



CITY OF FENTON NEWS & VIEWS

MAYOR'S CORNER

Gosh, it's hard to believe that it is already December. Where has the year gone?! Anyway, I thought I'd take a look back at some of the highlights of 2011.

We started 2011 the same way we ended 2010 - cleaning up from the tornado that hit our community and the surrounding area on New Year's Eve. That event reminded me once again just how resilient our City is. It was so heartwarming to see so many neighbors helping neighbors. And while there are still parts of the region that are still struggling through the rebuilding process, the people of Fenton simply went to work and in just a few short months the repairs were completed.

In March, the Fenton community once again showed their generosity by supporting our tenth annual Mayor's Charity Ball. Thanks to you, we were able to raise over \$15,000 for area charities.

In April, you once again honored me by electing me Mayor. We also continued our efforts to try to change the way sales taxes are distributed in St. Louis County. While we were not successful in getting the final bill through the legislature in the last session, we did start a long-overdue discussion among the cities in the County. As we continue our fight, we now have several cities aligned with us. Please be assured we are nowhere near ending this effort.

We were all saddened in May by the passing of our friend and col-

league, Tim Trego. We still feel his presence at our meetings. And in November, we posthumously awarded Tim the John Fabick Community Service Award.

We spent a lot of time this year working on the Old Highway 141 project and the Gravois Road Bridge project. Unfortunately for the second year in a row the Meramec River was uncooperative, causing delays in both projects. Fortunately, we were able to reopen Old Highway 141 before the Christmas shopping season. And eventually we were able to resume work on the Gravois Road Bridge. The crews continue to work, preparing the deck surface to receive the concrete in the Spring.

In September we honored the 3,000 Americans who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Our special guest speaker was Kevin Whitehead. Kevin was in the World Trade Center when it was attacked, and his story touched everyone at the Heroes Memorial that day.

In October we hired our new Finance Director, Rick Snyder, just in time to start pulling together our 2012 budget. It appears that our financial situation has stabilized, and that we are not anticipating making further service reductions.

We are rapidly approaching my favorite time of year. So on behalf of everyone at City Hall, and from my family to yours, I want to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Mayor Dennis Hancock

ELECTION NOTICE



The City of Fenton will hold its annual General Election on Tuesday, April 3, 2012. Voters will elect four Aldermen, one from each of the City's four wards, for two-year terms.

Candidate filing opened on Tuesday, December 13, 2011 and will close on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. Forms for filing will be provided by the City of Fenton, Office of the City Clerk, 625 New Smizer Mill Road. For more information, contact City Clerk Diane Monteleone, MMC/MPCC at (636) 343-2080.



TIM TREGO POSTHUMOUSLY RECEIVES JOHN FABICK COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

On November 22, 2011, at the Board of Aldermen meeting, Mayor Dennis Hancock and the Board members presented the 2011 John Fabick Community Service Award posthumously to Tim Trego.

Tim Trego received this award for his dedication and service to the City and the community. Joyce Trego along with her two daughters, Tracy Buttrey and Kim Lederle accepted the award. Tracy Buttrey spoke of her father's dedication and love for his family, the City and other organizations he was a part of. She thanked everyone for their support.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

On **Tuesday, January 3, 2012**, 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

- A petition by John P. King, attorney for AT&T, to amend an existing Special Use Permit for a telecommunications facility, as approved by Ordinance 3073, to allow for the use of sight-proof fencing in lieu of required landscaping. The telecommunication facility is addressed as 1287 Smizer Mill Road (Parcel Address 1203 Smizer Mill Road) and is zoned "C-2" Neighborhood Commercial District.

SITE PLAN REVIEWS

- A petition for Site Plan Review by Certified Solar Solutions, LLC, agent for DSW Properties, for the addition of solar panels to the roof of an existing building addressed as 1500 Fenpark Drive. The property is zoned "BP-3" Business Park—General Office Centers, Small Warehousing District.

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



TRASH TALK

HOLIDAY PICKUP

Trash and recycling pickup will remain on the same days during the weeks of Christmas and New Year's.



RECYLCING NEWS



For the past three months Fenton residents have been recycling an average of 38.4 tons of material each month. That was the good news; the bad news is we are still throwing an average of 105.6 tons of material into landfills every month.

According to the experts 75% of everything that is discarded can be recycled. At this time we are only averaging about 27%.

Below is a list of items that should **not** be recycled.

- NO plastic bags of any kind
- NO Styrofoam
- NO hardback books
- NO window glass
- NO mirrors
- NO ceramics
- NO medical items (syringes, needles, etc.)
- NO scrap metal (car parts, metal poles, bbq grills, etc.)



If you have any questions, feel free to call Public Works at (636) 349-8155.

Remember recycling helps promote jobs right here in Missouri.

