



CITY OF FENTON

NEWS & VIEWS

April 2011

MAYOR'S CORNER

Thank you.

You've given me the honor of being your Mayor for another two years. I am truly humbled by your support and your confidence. I will do everything I can to live up to your expectations of me.

I also want to thank everyone who made our tenth annual Mayor's Charity Ball another great success. Because of you, we were able to raise more than \$16,000 for Angels Arms and Sunnyhill Adventures. I especially want to thank our sponsors, John Fabick Tractor and SSM St. Clare Health Center for their generous support.

One of the auction items we had at the Charity Ball was a Shih Tzu and Poodle mix puppy. And for the second time in my life, after saying to my wife "we are not buying a puppy at an auction," we came home with one. Her name is Olivia, and she is rapidly getting us trained.

Speaking of St. Clare, we found out a few weeks ago that Sherry Hausmann, President of St. Clare, has accepted a position at another hospital group and will be leaving in a few weeks. She will be relocating to Wichita, Kansas. I've worked closely with Sherry over the last few years that St. Clare has been in our community, and she has turned out to be one of the best people I've ever had the pleasure of knowing. I wish her, Steve, and the girls nothing but the best as they embark on this new adventure.

One of the things we've been working on a lot lately is the sales tax distribution system in St. Louis County. As you may remember, sales taxes in St. Louis County are pooled together, and distributed out to the various Cities in the County based on a very complicated formula. As a result, some Cities benefit greatly; other Cities, such as Fenton, lose a great deal. In the case of Fenton, we lose approximately \$3.5 million a year.

The next time you notice the condition of some of our streets, most notably the River Road, Gravois or Allen Road, or some of our other facilities, bear this in mind. That \$3.5 million annually would go a long way in maintaining or improving our infrastructure and offering the services and programs that the City of Fenton residents deserve.

I've been on television and radio talking about this. I've also been to Jefferson City to testify on behalf of House Bill 534. This bill, introduced by Representative Mike Leara, would essentially turn the clock back to 1993, when the last change to the formula was made.

I thank Representative Leara for introducing this bill. The bill was voted out of the Local Government Committee with a "do pass" recommendation. But we're getting a lot of opposition, as you might expect, from the Cities in the County who benefit under the current system.

So what can you do to help? You can contact our State Senator, Eric Schmitt, and ask him to support our efforts when this bill gets to the Senate. If enough people do that, he will listen; after all, you are the ones who put him in office in the first place.

Senator Schmitt can be reached at: 201 W. Capitol Avenue, Room 323 Jefferson City, MO 65101 (573) 751-2853
Email: eschmitt@senate.mo.gov

Thanks for your help.

Mayor Dennis Hancock



APRIL 2011 GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS

The unofficial results of the City of Fenton's annual general election held on Tuesday, April 5 are as follows:

MAYOR

Dennis J. Hancock (567)

Carol Brennan (205)

COLLECTOR

No candidate filed.

WARD 1

Paul Seemayer (173)

WARD 2

Joe Maurath (195)

WARD 3

Chris Clauss (107)

WARD 4

James Mauller (161)

All were elected to two-year terms. The Mayor and Aldermen will be sworn in on April 28, 2011.

PROPOSITION 1

"Shall the Board of Aldermen of the City of Fenton, Missouri, provide by ordinance for the appointment of a Collector as provided for by the Statutes of the State of Missouri?"

Yes (528)

No (195)



PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

On **Tuesday, May 3, 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 for a Special Use Permit by Scott Ulsas to operate a Medical Facility (Chiropractic) at 800 South Highway Drive, Suite 141. The property is zoned "HP-1" Hospitality Park-Hotel, Restaurant, Entertainment Business Park District.

NEW BUSINESS

- A petition by A&G Mobile Detailing to amend *Section 475.030: "BP-3" Business Park - General Office Centers, Small Warehousing District, Subsection G: Special Uses Provided Within The "BP-3" District*, of the Zoning Code to include "Auto detailing shop, excluding mechanical or body work".
- A petition for Special Use Permit by Mercury Group, Inc., for the outside storage of materials at 1710 Larkin Williams Road. 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.

RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE STORAGE



At the meeting on March 24, 2011, the Board of Aldermen approved an ordinance regarding the storage of residential solid waste containers.

Ordinance 3174 amended the Fenton Municipal Code pertaining to solid waste storage. The change to Section 225.020: Solid Waste Storage, includes that residential solid waste containers, tree limbs, and yard wastes shall be stored behind the front building line. This Code amendment will go into effect on May 1, 2011. Additional information pertaining to building lines is available on the City's website, go to www.fentonmo.org.

Along with the changes about storage don't forget that all trash containers, yard waste bags, tree limbs and large solid waste items should be placed at the **curb** for collection. Not in the street, gutter, or drainage ditch.

Any questions, please feel free to contact the Community Development Department at (636) 349-8110.



TRASH TALK

Free Yard Waste/Trash Overflow Stickers

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

Memorial Day



With the Memorial Day holiday just

around the corner, this is just a reminder that there will be no trash pick up on Monday, May 30, 2010.

- Monday trash pick up will move to **Tuesday, May 31.**
- Thursday recycling pick up will move to **Friday, June 3.**

Earth911.com

Do you need help finding a place to recycle a computer or large appliance or just want more information on recycling? Go to Earth911.com to find out more information.

As always if you have questions, please call City Hall at (636) 343-2080.

Don't Forget

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 8



NEW BUSINESS CORNER

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

A.S.P. Enterprises Inc.

1099 Cassens Industrial Court
(administrative offices/warehouse
for corrosion control)

Anixter Inc.

2509 Cassens
(distribution of voice, data,
electrical wire & cable
limited to wholesale sales)

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".

BASIC TRAINING

Six week long fitness class modeled on the military's boot camp. This class consists of positive reinforcement & encouragement. The next session begins May 30.



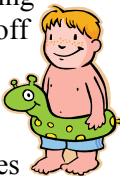
SWIM & DIVE TEAM

Come swim with the Sharks. Fenton Swim and Dive Team signups have begun. The next sign up is set for May 7 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at RiverChase.



SCHOOL'S OUT OPEN SWIM

Are you looking for something fun to do on your days off school? The indoor pool will open at Noon, April 22 and 25 to provide lots of fun and excitement. Day fees apply without membership.



WATER AEROBICS

Come join the current session of Water Aerobics. We offer: *Aquacise, Aqua Zumba, Joints In Motion, Total Body Workout and Water Pilates*. Starting May 31, two new classes will be offered. Come try *Deep Water Aerobics* and *H2O and You—A Teen Water Aerobic Class*.



SWIMMING LESSONS

Summer sessions will start June 6. For convenience we will have morning and evening lessons.



INNER TUBE WATER POLO

Come join a super fun variation of water polo - requires no experience. Just sit in inflatable tubes in the pool and play water polo. League starts June 3.



FAMILY CAMPOUT

Ready for some good, old-fashioned, outdoor, summer FUN? Come join us on June 19 for our family campout at RiverChase. Check the Beacon for more information.



TAILGATE SALE

Come one, come all to a great Tailgate SALE on Saturday, May 14. Thirty-Five (35) double spaces to sell all the treasures you no longer desire. We'll turn a portion of the parking lot into the best flea market in Fenton. Refreshments and snacks will be available to purchase. This SALE gets better every year! Don't miss signing up for your space. Sale hours are 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Set up begins at 6:30 a.m.



DID YOU KNOW . . .

. . . that if you reside or work in the 63026 Zip Code area, a one year membership can cost less than a weekend trip to Chicago or Branson? With the cost of gasoline at almost \$4.00 a gallon there has never been a better time to join RiverChase of Fenton and begin your vacation today. Remember there is never a joining fee at RiverChase.

RiverChase has a 30-visit punch card which is perfect for college or high

school students out of school for the summer. This summer enjoy all the amenities RiverChase has to offer, three (3) swimming pools, two (2) gymnasiums, and a great fitness center.

Information on our Spring and Summer class offerings, along with our great summer camps are available online at www.fentonmo.org. Just download the BEACON on the City's home page located on the tab, left hand side.

