



CITY OF FENTON NEWS & VIEWS

October 2012

MAYOR'S CORNER

Mark your calendar: February 23, 2013 is the date for our 12th annual Mayors Charity Ball. Once again this community-wide event will be held at SSM St. Clare Health Center. It will feature great food, nationally-touring comedians, and lots of opportunities to help us raise money for area charities. There will be lots more information in the coming months.

Another date to mark on your calendar is our annual Holiday Lighting Ceremony at City Hall. The fun-for-the-whole-family event will be Friday, November 16. There will be lots of holiday music, treats, and a very special guest from the North Pole. This is a great way to start the holiday season, and I hope you'll be able to join us.

I've spent the last several weeks working out of town. It's amazing how much I miss Fenton while I'm gone. It really is a very special place, this place we all call home. Even when we go from summer to winter in just a few days!

One of the biggest issues we continue to face is the sales tax distribution formula in St. Louis County. I received word recently that there is going to be a new player in this battle. Rex Sinquefield, the billionaire investor who seems to famously inject himself into a lot of causes, has decided to become involved in this fight. Unfortunately, he is taking the position that the best course of action is for the entire St. Louis region – well, at least

St. Louis city and county – to pool their sales taxes and share them, doing away completely with the point of sale concept. In his view, this would have a positive impact on the region.

If he is successful, this plan would literally destroy the City of Fenton.

Mr. Sinquefield and his Show-Me Institute claim to represent conservative values. Well maybe you know the answer to this question: When did furthering socialism become a "conservative" value?

You know, if Mr. Sinquefield really wants to have a positive impact on the region, maybe instead of trying to bankrupt the cities that generate the majority of the region's sales tax revenue he should join us for our Mayor's Charity Ball in February. I'm sure those charities we are supporting – and the thousands of people throughout the region they help - will appreciate it.

Mayor Dennis Hancock

COMMERCIAL/ RECREATIONAL VEHICLES PENDING LEGISLATION

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

This item will be discussed at the Thursday, November 1, 2012 Board Committee Meetings. Should you have any comments or concerns, please contact Community Development Director Nikki Finkbiner at (636) 343-8110.



HOLIDAY LIGHTING CEREMONY

Join us on **Friday, November 16, 2012 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 throw the switch to light up City Hall at 6:15 p.m.

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



Don't Forget . . .

**Election Day is
November 6**



Look for a postcard from St. Louis County Board of Election Commissioners for your polling place information.

If you have any questions call the St. Louis County Board of Election Commissions at (314) 615-1800 or check out their website at www.stlouisco.com/elections.

**PLANNING & ZONING
COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING**

On **Wednesday, November 7, 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. *This Case has been continued.*
- 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. *This case has been continued.*

SITE PLAN REVIEWS

- A petition by Thirty & 141, L.P., for Site Plan Review of a proposed driveway connecting Mitchell Drive to an undeveloped parcel of land. The property is located at 199 Gravois Bluffs Plaza Drive and is zoned "C-1" Commercial Zone District.

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

**FALL LEAF
PROGRAM**



The City's Fall Leaf Pickup Program will begin the week of October 22. Work will begin at 7:00 a.m. on Mondays and should take two to five days depending on the amount of leaves being removed. Leaf pickup will run through the week of December 17.

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 contact Public Works at (636) 349-8155.

**NEW
BUSINESSES**



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

**Heartland Automotive Services
TLE, Inc. d/b/a Jiffy Lube**
653 Gravois Bluffs Blvd.
(installation of batteries, tires, oil changes, quick lube in Wal-Mart)

Gateway Dough, LLC
2275 Cassens Drive
(administrative office/warehouse)

CDS Engineering
536-538 Axminister
(consulting engineering services)

Payler Signs and Graphcis, LLC
1600 Fenpark Drive, Suite D
(wholesale sales of signage)

Menchie's Frozen Yogurt
98 Gravois Bluffs Circle, Suite A
(self-serve frozen yogurt, frozen desserts, drinks)

Arch Audio Visual, LLC
1756 Chase Drive
(audio visual production company)

Welcome to Fenton. We are glad you are here!

SALES TAX REDISTRIBUTIONS

This is a new monthly segment which will be used to inform the residents of the sales taxes that are collected within the City limits of Fenton and the amounts that are redistributed by St. Louis County.

Total monthly sales tax generated was \$303,464. Of that, \$176,240 (58.1%) went to tax redistribution, which brings the total redistribution for 2012 to \$1,621,759 (56.5%). The amount of sales tax redistributed back to St. Louis County for August 2012:

"A" Sales Tax Summary		"B" (Pool) Sales Tax Summary		Combined Sales Tax Summary	
Generated	Redistributed	Generated	Redistributed	Generated	Redistributed
\$246,781	\$122,704 (49.7%)	\$56,683	\$53,536 (94.4%)	\$303,464	\$176,240 (58.1%)

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".

