



CITY OF FENTON

NEWS & VIEWS

September 2011

MAYOR'S CORNER

I want to start off this month with some good news – we have finally been able to get back to work on the Meramec River Bridge project. The river level has fallen to the point where the crews can return to work on the last pier coming out of the river. With any luck – good luck, not the kind we've been having on this project – we should be seeing steel going up in the next month or so.

Work is also progressing on the Old Highway 141 project. As I write this, the steel girders are going up, and we are on schedule to have the bridge open by early October.

There are no new developments on the Chrysler site. You may recall that in 2009, after the Plants were closed, we entered into an agreement with St. Louis County and the State of Missouri, and were awarded a Grant by the Federal government. The Grant was to develop a marketing plan for the site. A large part of that plan was a study to look at the region, as well as the available workforce, and determine what types of businesses would be beneficial for the region to try to attract. The Grant was funded by the State (\$260,000), the County (\$130,000), Fenton (\$130,000) and the Federal government (\$1.6 million). To date, the total spent on the project is approximately \$500,000.

At a special Board of Aldermen meeting on September 1, the Board voted to terminate our agreement, and to ask for a refund of the remaining funds. We were informed that the County had decided on their own to ask for an extension of the Grant for one year, in an attempt to use the remaining funds to fund additional regional projects. As I told the Board, the projects that were being discussed may have been beneficial to the region; I simply felt that if they were going to benefit the region, then the entire region should contribute to them. As I write this, we are still waiting for our refund to arrive from the County.

Finally, this year we mark the tenth anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Like many of you, I still remember watching in shock and horror as the images unfolded on the television of the planes being flown into the world trade center towers and the Pentagon. Some 3,000 Americans lost their lives that day, and since then thousands more Americans have lost their lives fighting terrorists in far away battlefields in Iraq and Afghanistan.

I'm often asked why a small town in the Midwest has such a stunning memorial to the heroes of 9/11. Then answer is really very simple: We can never allow ourselves to forget the events of that day.

I read recently that before 9/11, only 1% of Americans polled were concerned about the possibility of a ter-

rorist attack; a few days later, that number was nearly 50%. Today, I think in part due to the effectiveness of the War on Terror, that number is back down in single digits. That by itself is a little scary. Because while I think it is good that we have done what Mayor Giuliani said, and got our lives back to normal as quickly as possible, I hope it doesn't mean that we have let our guard down. You see, there will always be those who are jealous of the way of life our freedoms allow us to enjoy. We can never allow them to take those freedoms away from us.

Mayor Dennis Hancock



JOHN FABICK COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Nominations are due by
September 30, 2010

Actions being recognized must benefit the City of Fenton or its residents in some manner and the individual must live or be employed within the Fenton City limits and the business or civic group must be located within the City limits.

To obtain a nomination form go to www.fentonmo.org or contact City Clerk Diane Monteleone at (636) 343-2080.



PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

On **Tuesday, October 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 the City of Fenton to amend sections of the Zoning Code pertaining to allowable building materials in the Olde Towne, Commercial and Business Zoning Districts.
- A petition by the City of Fenton to amend Chapter 485: Sign Regulations of the Zoning Code to provide for Business Directory type signs.

NEW BUSINESS

- A petition by T-Mobile Central, LLC, for a Special Use Permit to modify an existing telecommunication facility addressed as 457-A S. Old Highway 141. The parcel is addressed as 605 S. Old Highway 141 and is zoned "NU" Non-Urban (St. Louis County Zoning District).
- A petition by Broyles, Inc., agent for Estes Express Lines, to install an outdoor, above-ground fuel storage tank at 205 Soccer Park Road. The parcel is zoned "CP-1" Commercial Park.

SITE PLAN REVIEWS

- A petition for Site Plan Review by StraightUp Solar, LLC, for the addition of solar panels to the roof of an existing building at

359 S. Old Highway 141. The property is zoned "OT-3" Olde Towne Mixed Use Zone District.

- A petition for Site Plan Review by Civil Engineering Design Consultants (CEDC) for the addition of a warehouse/dock facility and exterior remodel of an existing building at 101 Gravois Bluff Plaza Drive. The property is zoned "C-1" Commercial Zone District.

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



TRASH TALK

Did you know that consumer electronics may be responsible for 40% of the lead found in landfills! Nearly two million tons of used electronics are discarded each year and an estimated 128 million cell phones annually are retired from use.

We are fortunate in our area to have multiple recycling outlets to keep hazardous or toxic materials from electronics out of landfill and to recover precious metals, glass and plastic for new uses.

Data destruction services are available, so don't let fear of identity theft from personal information on a hard drive keep you from storing that old Commodore anymore! Visit ecyclest-louis.org to learn what can be recycled and to find a e-cycle location near you.

