



CITY OF FENTON

NEWS & VIEWS

January 2011

MAYOR'S CORNER

Talk about starting the New Year off with a bang!

On December 31, an EF-3 tornado touched down in Fenton and Sunset Hills. The storm did significant damage to the Solid Rock Church at Highway 30 and Summit, and several homes on Summit Top. It then crossed over the Fenton Crossing Shopping Center, damaging the Commerce Bank there. And then it slammed directly into St. Paul's campus, damaging the church, the school, and virtually destroying the rectory.

From there, the storm moved into Forest Knoll Subdivision, damaging homes on Forest Oak Ct. and Ashgate. Before leaving Fenton, the storm deposited some trees in City Park - we're not sure where they came from - tore down some others, and finally crossed the river into Sunset Hills, where it damaged a lot more homes.

Somehow, miraculously, there was only one serious injury reported locally as a result of the storm. A woman driving on Highway 141 had her vehicle blown over several times by the tornado. A young man, Matt Wyatt, was behind her and saw what happened. Matt stopped his car, and lifted the stunned woman's head out of the several inches of water that she was laying in. Matt stayed with her and kept her safe until the Highway Patrol and the Fenton Fire District arrived on the scene. Unfortunately,

she succumbed to her injuries.

Matt certainly fits my definition of a hero - an ordinary person who responds the way we all like to think we would in a similar situation. Oh, did I mention that Matt's was the 5th car behind the one that was turned over? Matt's parents are very proud of what their son did. But after talking to his dad, I'm confident that he learned how to do the right thing from them.

Here are some of my observations from the storm:

- I'm constantly amazed at the power of these storms. I was in Oklahoma City two days after the EF-4 tornado struck there in 1999, and the devastation I saw there was like something out of a war movie.
- The narrowness of the path of the storm was striking. The rectory at St. Paul's looked like a bomb had gone off; the houses across the street were virtually untouched.
- These storms move very quickly, and can strike with very little warning. Monsignor Dieckmann, a trained weather observer, talked about how he had just opened his front door, heard the ominous "freight train" sound, and immediately headed for the basement. He only made it about half way down the stairs before the rectory started to come apart.
- When the warning sirens sound, it is time to take cover. Don't look for your video camera or cell phone and go outside to try and film something.

- It's only natural that we want to help our friends and neighbors after something like this happens. But use caution; there will very likely be damaged power lines down, broken gas lines, broken glass, and other potential injury-causing hazards around.
- While it's normal to be curious about storm damage, please observe the safety perimeters that emergency personnel set up. There were several people who had to be reminded of that by the police and firefighters who were at the damaged properties. Keep in mind that if they have to look out for you, they are not able to do the job they are on site to do, which is to help the victims of a disaster. So please be respectful, of the emergency responders and the victims.

For more information about how to increase your odds of surviving such a storm, here's a link to the National Weather Service website: <http://www.spc.noaa.gov/faq/tornado/safety.html>. Hopefully, its information you'll never need to use.

Mayor Dennis Hancock

PRESIDENTS DAY



There will be **no** change to the trash and recycling pickup for the week of February 21. Trash will be picked up on Monday and recycling will be picked up on Thursday.

APRIL 2011 GENERAL ELECTION INFORMATION

The City of Fenton will hold its annual General Election on **Tuesday, April 5, 2011**. Filing for elective office closed on Tuesday, January 18. Voters will elect a Mayor, Collector and four Aldermen, one each from the City's four Wards, for two year terms. The following is a list of candidates, as of January 14, that will appear on the ballot in the order they filed:

MAYOR

Carol Brennan
2 Treecrest Court

Dennis J. Hancock
29 Sennawood Drive

COLLECTOR

No one has filed for this position as of Friday, January 14

WARD 1

Paul Seemayer
22 Elderwood Court

WARD 2

Joe Maurath
1350 Larkin Williams Road

WARD 3

Chris Clauss
886 San Sebastian Drive

WARD 4

James Mauller
1500 Bowles Avenue

Note: **March 9** is the last day to register to vote or change voter registration, prior to the April 5 election. For sign up information contact the Board of Election at (314) 615-1800.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION WILL NOT MEET IN FEBRUARY

COUNTY OLDER RESIDENT PROGRAMS

County Older Resident Program (CORP) provides a variety of programs, services, and volunteer opportunities for St. Louis County residents age 60 and over. Most programs and services are free of charge, however, donations are accepted for all services.