ZUMBA

We have many classes to choose from, you can take Zumba, Zumba Gold or Zumba Toning. Check to see which one would be best for you. Next sessions begin the week of November 11.



TAE KWON DO

This program is for ages 6 and up and for all experience levels. The next session of classes begins November 6.



ADULT KI AIKIDO

A Japanese martial art that centers around matching the movements of your attacker through relaxation, calmness and awareness. For adults, 16 and older. Next class begins November 5.



HOT MAMAS IN TRAINING STROLLER FIT CAMP

One hour boot camp style class with your stroller and kids. Class is designed for all levels of fitness. The next session of classes begin November 13.



HOME SCHOOL P.E.

This class provides Home School students the opportunity to participate in group activities. Included in the program is fitness, sports, health and wellness activities. Classes begin November 7. Call RiverChase for times and more information.



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Join us on Saturday, December 8 for Breakfast with Santa Claus! Enjoy pancakes, sausage and cereal and then have a seat on Santa's lap. Parents will need to bring their cameras so they can take this keepsake home with them. Registration deadline is December 4.



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.



SENIOR LUNCH AND BINGO

Adults, 55+, are invited to our next Lunch and Bingo at RiverChase. Join us on Wednesday, November 14th at 10:30 a.m. What's on the menu this month? Turkey, stuffing and all the trimmings.



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.



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. Approved repairs or replacements necessary to maintain minimum housing code standards are eligible.

Some of the highlights of the program are:

- Home must be owner occupied.
- Meet low to moderate income requirements.
- Up-to-date on mortgage payments and taxes.
- Applicants served on a first-come first-served basis.
- One-time participation per homeowner.
- Maximum benefit limit per participant of \$5,000.00.

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





STREET LIGHTS

Now that winter is almost here, and the evenings are darker, it is a good time to check the street light in front of your house.

If it is not working, please get the number off of the pole and contact Public Works at (636) 349-8155.

If you give us the pole number and the street address, staff will then contact AmerenMissouri to have the light repaired.



CHANGE YOUR CLOCK CHANGE YOUR BATTERY

When you change your clock for Daylight Savings Time, Sunday, November 4, don't forget to change the battery in your smoke detector.



BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING RESCHEDULED

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday, November 22, the regular Board of Aldermen Meeting has been rescheduled.



The November Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 20, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

DECISIONS FROM THE SEPTEMBER 13 & 27 BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETINGS

Decisions



- ✓ Accepted of the bid from Simpson Materials, LLC for the purchase of approximately 250 tons of C-Mix Asphalt at \$44.50 per ton.
- ✓ Approved the delivery of the C-Mix Asphalt at a cost not to exceed \$2,200.00.
- ✓ Accepted the bid submitted by Grove Design Group in the amount of \$1,100.00 for an "engineer's estimate" for the cost of construction to replace Old Gravois Road.
- ✓ Rejected proposals received for soft drink vending and approved the request to seek proposals again.

- ✓ Approved the request from the City of Sunset Hills to close the new Gravois Road Bridge on Thanksgiving morning from 7:45-9:15 a.m. for their 2nd annual Turkey Trot Run.
- ✓ Approved giving a \$1,200.00 "one-time" cost of living allotment to full time salary and hourly employees that have been employed for one year.
- ✓ Approved changes to the Personnel Manual as presented at the September 6, 2012 Committee Meeting including Section 9.2.1 to read "Termination of any employee must be approved by the majority of the Board of Aldermen, with or without the recommendation of the Mayor effective immediately".
- ✓ Approved the request to close City offices on Monday, December 24 and Monday, December 31, 2012.
- ✓ Approved the request to support the Chamber Leadership Fenton Program Project.

Ordinances



- #3285** Amends Ordinance 3028 and approves a petition by Robert Kaplan Trust, 954-956 South Highway Drive.
- #3286** Calls for a General Election to be held April 2, 2013 in the City of Fenton, St. Louis County, Missouri with Candidate filing to open December 11, 2012.

Resolutions

- R12-05** Establishes the Budget Assumptions for the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget.

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Deliver by Wednesday, October 17, 2012

NOVEMBER

Thurs	Nov 1	7:00 pm	Historical Society/Swantner House (#1 Church)
		7:30 pm	Board Committee Meetings
Mon	Nov 5	6:30 pm	Park Board
Tues	Nov 6	6:00 am	Election Day—Polls open
Wed	Nov 7	7:00 pm	Planning & Zoning Commission
Thurs	Nov 8	7:00 pm	Board Committee Meetings
Mon	Nov 12	5:30 pm	Municipal Court—Plea Date
Wed	Nov 14	6:00 pm	2013 Budget Hearings
Thurs	Nov 15	6:00 pm	2013 Budget Hearings
Fri	Nov 16	6:00 pm	Holiday Lighting Ceremony/City Hall
Tues	Nov 19	7:30 pm	Board of Adjustment
Tues	Nov 20	7:00 pm	Board of Aldermen
Thurs	Nov 22		City Offices Closed—Thanksgiving Holiday
Fri	Nov 23		

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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