must go through City Hall and not the clerk's personal phone or personal social media. City Hall contact is 660-928-3281, email skidmore@nwmo.net, or the city's Facebook page at [City of Skidmore City Hall](#).

New meters- new meters are still being installed. Workers will be in your yard and on the streets. Please do not mow or drive over your new meter lid!! This will ruin your lid and radio device. When the new billing system is set up and the digital reads take place, chances are you will see an increase in your bill because it will catch a more accurate usage. The usage has always been there, just not caught with the old meters.

The city audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, is available for viewing at City Hall.

Rick Tygart mailed a book and letter to City Hall for Skidmore's historical records. The book appears to be a journal or school ledger of some sort with all messages to "Mary". Dates range from 1887-1892. Rick found these things in his dad's possession after he passed. The Skidmore family name was "Bosley", Anna and Osa. Please stop by City Hall to view the book, read its entries, and share some history on Anna and Osa. Also, we would all like to know who Mary was.

The city thanks Ben Marion for all his help around the community.

City Hall will be closed Monday October 10 for Columbus Day.

Please scan the QR code on the United Fiber flyer for the speeds test. Copies are at City Hall if you didn't receive one on your door.

Thank you.