



CITY OF FENTON

NEWS & VIEWS

February 2011

MAYOR'S CORNER

Tickets are now on sale for the Fenton Community Charitable Association's Tenth Annual Mayor's Charity Ball. The event will be held on March 26 at St. Clare Health Center. Our guest MC for the night will be John Brown from Fox 2 and KTRS.

Over the last ten years we've raised over \$500,000 for area charities. I hope you'll be able to join us as we celebrate our tenth anniversary.

All the proceeds from this event will go to two great organizations we've helped before. **Angels' Arms** is dedicated to providing and supporting loving homes for foster children by keeping brothers and sisters together within a nurturing family until a forever home is found. Even though they've only been in existence since 2000, **Angels' Arms** has changed the lives of close to 200 children, including over 50 sibling groups, by providing them with a loving home and allowing them to thrive in a happy, functional family setting.

Sunnyhill is a nonprofit organization established in 1979 that provides residential support, recreation and educational opportunities for individuals with developmental and other disabilities throughout St. Louis City, County and surrounding areas. **Sunnyhill** services include customized daily care, which provides support so that individuals can live their lives in the community with independence. **Sunnyhill** serves over 200 people with disabilities in this program.

The entertainment for the night will be a couple of national touring comedians. There will also be cooking demonstrations, wine tasting, a great dinner, and the opportunity to bid on some great silent and oral auction items.

Tickets are \$95, and are available from any of the FCCA Board members – Bill Voorhees, Mike Polizzi, Russ Weil, Sherry Hausmann, Sean King, this year's event chair Ginny Goede, or me.

Work continues on the Gravois Road Bridge project. The boring for the piers is nearly complete, and as soon as temperatures allow, they will begin pouring the concrete for the piers. Hopefully they will be able to get that done before the spring floods arrive, so that we can make up some of the time that was lost last year.

You may have seen some recent news reports about some legislation that Representative Mike Leara and Senator Eric Schmitt introduced. While the bills are different, they both are geared toward bringing the jobs lost when Chrysler shut down back to Fenton. The bills would allow employers who create a certain number of new jobs to keep a portion of the withholding taxes for those new employees. In other words, they would only get the tax credits if they create new jobs. These programs would be self-funding, in that the money used for the program would come from jobs that do not exist today.

I fully support their efforts, and I hope they are successful.

Speaking of the Chrysler site, the demolition of the buildings there con-

tinues. This is despite the efforts of some St. Louis County officials who, for reasons they haven't shared with us, want to slow down the demolition process - which also means slowing down the redevelopment process.

One way they've tried to do this is to impose a moratorium on any demolition permits on buildings over 100,000 square feet. We've informed the County that we have a contract with them to provide building inspections and permits; if they try to slow this process down, we will simply issue the permits ourselves, and then hold them liable for any costs associated with doing that. That seemed to get their attention.

They are also proposing changes to the building code that would require the removal of the foundation or slab as part of the demolition process. The last bill I saw would require this for any structure – a commercial building, a home, or a tool shed. They also would change the definition of structure to include anything man-made, such as parking lots and driveways.

In a word, this is ridiculous.

Unfortunately for me, it means I've had to spend several Tuesday nights in Clayton at the County Council meetings over the last couple of months to try to keep an eye on the situation. We will continue to monitor this, and to take whatever action we have to in order to defend the rights we have as an incorporated city.

Mayor Dennis Hancock

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

On **Tuesday, March 1, 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:

NEW BUSINESS

- Consideration of an amendment to the City of Fenton Code of Ordinances regarding Commercial Vehicle Regulations.
- Consideration of an amendment to the Zoning Code regarding Public Hearing Notification Procedures and Fees.
- Consideration of an amendment to the Zoning Code regarding Permitted Uses and Special Uses within the "OT-1", "OT-2", "OT-3", and "OT-5" Olde Towne Zoning Districts that serve alcohol.
- A petition by the City of Fenton to amend Sections 410.030, 420.020, 420.040, 480.060 and Addendum A of the Zoning Code regarding Public Hearing Notifications and Fees.
- A petition by the City of Fenton to amend Sections 466.010, 466.020, 466.030 and 466.050 of the Zoning Code regarding Permitted Uses and Special Uses within the "OT-1", "OT-2", "OT-3", and "OT-5" Olde Towne Zoning Districts that server alcohol.
- A petition for a Special Use Permit by Top Care Lawn Service d/b/a Top Care, Inc., for outdoor

storage of a 1,000-gallon propane tank at 343 Axminister Drive. The property is zoned "BP-3" Business Park-General Office Centers, Small Warehousing District.

- A petition for a Special Use Permit by Simpson Property Holdings, LLC, for the outdoor storage of equipment and materials at 1053 Headquarters Park. The property is zoned "BP-3" Business Park-General Office Centers, Small Warehousing District.

