

# CITY OF FENTON—NEWS & VIEWS

NOVEMBER – DECEMBER 2019



## MAYOR'S CORNER

Dear Neighbors,

Welcome to winter in Fenton! The holiday season is fast upon us and a new year is right around the corner. Hopefully you were able to join us for the 2019 Annual Lighting Ceremony at Fenton City Hall on Friday, November 22. With the arrival of the holidays comes the need to remind everyone to not tempt criminals. Remember to lock your cars, close those garage doors and do not leave anything of value in plain sight in your vehicles. We are blessed in Fenton to have an extremely low crime rate with most of the criminal activity at the Bluffs and Walmart which always escalates during the holidays.

Armistice Day was observed by the Daughters of the American Revolution and is commemorated every year on November 11 to mark the armistice signed between the Allies of World War I and Germany at Compiègne, France at 5:45 a.m. for the cessation of hostilities on the Western Front of World War I. This took effect at eleven o'clock in the morning—the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" of 1918. In the United States, Veterans Day honors American veterans, both living and dead. At the urging of major U.S. veteran organizations, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day in 1954. The Daughters of the American Revolution recognized this occasion with the Bells of Peace ceremony at City Hall.

The City of Fenton will hold its annual General Election on Tuesday, April 7, 2020. Voters will elect four Aldermen, one each from the City's four wards, for two-year terms. Candidate filing will open on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. and will close on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Forms for filing will be provided by the City of Fenton, Office of the City Clerk, 625 New Smizer Mill Road. For more information, please contact City Clerk at (636) 343-2080.

This month I'd like to spotlight our City of Fenton Police Department. The St. Louis County Police Department serves our community by protecting citizens and property, preventing crime, enforcing laws, and maintaining order. Captain Norman Mann and his 26 officers do a terrific job of keeping the residents and City of Fenton safe. The main goal of the St. Louis County Police Department is to contribute to the quality of life in Fenton by creating and maintaining a safe, secure environment for all City of Fenton citizens. They strive to accomplish this goal through proactive community programs designed to prevent crime, as well as efficient, thorough investigations of crimes committed. They love to meet the residents and do so through various events such as the National Night Out celebration at the City Park, the recent Coffee with a Cop in October and Town Hall Meeting on November 20<sup>th</sup>. There is also a weekly crime report email that many residents already subscribe to. If you'd like to receive it, please contact Officer Aaron Dilks through the non-emergency number. When you see an officer, take a moment to talk to them and thank them for a job well done. The precinct is in Fenton City Hall. For emergencies use 911; the non-emergency phone number is (636) 349-8120 then select option 2.

I'd like to wish every one of you a safe and happy Holiday Season and a great New Year. I look forward to working with all of you in 2020 for a better Fenton.

Bob Brasses, Fenton Resident and Mayor  
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MayorBrasses@Fentonmo.org



## PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE



On **Tuesday, December 3, 2019**, the Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. during their regularly scheduled meeting at City Hall to consider the following:

### OLD BUSINESS:

- ✓ **CASE 2019-TXT-01:** Consideration of amendments to Chapter 470 – Additional Non-Residential District Regulations of the Zoning Code.
- ✓ **CASE 2019-TXT-04:** Consideration of amendments to Chapters 450 and 495 of the Zoning Code pertaining to drive-through services and off-street parking and loading requirements.
- ✓ **CASE 2019-TXT-09:** Consideration of amendments to Chapter 480 - Subdivision Regulations of the Zoning Code.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- ✓ **CASE 2019-TXT-11:** A Petition by Gary Grewe of Gravois Bluffs East 8-A, LLC to include uses already identified on the City's Land Use Matrix under Chapter 476 as additional Permitted Uses or Uses allowed by Special Use Permit in "C-1" Commercial District and "OT-3" Olde Towne District.
- ✓ **CASE 2019-SUP-17:** A Petition by Gary Grewe of Gravois Bluffs East 8-A, LLC, on behalf of Caliber Collision, to operate an Automotive Collision Shop at 639 Gravois Bluffs Boulevard, Suite E. The parcel is zoned "OT-3" Olde Towne District.
- ✓ **CASE 2019-REZ-02:** A Petition by Lisa Nathe, Trustee of the Joseph H. Callahan Trust to rezone two (2) lots from "R-1" Residential District to "R-3" Residential District. The parcels are addressed as 1104 and 1180 Horan Drive.

