



CITY OF FENTON

NEWS & VIEWS

September 2012

MAYOR'S CORNER

Saturday, August 25 will certainly go down in the annals of our City as a milestone day. Not only did we celebrate the 175th Anniversary of the founding of Fenton, we also cut the ribbon on the new Meramec River Bridge. We had a huge crowd for the event, lots of music, fun and food, and even some badly-needed rain couldn't dampen the spirits in Olde Towne. The day was topped off by a magnificent fireworks display. It truly was a day to remember. Thanks to all the sponsors - **SSM St. Clare Health Center; Dobbs Tire and Auto; G J Grewe, Inc.; Jim Butler Chevrolet; Maritz; Fabick CAT; Unigroup; Grand Rental Station; ABF Security; Andre's Banquet Facilities and Catering; and Pace Construction** – that made this day possible.

I also want to publicly thank Dan Howard, our Project Manager on the bridge project. Dan worked a lot of long days, put up with a lot of would-be bridge builders, and did a great job of bringing this project in within the allotted work days, and within budget. Great job, Dan.

I also want to thank everyone who let us know your thoughts on the proposed change to our commercial vehicle ordinances. We heard from a lot of you, and the Board will take the appropriate action to craft something we can all live with.

September is the time of year when we start our budget process for the next fiscal year. A lot of you have questions about how this process works, and what we mean when we talk about budget deficits and surpluses.

The process itself is really pretty straightforward. Our department heads meet several times with our Finance Director, who pulls together all the information from all the departments about what they anticipate needing for the next year. He also will estimate what our revenues will be from all of our revenue sources, such as sales taxes, utility taxes, etc. Finally, he presents the information to the Board, who go through every department's budget, making whatever changes they feel are necessary. The budget then is normally approved at the December Board meeting.

Most years, after completing the process, we anticipate having a budget surplus; there have been a few times when we've anticipated having a budget deficit. A budget surplus simply means that we anticipate having more revenue than expenses; a budget deficit means we anticipate having more expenses than revenue, and the difference must be made up using our unencumbered (not designated for any specific purpose) reserves.

As we go through the year, we adjust our budget as conditions change. Sometimes revenues are higher than anticipated and sometimes expenses are less than planned. That's typically a good thing when either of these two things happens – it's not so good when the opposite happens.

At the end of the year, we tally up all our revenues and all our expenses. If revenues were more than our expenses, then we have a surplus; if we spent more than we took in, we have a deficit. Fortunately, we have a history of having a lot more surpluses than deficits. If we have a surplus, that money is put into our operating reserves for future needs.

Debt is a completely different matter.

Just like you do with your car and house payments, we also have to include our debt payments on the Fabick Nature Preserve and River-Chase in our budget. Those loans are scheduled to be paid off in a few years, which raises an interesting question: What should we plan to do with the source of the revenue that pays that debt – the ½ cent stormwater/parks sales tax – when those notes are paid off? Should we end it completely, keep it in place, or possibly change it, keeping a source of revenue for parks maintenance and stormwater projects, as well as enhancing our general fund revenues? There are lots of options, but it is not too soon to start thinking about them. Let us know your thoughts.

Mayor Dennis Hancock

COMMERCIAL/ RECREATION VEHICLES PENDING LEGISLATION

The Board of Aldermen is considering changes regarding the operation and parking of commercial/recreation vehicles and trailers within residential areas.

Should you have any comments or concerns, please contact Community Development Director Nikki Finkbiner at (636) 343-8110.

Look to a future newsletter and the City's website for notification of an upcoming meeting to further discuss this pending legislation.

JOHN FABICK COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Nominations are due by
September 28, 2012. Contact
City Clerk Diane Monteleone at
(636) 343-2080 for more info.



STORAGE CONTAINERS

On **Saturday, September 29, 2012**, the City will have available for pickup the old recycling containers to Fenton residents at no charge. Just stop by the **Public Works Facility at 700 Rudder between 9:00 a.m. to Noon** to pick up these handy storage bins. Bring identification or proof of residency with you. We will limit each household to five (5) containers each.

For more information, contact Public Works at (636) 349-8155.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

On **Tuesday, October 2, 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:

OLD BUSINESS

- A petition by Core States Group, representing Panera Bread, LLC, for a Special Use Permit to reduce the minimum parking requirements by 10% for an existing restaurant located at 453 Old Smizer Mill Road. The parcel is addressed as 405 Old Smizer Mill Road and is zoned "C-1" Commercial Zone District.
- A petition by Core States Group, representing Panera Bread, LLC, for Site Plan review of a proposed drive-through addition to an existing restaurant at 453 Old Smizer Mill Road. The parcel is addressed as 405 Old Smizer Mill
- Road and is zoned "C-1" Commercial Zone District.

For more information, please call

NEW BUSINESSES



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

Spirit Halloween

751 Gravois Bluffs Blvd.
(seasonal—retail sales of Halloween merchandise)

PSG, Inc.

1710 Larkin Williams Road
(office/warehouse for safety items importer)

Game Monster

464 Old Smizer Mill Road
(retail video game sales)

Retail Technology Group, Inc.

2085 Corporate 44 Drive
(retail sales of POS computer terminals and accessories)

Vogel Heating & Cooling, Inc.

1643 Manufacturers Drive
(heating and cooling shop)

Spa Nails

472 Old Smizer Mill Road
(nail spa)

Strategic Outsourcing, Inc.

1683 Larkin Williams Road
(administrative, customer service and sales office for human resources and payroll)

Ideabrella, Inc.

1638 Headline Drive
(office space for businesses to form and work on product ideas)

Welcome to Fenton. We are glad you are here!



