



CITY OF FENTON

NEWS & VIEWS

January 2012

MAYOR'S CORNER

Happy 2012!

As has become my custom, I'd like to spend some time looking ahead, and to let you know what I see for 2012 as I gaze into my crystal ball.

On January 5, the Board of Aldermen approved our fiscal 2012 budget. That budget shows us projecting a year-end surplus of \$85,000. And while we have an approved budget, the Board continues to look at some of the cutbacks that were made two years ago, with an eye toward restoring at least some of them.

March 24 will bring our 11th Annual Mayor's Charity Ball. The proceeds from the event will go to the area's food pantries. Fox 2's Margie Ellisor, a Fenton-area resident, will be our Mistress of Ceremonies. Once again this year we will be entertained by nationally touring comedians. Tickets are on sale now.

2012 also marks the 175th Anniversary of the founding of the City of Fenton, when Williams Lindsey Long laid out the plat for the original 8 square blocks that now make up Olde Towne Fenton. We've asked the Park Board to look into an appropriate celebration to mark the occasion, and there will be much more to come on this later in the year.

2012 will also mark the completion of the Meramec River Bridge over Gravois. We anticipate pouring

concrete for the bridge deck sometime in March, and with any luck at all - and let's face it, we are long overdue for some on this project - we should have it open sometime in mid-summer.

2012 will also see the construction of the new trailhead and pavilion at the corner of Old Highway 141 and Gravois. We recently were notified that we were awarded a grant to construct this trailhead, which can also be used for other purposes as well - perhaps even a farmers market.

I believe that 2012 will also see us make a major announcement regarding the former Chrysler site. I also think that in 2012 we will see new retailers arriving at Gravois Bluffs. Some of these will be familiar names, and some will be new to the St. Louis region.

We will continue our efforts to change the sales tax distribution system in St. Louis County. We now have several other cities who are lined up with us, and I am hopeful that we will have some success this year in the legislature.

Even though we haven't seen any significant snow yet, I predict that we will see some before this winter is over (I won't be too disappointed if I get this one wrong, however).

Finally, this is more of a wish than a prediction, but I hope each of you and yours enjoy a healthy, happy, and prosperous New Year.

Mayor Dennis Hancock

ELECTION NOTICE



The City of Fenton will hold its annual General Election on **Tuesday, April 3, 2012**. Filing for elective office closes on Tuesday, January 17 at 5:00 p.m. Voters will elect four Aldermen, one each from the City's four Wards, for two year terms. The following is a list of candidates, as of January 11, that will appear on the ballot in the order they filed:

WARD 1

Carol Brennan
2 Treecrest Court

Harold Bade
747 River Hills Drive

WARD 2

Jerry Sorge
1400 Valiant Drive

WARD 3

Daniel C. Borgard
936 Villa Gran Way

WARD 4

No candidates at this time.

Note: **March 7** is the last day to register to vote or change voter registration, prior to the April 3 election. For sign up information contact the St. Louis County Board of Election Commissioners at (314) 615-1800.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

On **Wednesday, February 8, 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 Sprint Spectrum, L.P., for a Special Use Permit to modify an existing telecommunication facility at 700 Rudder Road. The parcel is zoned "BP-3" Business Park—General Office Centers, Small Warehousing District.
- A petition by Orthodontic Centers of Missouri for a Special Use Permit to operate a medical (dental) facility at 596 Old Smizer Mill Road. The parcel is zoned "C-1" Commercial Zone District.

SITE PLAN REVIEWS

- A petition for Site Plan Review by Horan Group, LLC, for the addition of solar panels to the roof of an existing building addressed as 855-877 Horan Drive (parcel address: 851 Horan Drive). The parcel is zoned "BP-3" Business Park - General Office Centers, Small Warehousing District.

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

2012 BUDGET

The City of Fenton's Budget for Fiscal Year 2012 was approved at the January 5, 2012 Special Board of Aldermen Meeting. The approved 2012 Budget is available on the City's website (www.fentonmo.org) for citizens to download and review. The Budget will require that you have Adobe Reader installed on your computer as the file is in PDF format.

Please contact Finance Director Rick Snyder at (636) 343-2080, if you have any questions regarding the Budget.

FREE INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

Free assistance with simple Federal and State income tax forms and the Missouri Property Tax Credit Claim (Mo-PTC or "Circuit Breaker") is available through the St. Louis County Department of Human Services County Older Resident Program (CORP).

Tax assistance is provided by appointment for St. Louis County residents who are 60 years or older with an income of \$50,000 or less.

Available South County locations include: South County Government Center (Mehlville), St. Louis Deaf Community Center (Brentwood) and Oak Bend Library (Oakland).

Beginning January 30, 2012, appointments may be scheduled Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. by calling (314) 615-4037.