**For more information, please call  
Community Development at (636) 349-8110.**

### FALL LEAF PICKUP PROGRAM

The City's Fall Leaf Pickup Program will run through the week of **December 16**. Leaf pickups will start at 7:00 a.m. on Mondays and should take 2 to 5 days depending on the amount of leaves being removed. **PLEASE DO NOT RAKE LEAVES INTO THE STREET.** Leaves should be raked to the back of curbs to avoid washing into the storm sewer system. Leaf piles containing debris or items other than leaves including, but not limited to, animal waste, lawn clippings, trash, tree limbs, etc. will NOT be picked up. If the unacceptable items are removed, the leaf pile will be picked up the following week. If you have questions, please contact Public Works at (636) 349-8155.

## NEW BUSINESS CORNER

The following business has received an Occupancy Permit and is calling Fenton "home."



NAPA Auto Parts d/b/a Missouri River Auto Parts, Inc.  
72 Fenton Plaza  
*Retailer of Automotive Parts & Accessories*

### AVOID COSTLY PLUMBING EXPENSE

Keeping fat, grease, and oil out of the drain is one of the best ways to avoid a sewer backup in your home. Fats, oils, and grease are found in meat, fish, butter, cooking oil, gravy, sauces, mayonnaise, salad dressing, and cheese. To keep these items out of the drain or garbage disposal, wipe cooled pots and pans with a paper towel before washing, remove fatty foods from plates and the kitchen sink and place them in the trash, not down the drain. **Can it, cool it, and trash it.** Pour all cooled cooking fats that will harden into a disposable container. Cool them and throw them in the trash. Help prevent drain and sewer clogs by keeping drains fat-free. Find out more at [www.projectclearstl.com](http://www.projectclearstl.com).

### ELECTION NOTICE

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each from the City's four wards, for two-year terms. The polling places will open at 6:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. The St. Louis County Board of Election Commissioners will notify all registered voters by mail of their respective polling place.

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**HONEYSUCKLE REMOVAL UNDERWAY**

Public Works is tackling the honeysuckle bushes that have been taking over our parks and other common areas. Please help their efforts by removing it from your property. After the honeysuckle is removed, it can be cut, bundled and put out for yard waste pick up. Missouri Department of Conservation has a wealth of information on invasive plant removal as well as native alternatives that are better for wildlife and the environment. For more information, you can contact Shaw Nature Reserve at 636-451-3512 or Missouri Department of Conservation at [WildlifeDivision@mdc.mo.gov](mailto:WildlifeDivision@mdc.mo.gov).



**RECYCLABLE ITEMS REMINDER**

Fenton makes it easy for residents to recycle all their items in one container. The City of Fenton provides a 65-gallon cart to each resident. Paper, plastics and tin cans can be placed in the same container.

**Unacceptable items include:**

- Holiday lights
- Gas, oil and antifreeze containers.
- Styrofoam.
- Pyrex.
- Plastic bags.
- Hoses, large metal items (car parts).
- Toys and hard-bound books.
- Panes of broken glass and ceramics.



**'TIS THE SEASON FOR STYROFOAM AND CARDBOARD BOXES**

During the holidays, it's easy to accumulate cardboard boxes and polystyrene packing materials (commonly known as Styrofoam.) Boxes can be flattened or broken down and stacked at the curb with your recycling cart if too big to fit. Styrofoam, however, isn't economical to recycle curbside due to its low scrap value. Fortunately, there are drop-off options. Packing "peanuts" can frequently be returned to a mail store for reuse. *Call the location before dropping off.* For more information, go to [www.stlouisco.com](http://www.stlouisco.com). Click on Health and Wellness and then click on Recycling and Waste Management.

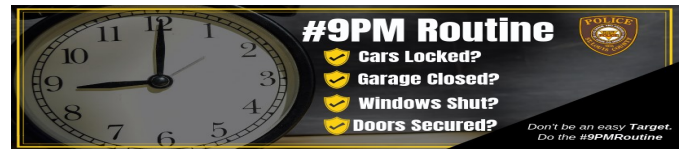


**ST. LOUIS COUNTY POLICE  
FENTON PRECINCT**



**COATS and FOOD.**

Through the Month of November, the Fenton Precinct will be collecting non-perishable food items to replenish LifeChurch's pantry for families in the community. We will also be collecting new or used coats, gloves, hats, and blankets to assist the Stay Toasty on Transit coat drive. You can participate by bringing the donated items to Town Hall Meeting at Fenton City Hall on November 20, 2019 at 7 p.m. You can also drop off your donated items to the Fenton Precinct located in Fenton City Hall as well.