PARKS & RECREATION HAPPENINGS

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

SENIOR LUNCH AND BINGO



Adults, 55+, are invited to our next Lunch and Bingo at RiverChase. Join us on Wednesday, October 10th at 10:30 a.m. What's on the menu this month? Polish Sausage and Sauerkraut.

MOMMY AND ME TEA PARTY

Moms and grandmothers can spend an afternoon with their special little daughter or granddaughter at the Mommy and Me Tea Party on Saturday, November 10. Party begins at 1:00 p.m., call (636) 343-0067 for details.



HOME SCHOOL P.E.



This class provides Home School students the opportunity to participate in group activities. The instructor is a retired certified P.E. teacher from the Rockwood School District. Classes are held on Wednesdays. Call RiverChase for times and more information.

RIVERCHASE BOOT CAMP

Come join a new Boot Camp fitness class. Combines aerobic exercise and calisthenics customized to meet your fitness goals. Enhance your strength, endurance and agility during this full body workout. Camp will be held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7:00-8:00 a.m. All participants that complete the class will receive a free t-shirt.



TOTAL BODY BLAST (NEW)

Total Body Blast is a new class that includes circuit training with weight machines, calisthenic exercises, and cardio respiratory stations. The machines will adjust to your endurance level so you can stay challenged and achieve your potential. This



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PARKS HAPPENINGS

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class will work every major muscle group as you move from station to station in a convenient amount of time. Class meets Monday and Wednesday mornings at 10:15 a.m.

ZUMBA TONING

Same great Latin rhythms and international dance steps like regular Zumba, but this class pays particular attention to toning up your body. Classes will be held on Sundays at 12:00 p.m.



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.

<p>ST. LOUIS COUNTY POLICE—FENTON PRECINCT UPDATE</p>	
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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

It's time for National Night Out! This year it will take place **Tuesday, October 2, 2012** at **Fenton City Park Shelter #1** starting at **6:00 p.m.** The Fenton Precinct, St. Louis County Police Officers will supply BBQ, chips, drinks and frozen custard. Feel free to bring a side dish to add if you like. Everyone is welcome; the officers will be taking this opportunity to get to know the Fenton residents. The shelter has only 10 picnic tables, so lawn chairs are a good idea.

National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

**HALLOWEEN
SAFETY CENTERS**

The St. Louis County Police Department will be hosting Halloween Safety Centers on Halloween evening. Send those ghosts and goblins by the Safety Centers located throughout the City, (exact locations to be announced at a later date). Officers will be at the Safety Centers inspecting the children's costumes for safety, checking the treats, handing out reflective safety strips, glow sticks, and plenty of goodies. In addition, Officers in cars will be concentrating their patrols in the neighborhoods and will be conducting the same inspections as the Safety Center, and will also be handing out goodies.



Neighborhood Policing Officer

(636) 343-2080

P.O. Aaron Dilks-Ext. 1123

Precinct Phone

(636) 349-8120



**DECISIONS FROM THE
AUGUST p AND 23 BOARD
OF ALDERMEN MEETINGS**

Decisions



- ✓ Approved the request from Mera-mec Valley Store (Joe Clark's) to expand the boundary of their existing license to include the side patio area at 42-44 Gravois Road.
- ✓ Approved the request from 3 Margaritas Mexican Restaurant to expand the boundary of their existing liquor license to include the front patio area at 69 Fenton Plaza.
- ✓ Reappointed Andrew Sobey, Ward 1 and Frank Nilica, Ward 2 to the City's Planning & Zoning Commission with terms ending August, 2016.

- ✓ Approved the request for destruction of records as submitted at the August 9, 2012 Committee Meeting.
- ✓ Approved holding the November Board Meeting on Tuesday, November 20, 2012 and the December Board Meeting on Thursday, December 20, 2012 due to the holidays.
- ✓ Approved participation in the Operation Clean Stream Event on August 25, 2012 at George Winter Park.



Ordinances

Bill 12-42 Establishes regulations for Commercial Vehicles in the City of Fenton, Missouri. **Bill dies for lack of a third reading.**

Bill 12-43 Establishes regulations for Trailers and Recreational Vehicles/Equipment in the City of Fenton, Missouri. **Bill dies for lack of a third reading.**

Bill 12-44 Amends Schedule XII and Schedule XVI of Title III: Traffic Code of the City of Fenton, Municipal Code. **Bill dies for lack of a third reading.**

#3282 Amends Title III: Traffic Code, Schedule XX: Certain Vehicles Prohibited on Bridges of the City of Fenton Municipal Code.

#3283 Accepts a Permanent Right-of-Way and Temporary Construction Easement as part of the Fenton Trailhead Connection Project.

#3284 Approves a Maintenance Agreement between the City of Fenton, Missouri and MSD for the Gravois and Old Highway 141/Olde Towne Fenton Pavilion/Trailhead Project, 104 Gravois Road and 311 Center Street.

Resolutions

R12-04 Amends the 2012 approved Budget.

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Deliver by Tuesday, September 18, 2012



- Mon Oct 1 6:30 pm Park Board
- Tues Oct 2 6:00 pm National Night Out—Fenton City Park
7:00 pm Planning & Zoning Commission
- Thurs Oct 4 7:00 pm Historical Society/Swanter House (#1 Church)
7:30 pm Board Committee Meetings
- Mon Oct 8 5:30 pm Municipal Court—Plea Date
- Thurs Oct 11 7:00 pm Board Committee Meetings
- Tues Oct 16 7:30 pm Board of Adjustment
- Mon Oct 22 5:30 pm Municipal Court—Trial Date
- Thurs Oct 25 7:00 pm Board of Aldermen
- Wed Oct 31 Halloween Safety Centers

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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