



CITY OF FENTON

NEWS & VIEWS

September 2010

MAYOR'S CORNER

Now that the summer of 2010 is “officially” over, I thought I’d take a few moments to look back at one of the most memorable summers I’ve had in a long time.

The Fenton Sharks swim team had an undefeated regular season, and came in second in their district meet. Congratulations to all the coaches and swimmers for a terrific season.

You no doubt heard of the Alisa Maier kidnapping, and her subsequent recovery here in Fenton. I am very proud of the way that our community came together last month to welcome Alisa and her family to Fenton, hopefully making her second trip here much more enjoyable than her first one. I also want to thank everyone who contributed to the scholarship fund that was established for Alisa.

Unfortunately, the Meramec River continued to stymie our efforts to replace the Gravois Road Bridge. Shortly after the demolition began, the river came up – and it stayed up all summer long. As long-time river watchers know, the problem isn’t the Meramec; the problem has been the Mississippi. According to the National Weather Service, when the Mississippi River stage in St. Louis is above 17 feet, the Meramec will back up and affect the river level in Fenton. So how unusual has this summer been? Over the last 140 years that such

records have been kept, there have been exactly 3 years (1915, 1993, and 2010) when the Mississippi did not fall below 17 feet for the months of June, July and August; and there has only been one time (1993) when it did not fall below 17 feet for June, July, August and September. Hopefully, the river will return to normal soon, and we can get back to work.

Demolition began this summer on the Chrysler South Plant. For many people the Chrysler site was more than just buildings; it was a place where generations of families went to work and were able to support their families. And while it is very sad to see the buildings start to come down, it’s also exciting to think of what could happen on that site. We also heard some media reports in the last few weeks of investors making an offer for the site. It appears that things are on schedule for the site to be sold by the end of the year. When we learn who the new owners are, I think we will have a pretty good idea of what the future holds for the site.

Finally, on a personal note, a few weeks ago our beloved golden retriever, Leo, was diagnosed with bone cancer, and had to be put to sleep. He was such a gentle dog, especially with our grandkids. And when Chris was recovering from her back surgery a few years ago, he never left her side. He truly was a member of our family, and we all miss him. I want to thank Dr. Tammy and the staff at the Old Town Veterinary Clinic for all their support and kindness.

Mayor Dennis Hancock



TRASH TALK

CURBSIDE PICKUP

Please be considerate of the trash hauler when you place your items out for pickup. Boards with nails and windows with broken glass can injure the employees charged with picking up your trash each week. A few extra minutes of precaution can avoid an injury.



FALL 2010 HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL COLLECTION EVENT

Saturday, September 25th from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at South County Center. Enter Lemay Ferry Road, south of South Lindbergh. Proof of residency, such as a driver’s license or tax bill, will be required. These events are for residents only. Materials from business, commercial, non-profit, and government organizations are prohibited by law.

Some acceptable materials are paints, stains, varnishes, pesticides, herbicides, poisons, gasoline and other fuels, solvents and strippers, aerosols, motor oil and filters, gas cylinders (BBQ pit size or smaller), fluorescent tubes, rechargeable batteries, antifreeze, brake and transmission fluid, pool chemicals and other acids and bases, car batteries, wood preservatives, driveway sealant, and items containing mercury (such as

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Trash Talk

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thermometers, thermostats, and mercuric salts). Unacceptable items include explosives and ammunition, radioactive waste, smoke detectors, medical waste, household trash, tires, electronics and other bulky items.

For more information on these events or other activities, please call the Saint Louis County Department of Health Solid Waste Management Program at (314) 615-4130 or check out :

www.RecycleSaintLouis.com.

MISSOURI RECYCLES



You can help keep Missouri green while keeping harmful trash out of landfills.

Recycling one ton of . . .

- * Aluminum saves 95% of the energy used to manufacture virgin aluminum.
- * Newspaper saves enough energy to heat a home for 6 weeks as well as 7,000 gallons of water and 60 pounds of air pollution.
- * Plastics saves about 3.85 barrels of oil.
- * Recycling 1 glass bottle can save enough energy to light a 100-watt bulb for 4 hours.

What can you do . . .consider purchasing reusable tableware and use it throughout the year instead of disposable plates and utensils. While shopping for groceries bring

reusable shopping bags. Participate in the City's curbside recycling program.

Recycle old electronics like computers, printers, TVs, hand-held devices and cell phones. For a list of electronics recyclers registered with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, visit the e-cycle Missouri web site at www.e-cyclemo.org or call (800) 361-4827. For more recycling tips or to learn more about recycling throughout Missouri, visit www.mora.org or call toll free (866) 667-2777.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

On **Tuesday, October 5, 2010**, 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

- A petition by Faith Church St. Louis.com to amend *Section 463.050: Standards for Special Event Permits, Subsection 4: Frequency*, of the Zoning Code to allow churches and other organizations to increase the frequency of inflatable use within a specified time interval and to establish hours of operation and number of allowed inflatable units.