**LOCK IT OR LOSE IT.**

**9 PM ROUTINE**

What's the 9pm Routine? It's a reminder to our residents to take small steps that could make a big difference in preventing crime. We've had an uptick in larcenies from vehicles as well as stolen vehicles across the county. This simple routine can help us to remember to lock our cars, remove valuables, close our garage doors and secure our home every night before bed. If you're with us, let us know! Do the #9PMRoutine every night! Like St. Louis County Police Department's Facebook page for your 9 pm reminders.

**Neighborhood Policing Officer Aaron Dilks  
Precinct Phone (636) 349-8120**

**HOLIDAY TRASH & RECYCLING  
SCHEDULE**

With the holidays approaching, please remember if your regular trash and recycle pick up day is **Wednesday**, this year, since Christmas and New Year's Day fall on Wednesday, your pick up day will be on **Thursday** for both holidays. Call Waste Connections at 636-321-2100 for bulk items.



**SALES TAX REDISTRIBUTIONS TO ST. LOUIS COUNTY FOR OCTOBER 2019**

"A" Sales Tax Summary		"B" (Pool) Sales Tax Summary		Combined Sales Tax Summary	
Generated	Redistributed	Generated	Redistributed	Generated	Redistributed
\$518,653	\$279,015 (53.8%)	\$190,051	\$71,611 (37.7%)	\$708,704	\$350,626 (49.5%)

Total amount for 2019 redistributed to St. Louis County is \$2,700,830

## DECISIONS FROM THE OCTOBER SPECIAL MEETINGS AND OCTOBER 24, 2019 BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

### DECISIONS

- ✓ Approved appointment of Robin Huels to fill the Ward 3 Alderman position.
- ✓ Approved deer population survey by White Buffalo.
- ✓ Approved extending John Fabick Award nomination deadline to October 31.
- ✓ Approved City to pay for street lights in the Estates of Uthoff Valley and Shadow Creek subdivisions immediately and to develop a policy for citizens to report their street lights to the City.
- ✓ Approved Board of Aldermen committees.
- ✓ Approved Alderman Maurath as President of the Board of Aldermen.
- ✓ Approved Alderman Maurath as a voting Liaison to the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- ✓ Approved Alderman Clauss as Liaison to the Park Board.
- ✓ Approved Alderman Wisbrock as Police Committee Chairman.
- ✓ Approved Alderman Clauss as Personnel Committee Chairman.
- ✓ Approved Alderman Huels as Community Affairs Chairman.
- ✓ Approved Alderman Patton as Capital Improvements Committee Chairman.
- ✓ Approved Alderman Jokerst as Public Works/Forestry Committee Chairman.
- ✓ Approved Alderman Sobey as Information Services Committee Chairman.
- ✓ Approved Alderman Sobey as Finance Committee Chairman.
- ✓ Approved Alderman Seemayer as Health/Safety Committee Chairman.
- ✓ Approved City keeping its portion of the health insurance rebate and refunding employees their percentage of the rebate.
- ✓ Approved Employee Appreciation Luncheon.
- ✓ Approved review of City's Compensation Package.



### ORDINANCES

- ✓ #3983 Ord. authorizing the Mayor to execute an amendment to the agreement with Hochschild, Bloom & Company to extend the agreement to continue to provide the City financial services.
- ✓ #3984 Ord. authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Athletico Management, LLC for certain testing services.
- ✓ #3985 Ord. authorizing the Mayor to execute a subterranean easement agreement for Metropolitan Sewer District and granting further authority.



### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

The Holiday Schedule for Board of Aldermen Committee Meetings and Board of Aldermen Meetings is as follows:

- **Thursday, December 5, 2019**  
**Board Committee Meeting.**
- **Thursday, December 19, 2019**  
**Board of Aldermen Meeting.**
- **Thursday, January 9, 2020**  
**Board Committee Meeting.**
- **Thursday, January 23, 2020**  
**Board of Aldermen Meeting.**



### JOB OPENINGS

**Now Hiring Group Swim Instructors for 2020!** Swim instruction experience is preferred. Lessons will be held on Saturday mornings. Please contact Katie at [kkearbey@fentonmo.org](mailto:kkearbey@fentonmo.org) for more details.

