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**MOVING FORWARD**

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PUBLIC NEWSLETTER FOR THE CITY OF SEDALIA

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## Introducing a New Director for the Sedalia Regional Airport

Since June 22, 2020, the Sedalia Regional Airport has been under the leadership of Director Derrick Dodson.

While the position is new for Derrick, many of Sedalia’s City Staff are familiar with him as he started with the Sedalia Police Department as a Police Officer in October 2018. Dodson then moved to a paid reserve position in August of 2019 and continues to serve as a reserve officer to date.

Derrick’s educational and professional pursuits seemed to have been tailored towards the day when he’d assume the role of Airport Director. His passion for flying and aviation drove him to learn more about airplanes

and airports. Dodson has a Bachelors of Science degree in Aviation Administration, a private pilot’s license and 18 years of experience in law enforcement. Desiring a job within the aviation field, Dodson became a licensed aircraft mechanic and worked as an aviation mechanic and inspector for five years prior to taking the role of Airport Director.

Derrick and his wife, Jaime, have lived in Sedalia for approximately three years. Jaime is a Professor of Nursing at University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg.

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Bill is careful in the kitchen. Bill is alert and keeps a lid nearby when cooking.

**Be like Bill!**

Learn how to be careful in the kitchen at [fpw.org](http://fpw.org).

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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.



Kitchen fires are a significant cause of fires everywhere and Sedalia is no different. Many times we contain it to the kitchen so there is never any press on it. News only seems to report the large fires because those are the ones they hear about. However, even a kitchen fire that we contain to that area can produce enough smoke to fill the entire home and cause smoke damage in other areas. That smell is extremely difficult to get out of furnishings and clothing. A small fire can cause a lot of damages. Not to mention the life safety concerns that come with every fire.

- Never leave cooking food unattended. Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling or broiling. If you have to leave, even for a short time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you're cooking.
- You have to be alert when cooking. You won't be alert if you are sleepy, have taken medicine or drugs, or consumed alcohol that makes you drowsy.
- Always keep an oven mitt and pan lid nearby when you're cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan to smother the flame. Turn off the burner, and leave the pan covered until it is completely cool.
- Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

The City of Sedalia was recently notified it has received a \$10,000 TRIM grant through the Missouri Department of Conservation for completion of a partial tree re-inventory along certain street right-of-ways on public property and within City parks.

The City of Sedalia's selected contractor, will begin data collection around mid-December for tree data from two areas having the approximate boundaries of 11TH St. to 16th St. between S. Quincy Ave. and S. Lamine Ave.; U.S. Highway 50 between S. Lamine Ave. to the eastern City Limits; and City Parks including: Housel Park, Liberty Park and Vermont Park. These areas include approximately 1,950 public trees. The entire tree re-inventory data collection process should be completed by February 28, 2021. Data collected will include, but is not limited to, location, species, tree size, stems, condition, location rating, primary maintenance needs, secondary maintenance needs, risk assessment, risk rating, and observations. This information assists the City in addressing tree maintenance needs and removal of dead or decaying trees.

Additionally, residents will be receiving a Tree Care Calendar containing information about the care of trees throughout the year as well as specific information about the Emerald Ash Borer and Oak Wilt Disease. The Tree Care Calendar will be included in residents' October Utility Billing.

## PLAYIN' AT THE PARK

### Yoga

October 29-November 19

Funk-tional Yoga Thursdays 9:00-10:00 a.m.

or

Evening Yoga Thursdays 5:30-6:30 p.m.

\$32 per session

**Register by October 26**

### Pound

Mondays November 2-23 5:30-6:15 p.m.

\$20 per session

or

Wednesdays November 15-29 6:30-7:15 p.m.

\$15 per session

**Register by October 29**

### Virtual Halloween Costume Contest

Submit photos by October 29

visit [www.sedaliaparks.com](http://www.sedaliaparks.com) for more information

One entry per person

### Drive -Thru Trunk or Treat

Friday October 30

5:00-7:00

Liberty Park

FREE

### Belly Dancing

Wednesdays November 4-18

6:30-7:30 p.m.

\$21

**Register by October 30**

### Sit & Fit

Thursdays November 5-19

9:00-10:00 a.m.

\$12

**Register by November 3**

### Jingle Bell 5K

Saturday December 19

Check-In: 7:30 a.m.

Race Starts: 8:30 a.m.

Kids 5K \$30

Ages 13+ 5K \$35

**Register by November 19 to be guaranteed race pullover shirt**

## TRICK OR TREAT – OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup>!

We have learned that several downtown businesses plan on hosting the downtown trick or treat event on Friday, October 30, 2020 from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Be sure to include the Municipal Building at 200 S. Osage Avenue as part of your haunting tour - we're sure to "scare up" some treats for you!



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