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



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PERMIT FORMS

The Community Development Department is pleased to announce that all forms and procedural instructions for Commercial, Residential, and other developmental zoning permits are now on-line at www.fentonmo.org under the heading of "Business" - "Permits and Applications" for the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Adjustment applica-

tions can be found under the heading of "Business" - "Planning & Zoning". For your convenience, you can print and complete a selected form and return it to the Community Development Department. Be sure to include appropriate fees and specified support documentation.

If you have any questions please call the Community Development Department at (636) 349-8110.

Free Yard Waste/Trash Overflow Stickers



The Board of Aldermen has elected to make the six (6) free Yard Waste/Trash Overflow Stickers available to residents for pickup at City Hall, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



NEW BUSINESS CORNER

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

Tony B's Pizzeria & Grill
544 Gravois Road
(restaurant & grill)

JT Dunn Climate Control LLC
822 Horan
(heating/air conditioning services)

APEX Commercial Kitchen Co.
1731 Larkin Williams Road
(commercial kitchen
equipment & supplies)

Welcome to Fenton. We are glad you are here!

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 in the order they filed:

MAYOR

Carol Brennan
2 Treecrest Court

Dennis J. Hancock
29 Sennawood Drive

COLLECTOR

No candidate filed.

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.



EAGLE SCOUT FLAG PROJECT

Life Scout Brent Croxton of Troop 25 is collecting old or unusable American Flags for his Eagle Scout project, a Flag Retirement Ceremony. There will be red donation bins at the following places until February 25, 2011: City Hall, RiverChase of Fenton, St. Paul's Church, Bandanas Bar-B-Q (Bowles and I-44), and Saale Chiropractic (11339 Gravois). The ceremony will be held at the World War II Memorial by Fenton Fire Station #1 (845 Gregory Lane) on Saturday, March 5 at 9:00 a.m.

The purpose of this project is to give people an opportunity to dispose of their old or worn American Flags and make sure that they are properly retired. It is also a good way to inform people about how to treat their flags respectfully. All donations are

RIVERCHASE FENTON PARKS & RECREATION HAPPENINGS

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

HEALTH FAIR

Join us on Saturday, March 12 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. for the 11th Annual RiverChase Health Fair sponsored by Des Peres Hospital. Vendors will have free give-a-ways and information on a variety of different health topics. Des Peres Hospital will be doing free full cholesterol screening (total, LDL, HDL, triglycerides), glucose and PSA Available from 8:30-11:30 a.m., **please call 1-888-457-5203 to reserve**



your spot. Everyone who comes to the fair and stops by every booth will be entered in a drawing to win a Raleigh Talus 2.0 Mountain Bike provided by Olde Towne Fenton Cyclery.

WATER AEROBICS



*Aquacise • Joints In Motion
Total Body Workout
Water Pilates • Aqua Zumba*

New sessions are February 14 and April 4, but you can join a class at any time. Call RiverChase at (636) 343-0067 for class times and prices.

SPECIAL NEEDS SWIMMING LESSONS

Classes are held Tuesday evenings at 6:05 p.m. and the next session begins on February 22.



ADULT SWIM LESSONS

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.

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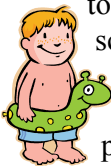
PARENT TOT SWIM CLASS

This is an interactive class for parents and tots. The next session begins the week of February 22. Classes are available Tuesday or Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings.



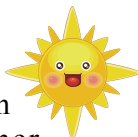
SCHOOL'S OUT OPEN SWIM

Are you looking for something fun to do on your days off school? The indoor pool will open at 12:00 noon on Monday, February 21 to provide lots of fun and excitement. Day fees apply without membership.



SUMMER CAMP

The Parks & Recreation Department's Summer Camp registration has now begun. Sign up early as camp space is limited. The [Summer Camp Brochure](http://www.fentonmo.org) is online at www.fentonmo.org. For more camp information please contact Carrie Smith at csmith@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.

RESIDENTIAL REMINDERS

GARAGE SALES

The season of garage sales will be here in the blink of an eye. If you plan to have a garage sale, don't forget to stop by City



Hall and obtain a permit. **There is no charge for the permit.**

Up to four (4) 2' x 3' signs can be placed on any private property with the owner's consent. *Please do not place signs in the public right-of-way.* Also, please pick up your signs the same evening after the yard sale or after the last day of the sale.

SELLING YOUR CAR?



