



CITY OF FENTON NEWS & VIEWS

MAYOR'S CORNER

I am very happy to start this month by saying we've finally been able to resume work on the Gravois Road Bridge, after five months of delays caused by the river levels. After all the delays, we will hopefully catch a break on the weather and be able to work well into the late fall and winter.

Public meetings on the 2011 Budget were held on November 17 and 18. While we are still feeling the effects of the recession and the loss of Chrysler, we do not anticipate having to make any more cuts like we did for 2010. Please understand, I'm not suggesting that we can now begin restoring some of the services we cut for 2010; but I am suggesting that at least for now 2011 doesn't appear to be any worse than 2010. There will be more on this in next month's "News and Views".

Speaking of Chrysler, work has also resumed on the demolition of the South Plant. In speaking recently to the people from Desco, who are marketing the property, there are several serious parties interested in the site. We will expect to know who the new owners will be sometime around the end of the year. Once we know that, we should have a pretty good idea of what the future will hold.

We met recently with officials from St. Louis County. They will soon begin work upgrading the emergency notification sirens throughout the County. This is being funded by the sales tax increase the voters approved last spring. The new sirens will be more reliable than the current ones, and should do a better job of alerting

us when severe weather is approaching. They committed to performing sufficient testing to ensure that everyone in the City will be within earshot of a warning siren when the project is completed.

This is really a busy time of year for many of us. We will all be doing a lot of running, between going to visit family and friends for Thanksgiving and Christmas, shopping, parties, etc. But I would encourage you to also spend some time this year thinking about those for whom this Christmas won't be quite so merry. This economic downturn has had a devastating effect on a lot of families. And unfortunately, many of the agencies that help people in need are hurting as well. So if you can, I encourage you to either donate money or your time to help. I think you'll find it's a great present to yourself.

I don't know about you, but we at the Hancock household have a lot to be thankful for this year. And so here's hoping that you have a lot to be thankful for also, and that you and your family have a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Dennis Hancock

ELECTION NOTICE



The City of Fenton will hold its annual General Election on Tuesday, April 5, 2011. Voters will elect a Mayor, Collector and four Aldermen, one each from the City's four Wards, for two-year terms. The polling 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 14, 2010, at 8:00 a.m. and will close on Tuesday, January 18, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

Those wishing to file a declaration of candidacy for an office may do so at the City Clerk's Office located at Fenton City Hall, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

City offices will close at noon on December 23 and December 30. Offices will be closed on December 24 and 31, 2010 and on January 17, 2011.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE FOR 2011 BUDGET

The City of Fenton will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 21, 2010, at 6:45 p.m., to consider the Operating and Capital Improvements Budget for 2011. The hearing will be held at Fenton City Hall. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend. Written comments are welcome through Friday, December 10, 2010. For more information or a copy of the proposed budget, contact the Finance Department at (636) 343-2080.

Persons requiring an accommodation to attend and participate in the meeting should contact the City Clerk's Office at (636) 343-2080(Voice) or 1-800-735-2966(TDD) at least two working days prior to the meeting.



**MEET THE MAYOR
for Saturday, December 18
has been cancelled.**

**PLANNING & ZONING
COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING**

On **Tuesday, December 7, 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 *Subsection C. Uses allowed by Special Use Permit of Section 465.010: "R-1" Single-Family Residential Zone District Regulations, Section 465.020: "R-2" Single-Family Residential Zone District Regulations, Section 465.030: "R-3" Single-Family Residential Zone District Regulations, and Section 465.040: "R-4" Single-Family Residential Zone District Regulations* of the Zoning Code to include provisions for places of worship, public schools and public institutions to have inflatable recreational devices on their property.
- A petition by Faith Church St. Louis.com for a Special Use Permit to use inflatable recreational devices at 1416 Larkin Williams Road. The property is zoned "R-1" Single-Family Residential.
- A petition by Neighbors Credit Union for a Special Use Permit to operate a drive-through facility at 610 and 622 Gravois Road. The properties are zoned "OT-2" Olde Towne Family Entertainment/Commercial Zone District.
- A petition by Neighbors Credit Union for Site Plan Review of a proposed 3,000 square-foot (+/-) financial institution building at 610 and 622 Gravois Road. The

properties are zoned "OT-2" Olde Towne Family Entertainment/Commercial Zone District.