RiverChase will stay open on Saturdays until 8:00 p.m. during the summer beginning May 28 and ending September 3.

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.

BRADFORD PEAR TREES



The Bradford Pear Tree has become very popular over the years. It belongs to a family of trees that are more commonly known as "Universal Landscape Trees" because they are used so frequently by landscapers and builders.

You can find them lining many streets and sidewalks and in many local parks and neighborhoods. They are so popular not only because of their beautiful spring flowers, but because they grow quickly and are easy to care for.

The problem is the Bradford Pear Trees have started to cross breed with other similar trees, something that was thought to be impossible. The resulting hybrid trees are often very thorny and rapid growers. The berries from these trees are then

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BRADFORD PEAR TREES

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spread rapidly by birds resulting in even more new hybrid trees.

These new trees are popping up everywhere and are so thick that they are muscling out much of the native plant life around them. The Missouri Department of Conservation wants to stem the tide of this new invasive species of trees so they are asking Missourians to chop down their Bradfords and replace them with other types of trees that are native to the Midwest.

For more information, go to the Missouri Department of Conservation's website: <http://mdc.mo.gov/conmag/2011/03/stop-spread>.


ST. LOUIS COUNTY POLICE—FENTON PRECINCT UPDATE



Now that the cold weather has passed it's time for kids to dust off their bicycles and get active again. Bicycling is a great form of exercise, you can burn 300 to 400 calories per hour. Unfortunately, as children and young adults hit the streets and park trails with their bikes, they forget to use proper cycling etiquette and rules. Bicycle rules, laws and etiquette are put in place to keep the rider safe and to help avoid accidents. Every year, about 300,000 kids go to the emergency room due to bike injuries, and at least 10,000 kids have injuries that require a few days in the hospital.



Here are a few key topics for you and your young person to go over before heading out:

- 1) Wear a helmet. St. Louis County has adopted a helmet ordinance requiring bicyclist from 1 to 16 years of age to wear helmets. The City of Fenton Police Department offers free helmets to those in need, and will make sure helmets are properly fitted. 
- 2) Conduct an equipment check on your bike. Make sure everything is in good working condition.
- 3) Wear bright color clothing and/or reflective gear.
- 4) Ride on the right-hand side of the street, so you travel in the same direction as cars. Ride **with** traffic, **never** ride against traffic.
- 5) Stop at all stop signs and obey traffic (red) lights just as cars do.
- 6) When you bicycle in a congested area, use proper hand signals to let motorists know where you intend to travel.
- 7) When passing other bikers or pedestrians on the street or trails, always pass to their left side, and call out "On your left!" so they know that you are coming.

For more information, go to: <http://www.trailnet.org/our-work/missouri-bike-ped-laws>.

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

Precinct Phone
(636) 349-8120

AMERICAN WATER SEWER LINE PROTECTION

You own and are responsible for maintaining the sewer line running between your home's exterior and the street. It's highly vulnerable to clogs and blockages. . . from tree roots, pipe collapse and common waste, which can happen at any time. In most cases, those lines were put in place when your home was originally built and may have gone through years, or even decades, of seasonal changes, root invasions, or cumulative blockages.

Excavation . . . line clearing . . . site restoration . . . sidewalk/street repaving . . . can all cost thousands of dollars. Protect yourself from the unexpected worries and costs with the Sewer Line Protection Program.

The Sewer Line Protection Program includes:

- Up to \$8,000 (\$4,000 for line repair and \$4,000 for street repair) in repair costs for clogs and blocks in the sewer line between your home and the sewer main. Basic site restoration, including filling, raking and re-seeding.
- Once contacted, an independent contractor will be dispatched to your home within 24 hours.
- Affordable payment terms with convenient monthly billing on your customer water bill, or via check or credit card.

For more information on the Water Line, Sewer Line and In-Home Plumbing Protection Programs, please call 1-866-430-0819 or by email at cs@amwater.com.





SPRING LEAF REMOVAL PROGRAM

The City's Spring Leaf Program has begun and will end the week of April 25. Because pick-ups start in a different part of the City each Monday, it is recommended leaves be at the curb by 7:00 a.m. Leaf removal will occur each week until all areas have been serviced once.

