



CITY OF FENTON NEWS & VIEWS

MAYOR'S CORNER

We are rapidly approaching the end of the year. So, I thought I'd take a look back at 2010, and try to look ahead to what we can expect in 2011.

Clearly one of the biggest stories of 2010 was the continuing impacts of the economic recession and the closing of the Chrysler plants. While we all shared the pain of dealing with these economic realities, the good news is that for 2011 we did not have to make any additional program cuts. We will continue to keep a close watch on the city's finances, and will also continue to let you know how we are doing throughout the year.

Speaking of Chrysler, the year is ending with the demolition of the south plant. We are anticipating an announcement very soon about who the new owners of the site will be. We will then have a much better idea of what the future will hold for that site.

In February, we started the demolition of the Gravois Road Bridge. Unfortunately, it was nearly 8 months later before we were able to finish the demolition and start construction on the new bridge. No one could have predicted that the Meramec River would have been as high as it was for as long as it was. In fact, there has only been one time in the last 140 years – in 1993 – when the river stayed up for as long as it did this year. I am going to go out on a limb and predict that we will be able to finish the project sometime next summer.

July brought the heartbreaking news of the kidnapping of Alisa Maier, the little girl from Louisiana who was

taken from the front yard of her home. But on July 6, she was found, unhurt, by two young people who saw a confused child wandering around late at night by the Post Office. Ashley Gibbs and Kevin McNeeley took the time to help her, and helped the police identify her kidnapper – a man who, we later found out, had killed a man in Hawk Point just a few days earlier. Thank God they were there that night, and were willing to help her.

This fall, we all endured another political campaign. After being subjected to months of vicious personal attacks and deliberately misleading ads, it's been very nice to have a break for a few months. I sincerely hope that our own political season, which kicks off very soon, will be more civil, and that everyone involved will limit the discussion to how they will work to improve our city.

2010 was also a year that impacted my family in a great way. In July we lost our beloved golden retriever, Leo, to bone cancer. He was a big dog, but was incredibly gentle with our grandkids. And when Chris had her back surgery a few years ago, he never left her side while she was recovering. But we now have a new little dog in our lives. We're not really sure what kind of dog Bailey is, but she certainly has a lot of energy. And judging by the number of shoes and other things she's chewed on, we will be doing our part to improve the local economy!

So here are my predictions for 2011:

- We will complete the Meramec River Bridge, and we will have a great celebration to open it
- The plans will be announced for the Chrysler site, and those plans won't include a football stadium – the

number one rumor for what will be built there

- The economy will start to recover, but there will still be a lot of people hurting as the unemployment numbers remain high
- The Fenton Community Charitable Association will have its tenth annual Mayor's Charity Ball on March 26, and it will be a great success

My last prediction is that my family will have a great Christmas season. On behalf of everyone at City Hall, and from my family to yours, here's hoping that you and your family have a great holiday season too.

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.

Candidate filing opened on December 14, 2010 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.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

On **Tuesday, January 4, 2011**, 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.

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

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 at-

tend. 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.

CITY OFFICES HOLIDAY HOURS

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



Martin Luther King Jr. Day

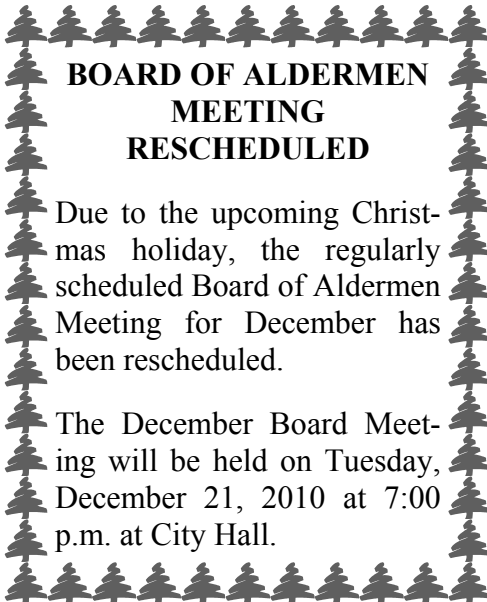
City offices will be closed
Monday, January 17, 2011



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.



JOHN SHEA RECEIVES FABICK COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

On November 23, 2010, at the Board of Aldermen meeting, Mayor Dennis Hancock and the Board members presented the 2010 John Fabick Community Service Award to John Shea.

Mr. Shea, a resident of Ward 1, received this award for his dedication and service to the City and the community. Congratulations for being chosen to receive this award. Thank you for your contributions to the City!

NEW BUSINESS CORNER



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

Weber Made
824 Horan Drive
(administration and warehouse/wholesale for fine art)

Alliance Systems & Programming, Inc.