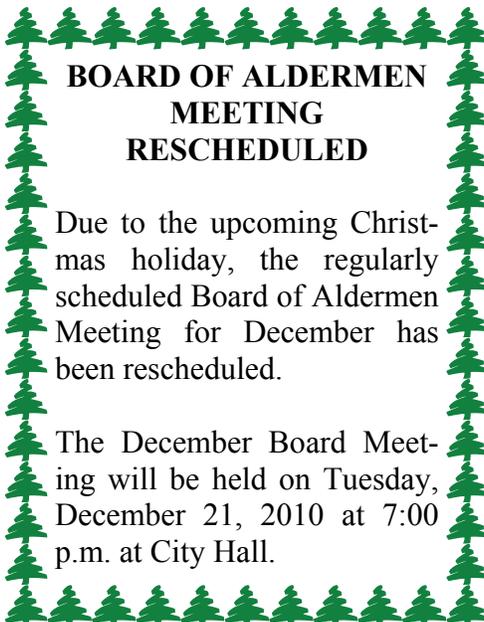
NEW BUSINESS

- A petition by Excell Communications, on behalf of T-Mobile, for a Special Use Permit to add three antennas on an existing telecommunications tower and a supporting ground equipment cabinet within the tower's lease area. The tower is addressed as 2229 Cassens Drive (Parcel address: 2233 Cassens Drive) and is zoned "IP-1" Industrial Park-Light, Medium, Industry, Distribution, Assembly Warehousing District.

SITE PLAN REVIEWS

- A petition by HOD Architects for Site Plan Review of proposed exterior modifications to an existing 30,000 square-foot (+/-) tenant space located at 2509 Cassens Drive. The parcel is addressed as 2501 Cassens Drive and is zoned "IP-1" Industrial Park-Light, Medium, Industry, Distribution, Assembly Warehousing District.

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



**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
MEETING
RESCHEDULED**

 Due to the upcoming Christmas holiday, the regularly scheduled Board of Aldermen Meeting for December has been rescheduled.

 The December Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 21, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

**FALL LEAF
PICKUP PROGRAM**



The City's Fall Leaf Pickup Program is now in full swing. Work will begin at 7:00 a.m. on Mondays and should take two to five 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 as leaves in the gutter could wash into and ultimately clog the storm system during heavy rains.

If you have questions, please contact the Public Works Department at (636) 349-8155.



**NEW BUSINESS
CORNER**

The following businesses have applied for an occupancy permit and are planning on calling Fenton "home":

***LaSalle Products
Altar Wine, LLC***

1677-1679 Larkin Williams Road
(distribution of sacramental wine)

***Splendid Custom Embroidery
& Gift Boutique***

464 Old Smizer Mill Road
(custom embroidery and garment decoration, gifts, and personalized items)

Redemix North America

29 Cassens Court
(administrative office for warehouse and manufacturing)

C&M Concrete

575 Rudder Road, Suite 108
(storage of concrete equipment)

Welcome to Fenton. We are glad you are here!

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".

Annual Holiday Lights Tour

For adults 55 and older, join us on Wednesday, December 15, from 4:00-8:00 p.m., for a holiday lights tour. We will be going to Our Lady of the Snows Shrine in Belleville for a buffet dinner and to look at all the Christmas decorations and lights. Then we will head to Tilles Park to take in the Winter Wonder Land Lights display. Registration deadline is November 24.



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.



School's Out—Open Swim

Are you looking for something fun to do on your days off school? The indoor pool will open at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, November 24 and Friday, November 26 to provide lots of fun and excitement. Day fees apply without membership.



Holi-Day Camp

Kids, need something to do over the holiday break? If you are 5-12 years old you can spend four fun-filled days with us. We will play games, do crafts and spend some time in the indoor pool. Don't just sit at home over the break,



come join us for tons of fun! This camp will run December 27 through December 30, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Before and after care options are available.

Holiday Hours



Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, November 25
RiverChase will be closed

Friday, November 26
Open: 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve
Friday, December 24
Open: 10:00 a.m - 2:00 p.m.

Christmas Day
Saturday, December 25
RiverChase will be closed



New Year's Eve
Friday, December 31
Open: 10:00 a.m - 2:00 p.m.



New Year's Day
Saturday, January 1
RiverChase will be closed

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.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Parks and Recreation Department is investigating the creation of a Community Garden. If you would be interested in participating, please respond by email to parkdirector@fentonmo.org or by calling (636) 349-2223, Ext. 1164. Please respond by January 1, 2011.

TRASH TALK



Holiday Pickup Schedule

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the Recycling Pickup will be on Friday, November 26th.

Trash and recycling pickup will remain on the same days during the weeks of Christmas and New Years.

