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# Moving Forward

## April 2017



PUBLIC CITY NEWSLETTER FOR THE CITY OF SEDALIA

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There's a fresh new face at the Sedalia Animal Shelter! Randi Battson, pictured above with her Border Collie Toby, started her new job as Animal Shelter Services Manager on Monday, March 27, 2017.

Randi has lived in the Sedalia area since 2003. She is married to Jed and has a son named Jackson and a daughter named Clancy.

Jed is a horse trainer and a farrier. Randi and Jed both show quarter horses and raise border collies like Toby.

While Randi was born in Oregon, Missouri near St. Joseph, she spent her childhood in Carrollton. While Randi was in college, her parents moved to Sedalia where her mother was employed as a librarian at Smith-Cotton High School and her father was the director of State Fair Community College's career and technical center.

Randi graduated from Missouri Valley College with two degrees; one in Mass Communication and the other in English.

As of April 4, 2017, per City Council approval, the Sedalia Animal Shelter transitioned from being under the direction of the Sedalia Police Department to that of a stand-alone department (much like the Sedalia Airport or Sedalia Cemetery).

While the transition will not effect services provided by the shelter or the shelter's great relationship with the Police Department, by being their own department, the Sedalia Animal Shelter will have direct input over their specific budgetary and operational policies.

Stop by the Sedalia Animal Shelter at 2420 S. New York to say hello to Randi. If, by chance, you fall in love with a shelter pet while you're there; well, that my friend is serendipity!

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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.



## City to Celebrate Arbor Day on April 7, 2017



The City of Sedalia, in cooperation with the Missouri Department of Conservation, the Citizens Committee for Smart Growth and the Tree Board invites citizens to celebrate Arbor Day on Friday, April 7, 2017 at Bothwell Lodge State Historic site located at 19350 Bothwell State Park Road, starting at 3:30 p.m. The public will have the opportunity to learn about and participate in a program called Shinrin-yoku. According to the website, [www.shinrin-yoku.org](http://www.shinrin-yoku.org), “Shinrin-yoku is a term that means ‘taking in the forest atmosphere’ or ‘forest bathing.’”

Lindsee Godsey, official Shinrin-yoku guide, will be in attendance and give a brief overview of ‘forest bathing.’ She will also be holding forest walks on Friday at 4:00 pm and Saturday at 10:00 am. The cost for the walk is \$25 per person. The walks will be limited in size so please contact Ellen Cross in the Public Works Department 660-827-3000 x 1166 to reserve a spot or for additional information. The City of Sedalia Tree Board will recognize area businesses that have participated in past Arbor Day celebrations. They will also recognize businesses that have included trees in their landscaping throughout green spaces and/or parking lots. The Missouri Department of Conservation will be providing tree seedlings to the public. The selection will be Shell Bark Hickory, White Oak and Hazel Nut.

## GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY – REFUSE COLLECTION CHANGE

The City of Sedalia will observe Good Friday on Friday, April 14, 2017. Offices in the Municipal Building will be closed in observance of the holiday. All City offices will reopen on Monday, April 17, 2017 for normal business hours.

**All City trash collections will occur one day earlier in the week than the normal collection schedule:**

Tuesday, April 11, 2017 trash pickup will occur on Monday, April 10, 2017  
 Wednesday, April 12, 2017 trash pickup will occur on Tuesday, April 11, 2017  
 Thursday, April 13, 2017 trash pickup will occur on Wednesday, April 12, 2017  
 Friday, April 14, 2017 trash pickup will occur on Thursday, April 13, 2017

***City offices will be closed on Friday, April 14, 2017. No trash pickup will occur on this date. The Materials Management Site will be closed on Sunday, April 16, 2017. The City’s Materials Management Site will be open on Friday, April 14, 2017 and Saturday, April 15, 2017.***

## What a Trooper!



March 2017 has been a remarkable whirlwind of activity at the Sedalia Animal Shelter and most of it’s due to the sweet little face pictured left. On March 13, the SAS team started The Trooper Fund in order to help with Trooper’s amputation surgery – surgery needed for an injury he received prior to arriving at the Sedalia Animal Shelter.

Thanks to the support of our citizens and area businesses, not only did Trooper obtain his surgery but The Trooper Fund will continue to be a viable, active fund that may be used to help other pets who have suffered traumatic injuries.

Now Trooper is almost ready to go home! Trooper wants to let everyone know that his staples will be removed today, April 5, 2017, then he would really like to start investigating the possibility of heading home to someone who has the heart, time and snuggle experience to guarantee him a happy future.

Are you possibly this person/family? The Sedalia Animal Shelter would like people interested in adopting Trooper to stop by the shelter, fill out an application and visit with the Shelter Staff. As you can see, Trooper has become a part of the SAS family and we would like to make sure his transition from the shelter to his forever home is a “pawsitive” experience.

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to our three City Council incumbents who received their ward's voting support on Tuesday, April 4! We are also pleased to welcome new Fourth Ward Councilmember Megan Page to the Sedalia team. These councilmembers will be sworn in at the April 17, 2017 City Council meeting with a reception held afterward to thank outgoing Fourth Ward Councilmember Mary Merritt for her service and to celebrate the appointment of this year's newly elected officials.

## April 2017 Meetings

**City Council Meeting**  
April 3

**No Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting for April**

**Park Board Meeting**  
April 6

**CBCD Board of Directors Meeting**  
April 6

**Public Library Board Meeting**  
April 10

**Sedalia Historic Preservation Commission Meeting**  
April 11

**Citizens Traffic Advisory Commission Meeting**  
April 12

**Rental Inspection Committee Meeting**  
April 12

**City Council Meeting**  
April 17

**Citizens Committee for Smart Growth Meeting**  
April 20

**Bothwell Regional Health Center  
Board of Trustees Meeting**  
April 25

**Public Works Board Meeting**  
April 26

## Playin' at the Park!

### EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 8  
10:00 a.m. Sharp  
For kids up to age 10  
Liberty Park  
FREE



### PAWS IN THE PARK EGG HUNT

(An egg hunt for your 4-legged friends!)  
Saturday, April 8  
2:00 p.m.  
Clover Dell Dog Park  
Donations accepted for Sedalia Animal Shelter  
Photos with the Easter Bunny available for purchase

### SUMMER SOFTBALL (ADULT)

Open Registration ends April 18  
Monday Co-Ed Recreation or Intermediate  
Tuesday Men's Recreation or Intermediate  
Thursday Co-Ed Recreation  
Leagues are 8 games, \$300 per team  
Doubleheader leagues are 12 games; \$400 per team  
See registration packet on website for full details

### DADDY & ME DATE NIGHT

Saturday, April 29  
6:00-8:00 p.m.  
For girls age 3-12 and their "date"  
\$30 per couple, \$10 add'l daughter  
Register by April 19

### TINY TOTS PLAY PARK

Tuesdays & Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 a.m.  
Convention Hall Gym  
\$2.00 per child per class  
Or purchase a \$15 Punch Pass (10 visits)  
Parents must supervise their own children during this special play group.  
Open to children who have not yet entered school (age 5 and younger).  
Participants MUST pay (or show their punch pass) in office before entering the gym.  
Program ends April 27 (program returns in September)



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