



# CITY OF FENTON

## NEWS & VIEWS

October 2011

### MAYOR'S CORNER

I want to start this month by welcoming our new Finance Director, Rick Snyder. Rick comes to us from the City of New Port Richey, Florida. He has an extensive background in public finance. Please join me in extending a warm welcome to Rick and his family.

We are in the final stages of the Old Highway 141 project. The road will be open very soon –if it isn't already – and the project will be completed by the end of October.

We've also begun the process of installing the steel girders and decking on the Gravois Road Bridge. Finally it is beginning to look like a bridge. And the best news is that we are no longer subject to the river levels, which have held up this project for the last two years.

Mark your calendars for March 24, 2012. That's the date of our 11<sup>th</sup> annual Mayor's Charity Ball. You'll be seeing a lot more about that in this space in the next several months.

You also want to be sure and join us on November 18 as we kick off the Holiday Season with our lighting ceremony at City Hall. This is always a fun event for all the members of your family. And I think I can say with a high degree of confidence that we will have a special visitor from the North Pole.

There have been several recent news reports about the grant that the City, the County and the State re-

ceived from the Department of Commerce to study the economic impact of the closing of the Chrysler plants. That study has been completed, and it verified what we knew all along – that the impact of the Chrysler closing was huge throughout the entire St. Louis region.

But now that the study has been completed, there is a significant amount of money left over from the grant, including approximately \$85,000 that was the City's portion of the grant. The Board of Aldermen took action to formally withdraw from the grant, and we have formally requested that the money be returned to those parties from whence it came.

Unfortunately, there are some at the County who don't share that point of view, who think that since we have the money we should spend it. In my view, that's not the message we should be sending. After all, given the current state of the federal government, it seems to me that this is not the time to be wasting taxpayer dollars on more studies that will show the same things as previous studies – just because the money is available to spend.

Finally, I hope everyone has a safe Halloween. Please be careful, and watch out for the little ones. After all,

they probably won't be watching out for you.

Mayor Dennis Hancock

### FALL LEAF PROGRAM



**The City's Fall Leaf Pickup Program will begin the week of October 24.** Work will begin at 7:00 a.m. on Mondays and should take two to five days depending on the amount of leaves begin removed. Leaf pickup will run through the week of December 19.

**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. This includes, but is not limited to, animal feces, lawn clippings, limbs, bottles, newspapers, scrap lumber or metal, bricks or cinder blocks.

If you have questions please call (636) 349-8155.



### HOLIDAY LIGHTING CEREMONY

Join us on **Friday, November 18, at 6:00 p.m.**, at City Hall as we turn on the lights to officially begin the holiday season in Fenton. Mayor Hancock will light up City Hall at 6:15 p.m.

We will get into the holiday spirit with refreshments, music from the Sappington and Uthoff Valley elementary school choirs and a visit from Santa. The fun-filled evening is **FREE** for everyone!



## PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

On **Tuesday, November 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:

### 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.

### SITE PLAN REVIEWS

- A petition by Fabick Cat for Site Plan Review of a building addition and parking lot expansion at 1 Fabick Drive. The property is zoned "BP-2" Business Park - General Office Centers, Warehousing District.
- A petition for Site Plan Review by StraightUp Solar for the addition of solar panels to the roof of an existing building address at 1051, 1053 and 1055 Cassens Industrial Court. The property is zoned "IP-1" Industrial Park - Light, Medium, Industry, Distribution, Assembly Warehousing District.

For more information, please contact (636) 349-8110.

## RESIDENTIAL WATER SERVICE LINE REPAIR PROGRAM

In November 2000, St. Louis County voters passed a proposition that authorizes a water service line program for County residents. A program fee of \$1.00 per month is collected on residential water bills. This fee pays for the repair or replacement of leaking and/or broken residential water service lines.

The water service line carries water from the main, located near the street, to the inside of the house. It is usually located in the front yard. It may be located in the side or rear yard, and/or it may pass through a neighboring property. It should be at least 42 inches underground.

Water leaks are not always evident however some signs may include:

- Presence of water in the yard or street
- Very low water pressure
- Unexplained unusually high water usage bill.

If you think your water line is leaking, contact Missouri American Water Company. A water company inspector will confirm the leak and will leave a repair notice. Residents who have received a repair notice should contact St. Louis County's Water Service Line Repair Program office at (314) 615-8420 to obtain an application. St. Louis County will solicit bids from participating licensed plumbers and will pay the plumber directly for the repair. To be eligible under the program, the program fee, included on the water bill, must be paid.

This program does have some exclusions. The program will not pay for:

- Repairs necessary as a result of freezing, earthquakes, or other acts of God
- Repairs on the inside of the house
- Water meters
- Landscaping or ornamental structures
- The location or relocation of shut-off valves or stopcocks
- The elective replacement of old or lead lines.

