

CITY OF FENTON—NEWS & VIEWS

NOVEMBER – DECEMBER 2020



MAYOR'S CORNER

Dear Neighbors,

Happy Thanksgiving everyone! From all of us at City Hall, the City employees, the City's Board/Committee/Commission volunteers, and all our families, we hope that no matter how small your family gathering may be this year that you take time to be thankful for those you are with. The holidays are here, and this year will be like no other we have experienced. While the large family gatherings may not happen and over the river and through the woods to Grandmother's house may not happen, please take time to make the most of the time you do get to spend with others. With the new year right around the corner, we are all looking forward to an end to the virus and isolation. Also, as you are doing your holiday shopping, please try to patronize local businesses in Fenton. Dine local. Shop local. Buy something from a local business. Together, we can all help keep Fenton a strong community.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, the Board decided to honor two nominees for the John Fabick Community Service Awards for 2020. Even though we did announce the winners, JML Audio of St. Louis and Judy Finck, in the last newsletter, these award winners have exhibited exceptional community service qualities in a most tumultuous time and I wanted you to know them better.

Judy Finck is a very active member of the Fenton Historical Society (FHS) and has been for the past 15 years. In addition, this year she has been making Covid-19 masks according to the required specifications and selling them to raise money for FHS. FHS had to cancel their annual luncheon that is the source of their fund raising to cover expenses year to year. Thank you, Judy, for being a wonderful resident and helping to prevent this virus from spreading. If you would like to purchase a mask, you can do so at the Fenton Feed Mill or the Historical Society Museum for \$3 each.

Our second award winner is JML Audio of St. Louis, located on Rudder Road. During the pandemic, JML Audio of St. Louis, a small business in Fenton's business park that provides a variety of vehicle enhancements, ceased its normal business operations like many non-essential businesses. However, JML's owner Josh Landau retooled his machinery, tapped into his manufacturing supply chain, and redirected his employees to work from home assembling PPE to be donated to the local healthcare community and first responders. JML produced more than 2,200 protective face shields and 2,500 ear savers/mask extenders. We are so honored to have such a caring, humanitarian business in our City.

These two award winners embody the essence of what the John Fabick Community Service Award was intended for. The award was created in memory of Mr. Fabick for his dedication to our community and his corporate leadership. The award is presented annually and anyone is eligible to nominate someone. Watch the newsletter and website for more information regarding nominations for next year's award.

As a reminder from the police, with the days getting shorter and the holidays fast upon us, remember to close those garage doors, keep your cars locked, do not leave anything of value in plain sight in your car, be aware of your surroundings and don't forget — if you see something, say something. If something doesn't look right or looks out of place, call the Fenton Police Precinct, non-emergency number at (636) 349-8120 and, of course, for emergencies, dial 911.

Working for you for a better Fenton,

Bob Brasses, Fenton Resident and Mayor
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PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE



On **Tuesday, December 1**, 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 2020-TXT-06:** Consideration of amendments to the Zoning Code related to the General Code Codification Analysis.

NEW BUSINESS:

- ✓ **CASE 2020-SUP-12:** A Petition by Shah Dhaval of Shreeji of Fenton, LLC for a Special Use Permit to operate an Automotive Convenience Store at 600 Gravois Road. The property is zoned "OT-2" Olde Towne District.
- ✓ **CASE 2020-SUP-13:** A Petition by Jackson Benefield of 1636-1638 Headland, LLC dba Ten Healthcare for a Special Use Permit to operate a Medical Facility at 1636-1638 Headland Drive. The parcel is addressed as 1636 Headland Drive and is zoned "BP-3" Business Park District.
- ✓ **CASE 2020-SPR-09:** A Petition by Travis Spicer of Lowe's for Site Plan Review of a proposed building addition at 1 Gravois Bluffs Plaza Drive. The property is zoned "C-1" Commercial District.
- ✓ **CASE 2020-TXT-07:** A Petition by Sansone Fenton Plaza, LLC for amendments to the Zoning Code as follows: 1) to amend Section 400.030 Definitions to add the term "Blood/Plasma Collection Center"; and 2) to amend Section 476.010 Land Use Matrix to allow Blood/Plasma Collection Center as a use allowed by Special Use Permit in the "OT-2" Olde Towne District.
- ✓ **CASE 2020-SUP-14:** A Petition by Sansone Fenton Plaza, LLC on behalf of BioLife Plasma Collection for a Special Use Permit to operate a Blood/Plasma Collection Center at 55-58 Fenton Plaza. The parcel is addressed as 14 Fenton Plaza and is zoned "OT-2" Olde Towne District.
- ✓ **CASE 2020-SUP-15:** Consideration of amendments to a Special Use Permit for Commerce Bank for a freestanding ATM facility located at 591 Gravois Road. The parcel is zoned "OT-2" Olde Towne District.