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.

Leaf piles containing debris or items other than leaves will be left and removed the following week if the unacceptable material has been removed.

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



FREE!! MULCH AND COMPOST

On a first-come basis, residents of the City may take advantage of free mulch and compost located in Fenton City Park behind the tennis courts.

The available mulch and compost material is the end product of our lawn debris and leaf removal programs from the previous year. Many residents utilize this material in their vegetable and flower gardens.

Help us complete our recycling process by utilizing the mulch and compost.

DECISIONS FROM THE MARCH 24 BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

Presentations

- Mike Jewel, Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association honored Police Officer Brad Mueller as Officer of the Quarter.
- Sgt. John Bielefeld presented Police Officer Brad Mueller and Police Officer Clayton Fair with an award of excellence for meritorious service in the line of duty.
- Mayor Hancock recognized the following employees for their service to the City: Katie Therina, Recreation Associate I - 5 Years, Mollie Wrablik, Recreation Associate I - 5 Years.

Decisions



- ✓ Approved a liquor license submitted by Road Ranger, 205 North Highway Drive.
- ✓ Approved the authorization of \$225,995.08 (5%) for potential change orders for construction of the Gravois Road/Meramec River Bridge Replacement as discussed at the December 10, 2009 Committee Meeting. (These are funds previously budgeted).
- ✓ Approved the authorization of \$225,995.08 (5%) for potential change orders for construction of the Gravois Road/Meramec River Bridge Replacement as discussed at the March 10, 2011 Committee Meeting. (This will bring the total for potential changes to \$451,990.16 (10%) of the bid amount of \$4,519,901.60. These are funds previously budgeted.)
- ✓ Denied the request from St. Louis Disc Dog Club to waive insurance

requirements for their competition on May 7, 2011 at Fenton City Park.

- ✓ Approved the request from the Arnold Police Department, on behalf of the Missouri Police Olympics to utilize softball fields #1, 2, and 3 on June 6 and 7, 2011 based on compliance with conditions.
- ✓ Approved the request by Scout Matthew Pollard to reconstruct the small picnic shelter located in Fenton City Park for his Eagle Scout Project as submitted and discussed at the March 10, 2011 Committee Meeting.



Ordinances

#3174 Amends Chapter 225 Solid Waste to regulate the Storage of Solid Waste Containers and Yard Waste on Residential properties.

#3175 Approves a Supplemental Cooperation Agreement with St. Louis County, Missouri for the allocation of Community Development Block Grant Funds for the year 2011.

#3176 Approves an Agreement with Sungard Pentamation, Inc. for the Finance Department's Accounting Software Package.

#3177 Authorizes the City of Fenton, Missouri to enter into a Lease Purchase Transaction, the proceeds of which will be used to pay costs for refunding the outstanding City of Fenton, Missouri, Public Facilities Authority, Leasehold Refunding Revenue Bonds (City of Fenton, Missouri, Lessee), Series 2003; and authorizes the execution of certain documents and actions in connection therewith.

Resolutions

#11-01 Amends the 2010 approved Budget.

#11-02 Amends the 2011 approved Budget.



Mon May 2 6:30 pm Park Board
Tues May 3 7:00 pm Planning & Zoning Commission
Thur May 5 7:00 pm Historical Society/Swantner House (#1 Church)
7:00 pm Board Committee Meetings
Mon May 9 6:30 pm Municipal Court
Thur May 12 7:00 pm Board Committee Meetings
Tues May 17 7:30 pm Board of Adjustment
Sat May 21 9:00 am Meet the Mayor/City Hall
Mon May 23 6:30 pm Municipal Court
Thur May 26 7:00 pm Board of Aldermen
Mon May 30 City Offices Closed—Memorial Day

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
625 NEW SMIZER MILL ROAD
FENTON, MO 63026

Deliver by Wednesday, April 20, 2011

MAYOR	
<u>Dennis J. Hancock</u>	305-8939
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WARD 2	
<u>Mike Beiser</u>	349-7511
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WARD 3	
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WARD 4	
<u>James Mauller</u>	343-0172
<u>Lisa Horn</u>	343-3816
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