



September Events



- September 2- Labor Day-Office will be closed
- September 3- Council Meeting @ 7pm
- September 5- Hour of Prayer @ Noon
- September 13-15- Waverly Apple Jubilee
- September 19- Road District Meeting
- September 22- Autumn Begins! 
- September 25-Flower Club Meeting



The City would like to remind everyone of Ordinance 522, Section 3, Line 11 & 12; pertaining to Nuisances: (11) Dead trees and dead limbs of trees so located that the falling thereof would endanger the safety of persons using any public sidewalk in said City, or endanger the safety of any pedestrian or occupant of any motor vehicle traveling upon any public street. (12) Tree limbs and branches which overhang any public sidewalk or public street of such height above sidewalk of street as shall impede and interfere with the use of said sidewalk by any person, or impede and interfere with the use of said street by a pedestrian or the operator of any motor vehicle, or shall endanger the safety of any person using public sidewalk, or endanger the safety of any pedestrian or occupant or any motor vehicle traveling upon any public street.

The City asks that all branches be trimmed eighteen (18) feet above the ground so that all Road District and City tractors can easily operate during regular street maintenance and snow removal!



Local Fairs in September

- Concordia Fall Festival-September 4-7th
- Waverly Apple Jubilee-September 13-14th
- Higginsville Country Fair-September 21st



The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall

September 4-8, 2013

Concordia, Missouri



Opening Ceremony

Wednesday, September 4th at 7pm

Pre-service music at 6:30pm

Closing Ceremony

Sunday, September 8th at 2pm

Pre-service music at 1:30pm

I was reading through a History book of Alma from the beginning to 1936 this week and found it fitting to tell you a little about why our streets are named what they are since we just wrapped up our street oiling project.

Chapter I-Location & Origin

To start off, records showed that Alma was founded in 1878 by Captain Erwin Zeysing of Waverly and John M. Woodson, a St. Louis lawyer. The town was named for the latter's daughter, Alma, and in whose memory Mr. Woodson also donated and deeded to the town the park adjoining the depot. The word "Alma" is a feminine proper noun which means "Nourishing and Cherishing." Most certainly this reveals the spirit of Alma during its progressive history. Originally Mr. Woodson and Captain Zeysing owned most of the land on the north side of the railroad. At first the people felt that the prices they held for their lots were too high; consequently, the south side was settled and developed several years before the north side. It is odd, indeed, that a name has never been given to the main business street. Abstracts, deeds, and insurance contracts give its name as County Road; however, in recent years it has been commonly referred to as Main Street despite the fact that there is an original Main Street.

Most of the streets in the city were named after people who lived here.

Edna: Located East of T.C. Marshall's residence; named after Edna Horstman, daughter of H.H. Horstman.

South Railroad Ave: North of H.J. Dieckhoff's residence; so-called because it runs parallel to the railroad.

Collins St: North of Dieckhoff's Implement Store; named after Samuel C. Collins.

Marshall St: South of Alma Lumber Company; named after T.C. Marshall.

Lincoln Ave: South of F.W. McClure's residence; named after President Abraham Lincoln.

Clara Ave: South of L.T. Francis's residence; named after Clara Horstman, daughter of H.H. Horstman.

Flora Ave: South of Charles Brockhoff's residence; named after Flora Horstman, daughter of H.H. Horstman.

Waverly Ave: North from Depot, so-called because it led to the road toward Waverly.

Zeysing Ave: East of Martha Gieselman's residence; named after Captain Erwin Zeysing.

Chapter V-Schools

One of the first schools in the vicinity of Alma was the old Shelby College on the present S.W. Fletcher farm. This institution was founded and established several years before Alma was settled; in fact, by 1880 the college was no longer maintained. It was constructed on a five-acre track, and to the north of the college was built a home for the teachers. Among the students of this boarding school were Ike Taylor, Jonas Lewis, and the mother and uncles of S.W. Fletcher. One of the first instructors of the college was Professor Clark.