If you have any additional questions about this program contact :

St. Louis County  
Department of Public Works  
Water Service Line Repair Program  
150 Concord Plaza  
St. Louis, MO 63128  
(314) 615-8420



### NEW BUSINESSES CORNER



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

**Cato Fashions**  
171 Gravois Bluffs Plaza Drive  
(retail clothing/accessories sales)

**Taste STL, LLC**  
767A Gravois Road  
(retail deli)

Welcome to Fenton. We are glad you are here!



### VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

Looking for volunteers to form a committee to investigate the needs, options and possible solutions for a possible Dog Park in the City of Fenton. If you are a Fenton resident who is interested in being part of this committee, please send your name, address, and phone number to [parkdirector@fentonmo.org](mailto:parkdirector@fentonmo.org)

For more information, go to [www.fentondogpark.com](http://www.fentondogpark.com).



### PARKS & RECREATION HAPPENINGS

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

#### MOMMY & ME TEA PARTY

Moms and daughters, ages 3 to 11 are invited for a tea party on Saturday, November 12 from 1:00-2:30 p.m.



#### AMERICAN RED CROSS PROFESSIONAL RESCUE

This class is for the healthcare provider who needs certification in Professional Rescue. Class will be held on Saturday, November 19 from 1:00-5:00 p.m.



#### ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHTS TOUR



Adults 55 and up are welcome to join us on December 15 for our trip to Our Lady of the Snows Shrine for a buffet dinner and ride through the wonderful Christmas Light Display and then we will go to Tilles Park and go through The Winter Wonderland Light display before heading back to RiverChase. Registration deadline is November 24.

#### SENIOR LUNCH AND BINGO

Join us on Wednesday, November 9 at 10:30 a.m. to play bingo and enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving dinner with all the fixings.



#### PERSONAL TRAINING PLUS NUTRITION

This is for people who want a personal trainer and a nutritionist specialist to talk and show them both sides of being healthy. There will be one hour devoted to understanding your nutrition needs and one hour is a personal training workout with a RiverChase personal trainer and Nutrition Specialist.



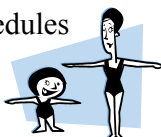
#### SWIM LESSONS

Swim lessons are available on Tuesday or Thursday evenings at 4:20, 4:55 or 5:30 p.m. or on Saturday mornings at 9:30, 10:05 or 10:40 a.m. Next session starts October 25.



#### PRIVATE SWIM LESSONS

Private swim lessons are available at RiverChase. Times, schedules and instructors can be scheduled to fit your



needs. Regular lesson is \$18.00 plus the daily fee for non-members. Regular lesson with "Missie" Nickols is \$30.00.

#### COMPETITIVE STROKE CLINIC

Looking to improve your stroke technique and racing skills during the off season? This clinic is designed for competitive swimmers who have been on a swim team before. Clinic is taught by Kim Rosenkoetter. Clinics are held Saturday mornings and begin October 29.



#### WATER AEROBICS

*Water Pilates*—Monday and Friday mornings at 11:00 a.m.

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

*Total Body Workout*—Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m. or Saturday mornings at 8:30 a.m.

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

*Aqua Zumba*—Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. or Sunday mornings at 10:15 a.m.

Next session starts October 31, but you don't have to wait, come join in on the current session today.

#### PLAYTIME IN THE POOL

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, the indoor leisure pool will be available from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for parents and tots to play in the water. Children \$4.00-Adults free.



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**Parks & Recreation Happenings**

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**PARENT TOT SWIM**

The 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.



**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**

**TRIAL MEMBERSHIP**

A trial membership at RiverChase 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 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](http://www.fentonmo.org).*

**MEET THE MAYOR  
for Saturday, November 19  
has been cancelled.**

**HOME  
IMPROVEMENT  
PROGRAM**

Funding is still available to City of Fenton residents through the Home Improvement Program (HIP) for a variety of home repairs. HIP is a federally funded program that provides technical advice and financial assistance to qualified homeowners.

There are some requirements that must be met and repairs are limited to plumbing, electrical, roofing, air-conditioning and heating.

**CALL NOW!** To learn more about the program or to apply, please contact the County's Home Improvement Program directly at (314) 615-4025.

**ST. LOUIS COUNTY  
POLICE—FENTON  
PRECINCT UPDATE**



**HALLOWEEN  
SAFETY CENTER**

The St. Louis County Police Department will be hosting a **Halloween Safety Center** on the evening of October 31. Send those ghosts and goblins by the Safety Center located at Fenton City Hall. Officers will be inspecting the children's costumes for safety, checking the treats, handing out reflective safety strips, glow sticks, and have plenty of goodies. In addition, officers will be concentrating their patrols in the neighborhoods and will be conducting the same inspections as the Safety Center, and will be handing out goodies.


Our goal for your Halloween night is for everyone to have fun and get lots of treats, but most importantly we want everyone



to have a **Safe Halloween**. Please use our safety tips to ensure that your children are ready for Halloween.