CITY OFFICES HOLIDAY HOURS

Christmas

City offices will close at Noon *Friday, December 23* and will be closed *Monday, December 26*



New Year's

City offices will close at Noon *Friday, December 30* and will be closed *Monday, January 2*



Martin Luther King Jr. Day

City offices will be closed *Monday, January 16, 2012*



NEW BUSINESSES CORNER



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

Beauty Center at Gravois Bluffs/Avon

794 Gravois Bluffs Blvd., Ste. B (retail sales of Avon products)

Barry Sales Engineering

1755 Larkin Williams Road (manufacturers representative)

Premier Wireless/Cricket Wireless

50 Fenton Plaza (retail sales of wireless telephone service and accessories)

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".

PERSONAL TRAINING/ NUTRITION SEMINAR—FREE

Join Will Hughes, Personal Trainer and Certified Sports Nutritionist for a free seminar on how fitness and proper nutrition go hand in hand. Plan on attending this seminar on Wednesday, January 4, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at RiverChase and we will provide you with a whole new basis on how to easily become the healthiest person you have ever been. It's free but you have to register as space is limited.

INTRODUCTION TO YOUR BODY, FITNESS & CLEAN NUTRITION



On Wednesday, January 18 at 6:00 p.m., join us for an in-depth education on the problems that exist with the modern food industry and how it effects our nutrition and fitness. Program cost is \$15.

SENIOR LUNCH AND BINGO

Adults, 55+, are invited to our next Lunch and Bingo at RiverChase. Join us on Wednesday, January 11. What's on the menu? Shepard's Pie.



SWIM LESSONS

Swim lessons begin again soon: Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings les-



sons are available. The next session begins the week of January 3, 2012.

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 January 3. Classes are available Tuesday or Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings.



PRIVATE SWIM LESSONS

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



WATER AEROBICS

Come join the next session of Water Aerobics. Next session begins the week of December 26. There are many classes to choose from, including *Water Pilates, Aquacise, Total Body Workout, Joints in Motion, and Aqua Zumba*. You don't have to wait for the next session, come join the current session today.



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 - 9:00 p.m. on the following days; day fees apply without membership.

December 19 thru 23
December 26 thru 30
January 16



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- Adults free.

CREATIVE MOVEMENT

Imagine fluttering like a butterfly, soaring like an airplane, or crawling like a bear, all while learning the basics of dance. This program is for children ages 3-5. Classes are available Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. or Thursdays at 4:30 p.m.



COMMUNITY INDOOR GARAGE SALE

Begin the new year with less clutter around the house! Sell your items at the RiverChase Garage Sale on Saturday, February 18 from 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Sign up now to be a vendor.



BIRTHDAY PARTIES

RiverChase is the perfect place for your child's next birthday party! We offer several party packages to accommodate your needs. Please call (636) 343-0067 to check availability and to book your party.



GIFT OF MEMBERSHIP

This Holiday Season why not give the gift of a RiverChase Membership to the whole family? RiverChase offers assorted membership types, fees and payment options to meet your budget. It's more af-



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fordable than you think! Stop by today and take a tour.

You can also purchase "GIFT CERTIFICATES", in any amount, for that special Holiday Gift. Whether it's Swim Lessons, Zumba, Summer Pool Passes, or one of a number of different types of Memberships we offer, make this Holiday Season very special with a RiverChase Gift Certificate. To learn more call RiverChase at (636) 343-0067.

HOLIDAY HOURS

Christmas Eve
Saturday, December 24
Open: 8:00 a.m.—Noon



Christmas Day
Sunday, December 25
RiverChase will be closed

New Year's Eve
Saturday, December 31
Open: 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.



New Year's Day
Sunday, January 1
Open: Noon—5:00 p.m.

**NEW YEAR'S DAY
OPEN HOUSE**



Start the New Year off right, with a free visit to RiverChase of Fenton. Stop by and tour the 71,000 square foot facility that for 13 years has been one of the premier recreation centers in the area. Bring the whole family! Don't forget your swimming suits, gym shoes, and work out clothes. The "Rainforest" will be open for the little ones to play in. Best of all . . . it's FREE!

Don't forget to mark your calendar

for Sunday, January 1, from 1:00—4:00 p.m. for the RiverChase Open House.

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**



WINTER WEATHER IS AHEAD

With the cold, icy, snowy winter weather arriving, please check for these home preparations: portable am/fm radio with spare batteries, flashlights, ice melt, furnace check-up, and a tone-alert weather radio. Preparations for vehicles include car winterization by a competent mechanic and a winter car kit for the trunk. The winter car kit should contain a portable am/fm radio with spare batteries, flashlight, first-aid kit, blankets, non-perishable snacks, jumper cables, a shovel and sand. Schools and businesses are encouraged to have a safety kit as well as a tone-alert weather radio.

Remember the difference in the Winter Storm Watch and Winter Storm Warning. The Winter Storm Watch means that hazardous winter weather may occur over the next 12 to 48 hours. The Winter Storm Warning means that severe winter weather is in progress or imminent. This includes forecasts of six inches of snow within 12 hours or ice accumulation of ¼ inch or more. SKYWARN severe weather observers are encouraged to report heavy snow and ice accumulations. Winter weather events below warning criteria are cause for issuance of a Winter Weather Advisory. Wind

Chill Advisories are issued when the combination of temperature and wind are expected to produce dangerous wind-chill levels. Pay attention to winter weather advisories and stay safe!