NEW BUSINESSES CORNER



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

Gateway Flooring
1686 Larkin Williams Road
(retail flooring sales)

Show Me Weights
1697 Fenpark Drive
(new/used exercise equipment sales)

Crew Distribution
1607 Manufacturers
(food products/snack distribution)

ProComm Voice & Data Solutions
887 Bolger Court
(administration offices/
telephone equipment sales)

Innovative Recycling Technologies
2093 Hitzert Court
(electronics recycling and material
distribution/storage facility)

**Allied Physician Group dba
Integrity Practice Management**
1231 Horan Drive, Suite 205
(medical billing and coding office)

Welcome to Fenton. We are glad you are here!



City offices will be closed Monday, February 20, 2012 for **Presidents Day**

RiverChase will be open from
5:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

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".

DADDY DAUGHTER SWEETHEART DANCE

Dads pick out that special tie and dance the night away with that special little girl in your life. Don't forget the flowers. Friday, February 10 promises to be a fun filled evening of dancing, refreshment, crafts, giveaways and pictures. This very special evening is for dads and daughters (or grandpa, uncle, etc.) Space is limited, this event fills up fast!



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.



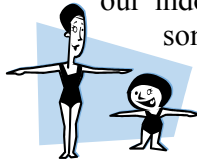
WATER AEROBICS

Come join the next session of Water Aerobics which begins February 13. There are many classes to choose from, including *Aquacise*, *Joints in Motion*, *Total Body Workout*, *Tai Chi/Pilates*, and *Aqua Zumba*. Call RiverChase for class times and prices. Come join the current session at any time.



SPECIAL NEEDS SWIMMING 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. Lessons are held on Saturdays at 11:15 a.m. Next session begins February 25.



PARENT TOT SWIM CLASS

The Parent & Tot swim class is an interactive swim class between parent and child. Classes are available on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. Next session begins February 21.



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 12, 2012.



SCHOOLS OUT OPEN SWIM

Are you looking for something fun to do on your day off from school on **February 20**? The indoor pool will open at Noon - 9:00 p.m.; day fees apply without membership.



PRIVATE SWIM LESSONS

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



LOSE TO WIN CHALLENGE

Want to get in shape for 2012? Then here is a contest for you! The "Lose To Win Challenge" is back. There is a Household and an Individual Challenge. Whoever loses the highest body weight percentage during the contest will win a free membership to RiverChase. Discounts on personal training during the contest. Find out more by calling (636) 343-2080.



INTRODUCTION TO YOUR BODY, FITNESS & CLEAN NUTRITION

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. Next class is February 22 or March 21.



RECREATE YOUR BODY AND MIND

An in-depth guide on how to repair the damage caused by nutritional toxicity and lack of exercise. This advanced class meets at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday. Class will be held on February 1, March 7 and April 4.

AEROBIC CLASSES

There is something for everyone. Please check the "Beacon" for dates and times or call RiverChase at (636) 343-0067.



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PARKS HAPPENINGS
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SENIOR LUNCH AND BINGO

Adults, 55+, are invited to our next Lunch and Bingo at RiverChase. Join us on Wednesday, February 2. What's on the menu this month? BBQ Ribbed Sandwiches.



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



CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

The St. Louis County Police Department, Fenton and West County Precincts, will sponsor a "Citizens Police Academy". The academy will begin on Wednesday, February 29, 2012. It will run for eight consecutive Wednesdays, with graduation on April 18, 2012. Classes will be from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

The academy will be held in the conference room of the WEST COUNTY PRECINCT, located at 232 Vance Road. The precinct station is located just 1/2 mile west of Highway 141 on Vance Road.

The Citizens Police Academy is open to all St. Louis County residents and is free of charge. Advanced registration is required and seating is limited. For additional information or to reserve a seat contact Officer Aaron Dilks at 636-



349-8120 or Officer Vincent Bazzoni at 314-615-0700.

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

Precinct Phone
(636) 349-8120

16TH ANNUAL DINNER AUCTION



Diamonds,
Chocolate,
Wine

SSM St. Clare Health Center

FEBRUARY 17TH, 2012
FENTON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Fenton Area Chamber of Commerce will host their 16th Annual Dinner Auction at Andre's South, 4254 Telegraph Road, on Friday, February 17, 2012. Tickets are \$50/person or \$450/Table of 10. After January 31st, tickets will be \$60/person or \$500/Table of 10. Donations, sponsorships and advertising opportunities are available through the Chamber office, (636) 717-0200, at this time. Funds raised help us with the cost of running an ever-growing Fenton Chamber and allow us to continually give thousands of dollars to our area students through our Scholarship Program.

Check with your high school counselor for an application packet or stop by the Chamber office located inside the South building of Maritz - 1400 South Highway Drive. Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The Fenton Area Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit organization committed to promoting, supporting and representing area business for the betterment of its members and the community.

Did you know . . . Shoveling snow by hand can burn approximately 400 calories per hour. But be careful, as there are many risks that can accompany snow shoveling. Some tips to remember:

- 1) This is hard work; can your body handle it? If you have heart problems maybe you should skip this one and pay the neighbor kid.
- 2) Stretch. Ease in to the chore. Keep your muscles warm by dressing appropriately.
- 3) Split up the chore. Work 10 minutes, take a break by going inside; hydrate and stretch for 5 minutes. Then return to shoveling snow for another 10 minutes.
- 4) Use good lifting techniques, try to push the snow off the concrete.
- 5) Spend an extra \$10 and get a good snow shovel.
- 6) Falling on ice hurts; wear shoes with good traction.