Items that CANNOT be Recycled

Here is a list of items that cannot be included in your recycling carts for pickup:

- No hardback books
- No used tissues and paper towels
- No Styrofoam[®]
- No plastic bags
- No ceramics
- No window glass or mirrors

'Tis the Season for Styrofoam[®]!

Polystyrene, commonly known as Styrofoam[®], can be a large component of holiday waste. Used as packaging around electronics, furniture, toys, and as "peanuts" in mailed packages, polystyrene is a headache for avid recyclers. The light-weight quality that makes it ideal for packing material also gives it a very low scrap value. As a result, it isn't economical to recycle curbside. Fortunately, there are drop-off options. Packing "peanuts" can be returned to a mail store for reuse. Call the location before dropping off.

Residents can drop off foam and polystyrene packing material at EPC's Earth City location. Please make sure material is sealed tightly in plastic bags. Hours of collection are between 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Monday-Friday. They are located at 4025 Lakefront Court, Earth City, MO 63045.

FENTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

It doesn't seem possible, but the holiday season is fast approaching. You are invited to take time out of your busy schedule to attend our . . .



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE



When: Saturday, December 4
Where: #1 Church Street
Time: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

There'll be music of the season, refreshments to be savored and a chance to discover an interesting fact about the history of Fenton.



Members are diligently working on programs for the coming year so keep checking this space to see what your Historical Society is planning for 2011.

As always, we invite you to join us for our monthly meetings. They are open to the public and you do not have to be a member to attend. For more information, call (636) 326-0808 or (636) 343-4186.

GED®, PREP & MORE AND LITERACY CLASSES OFFERED BY ROCKWOOD

"GED® Prep & More" adult education classes continue to be held in Fenton, Tuesday and Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to Noon at the Maryville Southwest Campus, Room 108, 964 South Highway Drive. Classes are also held Monday and Wednesday, 6:00-8:30 p.m. at Rockwood Summit High School, Room 113, 1780 Hawkins Road. Students



may attend any day or days and need not live in the Rockwood School District to attend classes. Enrolled students are eligible to join GED® Online-Class where they can study according to their own schedule, day or night. Adult classes will break for the holidays, December 17, 2010 and will resume January 4, 2011.

In addition, volunteers are needed to become Literacy Tutors for the adult classes. A Literacy Volunteer Training will be held Thursday, January 13, 2011. To become a Literacy Volunteer, call (636) 733-2162.

Rockwood also offers classes for adult speakers of other languages. For more information about Rockwood Adult Education & Literacy classes, call (636) 733-2161.

ST. LOUIS COUNTY POLICE—FENTON PRECINCT UPDATE



It's the most wonderful time of the year again! Living in the great City of Fenton and the surrounding area, you know that along with this wonderful time, comes the time that crowds of people flock to the Gravois Bluffs shopping area to conduct their holiday shopping. The City of Fenton, Gravois Bluff Developers and the Fenton Police Department have made some changes to alleviate traffic congestion.

Starting after Thanksgiving on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, City of Fenton Officers will be posted on Gravois Bluffs Blvd. on the east and west side of Highway 141 to direct traffic. The Officers will be relieving congestion along Gravois Bluff Blvd., identifying and managing problems along the route in an effort to keep things moving smoothly.

Remember there are alternate entrances

to Gravois Bluffs Shopping area. One alternate entrance is at Highway 30 near Summit. This route offers easy access to the JC Penny, Target, and Shop 'N Save side of the Bluffs. On the east side, South Old Highway 141 accesses the Wal-Mart and Gordman's side of the Bluffs. The newly constructed entrance and exit on the west side of Gravois Bluffs near O'Charley's will give motorists yet another option.



As you browse through the Electronic Department of your favorite store, shopping for a new iPod or laptop, criminals are browsing through the parking lot shopping for the same items in your unlocked car. Criminals are looking for items in plain view on the front or back seat of your car or those tucked away in your center console. Keep items out of sight. The trunk is the ideal location to keep valuables. Thieves also love unlocked doors, this makes stealing your Christmas gifts and electronic devices so much more convenient. Criminals need to be quick and discreet. If your car door is locked, they move on the on to the next car, until they find an unlocked door.

Be safe and enjoy the seasons.