Neighbor Driving Neighbor - volunteers drives using their own vehicles transport older adults to and from medical appointments and other essential business. Donations accepted.

Care Calls - volunteers call homebound older adults regularly to check on the well being or visit an older adult in their home to chat, read, play a game or be a friend.

Caregiver to Caregiver - trained volunteers visit with homebound elderly so primary caregivers can take a break.

Caring Connections - volunteers will recognize birthdays, do minor home chores or help with special projects in the homes of older adults.

Legal Assistance - volunteer attorneys prepare simple wills, quick claim deeds, guardianships and other legal documents.

Tax Assistance - trained volunteers prepare state and federal tax forms in season and provide year-round assistance with the Missouri Property Tax Rebate (Circuit Breaker).

Caring Shoppers - assist older adults with their shopping needs.

Forms Assistance - trained volunteers

help complete medical and insurance claim forms.

Home Care & Repair - referrals to skilled workers for help with minor home repairs and in-home services (fees negotiated between customer and worker). Free locks and smoke detectors available for low income customers.

For more information contact CORP Coordinator Pam Kettler at (636) 529-0018.

2011 BUDGET

The Budget for Fiscal Year 2011 was approved at the December 21, 2010 Board of Aldermen meeting. The approved 2011 Budget is available on the City's website (www.fentonmo.org) for citizens to download and review. The Budget will require that you have Adobe Reader installed on your computer as the file is in PDF format.

Please contact Finance Director Art DeWitt at (636) 343-2080, ext. 1106, if you have any questions regarding the Budget.

FENTON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE *BEACH BLAST* 15th ANNUAL DINNER AUCTION



The Fenton Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting their 15th Annual Dinner Auction at Orlando Gardens, 4300 Hoffmeister Avenue on Friday, February 11, 2011. Tickets are \$50/person or \$450/ Table of 10. Donations, sponsorships and advertising opportunities are available through the Chamber office (636) 717-0200 at this time.

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**Fenton Area Chamber of Commerce
Beach Blast—Annual Dinner Auction**
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Funds raised help us give thousands of dollars to our area students through our Scholarship program and help with the cost of running an ever growing Chamber.

Check with your high school counselor for an application packet or stop by the Chamber office inside the Fenton location of Maryville University—964 S. Highway Drive, Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

The Fenton Area Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit organization promoting area businesses. *Due to the events popularity, we have outgrown Fenton banquet facilities.*



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

LOSE TO WIN CHALLENGE

Want to get in shape for 2011? Then here is a contest for you! The 7th annual "Lose To Win Challenge" is back and better than ever. Whoever loses the highest body weight percentage during the contest will win a free membership to RiverChase. Discounts on personal training during the contest.

Household Contest: This contest is for two people who live in the same household. The Household Challenge begins February 7.

Individual Contest: This contest is

for individuals. The Individual Challenge begins February 14.

WATER AEROBICS

Many classes to choose from, including *Water Pilates, Aquacise, Total Body Workout, Joints in Motion, and Aqua Zumba.* Next session begins the week of February 14, but you don't have to wait until then, come join the current session today. Contact RiverChase at (636) 343-0067 for class times and prices.



**SPECIAL NEEDS
SWIMMING LESSONS**

Swimming lessons for ages 3-16, are geared toward each individual's needs. The lessons will be held in a small group setting with low child-to-instructor ratio in our indoor heated pool. Classes are held Tuesday evenings at 6:05 p.m. and the next session begins on February 22.



ADULT SWIM LESSONS

Interested in learning how to swim or need help with strokes? Those 16 and older can join the next session that begins on February 22. Lessons are held at 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday evenings.

SWIM LESSONS

Swim lessons begin again soon: Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday morning lessons are available. The next session begins the week of February 22.



PRIVATE SWIM LESSONS

Private and semi-private lessons are available. Times, schedules, and instructors can be scheduled to fit your needs. Call (636) 343-0067 for more information.

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 February 22. Classes are available Tuesday or Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings.



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 Monday, January 17 and Monday, February 21 to provide lots of fun and excitement. Day fees apply without membership.