Finally, what are you doing with this snow? Piling snow in the street for the City plow to take away on the next round should not be an option. Cars traveling on your road are not expecting sporadic mounds of snow in the roadway. The streets are already slick making it difficult to stop. If a vehicle strikes your mound of snow it easily could cause damage to the low bumpers or cause undercarriage damage. Be considerate.

Have a safe winter.

FENTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

We may be in the middle of January, but it's time to THINK SPRING! In 1994 the Fenton Historical Society held their first Spring Luncheon in the Navajo Hotel. Now 17 years later we are once again thinking Spring as we begin planning for our upcoming

Annual Spring Luncheon and Antique Appraisal



Saturday, April 28, 2012
Sunset Lakes
Banquet Center
Time: 12:30 p.m.
Cost: \$17.50

Do you have any antiques or items in your family you've always wondered about? Each person is allowed to bring 2 items for a free appraisal.

Mark your calendars. Tickets will be available soon. For more information please contact at fentonhistory@hotmail.com or call us at either (636) 326-0808 or (636) 343-1699.

DECISIONS FROM THE DECEMBER 8 AND 22, AND JANUARY 5 BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETINGS

Decisions



- ✓ Approved a liquor license submitted by Tony B's Pizzeria, 544 Gravois Road.

- ✓ Approved, with conditions, a petition by Gravois Bluffs II, LLC for Site Plan Approval of an exterior building remodel to an existing tenant space addressed as 185 Gravois Bluffs Plaza Drive. The parcel is addressed as 119 Gravois Bluffs Plaza Drive and is zoned "C-1" Commercial Zone District.
- ✓ Approved to renew contract option with Lifeguards Unlimited in the amount of \$428,000 for January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012.
- ✓ Approved the creation of the Legacy Tree Program as discussed at the December 8 Committee Meeting.
- ✓ Approved the current daily allowance rate to remain \$50 per day through 2012.
- ✓ Approved the destruction of closed worker's compensation files from 1992 through 2001.

Ordinances



- #3229 Amends Section 466.010, Subsection (G) Exterior Building Materials in the OT-1 District.
- #3230 Amends Section 466.020, Subsection (G) Exterior Building Materials in the OT-2 District.
- #3231 Amends Section 466.030, Subsection (G) Exterior Building Materials in the OT-3 District.
- #3232 Amends Section 475.010, Subsection (H)(7) Building Design and Materials for the BP-1 District.
- #3233 Amends Section 475.020, Subsection (H)(7) Building Design and Materials for the BP-2 District.
- #3234 Amends Section 475.030, Subsection (H)(7) Building Design and Materials for the BP-3 District.

#3235 Amends Section 475.040, Subsection (H)(7) Building Design and Materials for the CP-1 District.

#3236 Amends Section 475.050, Section (H)(7) Building Design and Materials for the HP-1 District.

#3237 Amends Section 475.060, Subsection (H)(7) Building Design and Materials for the IP-1 District.

#3238 Approves a Special Use Permit petitioned by Commerce Bank to operate a Freestanding ATM Facility at 539 Gravois Road.

#3239 Approves the first amendment to the Police Service Agreement for Police Services January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 pursuant to the provisions of Ordinance No. 3166.

#3240 Approves the first amendment to the Residential Solid Waste and Recycling Services Agreement pursuant to the provisions of the Ordinance No. 3010.

Resolutions

R11-09 Approved the 2012 Budget for the City of Fenton, Missouri. **Resolution Failed.**

R12-01 Approved the 2012 Budget for the City of Fenton, Missouri.

Pending Legislation

Final consideration will be at the January 26, 2012 Board meeting.



Bill 11-69 Amends Chapter 485: Sign Regulations by the addition of Section 485.080 Subsection (26) Community Business Directory Sign. **Two Readings Only.**

FEBRUARY

Thur Feb 2 7:00 pm Historical Society/Swantner House (#1 Church)
 7:00 pm Board Committee Meetings

Mon Feb 6 6:30 pm Park Board

Tues Feb 7 6:00 am Polls Open—Primary Election Day

Wed Feb 8 7:00 pm Planning & Zoning Commission

Thurs Feb 9 7:00 pm Board Committee Meetings

Mon Feb 13 5:30 pm Municipal Court—Plea Date

Sat Feb 18 Meet the Mayor—Cancelled

Mon Feb 20 City Offices Closed—Presidents Day

Tues Feb 21 7:30 pm Board of Adjustment

Wed Feb 22 8:00 am Municipal Court—Pay Date

Thur Feb 23 7:00 pm Board of Aldermen

Mon Feb 27 5:30 pm Municipal Court—Trials

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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