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... for all things Mozingo

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The Next 20

The City of Maryville will place two (2) questions on the municipal election ballot regarding Mozingo Lake Recreation Park. The first ballot questions pertain to the continuation of the existing half-cent on the dollar sales tax used to support facilities and operations at the park. The second would create an eighth-of-a-cent on the dollar tax earmarked for financing construction of a \$4 million conference center and golf course club house. City Manager Greg McDanel and Assistant City Manager Ryan Heiland have visited multiple groups locally to explain the ballot items and answer any questions related to them.

Ballot Question No. 1: Mozingo Lake Recreation Park Tax Renewal

Shall the City of Maryville, Missouri be authorized to continue to impose a sales tax at a rate of one-half of one percent until December 31, 2037, unless extended by a vote of the people, for the purpose of providing funds for the operation, maintenance, improvement, and expansion of recreation amenities at Mozingo Lake Recreation Park?"

Ballot Question No. 2: Mozingo Lake Recreation Park Conference Center

"Shall the City of Maryville be authorized to increase its local park sales tax by one-eighth of one percent until December 31, 2036, unless extended by a vote of the people, for the purpose of providing funds to construct, improve, operate and maintain a conference center at Mozingo Lake Recreation Park?"

On February 11, 2016 at 6:30pm, the first community public meeting to introduce and discuss the ballot questions will be hosted at the Maryville Community Center. Those who would like for information on the ballot questions outside of the meeting may also visit www.mozingolake.com/TheNext20. The page includes downloadable brochures for each ballot question, as well as the Mozingo 20 Year Master Plan and concept renderings of the conference center. The page also has voter registration information and the application to register. The municipal election is held on **April 5th, 2016**.

The Watson 9 Grand Opening!



Good news, golfers! The Watson 9 at Mozingo Lake Recreation Park is scheduled to open this upcoming spring! The nine hole, junior/executive course was designed in partnership with the Tom Watson Golf Course Design Group, Incorporated. The course, is expected to serve for generations as a vehicle for junior golf instructional programs. The grand opening for the event is tentatively scheduled for May 14, 2016. Tom Watson will be in attendance to play the inaugural round with local youth. Stay tuned to our newsletter, [website](http://www.mozingolake.com) and [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/mozingolake) for more details in regards to the event.

Tips to Keep Your Minnows Alive Longer

Minnows are a valuable bait for anglers because their rapid wiggling attract fish to your hook. Many fish will even go for minnows when they are dead, though a wider variety of fish can be caught when they're live-ly. Keeping minnows alive once you leave a bait shop is not hard, though following the tips below will help keep them alive longer.

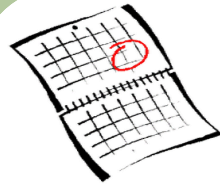
KEEP THEM COOL! Assure the lids on your containers closed as much as possible when you fish and store them in the cool, shaded area. Add a few ice cubes to your container if their water is getting too warm to slowly cool it down.

Use a foam bait bucket or cooler to store minnows. Metal buckets can overheat in the sun, thus exhausting and eventually killing your minnows. Plastic bait buckets work as well, though you'll want to assure they are well tinted and, again, kept in a dark cool place.

Make sure they're getting oxygen. Invest in a minnow container that has an aerator built in, or look into aerators that will work around your preferred container. Another way to assure they are getting the oxygen they need is to add a few capfuls of hydrogen peroxide to their water, as it assists in the formation of oxygen in water.

Do not use regular tap water for your minnows! If you have to transfer minnows from one bucket to another for any reason, use lake water or distilled water. Tap water often contains chemicals that can kill minnows quicker.

Allows minnows to adjust to different water temperatures. The shock of going to water that is cool to very warm, or vice versa, could kill your bait. Places minnows in a small plastic bag filled with the water they were in and place the bag in the new container for about 15 so they can adjust. Once that time is up, open the bag and allow them to swim out.



Upcoming Programs & Events

02/05 - 02/07- Topeka Outdoor & Boat Show (Kansas Expocentre)

2/11 - The Next Twenty Q&A (Maryville Community Center)

02/15: President's Day (Office Closed)

03/21: Mozingo Advisory Board

For a full listing of golf and fishing tournaments, please visit the [Calendar of Events](#) on our website.

Bird Hunters United

For the third year in a row, Bird Hunters United will be hosted their national event January 29-31 at the MLRP Youth Camp. The event consisted of flushing and pointing competitions for various divisions (including ones for youth and women). The event brought over 60 handlers and dogs from six different states (Illinois, Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa, Arkansas and Kansas). Next year's competition will be held January 26-30, 2017. For more information on the group, and for tournament results, please visit their website at www.birdhuntersunited.com. Pictures of the event can be viewed on the group's [Facebook](#) page.



Photo of the Month

Season Boat Permits

As a reminder to all, the 2015 Season Boat Permits expired on December 31st, 2015. The 2016 Season Boat Permits are now available for purchase at the park, as well as Maryville Public Safety. The 2016 permits will expire on December 31st, 2016. Season boat permits are still \$45 for motorized boats and \$35 for non-motorized boats. (Daily boat passes are \$9 per day for motorized boats and \$5 for non-motorized boats).

Current Hunting and Trapping Seasons

Beaver	Nov 31 - Mar 31
Otters/Muskrats	Nov 15 - Feb 20
Rabbit	Oct 01 - Feb 15
Squirrel	May 23 - Feb 15

For a full listing of hunting seasons and regulations, please visit the MO Department of Conservation's [Hunting & Trapping](#) page on their [website](#).

