



Hello, neighbors.

It's time to renew your pet licenses. Herculaneum requires licenses for dogs and cats, and those permits are good for a year beginning July 1.

Licenses are available via mail or in person at Herculaneum city offices, 1 Parkwood Lane. Cost: \$5 per pet, payable with cash or check. Requirements: Owners must provide proof of rabies vaccinations.

Did you know Herculaneum limits pets to four per household?

Additional details are available on a PDF that can be downloaded at [Dog Tag Information.pdf \(cityofherculaneum.gov\)](#)

Questions: City Hall at 636-475-4447.



There have been recent instances of stray animals in Stonewater. According to Herculaneum ordinances, an animal shall be deemed to be at large when it is off the property of its owner and not under the restraint or within the immediate control of a competent person. That includes the fellow at left.

If a stray animal bites or injures a person, contact Herculaneum Police at 646-479-3922.

There is a problem: Herculaneum no longer has a contract with Jefferson County for animal control services. According to Jefferson County Animal Control, service was dropped because of a lack of animal control officers. If issues arise, contact Jefferson County Animal control at 636-797-5577.

Your vote counts

Unless you have been living in a cave, you know this is an election year. Next up for Herculaneum is the August primaries. Parties will select candidates for the November general election on Aug. 2. The general election is Nov. 8.

Are you registered to vote? To vote in the primary, you must register by July 6. Find out how here: [Register to Vote \(mo.gov\)](https://www.mo.gov)

Races being contested in November include a U.S. Senate seat, U.S. representative and county government offices.

Reminder: Herculaneum residents vote at AmVets Post 42, 690 Joachim Ave.

Fireworks

Herculaneum permits discharging fireworks through July 7.



A community fireworks event is planned July 2 on Living Water Court, beginning at 5 p.m. Emphasis is on safety. Thus, Living Water will be closed that evening with traffic only for court residents. Plans call for a visit by Dunklin Fire Protection District personnel with a truck, and at least one vendor.

Because of safety concerns, residents are asked to park on one side of Waters Edge Way from its intersections with Living Water and Rolling Stone. That will allow access for emergency services vehicles.

Residents are asked to clean up discharged fireworks as soon as possible, hopefully within 24 hours. Please exercise care in using pyrotechnic devices to avoid injury and property damage.

Also keep children at a safe distance and under control.

Reminder: Trash collection will be delayed because of the Independence Day holiday. **Instead of Friday, pickup will be Saturday, July 9.**

Going somewhere?



It's vacation time; who is watching your house while you are out of town?

Please let neighbors know when you are away for an extended time. Have family members swing by to check inside. Or call the Herculanum Police Department. Law enforcement provides a vacation watch, with officers stopping by to check on your residence. That includes a walkaround to

make sure there is no sign of forced entry or damage.

Residents can request a vacation watch by calling Herky PD at 636-479-4791. For a list of safety tips for securing your home while on vacation, visit CityofHerculanum.gov and click the police department tab.

Other advice:

- **Stop your mail.** Contact the Pevely post office for information. However, it's also a good idea to let a friend know to check your mailbox in case of delivery error, and to watch your front porch to collect packages delivered by other services.
- **Got an alarm system?** Use it, and let the service know you are out of town.
- **Make sure doors and windows are locked.** It's also good to add a bar to prevent opening them.
- **Use lights, timers and motion-activated devices.** A light left on for days can be a signal that no one is at home.
- **Don't announce your absence.** Having fun away from home is great, but beware posting on social media that you are away.
- **Use a house sitter.** Having someone in your house is highly recommended.
- **Be careful with spare keys.** Reconsider hiding a key under a deck, mat or rock. You're better off leaving one with a neighbor.
- **Don't forget to secure other areas.** Make sure cars are locked and in a well-lighted location. Avoid leaving them on the street. Disable garage door openers.
- **Got a pool?** Consider draining it or using a secure cover.

Last word

If you plan outdoor activities, make sure to keep hydrated. Water is your best friend to keep high levels of fluids and electrolytes. Sports drinks and fruit with high fluid content are also helpful. Avoid alcoholic and caffeinated beverages.

Check out these tips:

[Ways to Stay Hydrated in Summer - Urology Care Foundation \(urologyhealth.org\)](http://UrologyCareFoundation.org)

Let's be careful out there.