### CITY STREETLIGHTS



When Ameren maintains the streetlights in the City, they may upgrade some of the bulbs to LED. The light from the LED bulb may be a slightly different color, so do not be alarmed. If a light is not working, please copy the number off of the pole and call Public Works at 636-349-8155. If you provide us with the pole number and street address, we can then contact Ameren to have the light repaired.

### CITY HOLIDAY HOURS

City offices will be **closed** on the following days for the upcoming holidays:

- \* **Tuesday, December 24**
- \* **Wednesday, December 25**
- \* **Tuesday, December 31**
- \* **Wednesday, January 1**



## PARKS & RECREATION

### UPCOMING PROGRAM OFFERINGS

For detailed information, including program fees and registration requirements, please call RiverChase of Fenton at (636) 343-0067 or visit our website at [www.fentonmo.org](http://www.fentonmo.org).



#### SENIOR (55+) LUNCH AND BINGO

*Please note the earlier time!* Join us at 10:00 a.m. on **Wednesday, December 11** for an hour of bingo followed by ham for lunch. Our Savior Lutheran Choir will be performing. Fee: \$7.00/person.

#### INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE (AGES 3—5)

This 5-game league is a perfect way for your kiddo to meet new friends and burn off that winter energy while playing the game of soccer. This game-only league will be played 4 on 4 with no goalie.

Games will be 45 minutes and held at RiverChase West Gymnasium on Saturday mornings. Players will receive a numbered uniform shirt. Shin guards are required. Space is limited, so make sure to sign up early. You must sign up by **January 12**. League begins **February 1**. Fee is **\$40 for Resident/Members and \$45 for Non-Members**. \*Parent coaches are needed and will receive a FREE registration credit at the end of the season.



#### HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

'Tis the Season To be Merry! Vendors will have specialized, handcrafted, and unique gifts. Shop from 30-40 vendor booths. **Saturday, December 14 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.** Please contact RiverChase at 636-343-0067 for more details.

#### TAE KWON DO (AGES 6 and up)

Class meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Uniform is required. Next session starts December 3rd. Please visit [www.stltkd.com](http://www.stltkd.com) for more information.



### RIVERCHASE HOLIDAY HOURS

**Dec 24—Christmas Eve : 8:00 a.m.—Noon**

**Dec 25—Christmas Day: CLOSED**

**Dec 31—New Year's Eve: 8:00 a.m.—Noon**

**Jan 1—New Year's Day: 12:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.**

## FENTON IS SNOW READY

With winter weather just around the corner, we would like to make our annual request for your cooperation and assistance during snow emergencies. In order to facilitate efficient and total clearing of pavement when snow advisories are announced by the media or snow begins to fall, please refrain from parking vehicles in the street. **This is particularly important in cul-de-sacs and areas with narrow streets.** Parking in a manner that impedes snow removal equipment may result in immediate notification from the Police Department to move the vehicle regardless of the hour.



## FENTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The monthly meeting of the Fenton Historical Society will be held on **Thursday, December 5 at 7:00 p.m.** The Fenton Historical Society is located at #1 Church Street in Olde Towne Fenton.

Stop by for a visit during our Annual Christmas Open House on **Saturday, December 7** beginning at 10:00 a.m. The Open House will be held at Swanner House, #1 Church Street. There will be cookies, drinks, prizes and friendship!



For more information, call (636) 326-0808 or visit our website: [www.fentonhistory.com](http://www.fentonhistory.com).



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**CITY OF FENTON**  
**625 NEW SMIZER MILL ROAD**  
**FENTON, MO 63026**

**Deliver by November 25, 2019**

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## DECEMBER

Mon	Dec 2	6:30 PM	Park Board Meeting (City Hall)
Tues	Dec 3	7:00 PM	Planning & Zoning Commission
Thurs	Dec 5	7:00 PM	Board Committee Meetings
Thurs	Dec 5	7:00 PM	Historical Society/Swantner House (#1 Church Street)
Mon	Dec 9	5:30 PM	Municipal Court—Plea Date
Tue	Dec 17	7:00 PM	Board of Adjustment
Thurs	Dec 19	7:00 PM	Board of Aldermen Meeting

All meetings of the Board and Commissions in the City of Fenton are open to the public. The City will provide reasonable accommodations for any meeting when requested to do so 48 hours in advance.

To request assistance contact:

(636) 343-2080 (VOICE) or Relay Missouri 1-800-735-2966 (TDD).

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