

# CITY OF CALHOUN FEBRUARY 2025

**WATER INFORMATION:** I'm sure everyone has heard something about the alleged possible contamination to Montrose Lake and Truman Lake from fly ash stored at the Every power plant (the former Montrose power plant). As most of you know, Calhoun gets its water from Henry County Public Water Supply District #3 (PWSD #3), who pulls the water from Truman Lake. The treatment facility is located in Clinton, Missouri on Highway 13 South. I have been asked if Calhoun water is safe to drink. My answer is that all of the information I have at this time, says YES, the water is safe to drink. I have recently been in contact with PWSD #3 to find out if they have tested and what those test results show. I was told by Benjamin Bogedain, the Manager for PWSD #3, that they are required to test for metals annually. In May, 2024 the water at the Henry County Water Treatment Plant was tested for the following metals, and all tests were within normal limits, with most being found ND (non-detectable): A copy of these test results can be obtained from Henry County Public Water District #3 or at the Calhoun City Hall.

**Calcium, Magnesium, Potassium, Sodium, Aluminum, Antimony, Arsenic, Barium, Beryllium, Cadmium, Chromium, Copper, Lead, Manganese, Mercury, Nickel, Selenium, Silver, Thallium Zink, Radium-228 and Gross Alpha Particle Activity.**

In light of the current allegations and to assure the safety of the drinking water, Mr. Bogedain told me that PWSD #3 was preparing to perform another metals test and these test results should be available in approximately 30 days, which I have requested a copy of as well. Calhoun and PWSD #3 will continue to perform monthly testing for coliforms as required by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

**APRIL ELECTION:** The City of Calhoun accepted candidate filings through December 31, 2024 for the April 8, 2025 election for the positions of Mayor and Aldermen. As of the closing date, three individuals have filed for the position of Mayor and three individuals have filed for two openings for Aldermen. For Mayor, the candidates are as follows: Incumbent Mayor Audrey Osborne, Randi Huffmann, and C. Tom Colwell. For Aldermen: incumbent J.C. Brown, incumbent David Lambkin, and Jeremy D. Reed.

In addition to the council positions, there will be 2 propositions on the ballot. Proposition No. 1 is to renew the Twenty Cent (\$0.20) tax levy on the \$100 assessed valuation for fire protection for four years in the City of Calhoun. Proposition No. 2 is to renew the Twenty-Five Cent (\$0.25) tax levy on the \$100 assessed valuation for police protection for four years in the City of Calhoun. Calhoun voters have approved these taxes for many years, but both issues must be voted on every 4 years. Both taxes are just renewals and not a new tax.

**2025 PET TAGS DUE:** If you own a pet, you must register it annually with the City Clerk. The cost of registration is \$2.50 per animal. Please bring a copy of the pet's current rabies vaccination with you at the time of registration. Remember that all dogs must be kept on the owner's property at all times or restrained by a leash. Dogs are not allowed to run at large. If you fail to register your animal or let your pet run loose, you may receive a summons.

## **NEW WATER & SEWER RATES TO TAKE EFFECT ON WATER BILL DUE IN MARCH, 2025**

No one likes increases in their water and sewer rates, but these are periodically needed in order to help offset rising costs of operation and infrastructure. At the January council meeting, the Calhoun Board of Aldermen voted to raise rates as follows:

### **WATER RATES:**

Increase minimum (up to 1000 gallons usage) by \$0.80  
Increase usage above 1001 gallons by \$0.30 per 1000 gallons

### **SEWER RATES:**

Increase minimum (up to 1000 gallons usage) by \$1.50  
Increase usage above 1001 gallons by \$0.20 per 1000 gallons.

Customers using the minimum of up to 1000 gallons per month will see a total rate increase of \$2.30 in their bill. An average customer using 5000 gallons per month will see a total rate increase of \$4.30 per month. These rates will go into effect on the bill you receive at the end of February for the bill that is due in March

## **CALHOUN COLT SHOW**

The Calhoun Colt Show is kicking off their 2025 Commemorative Book Ad campaign in the near future. If you had an ad last year, you will be receiving the renewal information in the mail. We are shooting for an April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline to give us enough time to prepare the book and have it back prior to this year's Colt Show. Prices will remain the same as last year and is the main fundraiser for the Calhoun Colt Show. Please show your support by placing an ad and doing your part to keep this hometown tradition alive. Ads can be placed with Tina Redding at the Calhoun City Hall or by contacting Shelly Acosta at 660-233-0243.

## **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup> – City Council Meeting – 7 p.m. – City Hall**  
**Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> – Harvesters Food Pantry – Approx. 1 p.m. – Colt Show Building**  
**Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> – Valentine's Day**  
**Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> – Presidents' Day – City Hall Closed**  
**Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup> – Colt Show Meeting – 6 p.m. – Colt Show Building**

## **JOKE OF THE MONTH**

During a visit to a mental asylum, a visitor asked the director what the criterion was that defined whether or not a patient should be institutionalized.

“Well,” said the director, “We fill up a bathtub, then offer a teaspoon, a teacup, and a bucket, and ask the patient to empty the bathtub.”

“Oh, I understand,” said the visitor. “A sane person would use the bucket because it's the biggest.”

“No,” said the director. “A sane person would pull the plug! Now, would you like a bed near the window?”