1734 Gilsinn
(computer consulting and software development firm)

FirstSpear LLC

2275 Cassens Drive, Stes. 135 & 138
(administration, warehouse, distribution and light assembly-sewing for Special Forces and Military)

BG Services, Inc.

400 Axminister
(wholesale automotive equipment and automotive chemicals)

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".

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.

SWIM LESSONS

Swim lessons begin again soon: Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings lessons are available. The next session begins the week of January 4, 2011.

PARENT TOT SWIM CLASS

This is an interactive class for parents and tots, ages 6 months to 3 years of age. The next session begins the week of January 4. Classes are available Tuesday or Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings.



WATER AEROBICS

Come join the next session of Water Aerobics. Next session begins the week of December 27. There are many classes to choose from, including *Water Pilates, Aquacise, Total Body Workout, Joints in Motion, and Aqua*



Zumba. You don't have to wait for the next session come join the current session today.

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.

"NEW YOU" OPEN HOUSE

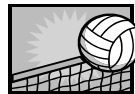
Join us New Year's Day from 1:00-4:00 p.m. and enjoy the many benefits of RiverChase. Free Admission beginning at 1:00 p.m. Complimentary water and land Zumba classes, water aerobics and water pilates, open swim and gym activities are a few of our offerings.



There will be face painting and Stay N Play will be open for the little ones. What a great way to sample all RiverChase has to offer your entire household. It's the perfect way to start the New Year. So stop by for an hour or the afternoon and catch that "New You" feeling. For class times or additional information call the front desk at (636) 343-0067 or visit our web site at www.fentonmo.org.

SENIOR VOLLEYBALL

Senior volleyball on Friday mornings is a great way to get exercise. Join us for our new session beginning Friday, January 7, 2011. This session runs for 17 weeks ending on April 29, 2011. Fees are \$10/Resident Member, \$13/Residents and Non-Resident Members and \$15 for Non-Residents.



COMMUNITY INDOOR GARAGE SALE

Get rid of all the extra items sitting in your basement! Let RiverChase provide the space



and join us for our community indoor garage sale on **Saturday, February 19, 2011, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** Anyone 16 and over can reserve a 6ft. x 3ft. table and sell anything from toys to crafts. The event is open to the public for free. Food will not be permitted for sale. There will be plenty of promotion around the City prior to the event and also yard signs at RiverChase. Contact Kate at (636) 343-2080 or by email at kbuemi@fentonmo.org.

HOLIDAY HOURS

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

NEW HOURS AT RIVERCHASE



Beginning January 2, 2011, RiverChase's operational hours will change. The new hours are:

Monday - Friday
5:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Saturday
8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Sunday
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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.

FENTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY



HAPPY HOLIDAYS



The Fenton Historical Society would like to thank our many friends and neighbors for making our Annual Christmas Open House a success. It was a blustery day outside, but inside there was warmth, laughter and good cheer.

As 2010 comes to a close, your Society would like to send everyone Good Wishes and Contentment and may life treat you kindly.

As always, we invite you to join us for our monthly meetings which are held the first Thursday of the month at the Swantner House, #1 Church Street. The meetings 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.

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

ST. LOUIS COUNTY POLICE—FENTON PRECINCT UPDATE



WINTER WEATHER IS AHEAD

With the cold, icy, winter weather arriving, please check for these home preparations: portable am/fm radio with spare batteries, flashlights, ice melt, furnace check-up, and a tone-alert weather radio. Preparations for vehicles include car winterization by a competent mechanic and a winter car kit for the trunk. The winter car kit should contain a portable am/fm radio with spare batteries, flashlight, first-aid kit, blankets, non-perishable snacks, jumper cables, a shovel and sand. Schools and businesses are encouraged to have a safety kit as well as a tone-alert weather radio.



Remember there is a difference in the Winter Storm Watch and Winter Storm Warning. The Winter Storm Watch means that hazardous winter weather may occur over the next 12 to 48 hours. The Winter Storm Warning means that severe winter weather is in progress or imminent. This includes forecasts of six inches of snow within 12 hours or ice accumulations of 1/4 inch or more. SKYWARN severe weather observers are encouraged to report heavy snow and ice accumulations. Winter weather events below warning criteria are cause for issuance of a Winter Weather Advisory. Wind Chill Advisories are issued when the combination of temperature and wind are expected to produce dangerous wind-chill levels. Pay attention to winter weather advisories and stay safe!

SNOW BIRDS



Don't forget to let us know when you are going south for the winter. We will place your house on the Vacation Inspection Program. Make sure you make your house look like someone is

home. Arrange to have the free papers collected, the snow cleaned away from the driveway and walk, and check for unexpected deliveries.