Neighborhood Policing Officer

(636) 343-2080

P.O. Aaron Dilks-Ext. 1123

Precinct Phone

(636) 349-8120

HOME IMPROVEMENT FOR LOW/MODERATE INCOME RESIDENTS

Can't afford repairs to your home? There may be help. Do you own and live in your home? Are your

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*NO COST HOME IMPROVEMENT
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real estate taxes up to date? Do you meet the following adjusted gross income guidelines for 2009: Family of 1 - less than \$38,300; Family of 2 - less than \$43,750; Family of 3 - less than \$49,200; Family of 4 - less than \$54,650; Family of 5 - less than \$59,050? If so, the Home Improvement Program of St. Louis County may be able to help you with up to \$5,000 worth of repairs to your asphalt, concrete, tuckpointing, roof, electric, plumbing, furnace, central air, water heater, or leaking foundation AT NO COST TO YOU.

The Home Improvement Program is a federally funded program that operates through St. Louis County Government's Department of Planning in conjunction with the City of Fenton.

For more information or to apply, call Tim at (314) 615-4029 or Rose at (314) 615-4025. TTY (314) 615-4001.

**DECISIONS FROM THE
SEPTEMBER 30 BOARD
OF ALDERMEN MEETING**



Presentations

- Mayor Hancock presented a Proclamation to Carolyn Obremski, American Indians Committee Chairman of the Daughters of the American Revolution in honor of National American Indian Heritage Month.
- Mayor Hancock along with the Board of Aldermen and Operations Superintendent Dale Oberhaus recognized Darrell Harrison, Maintenance Worker II, Anthony Cook, Maintenance Worker II,

and Ryan Bevard, Maintenance Worker I for their five years of service.

Decisions



- ✓ Approved an escrow release in the amount of \$17,385.60 for the Estates at Uthoff Valley Subdivision.
- ✓ Approved a Liquor License for Sunday Sales as submitted by Meramec Valley Store, 42 Gravois Road.
- ✓ Approved for RiverChase to be open Monday through Friday, 5:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.; Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- ✓ Approved the Parks & Recreation Department staff reorganization as submitted and discussed at the October 14, 2010 Committee Meeting.
- ✓ Accepted the bid from the government pricing for a 2011 Ford F150 Pickup Truck for a total of \$16,500.00.
- ✓ Approved raising the Earthquake Insurance limit to \$25,000,000.00 to cover the major structures in the City as submitted.
- ✓ Approved the elimination of premium pay for PRN, seasonal and temporary employees who work on a holiday.

Ordinances



- #3157** Calls for a General Election to be held April 5, 2011 in the City of Fenton, St. Louis County, Missouri with candidate filing to open December 14, 2010.
- #3158** Calls for submission to the voters of the City of Fenton, Missouri at the General Election to be held April 5, 2011, a proposition on a question of the appointment of a Collector.

#3159 Approves the renewal of a Special Use Permit for Nextel Communications, 700 Rudder Road as approved by Ordinance No. 2335.

#3160 Approves a Maintenance/Facility Removal Agreement between T-Mobile and the City of Fenton to co-locate on an existing telecommunication facility at 457-A South Old Highway 141.

#3161 Amends Ordinance No. 2791 - Financial Policies Manual.

Resolutions

R10-10 Authorizes the offering for sale of Certificates of Participation on behalf of the City of Fenton, Missouri in connection with the refunding of the City of Fenton, Missouri, Public Facilities Authority Leasehold Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2003 (City of Fenton, Missouri, Lessee).

**CITY OFFICES
HOLIDAY HOURS**

Thanksgiving



City offices will be closed for
Thursday, November 25
and
Friday, November 26

Christmas

City offices will close at Noon
Thursday, December 23
and
will be closed
Friday, December 24



New Year



City offices will close at Noon
Thursday, December 30
and
will be closed
Friday, December 31

ECEMBER

Thurs	Dec 2	7:00 pm	Historical Society/Swantner House (#1 Church)
		7:00 pm	Board Committee Meetings
Mon	Dec 6	6:30 pm	Park Board
Tues	Dec 7	7:00 pm	Planning & Zoning Commission
Thurs	Dec 9	7:00 pm	Board Committee Meetings
Mon	Dec 13	6:30 pm	Municipal Court
Tues	Dec 14	8:00 am	Filing Opens/April 5, 2011 General Election
Sat	Dec 18		Meet the Mayor/Cancelled
Tues	Dec 21	7:00 pm	Board of Aldermen
Wed	Dec 22	7:30 pm	Board of Adjustment
Thurs	Dec 23		City Offices Close at Noon
Fri	Dec 24		City Offices Closed
Mon	Dec 27		Municipal Court Cancelled
Thurs	Dec 30		City Offices Close at Noon
Fri	Dec 31		City Offices Closed

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).

CITY OF FENTON
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Deliver by Thursday, November 18, 2010

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<u>James Mauller</u>	343-0172
<u>Lisa Horn</u>	343-3816
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