Upcoming Community Electronic Recycling Events (through WITS):

Affton US Bank
8301 Gravois Road
First Sunday of every month
10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Sunset Hills City Hall
3939 S. Lindbergh
Third Saturday of every month
10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

WITS accepts electronics and other items. For a complete list, visit witsinc.org.

NEW BUSINESSES CORNER



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

Mercury Communications, Inc.

1710 Larkin Williams Road
(construction services for the wireless industry and commercial renovations.)

Frederick Investigations

16-18 Mound Street
(administration offices for investigation)

Edge Real Estate Group

1231 Horan Drive, Suite 210
(agent support center for small real estate office)

Icon Machine Tool, Inc.

1681 Larkin Williams Road
(satellite office for distributor of metal fabrication machinery)

Graphics Factory, Inc.

572 Axminister
(sells, designs & produce graphics for business to business graphic design companies)

Spirit Halloween

751 Gravois Bluffs Blvd.
(Halloween retail)

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".

NFL'S PUNT, PASS & KICK

This competition includes passing and kicking for accuracy and distance.  Winners will advance to sectionals. This will be held at Fenton City Park on Saturday, September 17 at 11:00 a.m. Free but you must register with RiverChase by September 16.


FREAKY 5K HALLOWEEN RUN

Join Fenton Parks and Recreation for this fun 5K Run through Fenton City Park on Saturday, October 22 at 10:00 a.m. Costumes are optional. Prizes will be given out. The first 75 registrants will receive a t-shirt and awards will be given to top finishers in each age group. 


MOTHER SON HALLOWEEN BASH

With Halloween right around the corner, we are having a bash. Moms grab your sons for a fun-filled night at RiverChase on Friday, October 21 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. We will eat pizza, decorate pumpkins, and make candy apples. Coordinate your costumes because the best dressed family takes home a prize! Call RiverChase for more details. 

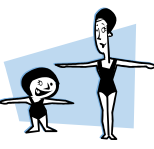
GROUP SWIM LESSONS

Swim lessons are available for all levels. Available Tuesdays, Thursday and Saturdays. Next session begins October 25. 


PARENT TOT SWIM

A next session of Parent-Tot Swim begins October 25. This is an interactive swim class between parent and child. For ages six months to three years. Classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday Evenings and Saturday mornings. 


SPECIAL NEEDS SWIM LESSONS

Swimming lessons geared toward each individual's needs. The lessons will be held in a small group setting with a low child-to-instructor ratio in our indoor heated pool. Classes are held on Saturday mornings and begin October 29. 

COMPETITIVE STROKE CLINIC

Are you looking to improve your stroke technique and racing skills during the off season? The clinic is designed for competitive swimmers, ages 8 to 18, who have been on a swim team before. Classes are held Saturday mornings and begin October 29. 

WATER AEROBICS

Come join the current session. 

Total Body Workout—Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday mornings at 8:30 a.m.


Joints in Motion—Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9:00 a.m.

Aquacise—Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 9:00 and 10:00 a.m.

Water Pilates—Monday and Friday mornings at 10:00 a.m.


Aqua Zumba—Wednesdays evenings at 7:15 p.m. and Sunday mornings at 10:15 a.m.

SCHOOLS OUT OPEN SWIM


Are you looking for something fun to do on your days off from school? The indoor pool will open at Noon on the following days; day fees apply without membership. 

November 23 and 25
December 19 thru 23
December 26 thru 30

BASIC TRAINING

Join us for Basic Training. This six week long fitness class is modeled on the military's boot camp. Next session begins October 24. 

NUTRITION TOXICITY 101

Join us for this series of one-hour classes on nutrition instructed by RiverChase Personal Trainer and Nutrition Specialist, Will Hughes. Each progressive class will go into more depth about nutrition. The more classes you take, the better the deal. 

PARKS HAPPENINGS (cont.)

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ZUMBA

Want to find out what Zumba is?

We have classes for all levels: Zumba, Zumba Gold and Zumbatomic Fitness Party. Contact RiverChase to find out more.



TAE KWON DO



Anyone 6 and older can train with Master Instructor Jameson and Chief Instructor Valdez. This class is perfect for beginners, intermediate or advanced belts.

TRIAL MEMBERSHIP

A trial membership at River-Chase for less than a \$1 a day!

We're making it easy for you to feel good about yourself. Beginning October 1, sign up during the month of October and receive your 31 day trial membership for only \$30. Some restrictions apply. Hurry! Offer ends October 31. For more information contact (636) 343-0067 or visit www.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.



ST. LOUIS COUNTY POLICE—FENTON PRECINCT UPDATE



SCAMS

Recently, the Police Department has been presented with more scams than in previous months.

The scam details have changed, but the premise remains the same. The scammers' goal is for you to send them cash, or legit money orders using their fraudulent forms of payments.

Just remember, if it sound too good to be true, it probably is. You will be asked to cash a (fraudulent) \$2,000 check for the scammer. You will send \$1,800 via money order to them in return keep \$200 for yourself due to their error.