- ☆ Have a flashlight with you so you can be seen more readily.
- ☆ Always travel in a group. Best of all, have a parent with you whenever possible.
- ☆ Look both ways before crossing the street.
- ☆ Look out for vandals and report them to Police.
- ☆ Only visit within your neighborhood and only visit people you know.
- ☆ Wear a sensible costume, light-colored or reflective, so you can be seen.
- ☆ Earn the respect of your neighbors, respect their rights and property.
- ☆ Eat the goodies you collect only after being inspected by your parents.
- ☆ Never eat or drink anything from an original wrapper or container that appears to have been previously opened.

 Don't forget there is a **Drug Take Back Program** and a **Shred It** day scheduled for Saturday, October 29, 2011 from 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m., both taking place at Fenton City Hall. There is a \$5.00 contribution to benefit "The Backstoppers" for each bankers box of paper to be shredded.

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

**Precinct Phone**  
**(636) 349-8120**

### BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING RESCHEDULED

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday, November 24, the regular Board of Aldermen meeting has been rescheduled.

The November Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 22, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.



### MID-EAST AREA AGENCY ON AGING (MEAAA)

The Mid-East Area Agency, a not-for-profit organization, provides services, programs, information and assistance to older adults living in the counties of St. Louis, Jefferson, Franklin and St. Charles.

**Information and assistance:** If you don't know where to turn for answers on services for seniors and children of older adults, call (636) 207-1323 or 1 (800) AGE-6060 or check out [www.mid-eastaaa.org](http://www.mid-eastaaa.org).

**Eldercare Locator:** 1 (800) 677-1116. Toll-free phone referral services with information about community resources for seniors anywhere in the United States. Weekdays, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. or online at [www.eldercare.gov](http://www.eldercare.gov).



### VETERANS DAY NOVEMBER 11



Please remember those men and women who are in the military here and abroad and all Veterans who have served this country, both in times of war and peace.



### CHANGE YOUR CLOCK CHANGE YOUR BATTERY

When you change your clock for Daylight Savings Time on Sunday, November 6, don't forget to change the battery in your smoke detector.

### DECISIONS FROM THE SEPTEMBER 1, 8 AND 22 BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETINGS

#### Presentations



- Board President Alderman Joe Maurath recognized the following employees who achieved five-year milestones: Dave Lipinski, Operations Supervisor - 30 years, Charlie Moyer, Maintenance Worker III - 15 years, Lester Roth, Maintenance Worker II - 15 years, and Nikki Finkbiner, Planner - 5 years.
- Alderman Chris Clauss, President of the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association, along with Capt. Jeff Bader and Sgt. John Bielefeld, honored P.O. Mark Berry as Officer of the Quarter.

#### Decisions



- ✓ Approved seeking proposals for telephone services.

#### Ordinances

**#3213** Terminates participation by the City of Fenton, Missouri in the Grant Program under EDA Financial Assistance Award Number 05-69-04920.

**#3214** Approves an agreement with St. Louis County, Missouri for Lane Striping and Traffic Markings Services.

**#3215** Approves a Special Use Permit petitioned by AT&T to modify an existing Telecommunication Facility at 2092 Corporate 44 Drive.

**#3216** Approves a Special Use Permit petitioned by AT&T to modify an existing Telecommunication Facility at 1287 Smizer Mill Road.

**#3217** Approves a Special Use Permit petitioned by AT&T to modify an existing Telecommunication Facility at 765 Gravois Road.

**#3218** Approves a Special Use Permit petitioned by AT&T to modify an existing Telecommunication Facility at 208 Main Street.

**#3219** Reaffirms the gross receipts tax to be imposed upon electric corporations conducting business within the City and matters related thereto.

**Bill 11-51** Approves a Cooperation Agreement with St. Louis County Missouri for the Residential Energy Efficiency Loan Program. *Bill Failed.*

#### Resolutions

**R11-05** States intent to seek funding through the Municipal Parks Grant Program for 311 Center Street and 104 Gravois Road and authorizes the Mayor to sign and execute necessary documents and agreements.

#### Pending Legislation



*Final consideration of the following bill will be at the October 27, 2011 Board of Aldermen Meeting.*

**Bill 11-49** Calls for a General Election to be held April 3, 2012 in the City of Fenton, St. Louis County, Missouri with candidate filing open December 13, 2011. *Two Readings.*

# NOVEMBER

Tues	Nov 1	7:00 pm	Planning & Zoning Commission
Thur	Nov 3	7:00 pm	Historical Society/Swantner House (#1 Church)
		7:00 pm	Board Committee Meetings
Thur	Nov 10	7:00 pm	Board Committee Meetings
Mon	Nov 14	6:30 pm	Municipal Court
Tues	Nov 15	7:30 pm	Board of Adjustment
Fri	Nov 18	6:00 pm	Holiday Lighting Ceremony
Sat	Nov 19		Meet the Mayor/Cancelled
Tues	Nov 22	7:00 pm	Board of Aldermen Meetings
Thurs	Nov 24		Thanksgiving Holiday City Offices Closed
Fri	Nov 25		Thanksgiving Holiday City Offices Closed

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 Monday, October 17, 2011**

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