OPEN GARAGE DOORS

With darkness coming earlier, we want to remind everyone to close their garage doors at night. This will help reduce the potential for crime in your neighborhood. When officers patrolling your neighborhood discover an open garage door, we will contact you by letter and ask that you take the time to safeguard your family and property by keeping your garage door closed. If you have any questions regarding this, please feel free to contact the City of Fenton Precinct.



Neighborhood Policing Officer
(636) 343-2080
P.O. Aaron Dilks-Ext. 1123
Precinct Phone
(636) 349-8120



**CHRISTMAS TREE
RECYCLING**

The Public Works Department will again, this year, collect and dispose of live Christmas trees. *Curbside recycling will take place with regularly scheduled yard waste pickups.* Please do not drop off trees at City Park. Please remove all tinsel, ornaments, hooks, garland and other decorative materials prior to placing them curbside for pickup.

For additional information, contact the Public Works Department at (636) 349-8155.

ENGLISH CLASS, GED® PREP FOR ADULTS IN FENTON

Due to high demand, Rockwood Community Education has opened the first Fenton adult English class. The free class meets Mondays and Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to noon, at Calvary Fellowship Church, 1811 Smizer Station Road. English Language Learner (ELL) classes assist adults with English conversation practice, grammar, preparation for the citizenship test and more.

In addition, Rockwood Community Education Department offers General Education Development (GED®) preparation classes throughout the district. GED® Prep & More classes assist adults with preparation for GED® testing, transition assistance for college, testing practice, basic skills review, individualized tutoring and letter writing.

Free GED® Prep & More/Adult Basic Education classes are available Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. – noon at Calvary Fellowship Church, Buchanan Building, Lower level (1811 Smizer Station Rd., Fenton 63026.) Evening classes meet Tuesday and Thursday from 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Rockwood Summit High School, room 163 (1780 Hawkins Rd., Fenton 63026.)

All classes will run January 3 through May 18, 2012. To find out more about how to register for adult education classes or to volunteer as a literacy or ELL tutor, contact the Rockwood Adult Education and Literacy Center at 636-733-2161.

DECISIONS FROM THE NOVEMBER 22 BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

Presentations



- Aldermen Chris Clauss, President of the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association, honored P.O. Angela Bruno as Officer of the Quarter.
- Mayor Hancock and the Board of Aldermen presented the John Fabick Community Service Award posthumously to Tim Trego.

Decisions



- ✓ Approved, with conditions, a petition for Site Plan by Fabick Cat for a building addition and parking lot expansion at 1 Fabick Drive. The property is zoned “BP-2” Business Park—General Office Centers, Warehousing District.
- ✓ Approved, with conditions, a petition for Site Plan by StraightUp Solar for the addition of solar panels to the roof of an existing building addressed as 1051, 1053 and 1055 Cassens Industrial Court. The property is zoned “IP-1” Industrial Park—Light, Medium, Industry, Distribution, Assembly Warehousing District.
- ✓ Approved a request from the St. Louis County Board of Election Commissioners for the City to serve as a polling place for elections in 2012.
- ✓ Approved a request to transfer \$5,148.33 from the budgeted project to upgrade and expand camera security system and purchase the

server for Class Software.

- ✓ Approved for the City to retain Eyemed Vision Care for the next 24 months with no increase in premiums for voluntary vision insurance for City employees.



Ordinances

#3225 Approves an agreement with AT&T Corporation to provide network and communication connectivity between the City of Fenton’s facilities.

#3226 Approves an agreement with Windstream for telephone and Internet services.

#3227 Approves an agreement with Botz, Deal and Company, P.C. for auditing and additional financial services for the fiscal year 2011.

#3228 Approves a one-year agreement with United Healthcare for health insurance for eligible City of Fenton employees.

Resolutions

R11-07 Amends the 2011 approved Budget.

R11-08 Establishes the Budget assumptions for the fiscal year 2012 Budget.



JANUARY

Mon	Jan 2		City Offices Closed
Tues	Jan 3	7:00 pm	Planning & Zoning Commission
Thur	Jan 5	7:00 pm	Historical Society/Swantner House (#1 Church)
		7:00 pm	Board Committee Meetings
Mon	Jan 9	6:30 pm	Park Board/RiverChase
		6:30 pm	Municipal Court
Thurs	Jan 12	7:00 pm	Board Committee Meetings
Mon	Jan 16		City Offices Closed—Martin L. King Jr. Day
Tues	Jan 17	5:00 pm	Filing Closes/April 3, 2012 General Election
		7:30 pm	Board of Adjustment
Sat	Jan 21		Meet the Mayor
Thur	Jan 26	7:00 pm	Board of Aldermen

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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