BE AWARE you will be responsible for reimbursing the bank the entire amount. If you are confused or have questions please feel free to call the Precinct at (636) 349-8120.

ARE YOU A DRUG DEALER?

Heroin use has grown at an astonishing rate in the past five years. It is not just a big city problem; heroin is in your child's high school and even middle school. Learn more about heroin at www.not-even-once.com.

Again, are you a drug dealer or maybe just a drug supplier? If you are keeping a huge bottle of prescription painkillers, "just in case", then maybe you are.

Approximately half of the young people who use heroin have used prescription drugs or painkillers first. Painkillers are considered a "gateway drug". Most kids or young adults

start with a lesser drug such as tobacco and alcohol. This leads to marijuana or painkiller use. From there they will look for a new high trying heroin, meth, even cocaine. Painkillers are very easy for kids to get their hands on, either for their use or to sell at school.

Keep track of all your medication; make sure every pill is accounted for. If you have old unwanted medication at home, take advantage of the drug take back program.

DRUG TAKE BACK PROGRAM



Another Drug Take Back Program is scheduled for Saturday, October 29, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The lobby at Fenton City Hall and Police Station will be the closest drop location for Fenton residents. For more details or to find additional drop locations visit www.rockwoodcoalition.org

Neighborhood Policing Officer

(636) 343-2080

P.O. Aaron Dilks-Ext. 1123

Precinct Phone

(636) 349-8120



MEET THE CHAMBER BBQ

Members and non-members are invited to meet the Fenton Area Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber will host a BBQ at Fenton City Park on **Wednesday, October 5** from **11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.** For more information call (636) 717-0200 or register at www.fentonmochamber.com.



FENTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Third Annual Book Fair
Saturday, October 1
Swantner House
#1 Church Street
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Come and browse to your hearts content. You just might find that one special book.



HOT OFF THE PRESS

We are proud to announce that the long-awaited book looking at the history of the Hessoun Bohemian Catholic Orphanage is now available. The price is \$25. If you're a history buff or just interested in learning about Fenton's past, this book will be a great addition to your collection.

For information please call (636) 343-4186 or (636) 326-0808.

DECISIONS FROM THE AUGUST 10 AND 25 BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETINGS

Presentations

- Presented a Proclamation to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network.
- Reappointed John Shea and Scott Graham to the Planning & Zoning Commission with terms expiring, August 2015.



Decisions

- ✓ Approved a Boundary Adjustment Plat for Neighbors Credit Union, 610 and 622 Gravois Road, Fenton, MO.
- ✓ Reappointed John Shea and Scott Graham to the Planning & Zoning Commission with terms expiring August 2015.
- ✓ Approved to alter Holiday Hours at RiverChase to Monday through Friday (Holiday) 5:30 a.m.—12:00 noon; Saturday (Holiday) 8:00 a.m.—12:00 noon; Sunday (Holiday) 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
- ✓ Approved the purchase of 600 tons of rock to construct the Olde Towne Park/Meramec Greenway Trailhead from Bussen Quarries, Inc. in the amount of \$3,240.
- ✓ Rejected the bids received for pavement marking hand work.

Ordinances



#3207 Authorizes Missouri-American Water Company to install fire hydrants on certain sections of Rudder Road.

#3208 Approves a Special Use Permit petitioned by Midwest Tile, Marble & Granite, Inc. for outdoor storage at 1645 Manufacturers Drive.

#3209 Approves a two-year agreement with Aramark Uniform Services.

#3210 Adopts policies regarding non-violent civil rights demonstrations.

#3211 Authorizes the Mayor of the City of Fenton, Missouri to execute the Municipal Housing and Community Development Cooperation Agreement of 2012-2014; and Supplemental Agreements thereto with St. Louis County with regard to the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended.



#3212 Repeals Section 215.020: Weeds and Other Vegetation—Excessive Growth and enacts a new Section 215.020.

Pending Legislation

Bill 11-43 Terminates participation by the City of Fenton, Missouri in the Grant Program under EDA Financial Assistance Award Number 05-69-04920. *Two Readings. This bill has been referred back to the next Committee Meeting for further discussion.*





CTOBER

- Mon Oct 3 6:30 pm Park Board
- Tues Oct 4 7:00 pm Planning & Zoning Commission
- Thur Oct 6 7:00 pm Historical Society/Swantner House (#1 Church)
7:00 pm Board Committee Meetings
- Mon Oct 10 6:30 pm Municipal Court
- Thur Oct 13 7:00 pm Board Committee Meetings
- Sat Oct 15 9:00 am Meet the Mayor/City Hall
- Tues Oct 18 7:30 pm Board of Adjustment
- Mon Oct 24 6:30 pm Municipal Court
- Thurs Oct 27 6:30 am Board of Aldermen Meeting

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 Monday, September 19, 2011

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