**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. Call Kate at RiverChase at (636) 343-0067 or by email, kbuemi@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.



City offices will be closed Monday, February 21, 2011 for **Presidents Day**

RiverChase will be open from 5:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

ST. LOUIS COUNTY POLICE—FENTON PRECINCT UPDATE



6TH ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT & SILENT AUCTION

All proceeds benefit the *St. Louis County Police Explorer Post 9774*.

**Saturday, February 5, 2011
6:30 P.M.**

\$10 per person
**#1 Meramec Bluffs—Meramec
Bluffs Lutheran Senior Services**
 (at the intersection of Vance
and Sulphur Springs)

Soda and snacks will be provided. Please feel free to bring additional food for your table. Tables up to 10 person permitted.

The Police Explorers are young adults who are interested and participate in law enforcement activities. They assist the department and the community with their volunteer efforts. They are a not for profit organization and this event will help fund their activities.



For reservations or questions contact Police Officer Dusty Poncin at dponcin@stlouisco.com or Police Officer Kyle Jahns at kjahns@stlouisco.com or call (314) 615-0715.

CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

The St. Louis County Police Department, Fenton and West County Precincts, will sponsor a "Citizen Police Academy". The academy will begin on Wednesday, February 16, 2011. It will run for eight (8) consecutive Wednesdays, with graduation on April 6, 2011. Classes will be from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

The academy will be held in the conference room of the *West County Precinct*, located at 232 Vance Road. The precinct station is located just 1/2 miles west of Highway 141 on Vance Road.

The Citizens Police Academy is a great opportunity to gain personal knowledge and experience in how actual police officers patrol their beats, conduct traffic stops and investigate crime. Law enforcement professionals in the fields of Homicide, Robbery, Burglary, Drug Enforcement, Tactical Operations, Fraud and the Crime Scene Unit instruct classes.



The Citizens Police Academy is open to all St. Louis County residents and is free of charge. Advanced registration is required and seating is limited. For additional information or to reserve a seat, contact Officer Aaron Dilks at (636) 349-8120 or Officer Vincent Bazzoni at (314) 615-0700.

Neighborhood Policing Officer

(636) 343-2080

P.O. Aaron Dilks-Ext. 1123

Precinct Phone

(636) 349-8120

GED® PREP & MORE, ONLINE CLASS, LITERACY VOLUNTEER TRAINING

"GED® Prep & More" adult education classes, offered by Rockwood Adult Education & Literacy, have started in Fenton on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Maryville Southwest Campus, Room 108, 964 South Highway Drive. Classes will also be held Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Rockwood Summit High School, Room 113, 1780 Hawkins Road, Fenton. Students may attend any day or days and need not live in the Rock-

wood school district to attend classes. Enrolled students are eligible to join GED® OnlineClass where they can study according to their own schedule, day or night. Adult classes will run through May 20, 2011.

In addition, volunteers are needed to become Literacy Tutors for the adult classes. A Literacy Volunteer Training will be held 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.



FENTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

It may be Winter outside and, you may be snuggling under that fuzzy blanket, but Spring is alive and well at the Fenton Historical Society. We are busy making plans for our —

Annual Spring Luncheon and Antique Appraisal

**Saturday, April 30, 2011
Sunset Lakes
Banquet Center
Time: 12:30 p.m.
Cost: \$15.00**

Do you have any antiques or items in your family you've always wondered about? Each person is allowed to bring two (2) items for a free appraisal.

Mark your calendars. Tickets will be available soon. If you would like to be placed on our contact list, please call (636) 326-0808 or (636) 343-4186.

FEBRUARY

Wed Feb 2 7:00 pm Planning & Zoning Commission
Thur Feb 3 7:00 pm Historical Society/Swantner House (#1 Church)
7:00 pm Board Committee Meetings
Mon Feb 7 6:30 pm Park Board
Thur Feb 10 7:00 pm Board Committee Meetings
Mon Feb 14 6:30 pm Municipal Court
Sat Feb 19 9:00 am Meet the Mayor/City Hall
Mon Feb 21 City Offices Closed - Presidents Day
Tues Feb 22 7:30 pm Board of Adjustment
Thur Feb 24 7:00 pm Board of Aldermen
Mon Feb 28 6:30 pm Municipal Court

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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