For more information, please contact the Community Development Department at (636) 349-8110.

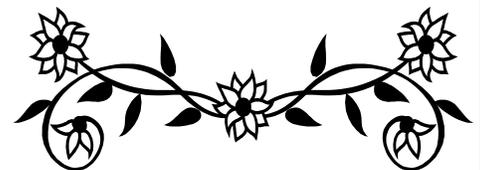
JOHN FABICK COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD



Nominations are due by **September 30, 2010.**

Actions being recognized must benefit the City of Fenton or its residents in some manner and the individual must live or be employed within the Fenton City limits and the business or civic group must be located within the City limits.

For more information contact City Clerk Diane Monteleone at (636) 343-2080.



E-VERSION OF THE FENTON NEWS & VIEWS



Thanks to all that have signed up for the e-version of the newsletter. If your household or business would like to receive the Fenton "News & Views" monthly newsletter electronically, please contact City Hall at info@fentonmo.org or call (636) 343-2080 and give us your email address.

You will receive an email once a month with a link to the latest edition of the "News & Views".





RIVERCHASE

F E N T O N

PARKS & RECREATION HAPPENINGS

For information on these programs, including fees and times, check out a copy of the "Beacon".

Senior Lunch and Bingo



Adults, 55 and older, join us for Senior Lunch and Bingo on Wednesday, October 13. Polish sausage and sauerkraut is on the menu and this event runs from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Flu Shots



Flu shots will be available at RiverChase on Tuesday, October 12 from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$30 per shot (cash or check only please). Some insurances will be accepted. Please go to www.vnastl.com to see which insurances will be accepted.

Dance



Get out the tutu and leotard, it is time to sign up for Sandy Book's dance classes. This program is for children ages 3-9.

Classes are held on Saturday. Call RiverChase for more information.

Swim Lessons



A new session of swim lesson is set to start the week of October 26. There are many times to choose: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:20, 4:55 and 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 9:30, 10:05 and 10:40 a.m.

Parent Tot Swim Class



This class is an interactive swim class between parent and child. A new session begins the week of October 26 and classes are available Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 5:30 p.m. or Saturday mornings at 11:15 a.m.

Water Aerobics



Come to RiverChase for water fitness classes. There are many Water Aerobics classes to choose from:

Water Pilates - Monday, Wednesday and Fridays at 11:00 a.m.

Aquacise - Monday, Wednesday and Fridays at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Total Body Workout - Tuesday and Thursday at 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., or Saturdays at 8:30 a.m.

Arthritis Foundation Aquatic Program - Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00 a.m.

Aqua Zumba - Wednesdays at 7:15

p.m. or Sundays at 10:15 a.m.

Playtime in the Pool



Join us on Tuesdays and Thursdays when the indoor leisure pool will be available from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon for parents and tots to play in the water. This is open pool time and day fees apply without membership.

Youth Basketball



Join us for Youth Basketball. This eight game league is perfect for the young athlete who is interested in learning new skills. The league is for kids in 1st through 6th grade. Skills assessment will be on October 17 and 18 and games will begin November 6. Registration deadline is October 24.

Note: *Parent Volunteers are needed!* Two parent volunteers are needed per team. Each volunteer will receive a coach's shirt and the background check will be paid for by the City. Please fill out a coaches application at time of registration. For more information call RiverChase at (636) 343-0067 or Katie at kpieri@fentonmo.org.

For information on all programs (including fees and times), contact RiverChase of Fenton at (636) 343-0067. You can also check out the Beacon at www.fentonmo.org.





FENTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Second Annual Book Fair
Saturday, October
Swantner House
#1 Church Street
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



If you haven't already marked your calendars for **October 2** please consider this a personal invitation to attend our **Second Annual Book Fair**. There are some wonderful bargains to be had. And with September 25 being the deadline, there is still time to make a donation. In addition to books, DVDs and CDs will be accepted.  Whether it's finding that special book, movie or CD, the thrill of the hunt is half the fun. See you on the 2nd.



Your Society continues to gather information about the Hessoun Bohemian Orphanage through research, donations and personal remembrances. If you or someone you know lived at the orphanage and would like to share those memories, please contact us.

For more information please call (636) 326-0808 or (636) 343-4186.



ST. LOUIS COUNTY POLICE—FENTON PRECINCT UPDATE

Scams, Scams and More Scams

Attention senior citizens! You are the perfect target for scams. Within the past few years scams have skyrocketed. The Police Department has had several varieties of scams presented to them. Although what follows may not be exactly what you may encounter, scammers generally operate along the same guidelines.