OPEN GARAGE DOORS

With darkness coming earlier, 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. If you have any questions regarding this, please feel free to contact the City of Fenton Precinct.



Neighborhood Policing Officer
(636) 343-2080
P.O. Aaron Dilks-Ext. 1123

Precinct Phone
(636) 349-8120



TRASH TALK



HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

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

TIS THE SEASON TO RECYCLE

Don't forget to recycle your wrapping paper and cardboard boxes from the gifts that are received during the holidays. *Please note: No plastic bags and no Styrofoam.*



STREET LIGHTS



Now that winter is almost here, and the evenings are darker, it is a good time to check the street light in front of your house. If it is not working please get the number off of the pole and call Public Works at (636) 349-8155. If you give us the pole number and the street address, we will contact Ameren Missouri to have the light repaired.



CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

The Public Works Department will again, this year, collect and dispose of live Christmas trees. *Curbside recycling will take place with regularly scheduled yard waste pickups.* Please do not drop off trees at City Park. Please remove all tinsel, ornaments, hooks, garland and other decorative materials prior to placing them curbside for pickup.

For additional information, contact the Public Works Department at (636) 349-8155.

DECISIONS FROM THE NOVEMBER 23 AND DECEMBER 2 BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETINGS

Presentations



- Alderman Clauss, President of the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association, along with Mayor Hancock and Alderman Trego, honored Police Officer Mark Berry as the Officer of the Quarter.

- Mayor Hancock presented a Proclamation to Mary Kinnaw, Daughters of the American Revolution in honor of their 10 Year Anniversary.
- Mayor Hancock along with the Board of Aldermen, presented John Shea with the John Fabick Award thanking him for his dedication and service to the City and the community.
- St. Louis County Police-Fenton Precinct Capt. Jeff Bader along with Mayor Hancock and Alderman Trego presented the Award of Excellence to Sgt. John Bielefeld.

Decisions



- ✓ Approved a Liquor License submitted by LaSalle Products Altar Wine, LLC, 1677-1679 Larkin Williams Road.
- ✓ Approved the request from the St. Louis County Election Board to utilize City Hall for the 2011 Regular Elections (February 8, April 5, June 7, August 2 and November 8, 2011).
- ✓ Approved sending out RFP for financial software which will include a dual option for a "hosted server" or a new financial software package.

Ordinances



Bill 10-70 Amends the City's Official Zone District Map by rezoning property described as 900 South Highway Drive from the City of Fenton's "HP-1" Hospitality Park-Hotel, Restaurant, Entertainment Business Park District to the "BP-3" Business Park-General Office Centers, Small Warehousing District. ***This bill failed to be enacted.***

#3162 Approves a contract between the City of Fenton, Missouri and L.F. Krupp Construction, Inc. for the construction of the Fenton Creek Bridge Replacement Project.

#3163 Approves a contract for water facility relocation and license to utilize between the City of Fenton, Missouri and the Missouri American Water Company for the Fenton Creek Bridge Replacement Project.

#3164 Approves a contract with CDG Engineers Architects Planners, Inc. for construction observation services for the Fenton Creek Bridge Replacement Project.

#3165 Amends Ordinance No. 2791 - Financial Policies Manual.

#3166 Approves a full-service Contract with St. Louis County, Missouri to provide Police Protection Services for the City of Fenton by and through the St. Louis County Police Department for a five-year period beginning January 1, 2011 and ending December 31, 2015.

#3167 Entering into a Cooperation Agreement with St. Louis County, Missouri for an Emergency Communications System.

#3168 Approves a one-year agreement with United Healthcare for Health Insurance for eligible City of Fenton employees.

Resolutions

R10-11 States intent to seek funding through the Land and Water Conservation Fund for park improvements at 311 Center Street and 104 Gravois Road and authorizes the Mayor to sign and execute necessary documents and agreements.



JANUARY

Mon Jan 3 6:30 pm Park Board

Tues Jan 4 7:00 pm Planning & Zoning Commission

Thur Jan 6 7:00 pm Historical Society /Swantner House (#1 Church)
Board Committee Meetings

Mon Jan 10 6:30 pm Municipal Court

Thurs Jan 13 7:00 pm Board Committee Meetings

Sat Jan 15 9:00 am Meet the Mayor/City Hall

Mon Jan 17 City Offices Closed - ML King Jr. Day

Tues Jan 18 5:00 pm Filing Closes for April 2011 General Election
7:30 pm Board of Adjustment

Mon Jan 24 6:30 pm Municipal Court

Thu Jan 27 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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