**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 14**. 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 businesses have received an Occupancy Permit and are calling Fenton "home."



Complete Nutrition
630 R Gravois Road
Smoothie Restaurant

Gadget Lab, LLC
255 Wolfner Drive
Consumer Electronic Storage, Sales and Service

STL Athletic Center
2300 Hitzert Court
Athletic Center for Youth Sports Teams

Tampa Bay CPR, LLC
558 Gravois Road, Suite 100
Office Space for CPR Training Company

Formulate Labs, Inc.
1645 Headland Drive
Office and Warehouse for Hair Shampoo and Conditioner Production

Overstock Furniture
101 Gravois Bluffs Plaza Drive
Retail Sales of Furniture and Mattresses

Legacy VTC
601 Gravois Road, Suite G
Volleyball Court Facility

BBC Electric
1771 Larkin Williams Road
Administrative Office for Electric Utility Construction Operations

ELECTION NOTICE

The City of Fenton will hold its annual General Election on **Tuesday, April 6, 2021**. Voters will elect one Alderman in Ward 1 for a one-year term, and the Mayor and four Aldermen, one 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.

Candidate filing will open on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. and will close on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 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, (636) 343-2080.



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. Please be sure all items are clean and dry.



Unacceptable items include:

- Holiday lights
- Used paper plates and eating utensils
- Napkins/Paper Towels
- Wax-Coated Candle Jars
- Disposable Cups
- Tablecloths
- Styrofoam
- Pyrex
- Plastic bags
- Hoses, large metal items (car parts)
- Toys and hard-bound books
- Panes of broken glass and ceramics
- Foil Wrapping Paper
- Ribbons and Bows
- Electronic/Glitter Holiday Cards
- Bubble Wrap
- Adhesive Gift Labels

'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.*

**ST. LOUIS COUNTY POLICE
FENTON PRECINCT**



OPEN GARAGE DOORS

We want to remind everyone to close their garage doors at night. This will help reduce the potential for crime in your neighborhood. When officers patrolling your neighborhood discover an open garage door, we will contact you by letter and ask that you take the time to safeguard your family and property by keeping your garage door closed.

BLACK FRIDAY

In November we have Thanksgiving, bringing thoughts of getting full of turkey and watching football. But for many, Thanksgiving brings the thought of the day after, BLACK FRIDAY!

Most Fenton residents know that this day transforms the peaceful Gravois Bluff shopping area into a commuting nightmare. To ease your shopping experience, try using the alternate entrances and exits.

As you browse through the electronics department of your favorite store shopping for a new iPod or laptop, criminals are browsing through the parking lot shopping for the same items or holiday shopping bags that you left in your car. Criminals are watching for items in plain view on the front or back seat of your car or tucked away in your center console. Keep items out of sight. The trunk is an ideal location to keep valuables. Criminals also love unlocked doors; this makes stealing your Christmas gifts and electronic devices so much more convenient. They need to be quick and discreet. Most of the time if your door is locked they move on the on to the next car. They will find an unlocked door.

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

SALES TAX REDISTRIBUTIONS TO ST. LOUIS COUNTY FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

"A" Sales Tax Summary		"B" (Pool) Sales Tax Summary		Combined Sales Tax Summary	
Generated	Redistributed	Generated	Redistributed	Generated	Redistributed
\$568,383	\$305,978 (53.8%)	\$254,101	\$-25,219 (-9.9%)	\$822,484	\$280,759 (34.1%)

SALES TAX REDISTRIBUTIONS TO ST. LOUIS COUNTY FOR OCTOBER 2020

"A" Sales Tax Summary		"B" (Pool) Sales Tax Summary		Combined Sales Tax Summary	
Generated	Redistributed	Generated	Redistributed	Generated	Redistributed
\$429,391	\$236,457 (55.1%)	\$198,680	\$77,465 (39.0%)	\$628,071	\$313,922 (50.0%)

Total amount for 2020 redistributed to St. Louis County is \$2,765,617

DECISIONS FROM THE OCTOBER BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETINGS

DECISIONS

- ✓ Approved not to take flood insurance on 945 and 1307 Larkin Williams Road property.
- ✓ Approved 30-day trial period of Flock ALPR system.
- ✓ Approved amending Prosecuting Attorney Services contract for additional services rendered due to COVID-19.
- ✓ Approved going out for bid for sustainable trail from Fenton Meadows to Westside Park.
- ✓ Approved going out for bid to replace damaged pavilion in Fenton City Park.
- ✓ Approved to proceed with application with Missouri Department of Conservation for managed deer hunts in 2021.
- ✓ Awarded the John Fabick Award to Judy Finck and JML Audio.
- ✓ Approved Coloring Contest rules and guidelines.
- ✓ Approved to allocate \$27,500 for 2021 employee raises.
- ✓ Approved Community Development Block Grant funds as allocated.
- ✓ Approved Public Works Safety Guide.
- ✓ Approved CDL training through Case CDL Training.
- ✓ Approved ENT to provide security cameras for Public Works.