This is just a reminder that vehicles for sale cannot be parked on non-residential property (except for car sales lots) or City streets. Residents can get a permit to display a "For Sale" sign on their personal vehicles parked on their driveway. Permits can be obtained **at no charge** from City Hall. For verification of registration, please bring your title or pink slip with you. If there are any questions, please call City Hall at (636) 343-2080



ST. LOUIS COUNTY POLICE—FENTON PRECINCT UPDATE



NEVER LEAVE YOUR PURSE UNATTENDED

You have loaded up your grocery cart and you make your way to your vehicle on the parking lot. Inside that little kid seat section of the shopping cart, nearest the handle, are your eggs, bread and purse. Now start your vehicle to warm it up and return to the cart to load your groceries either in the back seat or trunk. The last item you grab from your cart as you're putting it away will be your purse. For some this routine is dead on, and most others can relate in some form or another.

Criminals cruise store parking lots looking for this routine. (In this area most happen at Wal-Mart) They will watch you load your vehicle and when your back is turned they steal the purse from your cart. You won't notice it, the person walking by your cart and vehicle will not register as odd. You will finish loading your vehicle, and assume you already put your purse in your car. Eventually you will unload your car at home, and finally notice your purse is missing. By the time you cancel your credit cards the criminal will have had plenty of time to have made several purchases.

ATTENTION GPS USERS

All thefts of GPS devices in the recent months are devices that are left in plain view, either attached to the windshield or on the dashboard. The suspect simply breaks out the vehicle's window to steal the GPS and whatever else they see. Currently there is a market for GPS devices. By simply hiding your GPS device, you can avoid being a victim.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

The City of Fenton, Neighborhood Watch program will be having a meeting at the Fenton City Hall on March 8th, 2011 starting at 7:00 pm. The agenda includes safety tips, current crime trends, and a guest speaker from St. Louis County Police Department. All are welcome to attend.

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

Precinct Phone
(636) 349-8120



**FENTON
HISTORICAL
SOCIETY**

**Annual Spring Luncheon
And Antique Appraisal**

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

Join us for a lovely afternoon of good food and good fun. And don't forget to start thinking about what mysterious family heirloom you would like to bring for a free appraisal.

Tickets are now available. So mark your calendars and call us as (636) 326-0808 to reserve your place at this outstanding event. You won't be disappointed.



**WEATHERIZATION
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

The Community Action Agency of St. Louis County (CAASTLC) continues to provide no-cost home weatherization for low income residents of the County with Recovery Act funds. Depending on the results of a state-of-the-art energy audit, we hire contractors to update insulation, seal windows and other energy leaks, and can replace inefficient furnaces and water heaters.

In addition to the obvious budget benefits for the families or individuals directly served, the improvements to the housing stock can boost property values. And money saved by the homeowners can be used for other house improvements. Rental properties with low income tenants are also eligible for the same Weatherization Assistance Program benefits with the exception of appliance replacement.

Information is available at the website: www.caastlc.org. Brochures and fliers about the Weatherization Assistance Program are also available at the above website.

**Spring
Begins—
Friday,
March 20**

**ARE YOU A
CONSIDERATE
PET OWNER?**

We would like to remind all our pet owners to have your pets on a leash and to pick up after them while in parks and other public places. It's the law.

Reminder—Plastic bag dispensers with bags have been installed in the parks. Please utilize these bags—they are there for your convenience. If you have extra plastic bags at home, feel free to bring them to the park to restock the dispensers.

Be a considerate and thoughtful neighbor and help keep our City and parks clean.

**DECISIONS FROM THE
JANUARY 13 AND 24
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
MEETINGS**

Proclamation

Mayor Dennis Hancock presented a Proclamation to Alderman Tim Trego congratulating him for receiving the honorary title of "St. Louis County Police Officer" from Colonel Timothy Fitch, Chief of Police.



Decisions

- ✓ Approved a liquor license for Gravois Grill, 515 Gravois Road contingent upon the completion of the sale, submission of proof of change of ownership, issuance of an occupancy permit for the new owner and compliance with all other ordinance requirements.
- ✓ Re-appointed Charles Jahneke (Ward 1), Eric Gordon (Ward 2), Daniel Borgard (Ward 3), and Diana Biras (Ward 4), to the Park, Beautification Committee with terms expiring January, 2013.
- ✓ Approved, with conditions, Phase II of the Fallen Soldier Memorial.
- ✓ Approved the write off of \$66.00 of uncollected River-Chase debt.
- ✓ Approved the distribution of six free Trash/Overflow/Compost stickers to each City of Fenton household.



- Tues Mar 1 7:00 pm Planning & Zoning Commission
- Thur Mar 3 7:00 pm Historical Society/Swantner House (#1 Church)
7:00 pm Board Committee Meetings
- Mon Mar 7 6:30 pm Park Board
- Thur Mar 10 7:00 pm Board Committee Meetings
- Mon Mar 14 6:30 pm Municipal Court
- Tues Mar 15 7:30 pm Board of Adjustment
- Sat Mar 19 9:00 am Meet the Mayor/City Hall
- Thur Mar 24 7:00 pm Board of Aldermen
- Mon Mar 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).

CITY OF FENTON
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Deliver by Friday, February 17, 2011

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