Craigslist Scam - This occurs when you post your item for sale online and an eager out of country (not always) buyer contacts you. He feels you out to see that you are really anxious to sell your item or are in need of money. He will agree on your price and promptly mail you a check. Then the buyer discovers he has added an extra "0" to the amount of the check or money order. He will tell you to cash the check, keep a little extra for your troubles, and then mail him back the rest. Once you have done this your bank will then contact you and let you know that the check is bogus and they need you to immediately return the large sum of money they have just given you.

Western Union Scam - This occurs when you are contacted via email or telephone by someone very official sounding, (lawyer, government official, or utility company). This person is contacting you about how a loved one that is in trouble and needs immediate cash. This may be a loved one that you haven't spoken to in a few months. They need bond

money, cash to buy an emergency plane ticket, pay off an emergency debt or overdue bill, or some other large purchase. The victims respond to the request saying, "Yes, how can I help?" Immediately they will provide you with the detailed procedures to Western Union then money to be picked up in some obscure location.

Send Funds Now! - This occurs when you are offered free money. You will be contacted by a potential online employer (a secret shopper), a lottery you never signed up for, or someone trying to give you your inheritance from a wealthy relative. You are promised a large sum of money but you first have to send \$300 for a start up kit, or taxes. Once they receive your \$300, you will never hear from them again.

Suspicious Bank Activity - This occurs when the suspect picks a local bank name and calls local people informing them of suspicious activity on their account. They need your account number or Social Security number to proceed and fix the problem.

Don't be a victim of these scams.

Tips:

- 1) If it sounds too good to be true, it is.
- 2) Verify the situation, don't let your emotions allow you to make a bad decision. Call that loved one, talk to them in person.

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Police Update

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- 3) Call them out, tell them in an email response or on the phone that this sounds like a scam. Tell the caller not to contact you again and that you are reporting this to your local Police Department.
- 4) Never give personal information: credit card, Social Security number. If the call is legitimate they will already have this information.
- 5) Feel free to call your local Police Department, we are here to help.

Neighborhood Policing Officer

(636) 343-2080

P.O. Aaron Dilks-Ext. 1123

Precinct Phone

(636) 349-8120



**DECISIONS FROM THE
AUGUST 26 AND
SEPTEMBER 2
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
MEETINGS**

Decisions



- ✓ Approved the Final Plat for the Shadow Creek Subdivision as petitioned by Rockwood Bank.

- ✓ Reappointed Linda Nelson and David Mangrum to the Planning & Zoning Commission for terms expiring August, 2014.
- ✓ Approved a Temporary Liquor License for Hot Shots, 950 S. Highway Drive, for Saturday, September 18 from 10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m. for a car and bike show.
- ✓ Upheld the Park, Beautification and Recreation Committee’s recommendation to deny approval for Phase II of the Fallen Soldier’s Memorial due to non-compliance with the request for additional information and that the City remove the existing unapproved plaque and return it to Raymond R. Wilson.
- ✓ Approved the Design Guidelines and Approval Process Policy for proposed additions to the Heroes Memorial.
- ✓ Approved a policy addressing day passes for the St. Louis County Police Officers and military personnel currently on active duty.
- ✓ Approved a request to hold a Run for African Relief on Saturday, October 16, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. with direct costs being paid by the sponsor.
- ✓ Approved a request from Erb Equipment Company to conduct a “Ride and Drive” event at Fenton City Park on October 6 and 7, 2010 paying the City \$150.00 per day and donating 30 tons of sand and dirt.

- ✓ Rejected the bids received for uniform services and exercised the option to renew the existing contract with G&K Services for one year expiring August 18, 2011.
- ✓ Approved establishing a Capital Projects Fund and two new Debt Service Funds in the City’s financial accounting system.



Ordinances

#3151 Authorizes the issuance of tax increment refunding revenue bonds (Dierbergs Fenton Crossing Project), Series 2010; and authorizes and approves certain documents and actions in connection with the execution and delivery thereof.

#3152 Approved a Settlement Agreement with T-Mobile.

#3153 Approves an agreement with Spirtas Wrecking Company for the demolition of certain properties on Larkin Williams Road.

Resolutions

R10-05 Amends the 2010 Approved Budget.

R10-06 States intent to seek funding through the Repetitive Flood Claim (RFC) Grant for 811 Larkin Williams Road and authorizes the Mayor to pursue activities in an attempt to secure funding and identifies a Project Manager.





- Mon Oct 4 6:30 pm Park Board
- Tues Oct 5 7:00 pm Planning & Zoning Commission
- Thurs Oct 7 7:00 pm Historical Society/Swantner House (#1 Church)
7:00 pm Board Committee Meetings
- Mon Oct 11 6:30 pm Municipal Court
- Thur Oct 14 7:00 pm Board Committee Meetings
- Sat Oct 16 9:00 am Meet the Mayor/City Hall
- Tues Oct 19 7:30 pm Board of Adjustment
- Mon Oct 25 6:30 pm Municipal Court
- Thur Oct 28 7:00 pm Board of Aldermen

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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Deliver by Wednesday, September 22, 2010

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