ORDINANCES

- ✓ **#4073** Ord. approving a Special Use Permit for S&H Sports Group, LLC to operate an indoor unlimited recreation facility at 601 Gravois Bluffs Boulevard, Suite G.
- ✓ **#4074** Ord. amending Section 120.180, Board of Aldermen Committees, Subsection (A)(5), Police, of the Municipal Code to include Municipal Court.
- ✓ **#4075** Ord. authorizing the Mayor to execute a first amendment to the contract for prosecuting attorney services with Tim Engelmeyer and Englemeyer & Pezzani, LLC.
- ✓ **#4076** Ord. authoring the Mayor to execute an amendment to the agreement with Hochschild, Bloom & Company LLP to extend the agreement to continue to provide the City with financial services.



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 3, 2020 Board Committee Meeting.**
- **Thursday, December 10, 2020 Board Committee Meeting.**
- **Monday, December 21, 2020 Board of Aldermen Meeting.**
- **Thursday, January 14, 2021 Board Committee Meeting.**



JOB OPENINGS

If you or someone you know is looking for a job, please see the list of City of Fenton positions available on our website at fentonmo.org.

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:



- ❄ **Thursday, December 24**
- ❄ **Friday, December 25**
- ❄ **Thursday, December 31**
- ❄ **Friday, January 1**

PARKS & RECREATION

RiverChase has reopened to members only at a 25% maximum occupancy.

To enter the facility members must:

- Always wear a mask **including when exercising**
- Answer a series of questions about COVID-19
- Have their temperature taken



Hours of Operation:

Monday – Thursday: 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 Friday: 7:00 a.m. — 5 p.m.
 Saturday: 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 Sunday: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Programs being offered at this time:

Silver Sneakers Classes

Circuit Monday & Wednesday 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Classic Tuesday & Thursday 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Chair Yoga Friday 10:30-11:30 a.m.

FREE to Silver Sneakers/Renew Active/Silver & Fit, \$4 for all others



Group Exercise Schedule*

Tuesday 5:45-6:45 p.m.

Zumba Gold

Wednesday 5:45-6:45 p.m.

Zumba

Buti Yoga

*Spaces are limited due to COVID restrictions. Reservations can be made at www.fentonmo.org or by calling 636-343-0067. \$8 per class or purchase a Group Fitness Punch Card: 20 classes: \$100 (residents/members) \$120 (non-residents)

Tae Kwon Do

Tuesdays & Thursdays 5:45-6:45 p.m., Ages 6+

Register online at www.fentonmo.org or by calling 636-343-0067

\$40 per month

Personal Training

30 minute sessions — Available *Virtually or In-Person*

1st time client special! 3 sessions for \$69

Kids Fitness Orientation

Kids 13-16 who would like to use the fitness equipment can do so after completing the Kids Fitness Orientation. Due to COVID restrictions, we are currently doing this one-on-one by appointment only. **\$12**

Drinking fountains and handheld equipment will be unavailable during this time. The showers, locker rooms, family changing areas, gymnasium, jungle room, multipurpose room, aerobics room and the rain forest playground are closed.

The indoor and outdoor pools will remain closed until further notice.

If you have any questions, please call RiverChase at 636-343-0067.

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 3 at 7:00 p.m.** The Fenton Historical Society is located at #1 Church Street in Olde Towne Fenton.

Homemade masks are available for \$3 each at the Museum or at Fenton Feed Mill. The 2021 Calendars are now available for \$5 each.

Due to COVID-19, the Fenton Historical Society will **not** have the traditional Open House on December 5th.



For more information, call (636) 326-0808 or visit our website:

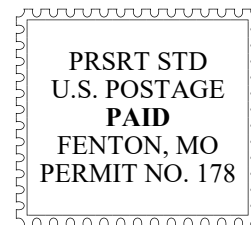
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CITY OF FENTON
625 NEW SMIZER MILL ROAD
FENTON, MO 63026

Deliver by November 25, 2020



DECEMBER

Tues	Dec 1	7:00 PM	Planning & Zoning Commission*
Thurs	Dec 3	7:00 PM	Board Committee Meetings*
Thurs	Dec 3	7:00 PM	Historical Society/Swantner House (#1 Church Street)
Mon	Dec 7	6:30 PM	Park Committee Meeting*
Thurs	Dec 10	7:00 PM	Board Committee Meetings*
Mon	Dec 14		Municipal Court—Plea Date via video or phone
Tue	Dec 15	7:00 PM	Board of Adjustment*
Mon	Dec 21	7:00 PM	Board of Aldermen Meeting*

***All meetings of the Board, Committees and Commissions in the City of Fenton are open to the public via video/teleconference.** 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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